

# Perspective



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## **Ministry Grants are available for local projects**

Ministry Grants are back! **Aug. 1** is the deadline to submit a grant proposal to the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT). The MDT is accepting proposals from Ohio Conference congregations and related ministries for projects and mission initiatives. This year the MDT has **\$15,225** available for grants.



Since 2012 the MDT has awarded grants each summer, providing funds for a wide variety of projects and mission initiatives. If your congregation is looking for a way to fund a ministry that would impact your community, consider applying for a Ministry Grant.

The Ministry Development Team will consider all grant proposals at its August meeting. Please note that this is a one-time grant. Grant monies are not intended to be used for staffing.

More information and an online application are available on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OCMinistryGrants>. A copy of the grant application is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

## **Prayer requested for delegate assembly**

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has created a prayer guide and a sign up for congregations to commit to pray for the denomination's special delegate session, which will be held May 27-30 in Kansas City, Missouri.

The prayer guide, "One Body, One Church," is written by Leo Hartshorn. A copy is included with this issue of *Perspective*. This guide is designed for use by all delegates, congregations, and individuals during the special delegate session May 27-30.

MC USA is inviting all congregations to commit to praying for the delegate assembly. To make this commitment, complete the form found at [https://mcusa.formstack.com/forms/call\\_to\\_prayer\\_and\\_fasting](https://mcusa.formstack.com/forms/call_to_prayer_and_fasting).

For more information about the special delegate session, see <https://bit.ly/2022SpecialDelegateSession>.

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## **Meeting perspective**

**Save the date:** Ohio Conference will hold a pastors' gathering on Aug. 23 at the library in Upper Sandusky. This meeting will be facilitated by our consultant, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi, as part of the Conference's review process. This meeting will be for all active, credentialed pastors, including chaplains.

## **Please distribute Perspective copies to:**

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

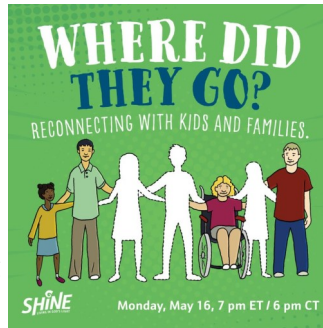
## 'Joy in the Journey' is retreat theme

Ohio Conference will hold a retreat for wives of Ohio Conference pastors on Nov. 4-6, 2022, at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin, Ohio. Miriam Zehr will be the speaker for this retreat, which will explore the theme "Joy in the Journey." For more details, please see the retreat brochure included with this issue of *Perspective*. Online registration is available at <https://bit.ly/OCPastorsWives2022>.



## Webinar to focus on reconnecting with families

"Where did they go? Reconnecting with kids and families" will be the theme of a webinar on Monday, May 16, at 7 p.m. hosted by Joan Daggett and Chris-sie Muecke of the *Shine* Sunday school curriculum. COVID turned Sunday school on its head. After two years of isolation, families with youth and young children have been slow to re-engage in the life of the church. Yet, faith formation is critical for the next generation. How do we move forward from here? Join this webinar to hear from seasoned ministry leaders. Find out what they are doing that's working and pitfalls to avoid as you navigate your way into the future of faith formation. Register at <https://bit.ly/3KW0j9J>.



## Larger group can attend MWC Assembly 17

Mennonite World Conference's (MWC) Indonesian Assembly just got a little bit larger. The National Advisory Committee for Assembly 17 and the executive committee of MWC have decided to raise in-person attendance numbers for the gathering in Indonesia to 1,250.

Assembly 17 will take place both online and in Indonesia July 5-10, 2022. COVID-19 cases in Indonesia remain low, so the Indonesian government has lifted quarantine restrictions for travelers. To learn more, see <https://bit.ly/Assembly17Update>.

## Journal seeks articles on 'Mission and Health'

**Anabaptist Witness: Call for submissions.** *Anabaptist Witness* welcomes submissions on "Mission and Health" for the October 2022 issue. Submissions can be from various genres and should relate to the journal's focus on Anabaptist and Mennonite churches in mission. What guidance do scripture and Anabaptist/Mennonite theology offer for churches, mission agencies and missionaries faced with medical crisis? How might faith communities witness to God the Healer amid a pandemic? What does Christian witness to healthcare systems look like? Submission deadline is June 1, 2022. View guidelines at [anabaptistwitness.org](http://anabaptistwitness.org).

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## Peace perspective

The Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI) at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, will begin in-person short courses next week. SPI is offering a variety of courses during four sessions in May and June.

All SPI courses are available for training or academic credit. To learn more, see <https://emu.edu/spi/courses>.

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## Benefit perspective

Adriel will hold its annual benefit auction online this year. This auction will benefit foster families and foster youth. To participate, go to <https://www.biddingforgood.com/AdrielBenefit> and click on "Register to Bid" at the top of the page. Online bidding begins May 26 at 5 p.m. and ends May 31 at 5 p.m.

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## Accessibility perspective

Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) is now offering a Congregational Assessment Survey, a tool intended to help your congregation assess its level of accessibility. Learn more and use this tool by visiting the ADN website: <https://bit.ly/ADNSurvey>.

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## Perspective deadlines

May 24 for May 26 issue  
June 7 for June 9 issue