

Perspective



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Ohio Conference Cast: Ecumenical Rebuking

The newest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast is the final podcast in a series about Missional Discipleship Groups. Lucas Johnson of Valley View Mennonite Church in Spartansburg, Pennsylvania, talks with Nate, a member of his Missional Discipleship Group. Nate and Lucas talk about rebuking, ecumenism, ministry, and love — all from a guy’s perspective.



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>.

Oak Grove to host concert by Anthony Brown

Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville is hosting a concert by Anthony Brown, baritone, featuring the theme “Songs and Stories of Peace, Hope and Justice.” The concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. Using songs and stories from his international travels, Anthony Brown illustrates how music is a powerful tool for bringing people together.

A freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses. For more information, see the flier included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Engaging Mission 2020 to feature VMM workers

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.

Featured input speakers will be Seth and Theresa Crissman of Virginia Mennonite Missions. Interested in learning more about them? This past summer Theresa talked with Xaris Martínez as

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ACA perspective

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Annual Conference Assembly this Saturday at Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City. Check the latest issue of *Delegate News* at <http://bit.ly/DelegateNews3-3-2020> to see the narrative spending plan for 2020-21 and the slate of individuals for Conference positions.

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part of the Mennonite Church USA Archives Oral History Project. To hear their discussion, go to <http://bit.ly/TheresaPeacheyCrissman>. More information about Seth and Theresa is also available at <http://bit.ly/VMMCcrissmans>.

Maple Syrup Festival to support missions

Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Kidron will hold its 23rd annual Maple Syrup Festival including a pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday, March 28, from 7 to 10:30 a.m.

This annual event features locally-made maple syrup, and proceeds support missions, both local and international. For more details, please see the event flier included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Immigrant detainee care kits are touching lives

From Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes: Thank you for your generous, heart-warming response to the desperate needs of migrants in crisis at the southern U.S. border! Since June 2019, churches and individuals across the Great Lakes region donated more than 350 kits and more than \$65,000.

MCC has provided a fact sheet (included with this issue of *Perspective*) which shows how your gifts are being utilized through 11 local partners in Texas and Arizona. **Please note that MCC is not collecting any additional immigration detainee care kits at this time.** See mcc.org/kits to learn about other kits that are needed.

MHF seeks executive director

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) is seeking a half-time executive director to start between May and September 2020 who is committed to Anabaptist values and the mission of MHF, has proven skills in administration, communication, and networking, and has an intergenerationally compelling vision for MHF. Interested persons are invited to send a resume and statement of intent, including the broad strokes of your vision and thoughts about a strategic plan, to president@mennohealth.org. More information is available at www.mennohealth.org.

May issue of The Mennonite to focus on beauty

The Mennonite Inc. invites your original submissions for the May 2020 issue focusing on the theme “the presence of beauty.” Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than April 3. For more information about this theme, see <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteMay2020>.

Registration is open for Sent Conference 2020

Registration is now open for the Sent Conference 2020, a peace church conference for church planters which will take place April 24-26 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The 2020 gathering will offer times for worship, inspiration, resourcing, and networking. To learn more or to register, go to <http://bit.ly/Sent2020>.

Service perspective

Interested in partnering with others who care about restorative justice? Join an MVS unit in places like Chicago; Washington, D.C.; San Francisco; and Alamosa. Age: 20+; term: 1-2 years. Learn more at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

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You can't solve world hunger by yourself, but you can help! Join Fraser Valley Gleaners in Abbotsford, British Columbia, to process and dry local vegetables and make a dried soup mix for distribution to hungry people in developing countries around the world. Age: 25+; flexible term length. Learn more at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

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Wanted: Financial advisor to United Mission to Nepal, an interdenominational organization that exists to serve the poor and marginalized in the name and spirit of Christ. Work alongside Nepali professionals to ensure that sound financial practices are implemented to properly manage funds. Age: 21+; term: 3 months-2 years. Learn more at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Perspective deadlines

March 16 for March 19 issue

March 30 for April 2 issue
