

# Perspective



Ohio Conference  
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Church USA

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## ***Credentialed ministers to meet Sept. 12***

Credentialed ministers in Ohio Conference will gather Thursday, Sept. 12, to continue their discussion and connect with one another. This meeting will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the library in Upper Sandusky.

Everyone attending should plan to bring their own coffee (if needed) and lunch. Light refreshments will be provided.

All credentialed leaders are asked to RSVP to Judy King at [ohmc@zoominternet.net](mailto:ohmc@zoominternet.net) by Thursday, Sept. 5.



## ***Time is running out to apply for grants***

Do you have an idea for ministering to your community but aren't sure how to fund it? 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. **So far this year, the MDT has only received one grant proposal.** To submit your proposal, go to <http://bit.ly/OCMinistryGrants>.

## ***One room remains for Pastor-Spouse Retreat***

Thinking about attending the Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat? There is still room for one more couple to attend this event, which will take place Nov. 15-17 at the Mills Park Hotel in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

For more information about the retreat, please see the retreat brochure at <http://bit.ly/2019RetreatBrochure>. To register online, go to <http://bit.ly/2019Pastor-SpouseRetreat>. If all rooms have been reserved by the time you seek to register, please contact Administrative Assistant Judy King at 330-857-5421 or [ohmc@zoominternet.net](mailto:ohmc@zoominternet.net) to be put on a waiting list.

***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.***

## ***Perspective insert***

***Prayer Vine***, a publication of Mennonite Mission Network, lists daily prayer requests for mission workers serving in locations around the world. The August issue of *Prayer Vine* is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

## ***Please distribute Perspective copies to:***

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

## ***AMBS's Journey provides training for leaders***

Ohio Conference is partnering with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in Elkhart, Indiana, to provide a part-time long-distance leadership development program.

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program is a three-year certificate program designed for people exploring a call to ministry. The program is also for pastors and other congregational leaders who have already been called to serve but who lack specific training in ministry.

The Ohio Conference is now one of three conferences from Mennonite Church USA sponsoring Journey. As a result, members of Ohio Conference congregations receive a reduced registration rate of \$450 per unit of study.

Journey involves work in three different learning environments:

- Online coursework with other participants
- Short annual visits to Amigo Centre in Sturgis, Michigan, and AMBS in Elkhart, Indiana
- Meetings with a local pastoral mentor every two weeks

The fall 2019 Journey program will begin with a face-to-face gathering Friday evening through Saturday noon, Sept. 6-8, followed by online work beginning Sept. 11.

The registration deadline for the fall is Aug. 6. **In recognition of Ohio Conference's status as a newly supporting conference, Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, AMBS Dean of Lifelong Learning, has extended the \$100 early registration discount for anyone from Ohio Conference who signs up for this program by the Aug. 6 registration deadline.**

Some scholarship funds may be available from the Ohio Conference for those interested in participating in Journey. Please contact Conference Minister Dick Barrett at [ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com](mailto:ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com) for more information.

To learn more about Journey, please see the program brochure at <http://bit.ly/2019JourneyBrochure>. The AMBS website also has answers to some frequently asked questions about the program. See <http://bit.ly/AMBSJourneyFAQ>.

## ***Golf scramble to benefit Adriel***

Adriel will hold its annual benefit golf scramble Monday, Sept. 9, at Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance, Ohio, starting at 12:30 p.m.

The entry fee for this fundraising event covers greens fees, golf cart, dinner after the scramble, and chances to win a variety of prizes. All proceeds benefit children and families in need in Ohio through Adriel's foster care and adoption, clinical services, training and family preservation programs. For more information or to register, see <http://bit.ly/AdrielGolfBenefit>.

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## ***Relief Sale perspective***

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The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale and Auction will take place Aug. 2-3 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster.

New this year is the option to purchase quilts online at [ohiomccreliefsale.org](http://ohiomccreliefsale.org). Until Aug. 1 a select number of quilts are available for purchase at posted "buy it now" prices. Quilts not purchased by Aug. 1 will be added to the live auction on Aug. 3. Online bidding will be available during the live quilt auction so that remote bidders can participate. (Remote bidders will need to pay shipping.)

To see a schedule of Relief Sale events, go to [ohiomccreliefsale.org](http://ohiomccreliefsale.org).

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## ***MDS perspective***

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Mennonite Disaster Service has an urgent need for volunteers in several locations, including Puerto Rico. Please see <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/current-needs/> for details.

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## ***Perspective deadlines***

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Aug. 5 for Aug. 8 issue

Aug. 26 for Aug. 29 issue

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