

Perspective



Ohio Conference
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Church USA

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Your prayers are requested

Please pray for the Ohio Conference Leadership Team, which is meeting for a retreat at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin, Ohio. The retreat began last evening, Wednesday, April 24, and continues during the day today, April 25.



Also, please continue to pray for the Ohio Conference, Salem Mennonite Church in Waldron, Michigan, and the family of Bob Sauder as we continue to grieve his sudden passing.

Pine Grove Mennonite Church to close June 9

Recently the Pine Grove congregation in Stryker, Ohio, discerned God's will that it was time to close the church after 70 years of faithful ministry in its community. A final worship service marking the closing and celebrating God's faithfulness over the 70 years will be held Sunday, June 9. Please keep the congregation and its pastors, Gary and Sandy Stuckey, in your prayers.

Peacemaking representatives from OC sought

On Tuesday, July 2, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., just prior to the start of the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, there will be a gathering of peacemakers from across the denomination. The gathering planners are looking for two or three representatives from each conference. If you are planning on attending the convention, have a passion for peacemaking efforts, and would like to represent Ohio Conference, please email Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com within the next couple of days.

2019-2020 pastor salary guidelines now online

The 2019-2020 MC USA pastor salary guidelines are now posted on the Mennonite Church USA website at <http://mennoniteusa.org/resources>. This year there is a new link to the Everence website which will help pastors and/or congregational

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Missional perspective

Mark your calendar: Ohio Conference is planning a 2020 Intergenerational Missional Festival to be held at Bluffton University June 26-28, 2020. This event will be for people of all ages. Watch future issues of *Perspective* for more details.

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representatives complete the form, which can be printed out when completed.

Central Mennonite's Prayer Path is missing

Central Mennonite Church in Archbold is looking for its Prayer Path. Have you seen it? It is a labyrinth of sorts painted on fabric. When last seen, it was folded and in a fairly large box. If you have any information concerning the Prayer Path's whereabouts, please contact Alysa Short at alysashort@gmail.com.

Registration deadline nears for MennoCon19

For all those planning to attend MennoCon19, the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, July 2-6: Time is running out to register at the regular registration rate. Beginning May 1, the registration fee increases to \$350 per person. See <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/> for details.



Healthy Boundaries training available prior to MC USA Convention

Pastors, do you still need to complete the Healthy Boundaries 101 training? This training event will be offered at MennoCon19 in Kansas City, Missouri, for the reduced price of \$30. The training will be available in both Spanish and English and will take place on July 2 beginning at 9 a.m. Registration for all pre-convention training events has been extended to **April 30**. See <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/the-experience/pre-convention-training-opportunities/> for details.

Register now for Peacebuilding Institute courses

The 2019 Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI) at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, starts in less than one month. Space is still available for additional participants in many of the courses being offered. Matching and partial scholarships are still available, as well as organizational discounts for organizations that send three or more people to SPI.

For more information about SPI, please see the latest newsletter from the Center for Justice & Peacebuilding at <http://bit.ly/2019SummerPeacebuilding> or the Eastern Mennonite University website at <https://emu.edu/cjp/spi/>.

Discount extended for Mediation Skills Institute

Utica United Methodist Church in Sterling Heights, Michigan, will host a Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders May 13-17. This training will be led by staff from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. The deadline to register for this training and still receive a \$200 registration fee discount has been extended until tomorrow, **April 26**. For more information, see the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center website: <http://bit.ly/2019MediationTraining>.

Remembrance perspective

Fulton County Habitat for Humanity has created a photo tribute to Ohio Conference Moderator Bob Sauder, who died April 9. Bob, also known to Habitat volunteers as "Bob the Builder," had served as construction manager for the Fulton County Habitat for Humanity. To see this photo tribute, go to <https://habitatfultonoh.smugmug.com/Bob/>.

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If you would like to send notes of condolence or cards to Bob Sauder's family, you may send them to Pam Sauder at bpsauder@williams-net.com or 14581 County Road N-65, Pioneer OH 43554.

Perspective insert

This issue of *Perspective* includes the May issue of Mennonite Mission Network's *Prayer Vine*.

Perspective deadlines

May 6 for May 9 issue

May 28 for May 30 issue
