

Perspective

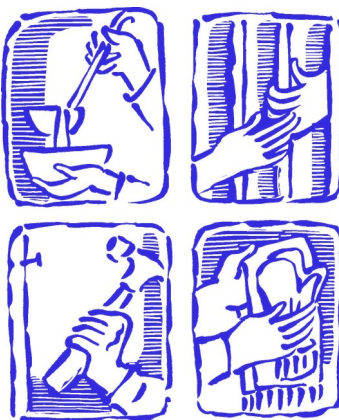


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MDT to award Ministry Grants

Ministry Grants are back! Is your congregation looking for a way to fund a ministry that impacts your community? **Aug. 5** is the deadline to submit a grant proposal to the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT). The MDT is accepting proposals from Conference congregations and related organizations for projects and mission initiatives. This year the MDT has **\$24,750** available for grants.



Please note that this is a one-time grant, and grant monies are not intended to be used for staffing. You may either submit an online application on the Ohio Conference website at <http://bit.ly/MinistryGrants> or mail a printed application form to Ohio Conference, Box 210, Kidron OH 44636. The MDT will consider all grant proposals at its **Aug. 19** meeting. A grant application is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Looking for newer car for regional pastor

Due to a recent car-deer accident, the Conference is looking for a vehicle to replace a 2012 model with more than 170,000 miles. We are looking for a car that is newer and has approximately 50,000 miles. If you or someone you know might be willing to donate a car to Conference or perhaps have a lease which is soon coming to an end and the Conference might be able to purchase the vehicle, please contact Conference Minister Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com or (937) 935-2549.

Closing worship service marks 70 years of ministry

On June 9 Pine Grove Mennonite Church, just outside of Stryker, Ohio, held its last worship service. It was a time of both grief and celebration. Many recent and former members shared memories of God's faithfulness during the congregation's 70 years of ministry in the community. To read about this closing worship service and to see photos, go to <http://bit.ly/PineGroveService>.

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.

Health care perspective

The Mennonite Inc. invites your original submissions for the September 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on the theme "Faith-filled responses to health-care costs." Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than July 29. For more details, please see <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteSept2019>.

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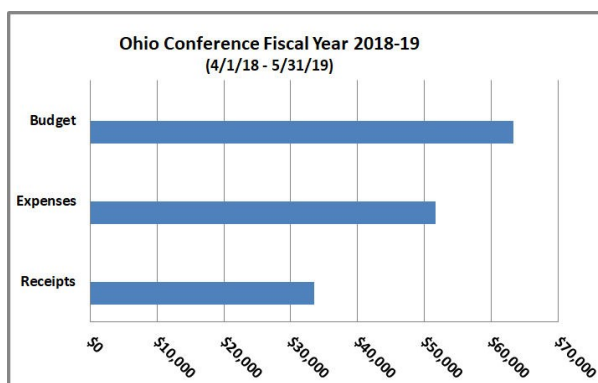
Strawberry Festival set for June 22

Salem Mennonite Church in Waldron, Michigan, will hold its third annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. This fundraising event will feature a variety of foods, including strawberries, ice cream, pulled pork sandwiches, and popcorn. The festival will include activities for all ages, such as inflatables, a car and tractor show, a petting zoo, wagon rides, a hymn sing (from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.), and a country store. The day's events will conclude with an auction beginning at 6 p.m. See the enclosed letter from Salem Mennonite Church for details.

Deficit increases during May

During May giving to the Ohio Conference was lower than expenses for the second month in a row, according to figures supplied by Ohio Conference Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.

Receipts during May totaled \$19,256, including \$18,914 in giving from congregations. Expenses for May were \$24,260, resulting in an operating balance of -\$5,004 for the month.



After the first two months of the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the year-to-date operating balance stands at -\$19,456. While the Conference is currently running a deficit, it is worth noting that the amount spent during the first two months of the fiscal year is almost \$10,000 below the budgeted amount in the 2019-20 Conference spending plan.

Training to focus on Doctrine of Discovery

MCC Great Lakes is excited to offer a unique training opportunity for individuals to explore and engage with the legacy of colonialism and to understand the intersecting history between Native people and European settlers. This training will use the framework of the Doctrine of Discovery to explore the taking of land from Indigenous people, which led to the justification of the global slave trade. Participants will be equipped with a number of educational tools which they can utilize to further educate others on the Doctrine of Discovery. Led by Michelle Armster, Erica Littlewolf, and Karin Kaufman Wall from MCC Central States, the training is open to all who are interested in the ongoing work of education and awareness-raising on these issues.

This training will be held Aug. 25-27 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, with a required \$50 registration fee. For more information and registration, visit mcc.org/gl-dod or contact Kelly Shenk Koontz at kellyshenkkooontz@mcc.org.

Learning tour perspective

Join MCC Great Lakes for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour on Aug. 4-9. Based in Goshen, Indiana, the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to South Bend, Elkhart, and Bunker Hill, Indiana. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome.

For more information and registration visit mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at JuanPacheco@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Seminary perspective

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, has announced that David W. Boshart, Ph.D., of Wellman, Iowa, is the candidate of choice for the next president of the seminary. See the seminary news release at <http://bit.ly/AMBSPresCandidate> for more information.

Perspective deadlines

June 24 for June 27 issue

July 8 for July 11 issue