

# Perspective



Ohio Conference  
of Mennonite  
Church USA

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## **Regional meetings begin next week**

Regional meetings for Ohio Conference delegates begin next week. Four regional meetings are scheduled:

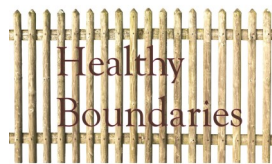
- Tuesday, Oct. 20 — Northeast Ohio
- Thursday, Oct. 22 — Northwest Ohio
- Tuesday, Oct. 27 — Wayne County/Holmes County
- Thursday, Oct. 29 — West Central/Southwest Ohio



All meetings will take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the Zoom videoconferencing platform. Login information for these meetings is included in the latest issue of *Delegate News*. If delegates in your congregation have not received *Delegate News*, please share it with them and send their contact information to Judy King, Ohio Conference administrative assistant, at [ohmc@zoominternet.net](mailto:ohmc@zoominternet.net).

## **Nov. 7 is next Healthy Boundaries training**

A reminder for pastors and other credentialed leaders: Ohio Conference will hold a second online Healthy Boundaries 201 training session on Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (The first training was held Oct. 10.)



All credentialed leaders are required to receive Healthy Boundaries training every three years to remain credentialed.

If you are planning on signing up for the Nov. 7 training session, please do so soon and order a copy of the workbook for this training by **Oct. 16** in order to guarantee delivery by Nov. 7. “Ship times are slower right now due to increased mail prior to the election,” notes Conference Administrative Assistant Judy King.

For more information, see <http://bit.ly/2020HealthyBoundaries>. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents>. If you have further questions, please contact Judy King at 330-857-5421 or [ohmc@zoominternet.net](mailto:ohmc@zoominternet.net).

***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.***

## **Convention perspective**

**M**ennoCon21, the Mennonite Church USA Convention, is scheduled to take place July 6-10, 2021, in Cincinnati. Planners intend for this convention to be a hybrid event, meaning that there will be both in-person and virtual programming. Learn more in the first *MennoCon21* newsletter, included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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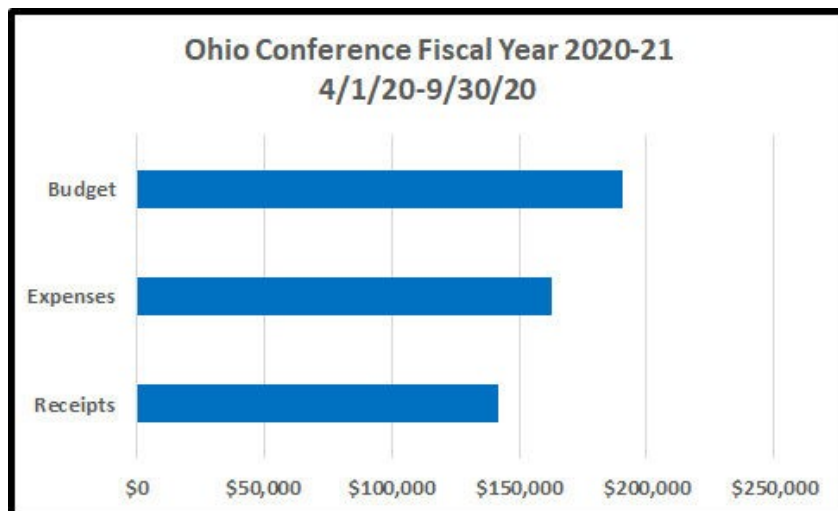
- Pastor(s)
- Church chairperson
- Youth sponsor(s)
- Delegates
- Duplicate for other church leaders

## Deficit increases during September

Giving to the Ohio Conference dropped during September, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth. Receipts for September were \$17,699, down from the \$24,910 received in August.

Expenses for September totaled \$26,288, resulting in a deficit of \$8,589 for the month.

As of Sept. 30, the Conference's operating balance for the 2020-21 fiscal year was -\$21,304. The Conference's fiscal year ends March 31, 2021.



## Video training available for abuse prevention

The Dove's Nest, an organization committed to empowering faith communities to keep children and youth safe from abuse in their churches, homes and communities, has a new video resource available.

This new safety and abuse prevention training video for adult volunteers is now available to churches for a one-time fee of \$75.

In 38 minutes, the video covers these topics:

- Child abuse and Jesus's message regarding safety for children
- Why and how to implement a child protection policy
- An overview of the *Circle of Grace* curriculum
- Reporting suspected abuse
- Tech safety and social media, as well as child-on-child perpetration
- Consent and safe touch

You can see a one-minute preview of the training on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/DovesNestTrainingVideo>.

For more information and instructions on how to purchase a copy of this video, please see <https://dovesnest.net/NEW-38-Minute-Training-Video-Available>.

If you have further questions, contact Anna Groff, executive director of Dove's Nest, at [anna@DovesNest.net](mailto:anna@DovesNest.net).

## Seminary perspective

**Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.** Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this 2-1/2-year distance-friendly nondegree AMBS program! Participants explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry through online study and meetings with a dedicated mentor. Apply for Winter 2021 by Dec. 15 and save \$100! See [ambs.edu/journey](http://ambs.edu/journey) for details.

## Podcast perspective

Podcast fans: MennoMedia and *Leader* magazine have begun a new podcast series, the -ing Podcast. This podcast, hosted by Rev. Dr. Dennis Edwards and Allison Maus, explores questions such as: How are people of faith bringing their best selves to the world each day? How are we living, growing, and being as people of God? To listen, go to <http://bit.ly/-ingPodcast>.

## Perspective deadlines

Nov. 2 for Nov. 5 issue

Nov. 16 for Nov. 19 issue