

Perspective



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Fall regional meetings to be held online

Ohio Conference will hold fall regional meetings for delegates online this year rather than meeting in person. These meetings will have a missional focus and will include input from the Ohio Conference Missional Resource Team. All delegates to Annual Conference Assembly are encouraged to participate.



Four fall regional meetings are scheduled:

- Tuesday, Oct. 20 — Northeast Ohio
- Thursday, Oct. 22 — Northwest Ohio
- Tuesday, Oct. 27 — Wayne County/Holmes County
- Thursday, Oct. 29 — West Central/Southwest Ohio

All meetings will take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Login information for these meetings will be shared later.

Healthy Boundaries trainings set for fall

All Ohio Conference credentialed pastors are required to complete Healthy Boundaries training once every three years. This fall, the Conference will hold Healthy Boundaries 201 training events for pastors who have previously completed the Healthy Boundaries 101 training course.



Healthy Boundaries 201 will be offered online via Zoom. Pastors can choose one of two training dates, Oct. 10 or Nov. 7. Facilitators for these training events will be Andy Stoner and Jon Bohley, assisted by Vickie Yoder.

Due to licensing issues, Ohio Conference is not allowed to record these online training events for viewing at a later time. Conse-

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Lighthouse perspective

Based on guidance from the City of Canton's health department, Lighthouse Ministries in Canton is postponing the Over The Edge fundraiser originally scheduled for Sept. 4-5. This event will take place during spring 2021. For more information about Over The Edge, see <http://over-the-edge.cantonlighthouse.org>.

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quently, credentialed pastors will need to participate on one of the two training event dates. Please check future issues of *Perspective* for registration information.

Ohio Mennonite Relief sale will include online auction, in-person preview events

As was previously announced, the 2020 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale will be an online auction rather than an in-person auction. The online auction will take place Sept. 26-Oct. 3 on the sale website: <https://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org>.

Although the quilt and wood auctions will take place online, the Relief Sale Board is making plans for live auction-related events from Sept. 25 to Sept. 27. Events will include a socially distanced outdoor concert featuring Honeytown and Girl Named Tom, an auction preview, and a drive-through barbecue chicken dinner. Pie and ice cream also will be available.

The 2020 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale preview events will take place at the Sprunger Building, 4885 Kidron Road, Kidron, Ohio. For more details, please see the sale website: <https://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org>.

Connexus offers conflict transformation resources

When conflict occurs, how do we respond? Connexus, an organization serving Wayne County and Holmes County, is working to transform the culture of conflict by reconciling relationships and developing community.



Leaders from Connexus will present information about conflict transformation to two Wayne County congregations this month. Lydell Steiner and Craig Mast will lead "An Introduction to Connexus and Conflict Transformation" on Aug. 23 at Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville at 10:30 a.m. and on Aug. 30 at Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron at 9:30 a.m.

Lydell Steiner and Craig Mast will join both congregations for a conversation on ways to think about conflict when it arises in our lives and how Connexus is working to provide resources and training to the community. To learn more about Connexus, see <https://www.ourconnexus.com>.

MDS newsletter includes upcoming projects

The August edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS). In the current issue, you can read how MDS volunteers with Early Response Teams are working in Iowa and learn about engineers rolling up their sleeves in West Virginia and helping to build bridges they designed. You also will find out how MDS is cautiously planning for a few projects this fall. To read more, go to <https://conta.cc/3gfccYK>.

Assembly perspective

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ohio Conference is planning to hold the 2021 Missional Conference and Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) virtually rather than in person. These events will take place March 4-6, 2021. The featured speaker for both events will be Brad Roth, pastor and author of *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church*.

Worship perspective

A Worship Leader's Introduction to *Voices Together*. Join Katie Graber, Ph.D., and Anneli Loepp Thiessen, M.M., to explore how your worship can grow in vitality through understanding the new *Voices Together* hymnal within the unique culture of your church community. This online AMBS short course from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary lasts six weeks. CEUs are available. See ambs.edu/worshipleaders for details.

Perspective deadlines

Aug. 31 for Sept. 3 issue

Sept. 14 for Sept. 17 issue
