

Perspective



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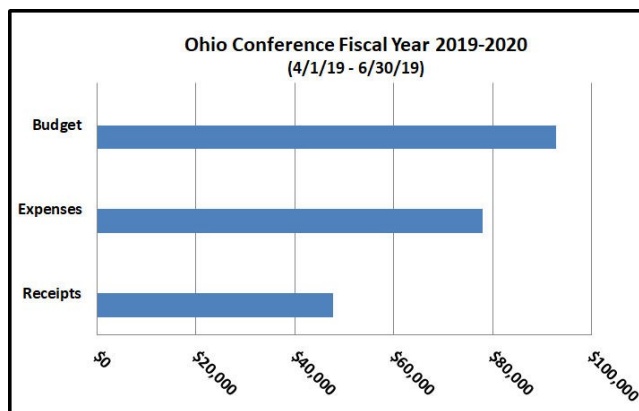
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Regional pastor sought for western Ohio

Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA is seeking a part-time (50 percent) Regional Pastor for the western region of the state beginning in September. The individual will primarily serve as pastor to the pastors and as a liaison between the Conference and congregations. Previous pastoral experience required. Women and men from all cultural backgrounds are encouraged to apply. For a full job description consult: <http://bit.ly/OCRegionalPastorWest>. To apply, submit a letter of interest to Conference Minister Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com.

Deficit increases during June

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



Receipts during June totaled \$15,312, including \$14,599 in giving from congregations. Expenses for June were \$25,993, resulting in an operating balance of -\$10,682 for the month. After the first three months of the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the year-to-date operating balance stands at -\$30,138.

Immigration Resource Team seeks information

From the Immigration Resource Team: It's been about four months since Annual Conference Assembly 2019, when delegates passed a resolution on immigration. Time for a checkup! We're wondering what's happening in Ohio Conference congrega-

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Peace perspective

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) invites all Mennonite congregations to observe World Peace Sunday on Sept. 22. The theme for the 2019 World Peace Sunday is "A peace that passes all understanding...." MWC has developed worship planning materials for this special Sunday. To download these materials, go to <http://bit.ly/MWCPeaceSunday>.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

- Pastor(s)
- Church chairperson
- Youth sponsor(s)
- Delegates
- Duplicate for other church leaders

tions. Did delegates do a good job informing their churches about the various components of the resolution? Are churches praying regularly for the needs of immigrants and asking for the Spirit's leading in seeking to minister to their needs? Have churches received and distributed MCC's flier about Immigration Detainee Care Kits? (See the related announcement below for details about these kits.) Have pastors used any biblical texts on "welcoming the stranger" in recent sermons*?

News reports indicate that the situation is only worsening on our southern border. We should be praying, "Lord Jesus, show us, as your followers, what we can do." Our team would love to hear what's happening at your church! Please send your report to dljking@gmail.com.

*Pastor Matt Reed at Beech Mennonite Church is to be commended for a four-Sunday sermon series on immigration! He would be happy to share his excellent sermon outlines with anyone interested. You may contact him at beechchurchpastor@gmail.com.

MCC Central States collects care kits

If you are looking for a practical way to relate to immigrants, consider donating to this effort from MCC Central States:

MCC Central States is distributing immigration detainee care kits through the South Texas Response Team to people as they are released from immigration detention centers to rebuild dignity and share Christ's love. See the enclosed flier for a list of contents.

Kate Mast of MCC Central States says, "As of right now, only the Central States office is accepting these kits. They can be made and either shipped to our office (121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS 67117), or sent with someone traveling from Ohio to this area of Kansas. Another idea is to purchase the items online and have them shipped to our address."

If you prefer, you can make a donation to MCC for these kits online at this link: <http://bit.ly/MCCCashForKits>. Please note "immigration detainee care kit" in the comment box.

Survey focuses on youth and young adults

Ohio Conference has formed a Youth Resource Team to focus on congregational needs in the area of youth and young adults. To help guide the team in its work, the Conference would like to hear from each congregation via a brief survey. The deadline to take the survey has been extended until **tomorrow, July 12**. Average time to complete the survey is five minutes. You can find the survey at <http://bit.ly/2019YouthSurvey>.

Online newsletter offers convention news

Curious about what happened at MennoCon19? Take a look at the convention newsletter at <http://mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce>.

Grant perspective

There is still time to apply for an Ohio Conference Ministry Grant. **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 ministry initiatives. This year the Conference has **\$24,750** available for grants. To submit your proposal, go to <http://bit.ly/OCMinistryGrants>.

Retreat perspective

Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi, superintendent of Central Christian School, will be the featured speaker at the annual Women's Retreat at Camp Luz Sept. 13-15. She will focus on the theme "Be Strong and Courageous," based on Joshua 1:9.

Registration cost for the full retreat is \$95. Reduced prices are available for those not staying overnight at the camp. To learn more, see the enclosed brochure. To register online, go to <https://www.campluz.com/womens-retreat.html>. Registration is due by Monday, Sept. 9.

Perspective deadlines

July 22 for July 25 issue

Aug. 5 for Aug. 8 issue
