

# Perspective



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## **Youth Worker Retreat to feature Glen Guyton**

Sept. 24 is the deadline to register for the Ohio Conference Youth Worker Retreat. This event will take place Oct. 15-17 at Camp Luz in Kidron. Retreat speaker Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, will focus on the theme “Equipped for the Journey: The who, what and how for youth workers.”

**We strongly encourage your congregation to GIFT this retreat to your youth workers.** The cost of the retreat is only \$125 per person due to the generous underwriting of the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team. A group discount is available. If three people from your congregation register, the fourth will attend at no cost.

For more information, see the event brochure included with this issue of *Perspective*. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2021YouthWorkerRetreat>.

## **Register now for Prepare/Enrich training**

Pastors, please note: Registration for the Sept. 30 Prepare/Enrich training event is due **today, Sept. 16**.

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.

The Sept. 30 training will be held at Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron. Ohio Conference is also offering this training Oct. 19 at West Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon. The registration fee for this training event is \$100, which covers the training, materials and lunch. Please see the enclosed brochure for more information.

## **Laurelville to offer leadership training**

Laurelville Retreat Center in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, is once again offering training in the Values Based Leadership Program, beginning this fall. The training will include both an in-person event at Laurelville Oct. 6-8 and six Zoom sessions.

***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.***

## ***Giving perspective***

**B**ill and Edna Ressler of Dalton were chosen recently to receive a Journey Award from the Everence Financial® offices in Northeast Ohio. The award recognizes the Resslerers for their generosity in sharing their resources. See <https://bit.ly/2021JourneyAward> for more information.

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

The Values Based Leadership Program equips individuals who want to develop their leadership skills from a values perspective. To learn more, please see the letter and flier included with this issue of *Perspective*. To register online, go to <https://laurelville.org/our-programs/vblp>.

### **Deficit grows during August**

Giving to Ohio Conference remained lower during the month of August, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth. Receipts for the month were \$21,321, similar to the amount received in July, which was \$21,768.

Expenses for August totaled \$28,254, resulting in a \$6,933 deficit for the month. At the end of August, the year-to-date operating balance was -\$10,057. The Conference fiscal year ends March 31, 2022.

### **Women's Retreat to use personal retreat format**

Camp Luz in Kidron will hold a Women's Retreat Sept. 24-25. This event will follow personal retreat format. Each woman will have her own room, unless requesting to share with a family member. Prayer stations and a simple devotional will be provided, but participants are welcome to use their own devotional resources if they like. Three meals will be provided on Saturday, and a snack station will be available throughout the retreat. For more information, please see the camp website: <https://www.campluz.com/womens-retreat.html>.

### **Songs & Salsa to raise funds for Open Arms**

**Save the date:** Open Arms Hispanic Ministries will hold its annual Songs & Salsa fundraising event on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m. at Salem Mennonite Church, 3363 Zuercher Road, Dalton. Tortilla chips will be served with a variety of salsas and dips. The group Renacer from Goshen, Indiana, will provide music. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit Open Arms Hispanic Ministries. For more information about this event, email [kara@openarmshispanicministry.org](mailto:kara@openarmshispanicministry.org).

### **Faith Formation Roundtable offers discussion**

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) is hosting a series of virtual Faith Formation Roundtable discussions to connect, encourage and support faith formation leaders amid the uncertainties of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. These discussions are being held via Zoom twice a month through the end of October. These online gatherings are held Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. ET.

Upcoming discussion topics are as follows:

- Sept. 21 — Staying connected with your college students
- Oct. 12 — [Ruth Goring](#), Mennonite author of children's books
- Oct. 19 — Family faith formation with ["Pause: Play, Breathe, Pray"](#)

To participate, please register at <https://bit.ly/FaithFormationSignup>.

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### **Camp perspective**

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Camp Luz in Kidron is planning several fall events:

- Sept. 24-25 — Women's Retreat
- Oct. 29-30 — Mother-Daughter Retreat
- Oct. 31 — Fall Fest Fund-raiser
- Nov. 6 — Fall Work Day

For more information and registration, see [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com).

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### **Musical perspective**

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Girl Named Tom, a sibling trio from Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold, is competing on NBC's *The Voice* this season, which begins Sept. 20. The date that the group's audition will air has not been announced. See <https://bit.ly/AnabaptistWorldGNT> and <https://bit.ly/TheVoice2021GNT> for more information.

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### **Celebration perspective**

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Sonnenberg Mennonite Church is celebrating its 200th anniversary Sept. 24-26 with a variety of events which are free and open to the public. Please see the enclosed flier for details.

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### **Perspective deadlines**

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Oct. 5 for Oct. 7 issue

Oct. 19 for Oct. 21 issue

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