

Perspective



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Pastor-Spouse Retreat planned for Nov. 15-17

Ohio Conference will hold a Pastor-Spouse Retreat Nov. 15-17 at the Mills Park Hotel in Yellow Springs, Ohio. The theme of the retreat will be “Rest. Rejuvenate. Reconnect.”

Because of the number of rooms available at this venue, the retreat is limited to the first 22 couples who register. For more information, please see the retreat brochure included with this issue of *Perspective*. To register online, go to <http://bit.ly/2019Pastor-SpouseRetreat>. Registration is due by Oct. 8.



Former OC missional consultant to develop new ministry program at Hesston

Hesston College has hired Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg, who formerly served on the pastoral team at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold, as the director for a new ministry program that will begin in development stages this spring.

The new ministry program will provide Anabaptist theology and nurture missional leadership for pastors and other church leaders in a distance-based format. It comes as a replacement to Hesston College’s Pastoral Ministries program, which closed in 2014 with a commitment to the development of a new program.

“It has been about five years since we closed the residential Pastoral Ministries program, but we have been seeking to re-start a ministry program that can equip disciples in a variety of locations and contexts,” said Brent Yoder, vice president of Academics. “Jessica has a vision for how Hesston College can serve others in the church and the world, and we are excited that she has accepted the call to develop and direct this new program.”

Schrock-Ringenberg is a graduate of Hesston College, Goshen (Indiana) College and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Indiana). In addition to serving on the pastoral team at

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Writing perspective

The Mennonite Inc. invites your original submissions for the July 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on the theme “The Breath of God restores us.” Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than June 5. For more details, please see <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteJuly2019>.

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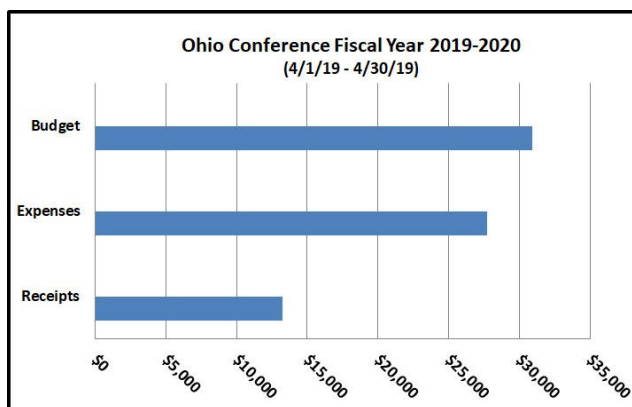
Zion Mennonite, she served the Ohio Conference as a missional consultant. She also has taken on a variety of roles for Mennonite Church USA, including convention planning and as a member of the Constituency Leadership Council (CLC). She and her husband, Shem, recently relocated to the Kansas City area where they bought a heating and cooling business and also hope to plant a church. In addition, Schrock-Ringenberg serves as a missional discipleship leader and consultant with the Five-fold Leadership Development Assessment and the Exponential Emerging Leaders Cohort.

Schrock-Ringenberg will continue to reside in the Kansas City area, with regular teleconferencing and trips to Hesston. As the program develops and curriculum is established and approved, her role will transition from developer to instructor.

Conference begins 2019-20 with a deficit

Ohio Conference is beginning its 2019-20 fiscal year with a deficit, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.

Receipts for the month of April totaled just \$13,253, including \$12,305 in giving from congregations. Expenses for the month totaled \$27,705, re-



sulting in an operating balance of -\$14,452 for the month. Even so, expenses were well below the amount budgeted for the month, \$30,926.

Walking Roots Band is coming to Ohio

Everence is sponsoring a summer tour of the Walking Roots Band, an acoustic folk and roots music group based in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

The tour will include concerts at Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron on June 25 and Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker on June 26. For more information about this tour, see <http://bit.ly/WalkingRootsTour>.

MCC offers to waive fee for borderlands tour

Mennonite Central Committee is sponsoring a Mexico-U.S. Borderlands Learning Tour May 22-26, 2019. A few openings remain for this tour, and MCC has offered to waive the \$550 registration fee for pastors and church leaders from its Anabaptist constituency. The only cost for these participants will be the flight to Arizona. For more information, see <http://bit.ly/MCCBorderlandsTour>.

ACA perspective

Mark your calendar: The 2020 Annual Conference Assembly of the Ohio Conference will be held March 7, 2020, at Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City.

Resource perspective

Ohio Conference Editor Ann Leaman has agreed to serve as the Ohio Conference Resource Advocate. The role of the Resource Advocate is to be aware of the latest resources from the various Mennonite Church USA groups and to find creative ways to make these resources useful to pastors and lay leaders in congregations. If you have questions about what resources are available from Mennonite agencies, contact her at ohioevangel@gmail.com.

Service perspective

Mennonite Disaster Service has an urgent need for volunteers at several locations in the United States and Canada during May and June. To learn more, please see <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/current-needs/>.

Perspective deadlines

May 28 for May 30 issue
June 10 for June 13 issue
