

Perspective



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Remembering Bob Sauder

It is with deep sadness that Ohio Conference of MC USA announces the sudden passing of its Conference moderator, Robert “Bob” Sauder on Tuesday, April 9. Bob served as the Conference moderator beginning in 2016. Visitation and funeral arrangements are as follows:

Visitation will be held Friday, April 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. at Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 202 N. Liberty Street, West Unity, Ohio.

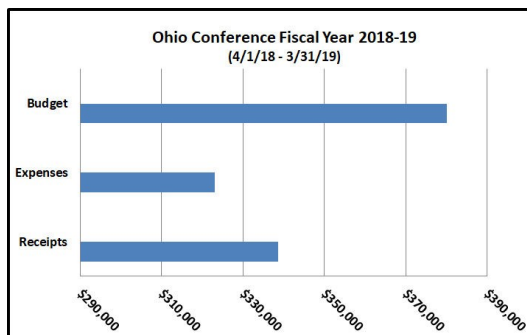
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at Salem Mennonite Church, 13751 Tripp Road, Waldron, Michigan.

You may view the full obituary at <https://www.oberlinturnbull.com/notices/Robert-Sauder>.

Please keep his wife, Pam, daughters Mary and Kelly, six grandchildren, Salem Mennonite Church (Waldron, Michigan), Ohio Conference and all of Bob’s many other family and friends in your prayers.

Conference ends 2018-19 in the black

Ohio Conference has ended its 2018-19 fiscal year in the black, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth. The fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.



Giving to the Conference was down somewhat during March. Income for the month totaled \$18,615, compared to \$37,455 in February and \$54,545 in January. Expenses for March totaled \$35,824, resulting in an operating balance of -\$17,209 for the month. However, that shortfall was not enough to wipe out the Conference’s previous operating surplus. The Conference ended 2018-19 year with an operating balance of \$15,574. Thank you to all who contributed!

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.

Purpose perspective

As we remember Bob Sauder and thank God for his service to the Ohio Conference, we invite you to read a column he wrote this past fall for the Mennonite Church USA website: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/we-were-born-to-be-a-blessing/>.

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List of spiritual directors is available

Spiritual direction can be a rich resource for your spiritual journey. Ohio Conference has compiled a list of spiritual directors to serve as a resource for Ohio Conference members and pastors. All the individuals listed have completed a certification program and have Anabaptist affiliation. This list of spiritual directors is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

MCC plans Peace Camp for young adults

Coming this summer: Peace Camp. Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is offering a week-long Peace Camp at Amigo Centre in Sturgis, Michigan, July 21-26. This experience is for young adults ages 18-22 who are interested in learning about a biblical approach to peace and justice.

During Peace Camp, young adults will explore the theme of “Responding to Violence” through hands-on learning. The week includes a trip to Chicago with MCC partners working with gun violence prevention. Other focus topics include conflict transformation, anti-racism, bystander training and restorative justice. The base participant fee is \$300, and scholarships are available on a case-by-case basis. Registration is due June 1.

For more information and registration, see http://www.mcc.org/gl_peace_camp or contact either Jes Stoltzfus Buller (MCC Peace Education Coordinator) at jessicabuller@mcc.org or Juan Pacheco (MCC Great Lakes Peace and Justice Coordinator) at juanpacheco@mcc.org. A Peace Camp flier is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Sharon Mennonite to hold Work Camp in June

Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City will hold its annual Work Camp June 16-21. This volunteer experience is open to people from all Ohio Conference congregations.

Work Camp creates an opportunity to serve the local community through various construction and maintenance projects for individuals, religious groups, and community organizations. Past projects have included wheelchair ramps, painting, roofing, flooring, landscaping, and other various maintenance projects. Participants will worship with each other, serve the community and share the love of Christ. Attendees need not have any experience, and all ages are welcome!

Registration for Work Camp is due **May 11**. You may register by filling out the registration form included with this issue of *Perspective* or by completing an online Google Document at <https://goo.gl/forms/JQ2CZNA8FFyPQoX2>. Printed registration forms should be mailed to Sharon Mennonite Church, 7675 Amity Pike, Plain City OH 43064.

You can learn more about Work Camp by visiting the Ohio Conference website at <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/event/sharon-mennonite-work-camp/> and clicking on the links to a podcast and feature article about Work Camp.

Camp perspective

Camp Luz is hiring summer staff for its 2019 summer programs. Anyone 16 or older can apply. Major needs include life-guards and male counselors, but a variety of positions are still available. Summer staff members receive a weekly salary and college age staff may also be eligible for a matching staff scholarship. More information and applications can be found on the summer staff page at <https://www.cاملuz.com/summer-staff.html>.

Peace witness perspective

The Mennonite Inc. invites your original submissions for the June 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on the theme “Congregational peace witness.” Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite no later than May 3. For more details, please see <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteJune2019>.

Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes the April issue of *The Parish Paper* and prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency.

Perspective deadlines

April 22 for April 25 issue

May 6 for May 9 issue
