

# Perspective

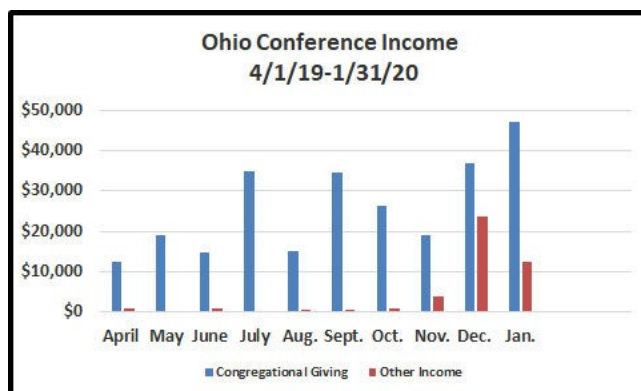


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## **Strong January giving erases deficit**

Giving to the Ohio Conference was strong for the second month in a row during January, resulting in a positive operating balance for the first time during this fiscal year.



According to figures supplied by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth, receipts for the month totaled \$59,642, including \$47,199 from congregations and \$11,312 from individuals. That monthly total was slightly lower than the \$60,581 received in December, but still much higher than in any other month during the fiscal year.

Expenses for the month were just \$26,463, resulting in a surplus of \$33,179 for the month. That surplus was enough to wipe out the previous cumulative operating deficit for the fiscal year. At the end of January, the Conference operating balance was \$22,155, the first time that number moved into positive territory during the 2019-20 fiscal year. Thank you to all who contributed! The Conference fiscal year ends March 31.

## **Registration open for Engaging Mission 2020**

Online registration is open for Engaging Mission 2020, an Ohio Conference missional festival planned for June 26-28 at Bluffton University. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/EngagingMission2020>.

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>.

**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.**

## **Scholarship perspective**

There is still time to apply for an Everence college scholarship. Regional recipients receive \$1,000 while national recipients can get up to \$3,000. Applications must be received by March 10, 2020. See eligibility requirements here: <https://www.everence.com/living-the-values/grants-and-scholarships-and-awards>.

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

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

## **Podcast focuses on building relationships**

The Ohio Conference Cast podcast is back with the third installment in a series exploring Missional Discipleship Groups. In this episode, Lucas Johnson of Valley View Mennonite Church in Spartansburg, Pennsylvania, talks with several people about how these small groups are building relationships and changing lives.

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>.

## **Credentialed leaders meet for discussion**

On Feb. 11 credentialed ministers from across Ohio Conference gathered at the Upper Sandusky Public Library. Thirty-five pastors and other credentialed leaders worshipped in song, dwelled in God’s Word together, discussed the recently released Mennonite Church USA Membership Guidelines Report, ate together, and prayed for one another. The biannual meeting is part of Ohio Conference’s Gathered and Sent initiative, which began in 2017. To see photos from this meeting, go to <http://bit.ly/Feb11Meeting>.

## **Open Arms to host ‘Gracias Banquet’**

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry is hosting its annual fundraising dinner, a “Gracias Banquet” on Thursday, March 19, at the Kidron Park Community Center. The meal will begin at 6 p.m. and will feature an enchilada dinner followed by a program of Open Arms ministry highlights. A freewill offering to benefit Open Arms will be taken.

RSVP by March 16 to [kara@openarmshispanicministry.org](mailto:kara@openarmshispanicministry.org) to reserve your place for this banquet. If you have questions, you may call Kara Shilling at the Open Arms office: 330-765-9955. You may also reserve online at the Open Arms website and on Facebook at <http://tinyurl.com/OpenArms2020>.

## **AMBS president’s inauguration set for April 19**

The AMBS Board of Directors is pleased to announce the inauguration of David Boshart, Ph.D., as the fourth President since Goshen Biblical Seminary and Mennonite Biblical Seminary incorporated as Associated (now Anabaptist) Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 1994. All are invited to take part in the celebration, which will be Sunday, April 19, from 2:30 to 4 pm. at Prairie Street Mennonite Church, 1316 Prairie St., Elkhart, Indiana.

## **Youth Venture offers summer service opportunity**

Calling everyone ages 15-22! Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve this summer? Join a 2020 Youth Venture team! See and join in the work God is doing in Spain, Colombia, Arizona, Peru, Nazareth Village, or Benin. Visit [www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve) to learn more, or contact Lauren Eash Hershberger at [LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net).

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## **ACA perspective**

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As a service project at Annual Conference Assembly (ACA), Ohio Conference will be collecting items for the Plain City Food Pantry. A list of suggested donations is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

ACA will take place March 7 at Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City. Have you registered yet? Online registration is available at <http://bit.ly/OCACA2020>.

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## **Service perspective**

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Service Adventure is a gap year program for young adults ages 17-20 that provides 10 ½ months of learning “in the field.” Take a break from the classroom, test out a vocation, experience self-discovery, all while serving God and living in Christian community. Learn more at [www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve).

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## **Perspective inserts**

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This issue of *Perspective* includes the March-April issue of *Prayer Prompter* and the March issue of *Prayer Vine*.

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## **Perspective deadlines**

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March 2 for March 5 issue

March 16 for March 19 issue

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