

# Perspective



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## ***Have you registered for ACA yet?***

The deadline to register for Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) is approaching quickly. Have you registered yet? ACA will take place March 8-9 at Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron, and the 2019 Missional Conference will take place immediately prior to ACA on March 7-8, also at Salem Mennonite.

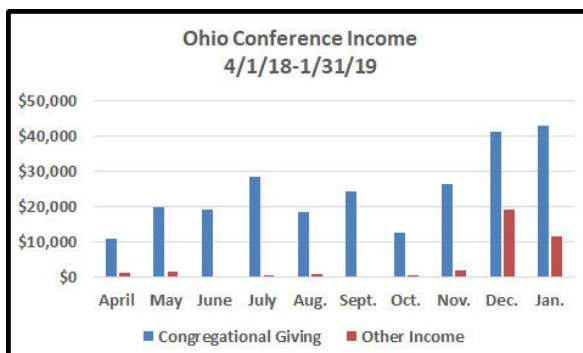
Registrations for ACA and the 2019 Missional Conference are both due **Feb. 15**. After that date, the registration fee for ACA increases from \$45 to \$60 per person. Online registration is available for ACA at <http://bit.ly/2019ACA>. To register for the missional conference, go to <http://bit.ly/2019MissionalConference>.

## ***Deficit is erased during January***

Giving to the Ohio Conference was strong for the second month in a row during January, resulting in a positive operating balance for the first time during this fiscal year.

According to figures supplied by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth, receipts for the month totaled \$54,545, including \$42,925 from congregations and \$11,573 from individuals. That total for the month was somewhat lower than the \$60,171 received in December, but still much higher than any other month during the fiscal year. (See the chart below for details.)

Expenses for the month were just \$26,404, resulting in a surplus of \$28,141 for the month. That surplus was enough to wipe out the previous cumulative operating deficit for the fiscal year. At the end of January, the Conference operating balance was \$21,695, the first time that number moved into positive territory during the 2018-19 fiscal year. Thank you to all who contributed! The Conference fiscal year ends March 31.



***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 invites you to be in prayer for its conference minister, Dick Barrett, and its regional pastors, Cliff Brubaker and Ralph Reinford. Please remember them as they serve around Conference and prepare for their particular roles at the upcoming Annual Conference Assembly.

## ***Please distribute Perspective copies to:***

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

## **MC USA video series looks at leadership, structure**

Mennonite Church USA has recently posted three presentations on YouTube addressing the denomination's leadership, structure and polity. These presentations are from the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) meeting which took place on Oct. 11-13, 2018, in Chicago. The three presenters are Michael Danner, associate executive director for church vitality and engagement; David Boshart, moderator; and Joy Sutter, moderator-elect. Use the links below to see these videos:

- Leading Well within the Mennonite Church USA Structure — <http://bit.ly/MCUSALeadingWell>
- MC USA Structure and Anabaptist Theology — <http://bit.ly/MCUSAStructureandTheology>
- Relationship Between Constituency Leaders Council and Executive Board — <http://bit.ly/MCUSAExecutiveBoardandCLC>

## **MMN to hold Sent 2019 in Colorado**

Mennonite Mission Network will hold its Sent Conference 2019 on April 26-28 in Denver, Colorado. The theme for this year is "Beautiful Feet: Hearing Christ's call to proclaim the good news." This event will be hosted by Beloved Community Mennonite Church and Mountain States Mennonite Conference.

The Sent conference is an event that Mennonite Mission Network organizes every year to gather missional leaders who share a passion for planting peace churches in our nation. Sent is normally attended by a diverse community of leaders: both women and men, immigrants, millennials, pastors, missional staff leaders, and others.

For more information about Sent, go to <https://www.mennonitemission.net/sent>.

## **MC USA offers Lent At Home guide**

(Mennonite Church USA) — Get ready for a holy feast. The Lent At Home resource based on the theme "Blessed Hunger...Holy Feast" is available now with materials for exploring God's abundance and the season's themes. The materials begin with Shrove Tuesday on March 5 and continue through Easter Sunday on April 21.

The theme and Scriptures in the Lent At Home materials are based on the congregational worship materials published in *Leader magazine* by MennoMedia. For each week, the Lent At Home resource offers meditations, pondering thoughts, scriptures, songs, prayers and creative activities. The materials are geared toward families and created to be child-friendly, though people of all ages can find them useful for personal or group devotions.

Lent At Home is available as a free download at Mennonite Church USA's website at [mennoniteusa.org/lent2019](http://mennoniteusa.org/lent2019).

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## **Prayer perspective**

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Your prayers are requested: Ohio Conference Moderator Bob Sauder has been diagnosed with lymphoma, and he will be undergoing chemotherapy treatments beginning Feb. 13. Bob reports that his treatments are anticipated to last about nine weeks. Please pray for him during this time of treatment.

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## **Service perspective**

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Louisa Pirozzi Erb, one of the people featured in the latest e-newsletter from MCC Great Lakes, is from Orrville Mennonite Church. She and her husband, Pete, are completing a term with MCC SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) in Kentucky. To read the article about her work with the New Opportunity School for Women in Berea, Kentucky, go to <http://bit.ly/MCCGreatLakesAppalachia>.

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## **Writing perspective**

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The Mennonite Inc. invites your original submissions for the April 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on the theme "Just Relationships." Submissions are due to [Editor@TheMennonite.org](mailto:Editor@TheMennonite.org) no later than March 1. For more details, please see <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteApril2019>.

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## **Perspective deadlines**

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Feb. 25 for Feb. 28 issue

March 11 for March 14 issue

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