

Perspective



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Registration is open for ACA

Registration is now open for the 2021 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) of the Ohio Conference. 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.

We encourage all delegates to register for ACA online at <http://bit.ly/OCACA2021>. For more information about ACA, please see <http://bit.ly/ACAInfo2021>.

Spiritual direction retreat is for pastors

Ohio Conference will hold “The Joy of Rest,” a spiritual direction retreat for pastors, on Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Zoom videoconferencing platform.



Led by pastor, teacher and spiritual director Dan Schrock, this retreat will focus on spiritual practices, including sabbath. The registration fee for this event is \$15. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/TheJoyofRest>.

Voices Together event is set for Saturday

MennoMedia is holding an online launch event for the new hymnal *Voices Together* on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. ET. The event is being held in conjunction with the 2021 Music & Worship Leaders Retreat at Laurelville.



This online event is free and open to the public, but registration is required to receive the Zoom login information. Register at <http://bit.ly/VoicesTogetherJan9>.

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.

Delegate perspective

The latest issue of *Delegate News* includes the schedule for winter regional meetings for delegates, which will take place in February. Also included is information about Annual Conference Assembly and the 2021 missional conference. You can read *Delegate News* at <https://conta.cc/2LeFwon>.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

AMBS to offer two new scholarships

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in Elkhart, Indiana, is offering two new scholarships.

The **Multicultural Church Scholarship** is for students who are currently serving in or preparing for ministry assignments in a multicultural context and/or who belong to historically underrepresented racial or ethnic groups within the Mennonite Church. Each year, this award will provide a limited number of **100-percent tuition grants to full-time students** beginning a master's program, or a limited number of **75-percent tuition grants to part-time students** beginning a master's program.

The **MDiv Connect Student Scholarship** provides a limited number of **75-percent tuition grants** to students beginning the Master of Divinity (MDiv) Connect program.

Recipients of either scholarship can reside anywhere in the U.S. or Canada and do not need to move to the AMBS campus in Indiana to pursue seminary studies. They may receive these scholarships for the stated length of their academic program by meeting certain conditions. Applicants must be from the U.S. or Canada and be a member in good standing of a congregation that is affiliated with Mennonite World Conference or a related Anabaptist group.

The application deadline for these scholarships is **March 1**. Applicants must have been admitted to AMBS by March 1 to be considered for scholarships. For more information, please see ams.edu/grow or contact Teresa Thompson Sherrill, enrollment and financial aid specialist, at tsherrill@ams.edu or 800-964-2627 ext. 227.

Conversations to focus on immigration

A note from the Immigration Resource Team: Evangelical Immigration Table is launching a series of virtual conversations about immigration which will be held each Thursday in January, starting **today, Jan. 7**, at 1 p.m. ET.

Today's conversation will focus on the topic "Discipleship in Politically Polarized Times." Scott Arbeiter of World Relief and Beth Cossin of the Wesleyan Church will serve as hosts. To learn more or to register, go to <https://evangelicalimmigrationtable.com/2021convening>.

Conflict transformation is workshop topic

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) is offering an online workshop, "Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches," on Feb. 13 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.

Although a normal part of life, conflict is usually seen as something negative. Participants in this workshop will acquire the knowledge and skills to transform conflict into a force for positive change and spiritual growth. For more information, please see <https://lmpeacecenter.org/events-page/conflict-transformation-skills>. To register, go to <https://lmpeacecenter.org/ticketspice>.

MWC perspective

How did the pandemic affect Mennonite World Conference (MWC) during 2020, and what lessons were learned? MWC's annual year-in-review video explores how member congregations and the organization as a whole adjusted to new realities and found new ways of following Jesus. You are invited to download this short video from the MWC website and show it to your congregation: <http://bit.ly/2020MWCYearReview>.

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Pastor Anton Sidharta of Maranatha, Indonesia, shares tips for creating engaging online events in a blog post on the Mennonite World Conference website. Read it at <http://bit.ly/MWCOOnlineEvents>.

Perspective deadlines

Jan. 19 for Jan. 21 issue

Feb. 2 for Feb. 4 issue
