

Perspective



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Register now for Healthy Boundaries training

Ohio Conference pastors and those in leadership, please mark your calendars for the Healthy Boundaries Training 201, which will take place virtually on Oct. 10 (Saturday) and Nov. 7 (Saturday). You may register for the day that suits you best. Training will run from 9 a.m. through 2:30 p.m.

Our instructors are Andrew Stoner and Jon Bohley, both trained by FaithTrust Institute. Due to licensing issues, **we are not able to record sessions to use as a resource at a later time.**

Please register online at <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents>.

Please complete your registration and order your course workbook as soon as possible. You may order your workbook as a printed copy or an e-book. (A list of instructions for ordering is included with this issue of *Perspective*.) Printed copies must be ordered by **Sept. 25** in order to arrive on time for the October training and by **Oct. 16** for the November training.

Healthy Boundaries Training is mandated every three years for credentialed persons in Ohio Conference. You will receive sign-on instructions prior to the meeting. It will be great to come together and see everyone again! If you have any questions, you may contact Vickie Yoder, Credentialing Ministry Team chairperson (Rev.vickieyoder@gmail.com).

Ministry Development Team awards grants

The Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT) has awarded four grants totaling \$7,000. The MDT approved these grants at its Aug. 27 meeting. Grants will provide funds toward the following projects:

Student Study Center — Beginning in the fall of 2021, First Mennonite Church of Canton and Lighthouse Ministries plan to be an extension site of Bethel University (Indiana). Bethel is beginning a new program called the Bethel University Extension Program (BU-X) in which the university partners with local churches and community organizations to offer high-quality, affordable college degree programs to members of their commu-

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Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes the September-October 2020 issue of *Prayer Prompter* and the September issue of *The Parish Paper*.

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nities. Grant funds will help to furnish a section of First Mennonite Church's building so it can be transformed into a student study center for the BU-X program.

Combined Church Video Series — Several Wayne County congregations are joining together to focus on intercultural ministry and racial reconciliation. Participating congregations include Salem Mennonite (Wooster), Salem Mennonite (Kidron), Crown Hill Mennonite, Orrville Mennonite, Martins Mennonite, Oak Grove Mennonite (Smithville), and Wooster Mennonite, as well as Open Arms Hispanic Ministries.

They plan to record videos with a variety of individuals who can share from their own experiences and expertise on racism in America. Grant funds will help to pay an honorarium to Hospice of Wooster, which is not charging for the use of its facilities, equipment and staff to make the videos.

Racial Equity as a Christian Commitment — Central Christian School in Kidron is focusing on increasing capacity for racial equity as a Christian community. For several days in the spring of 2021, Central Christian will have a Christian/faith-based educator present on the topic of racial equity and reconciliation. The content and curriculum of the sessions will contain both pre- and post-session reflections and work for deeper transformation. Grant funds will help bring this presenter to Central.

Community Garden Expansion — Orrville Mennonite Church is providing community garden space to residents of a nearby apartment complex which offers housing for low-income persons. Grant funds will help bring a water line to the garden area and provide a shed for participants to store their gardening equipment.

MDS plans response to Hurricane Laura

A message from Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS): Please pray for those impacted by Hurricane Laura. This storm created widespread damage throughout eastern Texas, western Louisiana and other parts of the South. MDS is closely monitoring the situation and is preparing a response.

If you're interested in volunteering, please fill out the online volunteer registration form at <https://mds.volunteermatrix.com/system/matrix/e.php?ID=40>.

MDS is accepting financial donations for Hurricane Laura recovery efforts. You can give online at <https://mds.mennonite.net/donate>.

MWC Assembly postponed until 2022

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) has decided to postpone the global assembly until 2022. The new date of the assembly is July 5–10, 2022. In close consultation with the National Advisory Committee in host country Indonesia, the Executive Committee of MWC has decided not to hold the international gathering in 2021 as originally announced. For more details, see <http://bit.ly/2022MWCAssembly>.

Immigration perspective

Malone University is co-sponsoring an online event focusing on immigration on Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Immigration Ohio 2020: Complex Questions and Solutions with Dignity" will feature keynote speakers Jill Stoltzfus and Ali Noorani. The event will also include panels of Ohio leaders in business, health care and immigration law, as well as pastors and students. Register for this free event at www.malone.edu/immigrationOhio. Please see the event flier included in this issue of *Perspective* for more information.

Open Arms perspective

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry will hold an online program, "Open Arms Live Online," on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. The program will include updates on how Open Arms is working to meet the needs of Hispanics during the time of COVID-19. Speakers will include Open Arms Executive Director Haroldo Nunes and Dan King, who serves as chair of the Open Arms Board. John Schmid will lead music. To access this event, go to tinyurl.com/OAHMLive. See the enclosed flier for more information.

Perspective deadlines

Sept. 14 for Sept. 17 issue

Sept. 28 for Oct. 1 issue
