

Perspective



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Register for ACA by Feb. 26

There's still time to register for Annual Conference Assembly! Online registration is open for the 2021 missional conference on March 4 and 5 and Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) on March 6. Both events will take place on the Zoom videoconferencing platform.



Brad Roth, pastor and author of *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church*, will be the presenter for the missional conference. He also will be the speaker for the worship service during ACA.

Registration for both events is due **Feb. 26**. After that date, the registration fee for ACA increases from \$20 to \$25 per person, and the registration fee for the missional conference also increases from \$20 to \$25 per person.

To register for the missional conference, go to <https://bit.ly/2021MissionalConference>.

To register for ACA, go to <https://bit.ly/OCACA2021>.

Strong January giving erases deficit

After running a deficit for most of the current fiscal year, Ohio Conference ended January with a positive operating balance, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.

Receipts for the month totaled \$48,939, including \$40,278 in giving from congregations. Expenses for January totaled just \$28,442, resulting in a surplus of \$20,497 for the month.



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.

Lent perspective

During Lent Goshen College is offering online devotions focusing on the theme "Deep Calls to Deep." Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Goshen College students, faculty and staff provide reflections based on the upcoming Sunday's lectionary scripture passages. You can read these devotions online at www.goshen.edu/devotions. To receive the devotions by email, go to www.goshen.edu/devotions/subscribe.

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That surplus was large enough to erase the previous year-to-date operating deficit. As of the end of January, the year-to-date operating balance was \$19,855. Many thanks to all who contributed during January. We appreciate your support! The Ohio Conference fiscal year ends March 31, 2021.

Webinar features Ohio pastors

“Speak the Truth in Love,” a webinar provided by Mennonite Mission Network this evening at 7 p.m., will feature two Ohio Conference pastors.

Vikki Pruitte-Sorrells, pastor of Lee Heights Community Church in Cleveland, and Kevin Himes, pastor of Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron, will be featured panelists. Ann Jacobs of Mennonite Mission Network will host this webinar, which will celebrate relationships and consider how to mend divides that are caused primarily by fear and racial stereotyping.

To learn more about this webinar, see <https://www.mennonitemission.net/events/Speak-the-truth-in-love>. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/MMNFeb18Webinar>.

MyNeighbor credit card purchases can support your congregation

You can support your church every time you buy groceries, gas and other items — with the MyNeighbor card from Everence.

When you use the MyNeighbor credit card for your purchases, Everence donates 1.5 % of the transaction total to your church or other selected organization — your *Neighbor*.

It’s a great way to provide financial support, with no additional cost to you. Plus, you can change your Neighbor at any time through the MyNeighbor dashboard. Funds from the MyNeighbor program are distributed each January. Through the MyNeighbor program, Everence Financial [donated over \\$345,000](#) in January 2021 to 511 charitable organizations and congregations, including many in Ohio.

This January the Ohio Conference received **\$508.96** from the MyNeighbor program. In addition, Ohio Conference congregations received a total of **\$1,884.01**.

To apply, or for more information, visit everence.com/MyNeighbor.

MennoMedia shares answers to copyright and licensing questions

Church services on Zoom, streaming, podcasting, screensharing — all of these practices raise questions of copyright, especially in relation to the new *Voices Together* worship and song collection.

MennoMedia has assembled a comprehensive resource to answer all of your copyright questions. Up-to-date information, downloadable pdfs, and specifics about the *Voices Together* audio recordings and projection edition can all be found on the MennoMedia website at <http://bit.ly/MennoMediaCopyrightAnswers>.

Worldwide perspective

Would you like to hear from Mennonites from other parts of the world?

As many congregations currently are worshipping through online services, Mennonite World Conference (MWC) guest speakers can connect local congregations with the global church. MWC’s officers can join a service as guest preacher or as presenter to share stories about the global family. To learn more, see <https://mwc-cmm.org/stories/invite-mwc-speaker>.

Writer’s perspective

Anabaptist World invites your original submissions for an upcoming issue focusing on the theme “What if they don’t come back?” For many of us, the coronavirus pandemic has uprooted church as we know it. Congregational life, and the community that it creates, has shifted, revealing unexpected challenges and opportunities.

Article length should be about 600 to 1,200 words. Submissions are due to editor@anabaptistworld.org by March 1. For more information about this theme, see <http://bit.ly/AnabaptistWorldWhatIf>.

Perspective deadlines

March 9 for March 11 issue

March 23 for March 25 issue
