

Perspective



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Consultant to assist in Conference review

The Ohio Conference Leadership Team has approved entering into an agreement with Design Group International to assist in a three-part Conference review. The Leadership Team is taking this step based on feedback from delegates at the March 2022 Annual Conference Assembly. Delegates overwhelmingly affirmed the idea of using a process consultant to assist the Conference over the upcoming two years.

Design Group International has more than 20 years of experience offering strategic planning and process consulting to businesses, nonprofits, educational institutions and faith communities throughout North America and beyond. Many of the group's consultants have Anabaptist faith backgrounds. You can learn more about the group at <https://www.designgroupinternational.com>.

For more details about this review process, please see the full announcement included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Register now for Enneagram workshop

Last call for registrations: Ohio Conference will host "Exploring the Enneagram as a Ministry Tool," a one-day workshop for pastors on May 3. The workshop 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.

Led by Emiley Shenk of Toledo Mennonite Church, this workshop will explore how Enneagram types affect compatibility, functionality as a leader, and ability to work with others. The registration fee is \$30 per person. The registration deadline is **April 15**. To register online, go to <https://bit.ly/2022EnneagramWorkshop>.

Youth worker seminar series continues

Next Tuesday, April 12, Ohio Conference will host the second in a series of free online seminars for youth workers. "Jesus as Model: Youth Ministry Reimagined" is the theme of this series, which features a variety of presenters.

Seminars are being offered from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. Remaining dates include April 12, 19 and 26, and May 10, 17 and

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Service perspective

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is holding an Ohio MCC Comforter Bash Friday and Saturday, April 22-23, in Kidron. This event will take place at the Kidron Community Park from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. All are invited to come and knot comforters. Volunteers can come and go as they are able. For more information, please see <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/ohio-mcc-comforter-bash>.

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- Youth sponsor(s)
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24. Please see the enclosed schedule for a list of the seminar topics. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2022YouthWorkerSeminars>.

Wondering what you missed during the first seminar? Recordings are being posted on the Ohio Conference website: <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/ministries/youth-ministry>.

Holy Land tour planned for 2023

Have you ever dreamed of walking where Jesus walked? Of seeing where Jesus died? Of sailing the Sea of Galilee like Jesus and His disciples? Now you have the opportunity!

In partnership with Friendship Tours (friendshiptours.com), Pastor Ryan Harker (West Clinton Mennonite) will be leading a group on a 10-day tour of Israel on April 18-27, 2023.

A flier with trip information is included with this issue of *Perspective*. If you are interested in learning more, please plan to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at West Clinton. If you live at a distance but are interested in learning more, contact Pastor Ryan at pastor.ryan@westclinton.church.

MCC to offer webinar on welcoming refugees

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and Church World Service (CWS) are planning a webinar on Tuesday, April 12, for people interested in learning more about welcoming refugees in the United States. The hour-long webinar will begin at 2 p.m.

During the webinar, Charity Stowell, MCC U.S. newcomer connections coordinator, and Ted Blessing, CWS community engagement organizer, will address several questions: Who are refugees and how do they come to the U.S.? What does the refugee resettlement process look like? Webinar participants will learn about the challenges and opportunities refugees encounter when they settle into their new community, and the ways in which churches can get involved. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/WelcomingRefugees4-12-22>.

Voices Together workshop is for worship leaders

Benton Mennonite Church is sponsoring a *Voices Together* worship leaders' workshop on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to noon on Zoom.

Anneli Loepp Thiessen and Katie Graber will provide background on worship resources in *Voices Together* and the *Voices Together* worship leader edition, highlighting uses in worship as well as the styles, cultures, and eras they represent. They will discuss tools for understanding your community's worship culture in order to make intentional, theologically grounded, and spiritually inspired choices about worship practices that respond to your local context. There is no registration charge for this workshop. For more information and to register, go to www.bentonchurch.org/voices-together-worship-workshop.

Education perspective

Central Christian School has several new open teaching positions. These teachers will become integral in educating students and growing Christian leaders. Please see the job descriptions included in the link below and share with anyone you think might want to join the Central Christian teaching team.

Job descriptions can be found at <https://www.ccscomets.org/about/employment.cfm>.

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) also has a listing of job postings from Central Christian and other MEA-affiliated schools. See <https://bit.ly/MEAJobs3-31-22> for more information.

MC USA perspective

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has released [guidelines](#) for allowable actions and procedures during its Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30 in Kansas City, Missouri. According to the guidelines, delegates must submit suggested amendments to the proposed resolutions by Monday, May 6. For a full news release about the guidelines, please see <https://bit.ly/MCUSASpecialSession>.

Perspective deadlines

April 18 for April 21 issue
May 3 for May 5 issue
