

# Perspective



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## **Register now for Healthy Congregations Workshop**

Time is running out to register for the Healthy Congregations Workshop at Berlin Mennonite Church on April 5-6. **March 31** is the registration deadline.

Participants will learn how they can influence the health of their congregations and how to detect and avoid unhealthy patterns of living together in community. For more details about this workshop, see the event brochure included with this issue of *Perspective*.

The registration fee for this event is \$50 per person or \$80 per couple. The fee includes all workshop sessions, lunch and a manual. (Note: Those registering as couples will share a manual.) To register online, go to <http://bit.ly/April5HealthyCongregations>.

## **Sonnenberg Mennonite plans mission event**

Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Kidron will welcome Howard and Cathy Wagler from Journey Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, Kansas, on the weekend of April 6-7. Over the past 25 years Howard and Cathy have helped shape Journey Mennonite into a thriving community of mission-minded believers worshipping at three campuses in central Kansas. They have a passion for leadership development and seeing the Kingdom of God changing lives.

All are invited to participate in this event, which will include four sessions on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. On Sunday there will be worship at 9:30 a.m. with an interactive session to follow.

Participants will explore what it means to become missionaries in their communities, seeing their neighbors not as prospects to evangelize, but as people recklessly loved by God. They will imagine creative expressions of how to fulfill God's mission in their culture and context. These sessions are a glimpse into a year-long leadership training cohort led by Journey Mennonite called RE-VIVE.

There is no cost to attend these sessions, but those interested should contact Ellen Nussbaum in the Sonnenberg church office in order to determine an approximate number for the Saturday

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## ***MDS perspective***

**M**ennonite Disaster Service (MDS) officials report that MDS is actively monitoring the flooding across the Midwest, especially in the hard-hit areas of Nebraska and Iowa. Local MDS volunteers are actively responding with cleanup crews in Nebraska. To learn more, including how you can help, see the MDS website: <http://bit.ly/MDS2019Flooding>.

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- Youth sponsor(s)
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- Duplicate for other church leaders

noon meal, which will be provided. Please call Ellen at 330-857-8222 or email her at [sonnenbergmc@embarqmail.com](mailto:sonnenbergmc@embarqmail.com) to RSVP for the Saturday sessions and meal.

### **Pastors and Leaders recordings now online**

Even if you were not able to attend Pastors and Leaders 2019 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), you still can hear presentations from that event. More than 145 people came together on the AMBS campus Feb. 25–28 to explore the theme of “Loving Our Neighbors in Tense Times.” Attendees were encouraged to imagine and proclaim new narratives that embrace marginalized communities and counter oppression in today’s society. To hear recordings from this event, go to <http://bit.ly/2019PastorsandLeaders>.

### **CommonWord offers Lenten worship resources**

CommonWord, a collaboration of Mennonite Church Canada and Canadian Mennonite University, offers many resources for planning worship during the Lenten season. If you’re looking for resources to help you with planning worship or leading a devotional, you can visit [www.commonword.ca/go/1765](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1765). Many of these resources are available as free downloads.

If you’re looking for resources for a specific day you can visit one of the links below:

Palm Sunday — [www.commonword.ca/go/1463](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1463)

Maundy Thursday — [www.commonword.ca/go/1462](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1462)

Good Friday — [www.commonword.ca/go/1461](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1461)

Easter Sunday — [www.commonword.ca/go/1460](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1460)

### **‘Love Crosses Borders’ planned for summer**

Coming this summer: Love Crosses Borders — A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants. Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs, they are also spiritual ones. How do we reconcile God’s call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? What can unwelcomed immigrants teach the Church about love? How can the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement inform and inspire us to a love that crosses borders? From July 28 to Aug. 3, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, visit [MennoniteMen.org](http://MennoniteMen.org) or contact Steve Thomas at [SteveT@Mennonites.org](mailto:SteveT@Mennonites.org).

### **MennoHealth Cast features personal stories**

The MennoHealth Cast podcast, which launched in March, is a production of The Mennonite, Inc., and Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship. MennoHealth Cast seeks to highlight the personal stories of people involved in various fields related to the care of human beings. The first episode features an interview with Karen Vundla, who recently completed a 46-year career in nursing. To listen, go to <https://mennohealthcast.fireside.fm>.

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### **Mediation perspective**

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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! Register by April 12 to receive a \$200 tuition discount. For more information, see the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center website: <http://bit.ly/2019MediationTraining>.

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### **Worship perspective**

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Recordings of the worship services at Annual Conference Assembly are now on the Ohio Conference website. To listen to these recordings, go to <http://bit.ly/AboutACA>.

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### **Perspective insert**

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The April issue of *Prayer Vine* from Mennonite Mission Network is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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### **Perspective deadlines**

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April 8 for April 11 issue

April 22 for April 25 issue

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