

Perspective



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Missional festival canceled

Engaging Mission 2022: A missional festival for all ages, which was scheduled for June 24-26, 2022, has been cancelled. Ohio Conference will continue to assess its objectives and goals regarding this festival and other missional events. We encourage you to make plans now to join us for our next missional conference, which will be held in March of 2022. More details will be available this fall.



Youth leader email addresses needed

A reminder for all Ohio Conference congregations: We are working on updating our youth worker email list. In order to help us best communicate with youth workers around Conference, I ask that you please send me (Alysa Short, alysashort@gmail.com) the names and email addresses of your junior high and high school youth leaders. I recognize that there may be a change in leadership prior to the youth leader retreat planned for this fall. Please send me the email addresses of the current leaders as well as future leaders if you already have them.



As youth workers change in your congregation later this year, it would be great if you could send me that information as well so we can keep our email list as current as possible. If your congregation does not have youth leaders, I would appreciate you letting me know that as well.

— Alysa Short, coordinator of volunteers

Glen Guyton to lead youth worker retreat

Ohio Conference will hold a youth worker retreat Oct. 15-17, 2021, at Camp Luz in Kidron. Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, will lead the retreat, focusing on the theme *Equipped for the Journey: The who, what and how for youth leaders*.

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.

Orientation perspective

Ohio Conference will hold a New Pastor Orientation Aug. 15-16 at the Sleep Inn & Suites in Mt. Hope. This free event is designed for all pastors new to the Ohio Conference. Spouses are also invited. For more information, please see the flier included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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

Participants will be challenged to settle into who God is calling them to be as leaders, to allow discipleship to equip and call them to be mentors of others, and to take time to see God's blessings during their journey. They will also enjoy times of worship, fellowship, team building and resourcing from other youth workers.

Cost of this retreat is \$125 per person for Ohio Conference congregations. A group discount is available. Please see the enclosed retreat brochure for more information.

Register now for Pastor-Spouse Retreat

Pastors, have you registered for the Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat? The retreat will take place Nov. 12-14 at the Mills Park Hotel in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

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.** As of May 5, **11 rooms** are still available.

For more information, please see the [2021 Pastor-Spouse Retreat Brochure](#). To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2021Pastor-Spouse>.

Free counseling available for pastors

A reminder for all pastors of Ohio Conference congregations: Pastors serving in the Ohio Conference have two options for free counseling sessions.

Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center in Archbold, Ohio, offers six free counseling sessions to pastors. Any additional sessions are available at a 50 percent discount. You may contact Shalom at 419-445-1552 for further details or to arrange a session.



SpringHaven Counseling Center in Mount Eaton offers pastors three free counseling sessions per year. You may contact SpringHaven at 330-359-6100 for additional information or to arrange a session.

Caring for unaccompanied minors is webinar topic

Tomorrow, May 7, from noon to 1 p.m. Evangelical Immigration Table is hosting a free webinar, "How Can the Church in Ohio Care for Unaccompanied Minors?"

This webinar will explore several questions: How can Christians and churches far away from the U.S.-Mexico border pray for and think about what is happening there with unaccompanied minors? Why are so many coming? What has caused this humanitarian crisis? What ministry opportunities are there? How can Scripture direct our thinking about all of these matters?

Presenters will include Matthew Soerens from World Relief and Adriana Rodriguez from Catholic Charities in Southwest Ohio. For more information or to register, go to <http://bit.ly/ImmigrationTableMay7Webinar>.

Relief perspective

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) needs more relief kits. MCC reports that its partners have requested 27,000 relief kits this year. But due to the pandemic, MCC's Material Resources warehouse inventory is significantly lower this year than it was at this time last year. In order to meet this need, MCC needs your help. Learn more at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/relief>.

Service perspective

Please share this announcement with your congregation:

SWAP summer staff needed! Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is in need of job site coordinators and meals coordinators to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia, or Harlan, Kentucky. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but these paid roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-staff or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at 606-634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

Perspective deadlines

May 18 for May 20 issue

June 1 for June 3 issue
