

# Perspective



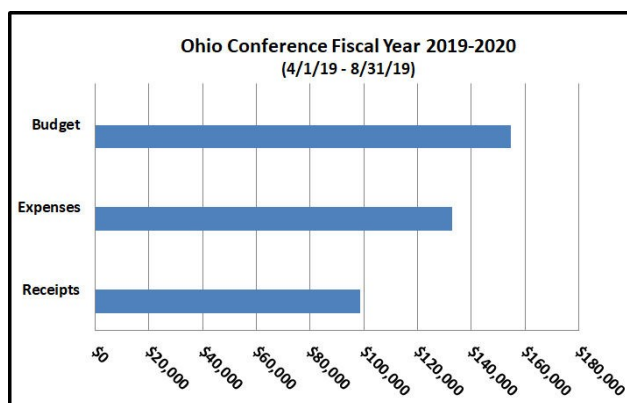
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## ***Giving to Conference drops in August***

Giving to Ohio Conference was down in August, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth. Total receipts for the month were just \$15,776, including \$15,084 in congregational giving. That amount was less than half the amount received in July, \$34,968.

Expenses for the month totaled \$26,574, resulting in an operating balance for the month of -\$10,798. As of Aug. 31, the Conference's year-to-date operating balance is -\$34,430. The



Conference fiscal year ends March 31, 2020.

## ***Podcast: Missional conference is coming***

In the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast, host Thomas Dunn and his guest co-host Conference Minister Dick Barrett talk about mission with Jacob Dodson, the pastor of Wooster Mennonite Church and a member of the Ohio Conference Missional Planning Team. Listen to this episode to hear about plans for a summer missional festival in 2020. You will also learn more about some other initiatives the Missional Planning Team is working on.

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>.

If you would like to participate in the Missional Discipleship Initiative, which is discussed in this podcast, contact Jacob Dodson at [pastor@woostermennonite.org](mailto:pastor@woostermennonite.org).

***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.***

## ***Writing perspective***

The Mennonite Inc., invites your original submissions for the November 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on the theme "Journeys with Church." Submissions are due to [Editor@TheMennonite.org](mailto:Editor@TheMennonite.org) no later than Oct. 1. For more information about this theme, see <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteNov2019>.

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

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

## **Healthy boundaries training to be offered**

All pastors credentialed by the Ohio Conference are required to complete Healthy Boundaries training. Ohio Conference first offered this training in 2017 and 2018.

For pastors who have not yet completed this training, Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference is hosting a Healthy Boundaries 101 training course Nov. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Amigo Centre in Sturgis, Michigan.

Instructors John Kaufman and Nancy Kauffmann will lead this all-day training course using material from FaithTrust Institute. Cost for this training is \$75 for those who register before Oct. 7. See <http://bit.ly/Nov11HealthyBoundaries> to register online. A flier with information about this course is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

## **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.

## **Everence event to focus on faith and values**

Everence is sponsoring a “Faith and Values in the Marketplace” workshop on Monday, Oct. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Gardens at Homestead, 8233 S.R. 241, Mt. Hope. Co-sponsors for this no-fee event are Mennonite Economic Development Associates and the Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center.

The workshop will feature three presentations:

- “Learning to identify and grow business opportunities” — Jim Smucker, president and Abe Troyer, director of sales at Keim Lumber
- “Learning is a personal journey” — Jeremy Miller, president, Rosedale Bible College
- “Leadership is learned, not inherited” — Doug Cooper, leadership consultant

This workshop is especially designed for business families, pastors, community leaders and key managers. To RSVP, call 330-857-9988 by **Friday, Oct. 18**.

## **Parish Paper focuses on worship planning**

The September issue of *The Parish Paper*, which is included with this issue of *Perspective*, explores the team approach to designing worship services.

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## **Seminary perspective**

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**T**he Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) Board of Directors has appointed David W. Boshart, Ph.D., of Wellman, Iowa, as the seminary’s next president, to begin Jan. 1, 2020. Beverly Lapp, Ed.D., vice president and academic dean, will continue to serve as acting president until then. To learn more, see <http://bit.ly/NewAMBSPresident>.

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**B**ethany Theological Seminary, Earlham School of Religion and AMBS have entered into an open cross-registration agreement — the first collaborative effort of its kind among seminaries of the three Historic Peace Church traditions: Church of the Brethren, Quaker (Society of Friends) and Mennonite.

The new agreement allows eligible students at the Indiana-based seminaries to enroll in most courses offered by the seminaries without tuition adjustments being made, beginning with the fall 2019 semester. Online courses and synchronous video technology are part of the curriculum at each school. To learn more about this partnership, see the news release from AMBS: <http://bit.ly/SeminaryPartnership>.

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## **Perspective deadlines**

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Sept. 23 for Sept. 26 issue

Oct. 7 for Oct. 10 issue

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