

# Perspective



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Church USA

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## ***Five fall cluster meetings are scheduled***

Please mark your calendar: Five fall cluster meetings have been scheduled for delegates to the Ohio Conference Annual Conference Assembly. Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately 90 minutes.

Locations are as follows:

- Oct. 19 — Beech Mennonite Church, Louisville
- Oct. 21 — Bethel Mennonite Church, West Liberty
- Oct. 28 — Lockport Mennonite Church, Stryker
- Nov. 2 — Orrville Mennonite Church, Orrville
- Nov. 8 — Online meeting via Zoom



## ***Register now for Youth Worker Retreat***

**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>.

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

This fall Ohio Conference is offering training in a program called Prepare/Enrich. This training will be offered twice, on Sept. 30 at Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron and Oct. 19 at West Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon.

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***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.***

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## ***Employment perspective***

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**M**ennonite Church USA is seeking a full-time multimedia news editor and a full-time marketing, communications and engagement associate. For more information, please see <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/who-are-mennonites/employment>.

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- Pastor(s)
  - Church chairperson
  - Youth sponsor(s)
  - Delegates
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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 registration fee for this training event is \$100, which covers the training, materials and lunch. Registration is due by **Sept. 16 for the Sept. 30 training and by Oct. 5 for the Oct. 19 training.**

For more information, please see the Prepare/Enrich brochure: <https://bit.ly/2021Prepare-EnrichBrochure>. To register online, go to <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents>.

### **MDT awards two Ministry Grants**

The Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT) has awarded two grants totaling \$2,750. The MDT approved these grants at its Aug. 24 meeting. Grants will provide funds toward the following projects:

**Youth Events** — Lee Heights Community Church in Cleveland is receiving funding for two youth programs intended to promote personal development, career exploration and faith formation, a Youth Exposure Trip and a Youth Mini-Retreat. The Youth Exposure Trip will take youth from Lee Heights to visit two historically black universities in southern Ohio, Central State University and Wilberforce University. (Note: The MDT previously approved this grant in August 2019, but the COVID-19 pandemic made it impossible for Lee Heights to carry out the proposed programs during 2020, and those funds were returned.)

**Immigration Forum** — Haroldo Nunes, executive director of Open Arms Hispanic Ministry, has received an invitation to attend a national immigration forum in Washington, D.C., in October. Open Arms is receiving grant funds to cover the costs of his attendance at this forum.

### **Being the church — challenge and calling**

The latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast podcast features an interview with Conference Minister Dick Barrett. Hosts Corben Weaver Boshart and Ramon Lianez talk with Dick about challenges facing the church today. Dick notes that he has been encouraged to view challenges as opportunities. “God has called us in this time for a specific reason,” he says.



Listen to this episode to hear more of the conversation, including a call to focus on the great commandments to love God and neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39), and the Great Commission.

You can listen to this podcast on [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Google Podcasts](#) or find it on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceCast>.

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### **Retreat perspective**

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**I**t's not too late to register! As of Sept. 1, **one** room is still available for the Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat. This retreat will take place Nov. 12-14 at the Mills Park Hotel in Yellow Springs. The theme of this event is “Live and Laugh.” To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2021Pastor-Spouse>.

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### **Lighthouse perspective**

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**L**ighthouse Ministries in Canton will hold its Over The Edge fundraiser Sept. 14 and 15. During this fundraiser, people from all over northeast Ohio will be rappelling 150 feet down the Onesto and Bliss Lofts in downtown Canton. Participants have to raise \$1,000 for the right to rappel. All funds raised benefit Lighthouse Ministries programs which provide academic support, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for the children of southeast Canton. See [over-the-edge.cantonlighthouse.org](http://over-the-edge.cantonlighthouse.org) for more information.

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### **Mission perspective**

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This issue of *Perspective* includes bulletin announcements from Mennonite Mission Network.

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### **Perspective deadlines**

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Sept. 14 for Sept. 16 issue  
Oct. 5 for Oct. 7 issue

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