

Perspective



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Lynn Miller accepts moderator position

The Ohio Conference Leadership Team is pleased to announce that Lynn Miller of Tedrow Mennonite Church has agreed to serve as our Conference moderator.

Lynn has been a part of Tedrow Mennonite Church all his life, and he has served as a delegate to Ohio Conference in the past both as a member of Tedrow and as a member of the Stewardship Ministry.

This summer he served as one of Tedrow's delegates to the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City. He has also served as an elder at Tedrow.



In 1995 Lynn founded Solana, a software company. The company now has 30 employees at two locations in Wauseon and Toledo. He and his wife, Tami, have one son, Peyton, age 18, and reside in Pettisville. He has a strong sense that this is God's call on his life at this time and is excited about serving. He feels especially honored and humbled to be completing the term of his late uncle, Bob Sauder, who passed away in April.

Ohio Conference Cast: An update with Dick Barrett

After a hiatus of several months, the Ohio Conference Cast podcast has returned. In this episode host Thomas Dunn is joined by a guest co-host, Jacob Dodson, pastor of Wooster Mennonite Church, for a conversation with Conference Minister Dick Barrett.

"I'm excited about the people we have in Conference....I'm excited about where God is leading us in the months and years that lie ahead," says Conference Minister Dick Barrett. He shares his perspective on his work as Conference minister and discusses a wide range of topics with Thomas and Jacob.

The Ohio
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Cast



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.

Grant perspective

The Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT) has awarded nine grants totaling \$24,750. The MDT approved these grants at its Aug. 19 meeting. Details about the grants will be published in the September-October issue of *Ohio Mennonite Evangel*.

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

Listen to this episode to learn about new members who have joined the Ohio Conference Leadership Team. Also discussed are the need for developing leaders from within the Conference, reflections on the Mennonite Church USA Convention, and a variety of other topics.

You can listen to this podcast on [iTunes](#) (search for “Ohio Conference Cast”) or find it on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceCast>.

RSVP for Sept. 12 meeting

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 should RSVP to Judy King at ohmc@zoominternet.net by Thursday, Sept. 5.

Giving to Conference is stronger in July

Giving to the Ohio Conference in July was much stronger than in the previous three months, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.

Total receipts for July were \$34,968, more than double the \$15,312 received in June.

Expenses for the month totaled just \$28,462, leaving the Conference with an operating balance of \$6,506 for the month. However, because of shortfalls in each of the first three months of the fiscal year, the Conference still has a deficit for the year to date. As of July 31, the Conference’s operating balance was -\$23,632 for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Register for Women’s Retreat by Sept. 9

The 2019 Women’s Retreat at Camp Luz is coming up Sept. 13-15. Guest speaker Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi, superintendent of Central Christian School, will be speaking on the theme “Be Strong and Courageous” from Joshua 1:9. Registration is due Sept. 9. More information and registration is available at www.camluz.com/womens-retreat.

Fall Fest Fundraiser set for Sept. 22

Camp Luz in Kidron will hold its second annual Fall Fest Fundraiser on Sept. 22. Activities will begin at 3 p.m. A pulled pork dinner will be served at 5 p.m., and a live auction will begin at 6:30. The band Honeytown will provide entertainment from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. All proceeds support the ministry of Camp Luz, which has been providing Christian summer camp programs for 65 years. Visit www.camluz.com for more information, including a list of auction items.

Prayer perspective

The search for a regional pastor for the western part of the Conference continues. Please pray for God’s leading as the Leadership Team works to fill this important staff position.

Relief sale perspective

According to initial estimates, the 2019 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale raised about \$300,000 for Mennonite Central Committee. See the Relief Sale e-newsletter for details: <http://bit.ly/2019ReliefSaleResults>.

Power perspective

The Mennonite Inc. invites your original submissions for the October 2019 issue focusing on the theme “positive uses of power.” Articles are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than **Sept. 2**. For more details, please see <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteOctober2019>.

Perspective inserts

Included with this issue of *Perspective* are the September-October issue of *Prayer Prompter* and the September issue of *Prayers for Faith and Learning*.

Perspective deadlines

Sept. 9 for Sept. 12 issue
Sept. 23 for Sept. 26 issue
