

Perspective

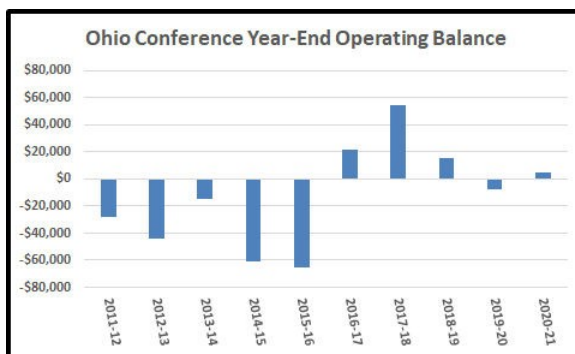


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Conference ends fiscal year in the black

The Ohio Conference has ended the 2020-21 fiscal year in the black, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth. On March 31, 2021, the Conference finished the 2020-21 fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$4,944.



In comparison, the Conference finished the 2019-20 fiscal year with a deficit of \$7,484. Over the past decade, the Conference has ended its fiscal year with a surplus four times and a deficit six times. (See the accompanying chart for details.)

Receipts and expenses for the month of March were fairly balanced, resulting in an operating surplus of just \$58 for the month.

In 2020-21, giving from congregations totaled \$285,083, while individuals gave \$52,370. Our thanks go out to all congregations and individuals who contributed to the Ohio Conference during this past fiscal year!

Explore a call to ministry with Journey

Please put this announcement in your church bulletin for the next three weeks:

When God calls someone to leadership, 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 is for lay leaders, pastors, church planters, and other emerging leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to ministry. The early registration deadline to apply for fall 2021 is July 13, with the final registration deadline on Aug. 10. For more information visit www.ambs.edu/journey or contact your pastor, or Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com or 937-935-2549.

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.

Workshop perspective

Ohio Conference held a series of online workshops during March and April. If you missed them, don't worry. You can view recordings of these workshops on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/ACAWorkshops>. Many thanks to all our workshop presenters!

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

MCC Comforter Bash is rescheduled

A note from Mennonite Central Committee (MCC): The Ohio MCC Comforter Bash originally scheduled for April 2021 has been postponed for one year. In the meantime, we encourage 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. We also invite you to continue making comforter tops and backs (60" x 80"), and we 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.

Anabaptist World seeks article submissions

Anabaptist World invites your original submissions for an upcoming issue focusing on the theme "Wise Managers?" How are Anabaptists doing as stewards — as caretakers of community resources and personal assets, financial and otherwise?

Article length should be about 600 to 1,200 words. Submissions are due to editor@anabaptistworld.org by May 3. For more information about this theme, see <http://bit.ly/AnabaptistWorldWiseManagers>.

MWC 2022 Assembly to be hybrid event

After deciding to offer the Mennonite World Conference assembly in Indonesia as a hybrid in-person and online event July 5-10, 2022, program committee members and assembly staff are exploring online opportunities. See <http://bit.ly/MWC2022Assembly> for more information.

VT accompaniment edition recalled

Due to a manufacturing defect with the binding, MennoMedia is recalling the accompaniment edition of *Voices Together*. If you would like a replacement copy, please fill out the online form at <http://bit.ly/VTRecall> by May 1, 2021. After the May 1 deadline, replacement copies will no longer be provided.

If you are unsure if your copy is a recalled version or not, please note that the replacement copies of the accompaniment edition are shrink-wrapped. If you have received a shrink-wrapped copy, you do not need to do anything.

Peacebuilding courses to be held online

May 11 is the deadline to register for the Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI) at Eastern Mennonite University. SPI will be conducting its May and June courses online this year, due to uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Courses begin the week of May 17 and run through June 18. 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>.

Fund-raising perspective

Open Arms Hispanic Ministries will hold a fund-raising event, the Open Arms Fellowship Fiesta, on July 17 at Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville. This event will be a boxed-lunch picnic. More details will follow.

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Adriel will hold a virtual benefit auction May 6-8. You can preview the items being offered beginning Saturday, May 1. Proceeds are used to benefit children and families in need. For more information, see www.adriel.org.

Memorial perspective

Midway Mennonite Church will hold a memorial service for Ernest Martin on Saturday, May 8, at 11 a.m. Ernest served as Midway's pastor from 1951 to 1989. The church is located at 13376 Columbiana-Canfield Road, Columbiana. To see a copy of Ernest's obituary, go to <http://bit.ly/ErnestDMartin>.

Perspective insert

The May issue *Prayer Vine* is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Perspective deadlines

May 4 for May 6 issue

May 18 for May 20 issue
