

# Perspective



Ohio Conference  
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Church USA

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## **Register now for Pastor-Spouse Retreat**

Ohio Conference will hold a Pastor-Spouse Retreat Nov. 12-14 at the Mills Park Hotel in Yellow Springs, Ohio. The registration cost is \$240 per couple.

The theme of this event will be “Live and Laugh.” Pastors and their spouses are invited to find the joy in the everyday through laughter and stories. **Due to the size of this venue, a limited number of rooms are available for this event, so register early.**



A brochure with more information about this retreat is included with this issue of *Perspective*. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2021Pastor-Spouse>.

## **Online workshop series continues**

Ohio Conference is continuing its series of workshops held on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. These free online workshops are open to everyone, and we invite you to come and learn more about the Lord’s work.



**Tonight, April 8**, Matthew Peterson will lead the workshop “Creating a Culture of Ordinary Goodness.” During World War II, the town of Le Chambon, a small, conservative, agricultural town in rural France, played a central role in the rescue operation of as many as 5,000 refugees, including 3,500 Jews. André Trocmé, who was a pacifist and the pastor at the French Reformed Church in Le Chambon during this time, played a critical role in inspiring these rescue efforts. This workshop will examine what Mennonite pastors and congregations, particularly in rural areas, can learn from Trocmé and the villagers of Le Chambon.

On **Thursday, April 15**, Alan Kauffman will lead the workshop “Rooted and Grounded: Faith, Land and Creation.” You are invited to come and see examples of what gives us roots and be re-

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## **Memorial perspective**

**M**idway 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 Columbi-ana-Canfield Road, Columbiana. To see a copy of Ernest’s obituary, go to <http://bit.ly/ErnestDMartin>.

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- Youth sponsor(s)
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minded of the awesomeness of God's Creation with examples from scripture, life and science. Participants will have a renewed appreciation of the awesomeness of God and the importance of stewarding what He has put in our care.

You can register for either of these workshops at <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents>.

### **Planning is underway for 2021 Relief Sale**

The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Board has begun planning for an in-person Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale on Aug. 6-7 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster. The event will be under one roof in an air-conditioned building. Online bidding will be offered again for auction items.

The Relief Sale Board will host its annual Kick-Off Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. The meeting will be located in the new event center where the auction will take place.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting, which will include discussion of the new format and new location for the 2021 event. Those attending will have a chance to see the space and ask any questions. If you are attending, please bring a toy to donate to the Children's Auction.

If you have any questions regarding the Kick-Off Meeting, please contact Board Chairperson Brenda LaTulippe at 330-933-6372.

### **Lighthouse Ministries celebrates 25 years**

Lighthouse Ministries in Canton is celebrating 25 years of ministry with two events in May.

On May 8 from noon to 4 p.m. the Lighthouse will host a marketplace and tour at its southeast Canton location. This socially-distanced event will include a self-led tour and refreshments. Participants also will be able to support the fourth- and fifth-grade students in the Lighthouse Business Builders Club by shopping for handmade items. Several high school age artists also will have artwork for sale. Student entrepreneurs and artisans will receive 100 percent of the profits from their business sales. Registration is requested for this event: <https://slotted.co/lighthouseopenhouse>.

On May 22 Lighthouse Ministries will hold its second Day of Giving, an online event. This will be a day of storytelling, student highlights, and more, with a goal of raising \$25,000. To donate, go to [cantonlighthouse.org/donate](http://cantonlighthouse.org/donate).

### **Leonard Dow assumes new role at Everence**

Everence has named Leonard Dow as its vice president of community and church development, effective March 31, 2021. Dow first joined Everence in 2017 as a stewardship and development specialist, helping to create the organization's urban market business plan. To learn more, see <http://bit.ly/EverenceLeonardDow>.

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### **Convention perspective**

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Registration is open for MennoCon21, which will take place July 6-10, both online and in Cincinnati, Ohio. An early bird discount is available through April 30. See <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/> for more information.

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### **Retirement perspective**

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Cliff Brubaker, a member of the collaborative ministry team at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold, has announced his retirement from pastoral ministry, effective at the end of August 2021. After retirement, Cliff and his wife, Marilyn, intend to move to Harrisonburg, Virginia, near their children and grandchildren.

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### **Giving perspective**

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Everence offers Spring tips to refresh your giving plans. Now is an ideal time to review your 2021 charitable goals. See <http://bit.ly/RefreshYourGiving> for details.

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### **Perspective deadlines**

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April 20 for April 22 issue

May 4 for May 6 issue

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