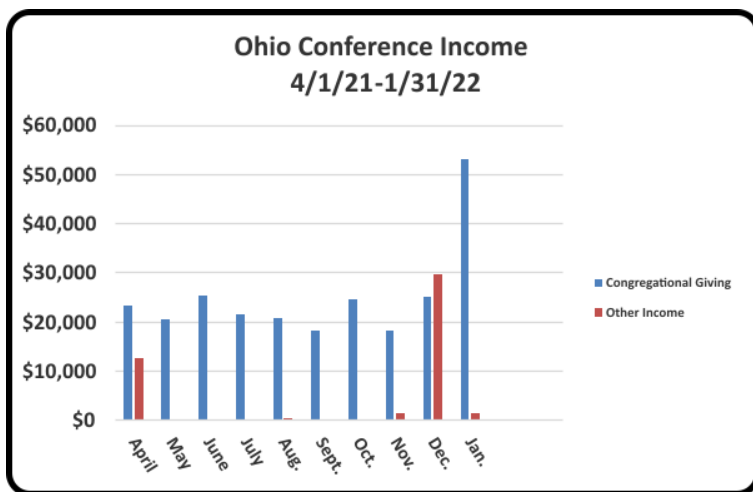


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Strong January giving erases deficit

After running a deficit for much of the current fiscal year, Ohio Conference ended January with a positive operating balance, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.

Receipts for the month totaled \$54,650. Notably, giving from congregations totaled \$53,083 in January, which was more than twice the amount given by congregations in any previous month during this fiscal year. Expenses for January totaled just \$30,366, resulting in a surplus of \$24,284 for the month.

That surplus was large enough to erase the previous year-to-date operating deficit. As of the end of January, the year-to-date operating balance was \$4,007. Many thanks to all who contributed during January. We appreciate your support! The Ohio Conference fiscal year ends March 31, 2021.

ACA service project to benefit local ministries

As a service project at Annual Conference Assembly (ACA), Ohio Conference will be collecting items for Friendship House and Shepherd's Circle, two organizations in the Archbold area that are working at sheltering people



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Staff perspective

Last week the Ohio Conference Leadership Team announced the appointment of Sherah-Leigh Gerber as the new regional pastor - east. She will begin her work with the Conference March 1. To read the full announcement, see <https://conta.cc/361yptT>.

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in crisis. Requested items include laundry detergent and four-packs of toilet tissue.

ACA will take place March 4-5 at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold. Have you registered yet? Online registration is available at <https://bit.ly/2022ACARegistration>.

Registration also is still open for the 2022 missional conference featuring Howard and Cathy Wagler. Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold will host this event March 3-4, immediately prior to ACA. Register online at <https://bit.ly/2022MissionalConference>.

Register online for youth worker seminars

Ohio Conference is offering a series of **free** online seminars for youth workers during March, April and May. “Jesus as Model: Youth Ministry Reimagined” is the theme of this series, which will feature a variety of presenters.

In addition to hearing from presenters, workshop participants will be able to connect with other youth workers from around the Conference to share stories of their successes and challenges.

Workshops will be offered from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on nine Tuesdays: March 8, 15 and 22, April 12, 19 and 26, and May 10, 17 and 24. Youth workers can choose to attend just a few individual seminars, or they can attend the entire series. A list of seminar themes and a flier are included with this issue of *Perspective*. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2022YouthWorkerSeminars>.

Workshop to focus on Enneagram as a ministry tool

Ohio Conference will host a one-day workshop for pastors on May 3. “Exploring the Enneagram as a Ministry Tool” is the theme of the workshop, which will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Location of this workshop is yet to be determined.

This workshop, led by Emiley Shenk of Toledo Mennonite Church, will explore how Enneagram types affect compatibility, functionality as a leader, and ability to work with others. Cost of the workshop is \$30 per person. A flier with more information is included with this issue of *Perspective*. To register online, go to <https://bit.ly/2022EnneagramWorkshop>.

Webinar to explore disabilities and estate planning

Caring for someone who is dependent due to a significant disability is a major responsibility. Making provisions for that person’s physical, emotional, and financial well-being after the death of the caregiver can be complex and confusing. Anabaptist Disabilities Network will host a webinar in cooperation with Everence to help with estate planning for families with a dependent disabled family member.

“After We’re Gone: Disabilities and Estate Planning,” will take place Thursday, March 31, at 2 p.m. ET and 8 p.m. ET. The webinar will be recorded and can be watched later for those who register. Go to <https://bit.ly/ADNEstatePlanning> to register.

Immigration perspective

The Ohio Conference Immigration Resource Team has begun a series of posts about immigration on the Ohio Conference Facebook page. The most recent post, dated Feb. 9, explores the concept of compassion as it relates to immigrants. You are invited to join the conversation about immigration. See the team’s posts on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OhioConferenceMCUSA>.

MC USA perspective

Mennonite Church USA is hosting a series of educational webinars to prepare delegates and their conferences/congregations for the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30, 2022, in Kansas City, Missouri. All webinars will be recorded and available on the delegate resource page: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22>. Please see the delegate resource page for more information.

Perspective deadlines

March 1 for March 3 issue
March 15 for March 17 issue
