

Perspective

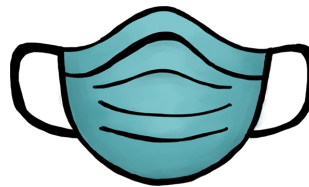


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Mask policy remains in effect for ACA

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) and the missional conference this weekend.



Please note: Although the CDC has recently lowered restrictions for mask wearing, due to people coming from counties with different levels of community COVID rates (low - high), and our theme of loving our neighbors, we are still requiring attenders at our missional conference and ACA this weekend to wear masks. Our prayer is that these will be our last Conference-wide events where masks will need to be required.

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



Relief sale kickoff meeting set for March 7

Planners of the annual Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale will hold a kickoff planning meeting on Monday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Salem Mennonite Church, 3363 Zuercher Road, Dalton, Ohio. You are invited to attend this meeting and learn about upcoming plans for the 2022 year. Please bring a toy or game to donate to the Children's Auction.

In preparation for the meeting, you are invited to fill out a brief survey (included with this issue of *Perspective*) and bring it along to the meeting. If you prefer, or you may return the survey to Brenda Latulippe at blatulippe@hartvillethriftshoppe.org.



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

As of March 1, Sherah-Leigh Gerber has joined the Ohio Conference pastoral staff as regional pastor for the eastern part of the Conference, serving alongside Regional Pastor Ralph Reinford until his retirement at the end of the month. To contact Sherah-Leigh via email, please use this new email address: ocrpeast@gmail.com.

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- Pastor(s)
- Church chairperson
- Youth sponsor(s)
- Delegates
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Register online for youth worker seminars

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.



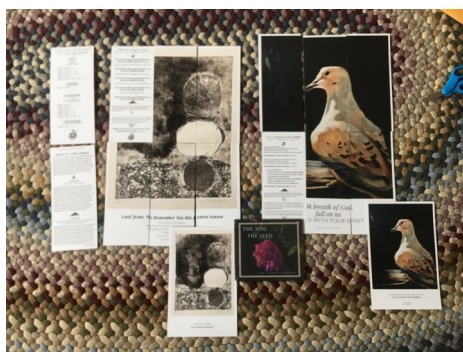
In addition to hearing from presenters, seminar participants will be able to connect with other youth workers from around the Conference to share stories of their successes and challenges.

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 note: The schedule of seminars has changed since this series was first announced. An updated list of seminar themes and presenters is included with this issue of *Perspective*. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2022YouthWorkerSeminars>.

New resources for Lent now available

Looking for Lenten resources which you can use at home? The Soil and the Seed Project has released a new **free** collection of resources for this season. The Soil and the Seed Project: Vol. 2 — Lent–Easter–Pentecost is a collection of music, artwork, and “little liturgies” following the liturgical calendar. These resources offer new ways to establish daily and weekly rhythms of faith during the seasons of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.



To request a copy of these resources, send a message to thesoilandtheseedproject@gmail.com, or go to www.thesoilandtheseedproject.org and click on “Download Form.”

Open Arms fundraiser set for March 15

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry will hold a Taco Tuesday fundraising dinner on March 15 at 6 p.m. at the Kidron Park Community Center, 4434 Kidron Road, Kidron. The event will feature a catered taco bar, information about the work of Open Arms, and live music by the Salem Worship Team. A free-will offering will be taken.

If you plan to attend, RSVP by March 11. To make your reservation, please email kelsey@openarmshispanicministry.org, or call or text 330-466-7845.

Aid perspective

On Feb. 24, Russian military forces began an invasion of Ukraine by land, sea and air. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is accepting donations for a response in Ukraine. MCC is assessing the changing situation with local partners to determine the appropriate response. To learn more or to donate, please see <https://mcc.org/stories/crisis-ukraine>.

Retreat perspective

Camp Luz in Kidron will host a Men's Retreat April 1-3. Wayne Morgret will be the retreat speaker, focusing on the theme of restoration. Get more info and register at <https://www.campluz.com/mens-retreat.html>.

Musical perspective

Hesston College's Bel Canto Singers will be performing in several locations in Ohio during the group's spring break tour in March. For more information, please see www.hesston.edu/2022/02/2022-spring-break-bel-tour.

Perspective deadlines

March 15 for March 17 issue
April 5 for April 7 issue