

# Perspective



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## ACA video summary and photos are online

Thanks to all of you who were able to participate in the 2022 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) March 4 and 5 at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold! A brief summary video about ACA is now available for viewing. You can watch it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BuLSzph59M>.



To see photos from ACA, go to <https://bit.ly/ACAPhotos> or view them on the Ohio Conference Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioConferenceMCUSA>.

## Missional conference recordings available

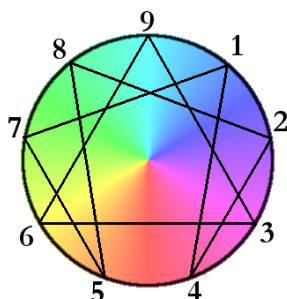
Wondering what you missed at the 2022 missional conference? Sixty people from all around the Ohio Conference took part in this event, which was held March 3-4 at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold. Even if you missed this gathering, you can still learn from our missional conference presenters, Howard and Cathy Wagler. Video recordings of the conference are available on the Ohio Conference website at <https://bit.ly/2022MissionalConf>. The theme of this conference was "Befriending the Neighborhood: Am I a Good Neighbor?"



Photos of the 2022 missional conference are also online at <https://bit.ly/2022MissionalConf> and on the Ohio Conference Facebook page.

## Location set for Enneagram workshop

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. at the main branch of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, Ohio.



*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.*

## Staff perspective

How do times of difficulty shape us? Ohio Conference Coordinator of Volunteers Alysa Short considers this question in a blog post for Mennonite Church USA titled "Hope and Growth in the Wilderness." You can read her reflections at <https://bit.ly/HopeandGrowth>.

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

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. The registration fee is \$30 per person. Please register by **April 15**. To register online, go to <https://bit.ly/2022EnneagramWorkshop>.

### **First youth worker seminar is next week**

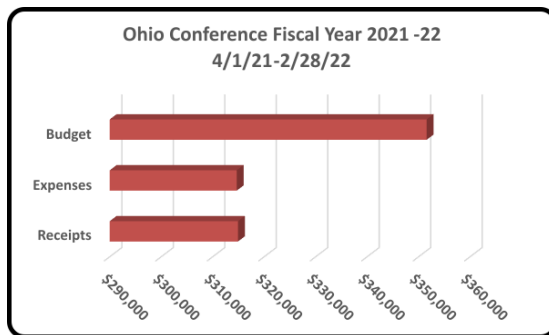
**Coming soon:** Ohio Conference is offering a series of free online seminars for youth workers during March, April and May. “Jesus as Model: Youth Ministry Reimagined” is the theme of this series, which will feature a variety of presenters. **The first of these seminars will be this coming Tuesday, March 22.**

Seminars will be offered from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on seven Tuesdays: March 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. Please see the enclosed schedule for a list of the seminar topics. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2022YouthWorkerSeminars>.

### **Giving to Conference drops during February**

After two months of higher receipts, giving to Ohio Conference dropped during the month of February, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.

Receipts for February totaled \$16,796, including \$15,049 from congregations. That amount was considerably lower than the \$54,650 received during January and the \$54,889 received during December.



Expenses for February totaled \$20,558, resulting in a deficit of \$3,762 for the month. That deficit reduced the year-to-date operating balance. As of Feb. 28, the Conference’s operating balance for 2021-22 was \$245. The Conference fiscal year ends March 31, 2022.

### **Bible study series explores diversity**

Mennonite Church USA has produced “Diversity: God’s Design,” a new four-week Bible study aimed at young adults (but appropriate for intergenerational audiences) that celebrates diversity and intercultural competence. “Diversity: God’s Design” features voices from across the Mennonite church who share biblical narratives and personal experiences that invite participants to explore how and why they should join the journey of celebrating diversity. For more information about this new resource, see the Mennonite Church USA website: <https://bit.ly/MCUSADiversity>. To download this material, go to <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/diversity-gods-design>.

## **Grant perspective**

**Mennonite churches and Anabaptist-related nonprofits** are invited to apply by **April 1, 2022**, for one of several \$1,000 grants from Mennonite Creation Care Network’s Green Mustard Seed Fund. Past grants have funded a variety of creation care projects, from upgrading insulation to funding a church day camp featuring endangered species. Priority is given to congregations with limited means and those experiencing or responding to environmental injustices. Learn more at <https://mennocreationcare.org/green-mustard-seed-fund>.

## **Service perspective**

**Did you know** Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has service opportunities for families? The MDS Family Program (<https://mds.org/family-program>) offers a weeklong summertime experience for the whole family to put hands and feet to the gospel. This year, MDS is planning to offer a family project in both the U.S. (Camp Amigo, Michigan) and Canada (British Columbia). To learn more, call 800-241-8111 or email [dfrey@mds.org](mailto:dfrey@mds.org).

## **Perspective deadlines**

April 5 for April 7 issue  
April 18 for April 21 issue