

Perspective



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Tony Doehrmann to serve as regional pastor

The Ohio Conference Leadership Team and the Ministry Development Team are pleased to announce the appointment of Tony Doehrmann as the new regional pastor covering the western half of Ohio Conference. He will begin his work with the Conference on Oct. 1.



Tony served as pastor of Jubilee Mennonite Church in Bellefontaine from 2008 until the end of 2017. During that time, he also served as a chaplain of the local hospital, a clergy representative of the Logan County Critical Incident Stress Management Team and a hospice volunteer.

Tony is a graduate of Hesston College's Pastoral Ministries program and has also participated in spiritual direction training at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. Prior to experiencing his call to pastoral ministry, he worked in manufacturing and administration at Sauder Woodworking Company in Archbold for 20 years. Tony was a member of Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker where he served as an elder, church chair and in several other positions.

Those who know Tony best describe him as a great listener who is able to help individuals and groups discern the Holy Spirit's leading. Since ending his time at Jubilee Mennonite Church, he and his wife, Rhonda, have built a new home and moved to Pettisville to be closer to their grandchildren.

Church planting conversation set for Oct. 15

Individuals from around Ohio Conference are invited to participate in Visible Kingdom Communities, a church planting conversation, on Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ohio Conference office, 5358 Kidron Road, Kidron. For those who cannot attend in person, a video conferencing option will be available. If you would like to take part in this conversation, please contact Coordinator of Volunteers Alysa Short at 419-572-1348 or alysashort@gmail.com.

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Musical perspective

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry is hosting "Songs and Salsa," an evening concert in the Kidron Park Community Building, 4434 Kidron Road, Kidron, on Sunday, Oct. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. The musical group Honeytown will be performing, as will the worship team from Salem Mennonite Church in Wooster. There will be a variety of chips and salsas available. A freewill offering will benefit Open Arms Hispanic Ministry.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

- Pastor(s)
 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
 - Delegates
 - Duplicate for other church leaders
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Four fall regional gatherings scheduled

As part of our *Gathered & Sent* initiative Ohio Conference will be holding four regional gatherings this fall. These gatherings are in place of our traditional fall cluster meetings and are intended not just for pastors and delegates but for all persons from our congregations who want to learn about the exciting things that are going on in the congregations around them and throughout the Conference. The gatherings will also be a time of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

All regional gatherings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about 90 minutes. Locations are as follows:

- Oct. 22 — Huber Mennonite Church, New Carlisle
- Oct. 24 — Friendship Mennonite Church, Bedford Heights
- Oct. 29 — Martins Mennonite Church, Orrville
- Nov. 5 — Salem Mennonite Church, Waldron, Michigan

World Communion to be celebrated at Central

Join in celebrating World Communion Sunday on Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. at Central Christian School in Kidron. This worship service is a partnership of several local Mennonite churches and the Swahili Community Church of Akron, a Congolese Mennonite congregation. The event will include prayer, scripture, communion, and worship offerings from the Salem Mennonite dance group, Congolese Swahili choirs, and the Central Christian School Choir. Translation will be provided. After the worship service, participants will enjoy fellowship, dessert, pick-up soccer, and games for children on the playground.

Podcast focuses on faith-based education

In the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast, host Thomas Dunn talks about Mennonite colleges and faith-based education with Susan Schultz Huxman, president of Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Also joining the conversation are guest co-hosts Doug and Miriam Zehr, pastors at Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville. You can find this podcast on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceCast>.

Fundraiser to benefit Wycliffe

Beech Mennonite Church in Louisville is hosting a fundraiser for Wycliffe Ministries on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will include helicopter rides, activities for children, and motorized sloop rides. Lunch will be available. Beech Mennonite Church is located at 10037 Easton St. NE, Louisville. See the enclosed flier for details.

Adriel benefit set for Oct. 24

Adriel is holding a fall benefit dinner at its Archbold office Oct. 24 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. This year's event will include a catered dinner, presentations about Adriel's mission and impact, and a live auction. Go to <http://bit.ly/AdrielFall2019Benefit> to download a registration form.

Prayer perspective

Prayer volunteers needed: The Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team has affirmed Growing Visible Kingdom Communities (formerly known as church planting) as a priority. An initial conversation for interested people has been scheduled for Oct. 15, 2019, at the Ohio Conference Office in Kidron from 1 to 3 p.m. If you feel led to help provide prayer support for this conversation, please contact Ohio Conference Prayer Coordinator Dan Hooley at danhooley@sbcglobal.net or 330-413-7319. Dan will provide you with contact information of persons committed to the Growing Visible Kingdom Communities conversation. As a prayer volunteer, you are asked to pray for at least two participants and let them know about your prayer support.

Pastor perspective

Forty Ohio Conference pastors met at the Upper Sandusky Library Sept. 12 for a day of discussion and relationship building, as well as a celebration honoring Regional Pastor Cliff Brubaker, who concluded his work with the Conference Sept. 13. To see photos and a full report of the day's events, go to <http://bit.ly/Sept12PastorMeeting>.

Perspective deadlines

Oct. 7 for Oct. 10 issue

Oct. 21 for Oct. 24 issue
