

Perspective



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Time is running out to apply for grants

Last call: There is still time to apply for an Ohio Conference Ministry Grant. **Aug. 10** is the deadline to submit a grant proposal to the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT). The MDT is accepting proposals from Conference congregations and related organizations for projects and mission initiatives. The MDT has **\$7,000** available for grants in 2020.

This year the MDT is seeking to provide grants for projects that address racial injustice and immigration issues.

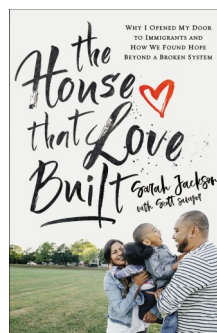
You may either submit an online application on the Ohio Conference website at <http://bit.ly/MinistryGrants> or mail a printed application form to Ohio Conference, Box 210, Kidron OH 44636. The MDT will consider all grant proposals at its **Aug. 27** meeting.



Immigration Resource Team recommends book

An update from the Ohio Conference Immigration Resource Team:

- Please keep in your prayers our many immigrant neighbors who are at greater risk of infection with COVID-19 — those in crowded detention centers, meat packing plants, etc. Consider a donation to Open Arms Hispanic Ministry or Brazo en Brazo, who are working directly with this population.
- Here is a **must-read**, hot off the press: [*The House that Love Built*](#) by Sarah Jackson. This book is the gripping story of a young Christian woman in Denver who was moved with compassion for immigrants in a local detention center. She opened her apartment to out-of-town families who were visiting loved ones in the detention center. Her actions have developed into a ministry that has grown to more than a thousand volunteers and its own hospitality house — Casa de Paz.



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School kit perspective

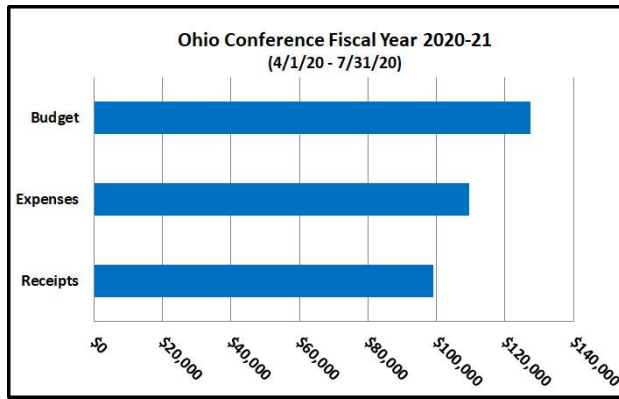
With the start of the new school year imminent, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is asking for your help. MCC needs an additional 70,000 school kits to fulfill requests from their partners around the world this year. Making a kit is a fun and easy way to provide life-changing support to children in need. To learn how to pack a school kit, go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school>.

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

Giving to Conference drops during July

Giving to Ohio Conference dropped sharply during July, according to figures provided by Conference Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.



Receipts for July totaled just \$11,300, compared to \$44,772 in June. Expenses for July totaled \$28,099, resulting in an operating balance of -\$16,799 for the month. As of July 31, the Conference's year-to-date operating balance was -\$10,613. The Conference fiscal year ends March 31, 2020.

MC USA to meet virtually for rest of 2020

(Mennonite Church USA) — Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has announced that it is adapting its meeting plans for the remainder of 2020, including the upcoming meetings of the Executive Board, the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) and the Racial Ethnic Council, as well as the Women Doing Theology conference. For more details, see <https://bit.ly/MCUSAVirtualMeetings2020>.

Peace center offers mediation skills training

Registration is now open for both sessions of Lombard Mennonite Peace Center's *Mediation Skills Training Institute* scheduled for this fall: Oct. 5-9 and Nov. 16-20. This workshop helps clergy and other church leaders deal more effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. Registrants will attend remotely via Zoom. A **\$200 discount** is available to those who register by the discount deadline. To register, go to <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/720852>.

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center also offers a variety of 90-minute webinars on timely topics, such as *Grief In the Time of COVID*. For more information about these and other events, please consult the [MSTI Brochure](#), [Clergy Clinic Brochure](#), or [LMPC Events Calendar](#), or visit <https://lmpeacecenter.org>. Questions? Email the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org or call 630-627-0507.

COVID-19 global response fund helps churches

Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 inter-agency task force has approved 21 relief proposals. Food and sanitation materials are part of all the proposals from Anabaptist member churches in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Read more about how these funds will be used at <https://bit.ly/MWCCOVID-19Fund>.

Parish Paper perspective

The August issue of *The Parish Paper* focuses on hospitality and looks at how churches can provide "third places" for people to gather beyond their homes and workplaces. The August issue is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Adriel perspective

Adriel will hold a benefit golf scramble on Monday, Sept. 14, at the Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance. Proceeds from this event will benefit children in Northwest Ohio and throughout the state through Adriel's foster care and adoption, clinical services, training, and family preservation programs. For more information or to register, go to <https://www.adriel.org/how-you-can-help/adriel-golf-outings>.

Witness perspective

Call for submissions:

Anabaptist Witness welcomes submissions of various genres (sermons, photo essays, interviews, biographies, poems, academic papers, etc.) for its April 2021 issue on "Worship and Witness." The deadline is Nov. 1, 2020. View submission guidelines at anabaptistwitness.org.

Perspective deadlines

Aug. 17 for Aug. 20 issue

Aug. 31 for Sept. 3 issue