

Perspective



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Credentialed ministers' meeting set for Feb. 12

Credentialed ministers in Ohio Conference will gather again Tuesday, Feb. 12, to continue their discussion and connect with one another before Annual Conference Assembly in March. This meeting will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library in Upper Sandusky. Everyone attending should plan to bring their coffee (if needed) and lunch. Light refreshments will be provided.

All credentialed leaders are asked to RSVP to Judy King at ohmc@zoominternet.net by Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Three winter cluster meetings remain

Winter cluster meetings for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly have begun. Three cluster meetings remain on the schedule:

- Jan. 24 — Oak Grove Mennonite Church in West Liberty
- Jan. 29 — Central Mennonite Church in Archbold
- Jan. 31 — Crown Hill Mennonite Church in Rittman

Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about 90 minutes. If you are unable to attend the cluster meeting in your area, you are welcome to attend any of the other cluster meetings.

Everence program benefits Ohio Conference

This month the Ohio Conference received a check for \$747.24 from Everence Federal Credit Union as part of its MyNeighbor credit card program.

With the MyNeighbor program, individuals and businesses generate reward dollars for their favorite nonprofits every time they use their MyNeighbor credit cards from Everence.

Everence donates 1.5 percent of each purchase to the card user's chosen nonprofit agency. Each January Everence writes and sends checks to the selected charities. Thanks to all who have designated the Ohio Conference as their "neighbor" in this program. To learn more about the MyNeighbor program, see the Everence website: <http://bit.ly/MyNeighbor2019>.

Perspective: 1) The inter-relation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed. 2) Point of view; capacity to view things in their relative importance.

ACA prayer perspective

Ohio Conference's Missional Conference and Annual Conference Assembly, March 7-9, will be held at Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron. Please keep Pastor Kevin Himes and his congregation in your prayers as they continue working on all of the details to make these two events run smoothly.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

- Pastor(s)
- Church chairperson
- Youth sponsor(s)
- Delegates
- Duplicate for other church leaders

News service features Ohio Conference

A new feature article from the Mennonite Church USA News Service looks at the recent history of the Ohio Conference and explores the renewed sense of hopefulness in the Conference. You can find this article at <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceHopefulness>.

Ted & Co. show to raise funds for MDS

Ted & Co. TheaterWorks will be performing at South Union Mennonite Church on March 30 at 7 p.m. The show, *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Folks and Fettuccine*, written by Ted Swartz and starring Ted and Jeff Raught, will be interspersed with a themed auction of baked goods. The show is free, but the money raised from the auction will be donated to Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) for their work of restoring homes and hope. South Union Mennonite Church is located at 56 SR 508, West Liberty, Ohio. For more information, see the Ted & Co. website: <http://bit.ly/TedandCoMarch30>.

MHF offers grants for grad students

Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission or service settings in developing countries. Deadline for the 2019-20 academic year is May 15, 2019. For details and application form, see www.mennohealth.org/student_term, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643. See the enclosed flier for more information.

Summer service program has openings

Calling everyone ages 15-22: Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve this summer? There are spots left to join a 2019 Youth Venture team! See and join in the work God is doing in Indonesia, Peru, Japan, or Benin. Visit www.MennoniteMission.net/SERVE to learn more, or contact Lauren Eash Hershberger at LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net.

The Mennonite seeks submissions about Lent

The Mennonite Inc. invites your original submissions for the March 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on the theme "Lent: Repentance and Transcendence." Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than Feb. 1. For more details, please see <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteMarch2019>.

Everence to hold development conference

Save the date: The 2019 Everence Development Conference will take place Oct. 8-10, 2019, at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. This conference is a biennial event designed to equip fundraisers, development professionals, leaders and board members with the tools they need to fund and care for their organization's mission and vision.

Open Arms perspective

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry is hosting TACO TUESDAY, a fundraising banquet on March 12, at the Kidron Park Community Center. The meal will begin at 6 p.m. and will feature a catered taco bar. A program of Open Arms ministry highlights will follow. A freewill offering will be taken. RSVP by March 8 to OAHM.rsvpify.com to reserve your place for TACO TUESDAY. If you have questions, please email 919kss@gmail.com or call 330-464-1135.

Mediation perspective

Utica United Methodist Church in Sterling Heights, Michigan, will host a Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders May 13-17, 2019. This training is led by staff from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Acquire contact hours for Continuing Education credits, enjoy fellowship with like-minded church leaders, and rejuvenate your ministry, all at the same time! For more information, see the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center website: <http://bit.ly/2019MediationTraining>.

Perspective deadlines

Feb. 4 for Feb. 7 issue

Feb. 25 for Feb. 28 issue
