

Perspective



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Oct. 8 is retreat registration deadline

Last call for reservations: **Tomorrow, Oct. 8**, is the deadline to register for the Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat at the Mills Park Hotel in Yellow Springs on Nov. 12-14. There is room for two more couples to participate in this retreat.

The theme for the 2021 Pastor-Spouse Retreat is “Live and Laugh.” For more information, please see the retreat brochure included with this issue of *Perspective*. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2021Pastor-Spouse>.

Guidelines set for in-person meetings

In conjunction with our mission of loving God and loving our neighbor, and in anticipation of our fall events that will draw people from various communities, Ohio Conference is requiring that masks be worn during all indoor meetings and activities, and that attendees practice social distancing. We believe that this is an easy step to take to protect each other.

These guidelines will be in place until Nov. 14, after which time we will re-evaluate. Thank you for showing your love to your brothers and sisters by following these guidelines.

— The Ohio Conference Leadership Team

Five fall cluster meetings are scheduled

Please mark your calendar: Five fall cluster meetings have been scheduled for delegates to 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. 4 — Online meeting via Zoom

Please note that the online meeting has been rescheduled to **Nov. 4**. There is no charge to attend these meetings, but we ask that you register online at <https://bit.ly/Fall2021ClusterMeetings>.

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.

Poverty perspective

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has launched “**Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty**,” an initiative to raise awareness about the impact of the pandemic on poverty in the United States and how Jesus calls his followers to respond. To learn more, see <https://bit.ly/CostofPovertyInitiative>.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

- Pastor(s)
 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
 - Delegates
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Register for Believe and Be Baptized by Oct. 25

Ohio Conference and Central District Conference are co-hosting a workshop about baptism, *Believe and Be Baptized: Conversations on a 500-year-old Tradition*. Led by historian John D. Roth, this workshop will take place Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Columbus Mennonite Church.

The workshop will include a time of conversation with local Catholic and Lutheran clergy, and will explore a number of questions, such as the following:

- Does the mode of baptism matter?
- What is the appropriate age of baptism (especially for those who are raised in the church?)
- How do we know if a candidate is ready for baptism? What kind of instruction is required?
- What is the link between baptism and church membership? or Christian discipleship?

Lunch will be served. There is no charge for this workshop, but registration is required. Register online at <https://bit.ly/Believe-BeBaptized> by Oct. 25.

Everence seeks financial consultant

Everence Financial is growing in Holmes and Wayne counties, and looking for a highly motivated individual to grow with Everence as a [financial consultant](#).

The ideal candidate will have a passion for finance, great analytical skills, and the ability to build trusting relationships. But most importantly, they will have a burning desire to help Everence members plan for their financial future in ways that reflect their faith values.

If you know someone who is a great candidate for this position, please forward the position description (see <https://bit.ly/2021EverenceFC>) to them or have them contact [Bruce Breckbill](#), Managing Director in Northeast Ohio.

Camp Luz seeks program director

Camp Luz is taking applications for the position of program director. This full-time position is a key member of the year-round team and carries primary responsibility for planning and carrying out all retreat and summer camp programs at Camp Luz.

Resumes should be sent to Camp Director Andrew Michaels at andrew@campluz.com or mailed to the camp office. A full job description is available at <https://www.campluz.com/employment-opportunities.html>.

Youth leaders and those who work with young adults: If you know a young adult who could do a good job in this position, please encourage that young person to apply.

Immigration perspective

Have you explored “A Biblical Guide to Immigration” yet? This past summer, the Ohio Conference Immigration Resource Team released this guide, which includes a compilation of scriptures related to immigration. This resource is suitable for both personal and congregational use.

A copy of this guide is available at <https://bit.ly/BiblicalGuideToImmigration> and on the “Immigration” page of the Ohio Conference website: <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/resources/immigration>.

Retreat perspective

Due to low registration numbers, the Ohio Conference Youth Worker Retreat planned for Oct. 15-17 has been canceled.

Mission perspective

This issue of *Perspective* includes bulletin announcements from Mennonite Mission Network for the month of October. Please share these announcements with your congregation.

Perspective deadlines

Oct. 19 for Oct. 21 issue
Nov. 2 for Nov. 4 issue
