

# Perspective

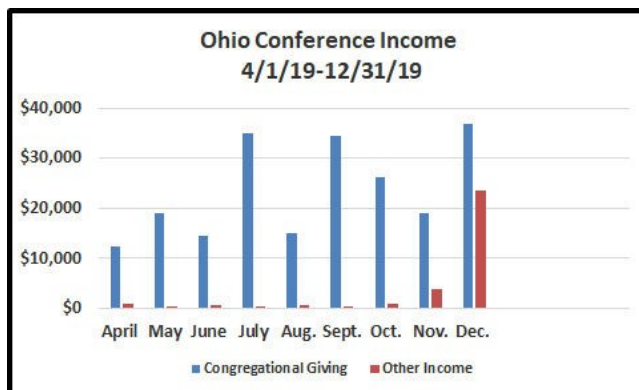


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## Giving increases during December

Giving to Ohio Conference increased greatly during December, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.



In fact, the amount received in December was almost double the amount received in any other month of the current fiscal year. (See the accompanying chart for details.)

Receipts for December totaled \$60,581. Of that amount, \$36,966 came from congregational giving. During December giving from individuals was also very strong. In response to a year-end appeal from Conference Moderator Lynn Miller, individuals gave a total of \$23,580.

Expenses for the month totaled just \$30,855, resulting in a surplus of \$29,726 for the month. As a result, the Conference operating balance was -\$11,024 at the end of December, a great improvement from the balance at the end of November, -\$40,750. Thank you to all who contributed! The Conference fiscal year ends March 31, 2020.

## Pastors to meet Feb. 11 in Upper Sandusky

The next All-Ohio Conference Pastors' Gathering will take place Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Upper Sandusky Public Library. There will be a time of dwelling in the Word, fellowship, and sharing about what is going on in Conference and in our congregations. This gathering will also include some time talking about the possibility of changes to Mennonite Church USA's membership guidelines.

As with past gatherings in Upper Sandusky, pastors should bring their own lunches and coffee (if desired). Water and light refresh-

*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.*

## Prayer perspective

Please pray for the Inlet Mennonite congregation as they continue to deal with the grief of Pastor Rick Jones' death and as they seek to discern the way forward.

— Pastor Tony Doehrmann

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- Youth sponsor(s)
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ments will be provided during break times. If you plan to attend this gathering, please contact Judy King at 330-857-5421 or [ohmc@zoominternet.net](mailto:ohmc@zoominternet.net).

### **Three cluster meetings remain**

Winter cluster meetings for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly have begun. Three cluster meetings remain:

- Jan. 23 — Salem Mennonite Church in Elida
- Jan. 28 — Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold
- Feb. 6 — Summit Mennonite Church in Barberton

Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about 90 minutes.

### **Register now for Engaging Mission 2020**

Online registration is now open for Engaging Mission 2020, an Ohio Conference missional festival planned for June 26-28 at Bluffton University.

This event will be for people of all ages, including family groups. The festival will provide an introduction to missional living where participants will be challenged to create space for mission in their lives. For more information, please see the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/EngagingMissionInfo>. Event brochures are included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Planners for this event hope to have participants from each Ohio Conference congregation. “We encourage churches to send at least one family to the event,” said Coordinator of Volunteers Alys Short. “We encourage congregations to tap their youth and young adults and encourage the congregations to subsidize their costs.”

### **MMN plans service learning tour**

There is still time to sign up to join the Mennonite Mission Network Alumni & Friends Service-Learning Tour. From March 7-14, participants will serve alongside Service Adventure partners in Jackson, and SOOP partners in Meridian and Mashulaville, Mississippi. They also will be taking in Civil Rights experiences by hearing from an activist and going to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, as well as other sites. Email [Alumni-Trip@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:Alumni-Trip@MennoniteMission.net) for more information.

### **Conference to focus on faith and digital culture**

Faith formation leaders, come to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary March 2-5 to join other pastors, lay leaders, youth leaders, parents, and educators as we consider *Shaping Faith in a Digital Culture*. How do we nurture Christian identity in a digitally saturated culture? Featured speaker will be Karen-Marie Yust, M.Div., Th.D., author of *Real Kids, Real Faith* and professor of Christian education at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Learn more and register at [amb.edu/pastorsandleaders](http://amb.edu/pastorsandleaders).

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### **Service perspective**

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College of Wooster students participated in service projects at Wooster Mennonite Church on Martin Luther King Day. Find out more: <http://bit.ly/WoosterMennService>.

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Service Adventure is looking for a leader for the Jackson, Mississippi unit. Unit leaders are 24 years old or older, and live in community with 3-5 young adults, serving as mentors. For more information, contact [LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net).

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### **Immigration perspective**

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In December, Dan King, a member of the Immigration Resource Team, and his wife, Jeanette, spent two weeks volunteering with immigrants in San Antonio, Texas. His account of that experience is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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### **Perspective insert**

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The February issue of *Prayer Vine* is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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### **Perspective deadlines**

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Feb. 3 for Feb. 6 issue

Feb. 17 for Feb. 20 issue

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