

Perspective



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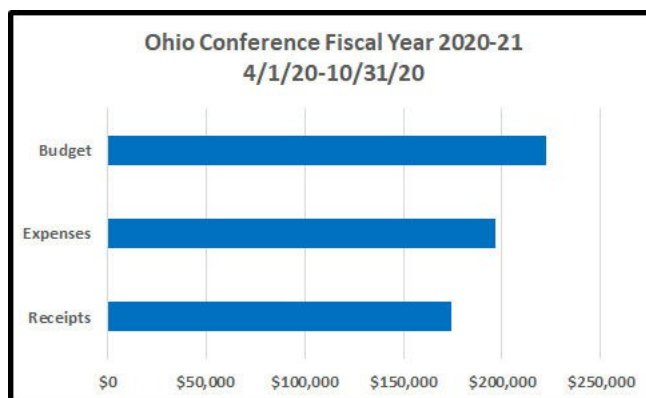
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Deficit increases slightly during October

Ohio Conference's deficit increased slightly during October, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.

Expenses for October totaled \$33,829, while receipts during the same time period were slightly lower, \$32,631. As a result, the Conference had a deficit of \$1,198 for the month. As of Oct. 31, the Conference showed a deficit of \$22,502 for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Giving from congregations totaled \$30,700 in October, which was up considerably from the \$17,149 received from congregations during September. **We give thanks for your contributions to the work of the Ohio Conference, especially during these challenging times!** The Conference's fiscal year ends March 31, 2021.



Hurricane recovery donations sought

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) asks for support for Central American hurricane recovery: Not one hurricane, but two hurricanes within two weeks have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organizations to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online at mcc.org/eta-iota-relief, by phone at 888-563-4676, or by mail at MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

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.

Advent perspective

Mennonite Church USA is offering a free webinar, "Advent with Children," on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. ET. Talashia Keim Yoder, writer of this year's "[Advent at Home](#)" devotional, will share simple ways to celebrate Advent as a family, as well as various ways to use the devotional. Please register **today** (Nov. 19) at <https://bit.ly/37Lttbo>.

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- Pastor(s)
- Church chairperson
- Youth sponsor(s)
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Ohio MCC Comforter Bash is postponed

The Ohio MCC Comforter Bash originally scheduled for April 2021 has been postponed for one year. In the meantime, MCC encourages you to continue making comforters for MCC in your homes or churches. These handmade comforters bring hope and comfort to the people who receive them. They provide not only warmth, but also a tangible message that their needs are not forgotten. MCC also invites you to continue making comforter tops and backs (60" x 80"), and they will collect them at the Material Resources Center in Kidron for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash in April 2022. Contact Sarah Geiser at SarahGeiser@mcc.org or 330-201-4515 for more information.

Goshen College offers online Advent devotions

As the Advent season begins, Goshen College is offering online devotions once again. Beginning Nov. 23 and culminating on Christmas Day, Goshen College students, faculty and staff will provide reflections three days each week based on the upcoming Sunday's lectionary Scripture passages, available online at www.goshen.edu/devotions. To receive these devotions by email, go to www.goshen.edu/devotions/subscribe.

Writers will reflect on the theme: "On the road..." from Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada worship resources. Writers will provide three devotions weekly, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Online dedication planned for Voices Together

MennoMedia is holding an online dedication launch event for the new *Voices Together* hymnal on Dec. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. ET. This event will include a time to worship with new songs and resources, hear stories, and offer blessings for *Voices Together* and all who receive it. After this time of worship, there will be an overview of the process of creating *Voices Together* and a time for questions with committee members. This event is free, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Register at <https://bit.ly/VoicesTogetherLaunch>.



Journey program provides theological training

When God calls someone to ministry, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Ohio Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is for pastors and other congregational leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or people who are exploring a call to pastoral ministry. The early application deadline for Winter 2021 is Dec. 15. For more information visit www.amsb.edu/journey or contact Conference Minister Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com or at 937-935-2549.

Leadership perspective

Last call for responses: Recently the Leadership Development Resource Team asked leaders from Ohio Conference congregations to complete a survey on women in leadership. The team would like to hear from pastors and lay leaders of **all** Ohio Conference congregations. Have we heard from your congregation yet? If not, please complete this survey by **tomorrow, Nov. 20**. Go to <https://bit.ly/OCWomenInLeadershipSurvey> to take the survey.

Relief sale perspective

The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Board will discuss results from the 2020 sale during a Zoom meeting Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. If you would like to join this meeting and hear about the results, see <https://bit.ly/ReliefSaleWrap-Up>.

Joyful perspective

Where and how do you find joy these days? *Anabaptist World* invites your original submissions for the Dec. 25 issue focusing on the theme "Joy to the World." For more information about this theme, see <https://bit.ly/AnabaptistWorld25Dec2020>.

Perspective deadlines

Nov. 30 for Dec. 3 issue
Dec. 14 for Dec. 17 issue
