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Register for *The Joy of Rest* by Feb. 9

Last call: There is still time to register for *The Joy of Rest*, a spiritual direction retreat for pastors. The retreat will take place Tuesday, Feb. 16, on the Zoom videoconferencing platform.



Dan Schrock will be the presenter for this retreat, which will focus on spiritual practices, including sabbath. The registration deadline for this event is **Feb. 9**. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/TheJoyofRest>.

MC USA to hold virtual Delegate Assembly

The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA has voted to hold the denomination's biennial Delegate Assembly **online** due to uncertainty around COVID-19 gathering restrictions. Originally scheduled to meet in person on July 6-10, 2021, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Delegate Assembly will meet virtually on Saturday, July 10, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.

While the 2021 MC USA Delegate Assembly will be a virtual event, the denomination is still planning a hybrid MennoCon21 convention with in-person events to take place in Cincinnati.

MC USA convention staff are continuing to move forward with previously announced plans for a hybrid MennoCon21 convention, centered on worship, fellowship and education. To learn more about the online Delegate Assembly and plans for MennoCon21, please see <http://bit.ly/2021MCUSAAssembly>.

MWC seeks new chief operations officer

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) is seeking a new Chief Operations Officer, starting in April 2021. The position is based in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

The COO must have competencies in accounting and financial reporting, maintaining corporate status in Canada and the USA, developing administrative policies for the North American offices, managing human resources and information technology for staff and participating in senior leadership. The COO participates in the senior leadership team, develops budgets in collaboration

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Scholarship perspective

Everence is continuing its college scholarship program for the 2021-2022 school year and will be accepting applications through March 10, 2021. The program awards scholarships of \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000. To be eligible, the student or the student's parent must own or be using an Everence product. For more details or to apply, visit everence.com/college-scholarships.

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with other staff, and makes presentations to the Executive Committee and General Council.

The application closing date is Feb. 26, with an April 19 start date. For more details, please see mwc-cmm.org/coo.

Video conversations focus on immigration

During the month of January, Evangelical Immigration Table hosted a series of video conversations about immigration. Recordings of these conversations are available for viewing on Evangelical Immigration Table's website: <https://evangelicalimmigrationtable.com/2021convening>.

Topics featured were "Discipleship in Politically Polarized Times," "The Mission on Our Doorsteps," "Evangelical Priorities for Immigration Policy in the Biden Administration and the 117th Congress," and "Faith, Work, Economics and Immigration."

Dan King, a member of the Ohio Conference Immigration Resource Team, says of these video conversations, "I've seen them and vouch for their high quality."

Camp Luz plans Men's Solitude Retreat

Camp Luz will hold a Men's Solitude Retreat Feb. 26 and 27. This retreat will be focused on solitude and personal reflection based on a theme from Esther 4:14b, which says, "And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Retreat organizers will have a set of devotions for participants to use throughout the retreat that will focus on several people of the Bible and how God used them for a specific purpose.

For more information or to register, please see <https://www.campluz.com/mens-retreat.html>.

Join MCC's Great Winter Warm-up

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) invites you to join the **Great Winter Warm-up: At Home** this winter.

Last year, countless volunteers generously gave their time and talents to create more than 9,000 comforters at events across Canada, the U.S. and Europe. This year, MCC is asking people to stay safe and participate by making comforters at home instead. More information, including written instructions and how-to videos, are available at <http://bit.ly/2021GreatWinterWarm-Up>.

Peacebuilding institute offering online courses

The Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI) at Eastern Mennonite University will be conducting its May and June courses online this year, due to uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SPI is offering courses in the areas of trauma awareness, restorative and social justice, leadership and management, and conflict transformation skills. For more information, see <https://emu.edu/spi>.

Meeting perspective

Ohio Conference is holding online winter meetings for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly. Three regional meetings remain:

- 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.

ACA perspective

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.

Registration for both events is due Feb. 26. To register for the missional conference, go to <https://bit.ly/2021MissionalConference>.

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

Mission perspective

This issue of *Perspective* includes bulletin announcements for February from Mennonite Mission Network.

Perspective deadlines

Feb. 16 for Feb. 18 issue

March 9 for March 11 issue
