

# Perspective



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## **Ministry Grant deadline is Aug. 6**

Last call for grant applications: Is your congregation looking for a way to fund a ministry that impacts your community? **Tomorrow, Aug. 6**, is the deadline to submit a grant proposal for an Ohio Conference Ministry Grant.

The Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT) is accepting proposals from Ohio Conference congregations and related organizations for projects and mission initiatives. This year the MDT has \$19,630 available for grants. The MDT will consider all grant proposals at its **Aug. 24** meeting in Mansfield.

Since 2012 the MDT has awarded grants each summer, providing funds for a wide variety of projects and mission initiatives. More information about the grants and an online application are on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OCMinistryGrants>.

## **Prepare/Enrich training offered this fall**

Recognizing that pastors are often called upon to counsel engaged and married couples, Ohio Conference is offering training in a program called Prepare/Enrich. Ohio Conference will offer this training twice, on Sept. 30 at Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron and Oct. 19 at West Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon.

This training equips pastors to use the Prepare/Enrich assessment with engaged and married couples. With almost 40 years of research validation, Prepare/Enrich has proven itself to be the most trusted, comprehensive relationship assessment for couples at any stage of life.

For more information, please see the Prepare/Enrich brochure included with this issue of *Perspective*. To register online, go to <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents>.

## **New Missional Discipleship Group training available this fall**

Over the past five years approximately 13 congregations across Ohio Conference have participated in the Missional Discipleship

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## ***Charitable perspective***

**A**driel will hold a benefit golf scramble Monday, Sept. 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance. Proceeds benefit children in Northwest Ohio and throughout the state through Adriel's foster care and adoption, clinical services, training, and family preservation programs. For more information, see <https://www.adriel.org/adriel-golf-outings>.

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Group initiative which was started by Mennonite Mission Network (MMN). Over that time many of our pastors and other congregational leaders have been trained as coaches. The training has also been reduced from three eight-month-long training cohorts to one.

While MMN is pausing their leading of this training to evaluate the virtual teaching platform they would like to use moving forward, they have graciously agreed to retain the rights to the platform they had been using so Ohio Conference can continue to offer the training. Any congregations, pastors, or other church leaders who would like to participate in a new eight-month training cohort beginning this fall, or who would like more information regarding the training, please contact Conference Minister Dick Barrett at [ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com](mailto:ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com).

### **Camp Luz to host youth worker retreat**

Ohio Conference will hold a retreat for youth workers Oct. 15-17 at Camp Luz in Kidron. “Equipped for the Journey: The who, what and how for youth workers” is the theme of this retreat, which will be led by Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA.

The cost of this retreat is \$125 per person for members of Ohio Conference congregations and \$175 per person for all others. A group discount is also available: If three people from your congregation register, the fourth can attend at no extra cost. For more information, please see the enclosed retreat brochure. To register online, go to <https://bit.ly/2021YouthWorkerRetreat>. Registration is due by Friday, **Sept. 24**.

### **Workshop to feature conversations about baptism**

Ohio Conference and Central District Conference are hosting a free workshop featuring ecumenical conversation about baptism on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Columbus Mennonite Church.

“Believe and Be Baptized: Conversations on a 500-year Tradition” will be led by John D. Roth, a history professor at Goshen College. This workshop is open to all in the Ohio Conference.

Recently, representatives of the Mennonite World Conference, the Lutheran World Federation, and the Roman Catholic Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity explored many questions related to baptism in a groundbreaking five-year ecumenical conversation. **This workshop will introduce participants to this Trilateral Dialogue and invite Mennonite participants to come to a deeper understanding of baptism through conversations with each other and with local Lutheran and Catholic clergy.**

Lunch will be served. There is no charge for this workshop, but registration is required. Register online at <https://bit.ly/Believe-BeBaptized>.

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### ***Musial perspective***

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**O**ak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville will host “Songs and Stories of Peace, Hope, and Justice,” an interactive concert featuring Anthony Brown on Saturday, Aug 14, at 7 p.m. Please see the flier included with this issue of *Perspective* for more details.

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### ***Mediation perspective***

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**R**egistration is open for Lombard Mennonite Peace Center’s *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders*, to be held Oct. 11-15 and Nov. 15-19, 2021. The two identical sessions will be held remotely via Zoom. This workshop is designed to help church leaders deal more effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. For details, please consult the [MSTI Brochure](#) included with this issue of *Perspective*. You can register online at [www.lmpeacecenter.org/all-events](http://www.lmpeacecenter.org/all-events).

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### ***Mission perspective***

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**T**his issue of *Perspective* includes bulletin announcements for August from Mennonite Mission Network.

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### ***Perspective deadlines***

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Aug. 17 for Aug. 19 issue

Aug. 31 for Sept. 2 issue

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