

Perspective



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Pastors invited to experience 'The Joy of Rest'

Dan Schrock will be the presenter for "The Joy of Rest," a spiritual direction retreat for pastors, on Tuesday, Feb. 16. This online retreat will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Zoom videoconferencing platform.



In a brief video, Dan Schrock reflects on the importance of rest in the life of pastors, and he invites all Ohio Conference pastors to take part in this retreat. You can view this video at <http://bit.ly/TheJoyofRestInvitation>.

Registration cost for this retreat is \$15. Please register online at <https://bit.ly/TheJoyofRest> no later than **Feb. 9**.

Have you registered for ACA yet?

Have you registered for Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) and the 2021 missional conference yet?



The 2021 ACA will be a virtual one-day event, taking place March 6 on the Zoom videoconferencing platform.

The theme for the 2021 ACA is "Come and See! The Mission of the Church in God's Country." The registration fee is \$20 per person. After Feb. 26, the registration fee increases to \$25 per person.

You can register for ACA online at <http://bit.ly/OCACA2021>. For more information about ACA, please see <http://bit.ly/ACAInfo2021>.

Registration is also open for the 2021 missional conference on March 4 and 5. Pastor and author Brad Roth will be the featured speaker for this online event, which also will focus on the theme "Come and See! The Mission of the Church in God's Country."

Registration cost for this event is \$20 per person. For more information, please see <http://bit.ly/2021MissionalConferenceInfo>. To register online, go to <https://bit.ly/2021MissionalConference>.

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Education perspective

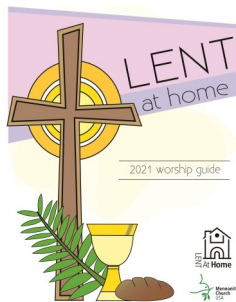
The search has begun for the next executive director of Mennonite Education Agency (MEA). A profile of the agency and a job description are available on the MEA website: <http://bit.ly/News-MEA>.

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MC USA offers Lent at Home guide

(Mennonite Church USA) — Mennonite Church USA's (MC USA) 2021 Lent at Home worship guide is now available. The annual guide for home-based worship provides daily and weekly scripture readings, prayers and rituals for individuals and families observing Lent, the period of prayer and reflection from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, to Easter, April 4.



“In today's divided society, we are challenged to remain grounded in the reality of God's love and in our Christian identity,” said Shana Peachey Boshart, MC USA denominational minister for Faith Formation. “The Lent at Home guide offers a way for us to pause in our homes to worship God, reflect on God's gracious character and actions, and be shaped into a people who join in God's loving activity in the world.”

The 2021 Lent at Home guide encourages worshippers to engage with Scripture through reflections from Genesis and the four Gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry.

The guide also features at-home rituals for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, as well as links to recipe ideas and an Easter music playlist. Download the guide at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home/>.

Scholarship fund supports seminary students

ELKHART, Indiana — For the past 30 years an endowed scholarship at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) has helped dozens of students pursue pastoral leadership education, and now AMBS has begun a campaign to celebrate the aid given and raise funds for continued student support.

Since its inception in 1990, the **Paul M. and Bertha M. Miller Pastoral Leadership Scholarship** has benefited 38 graduate students at the Elkhart, Indiana, seminary with \$120,419 in tuition aid.

One of the recipients of this scholarship is **Sue Short**, a member of the pastoral team at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold who is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. “I came to AMBS as a congregant who had been tapped on the shoulder and who had felt the calling toward pastoral ministry,” she said. “The support of this scholarship has been vital to me as I continue to explore and lean into God's direction for my life.”

As part of a 30-year anniversary campaign, AMBS's Advancement Team and the donors' four children are seeking to add \$30,000 to the fund — \$1,000 for every year in which it has aided students. To learn more about the campaign, please see <http://bit.ly/AMBSScholarshipCampaign>.

Meeting perspective

Ohio Conference will hold online winter meetings for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly. Four regional meetings are planned:

- Feb. 2 — Wayne County/Holmes County
- Feb. 4 — West Central/Southwest Ohio
- Feb. 9 — Northeast Ohio
- Feb. 11 — Northwest Ohio

All meetings will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For login information, please contact Judy King at ohmc@zoominternet.net.

Prayer perspective

Ohio Conference's Leadership Team is composed of Lynn Miller, Paula Snyder Belousek, Dean Falb, Alvis Pettker, Vickie Yoder, Dick Barrett, Judy King and Alysa Short. You are invited to keep them all in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit be present as they continue to guide and direct Conference.

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The February issue of *Prayer Vine*, included with this issue of *Perspective*, includes prayer requests from Mennonite Mission Network.

Perspective deadlines

Feb. 2 for Feb. 4 issue

Feb. 16 for Feb. 18 issue
