

Perspective



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When will we act?

This issue of *Perspective* includes a column from Conference Minister Dick Barrett. Reflecting on recent mass shootings in Uvalde, Texas, and Buffalo, New York, he asks the question, “When will we act?”

Peace Mennonite celebration set for May 29

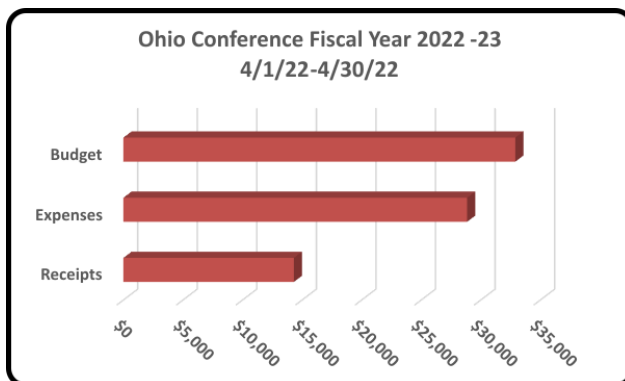
A time of celebration and sharing memories of Peace Mennonite Church in Elyria will take place May 29 in Elyria. The congregation, which was founded in 1983, recently merged with North Olmsted Evangelical Friends Church. This celebration will include a time of giving thanks for the ministry of George and Mary Dunn. Please see the enclosed flier for details.

Conference to hold Mentor-Mentee Retreat

Ohio Conference will hold a Mentor/Mentee Retreat for pastors on Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin. Terry Shue will provide input, along with representatives from Ohio Conference. Registration is due by Aug. 16. A flier with more information is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Conference begins fiscal year with deficit

Ohio Conference ended the first month of the 2022-23 fiscal year with a deficit, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.



Conference expenses outpaced receipts during the month of April. Receipts for the month totaled just \$14,309, and expenses totaled \$28,855, resulting in a deficit of \$14,546 for the month.

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.

Central perspective

The Central Christian School Board of Trustees has hired Nate Holton to serve as the superintendent of Central Christian School, beginning July 1. Holton has served in various roles at Central Christian since 2008 and has been Central’s director of operations for the past four and half years. For more information, see <https://bit.ly/2022CCSSuperintendent>.

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- Pastor(s)
- Church chairperson
- Youth sponsor(s)
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Webinar to explore nonviolent direction action

Mennonite Mission Network invites you to join peacemakers Jonathan and Sarah Nahar for the **Stir Up Peace** webinar and learn more about this curriculum that's perfect study material for your organization, small group or Sunday school class.



The webinar will take place on Monday, June 6, at 7 p.m. EST on Zoom and Facebook Live. Register here: <https://bit.ly/StirUpPeaceWebinar>.

Dementia and congregational care is webinar theme

Anabaptist Disabilities Network will host a webinar, "Dementia and Congregational Care," on Thursday, June 16, at 1 p.m.

Dementia affects individuals, their family members and the congregation. Many times, we want to offer support but we do not know where to start. We often back off because we don't want to do the wrong thing. This webinar will help participants understand the basics of dementia and learn how to reach out. Presenters will offer communication tips and practical ways to stay connected. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/Dementia-CongregationalCare>.

MC USA launches Welcoming EveryBODY initiative

ELKHART, Indiana (Mennonite Church USA) — Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), in partnership with Anabaptist Disabilities Network, has launched "Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY," an initiative that celebrates the many gifts that people with disabilities bring to our church communities. During May and June, MC USA will seek to engage people in this initiative by offering resources, prayers and ways to care for one another and to address issues of accessibility in the church.



To learn more, see the MC USA website: <https://bit.ly/WelcomingEveryBODY>.

MDS offers yearlong service opportunity

The MDS Yearlong Volunteer Program provides a one-year service opportunity for volunteers to enhance their leadership skills and to help bring people home after disasters. Volunteers serve in a group from August to July at various Mennonite Disaster Service projects, experience multiple cultures and communities across the United States and Canada, and build meaningful relationships with disaster survivors and other volunteers as they serve.

For more information or to apply by June 15, contact Josh Carson at 800-241-8111 or email jcarson@mds.org.

Employment perspective

Central Christian School in Kidron has several open faculty and staff positions for the 2022-2023 academic year including operations director, middle school intervention specialist, elementary school teacher's aide, and high school English teacher. Please see ccscomets.org for job descriptions.

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SpringHaven Counseling Center is now hiring for several front desk positions at both the Mt. Eaton office and the Fountain office (located in Sterling). Phone and computer skills are necessary. Please send a resume to jessica@springhaven.us if interested. SpringHaven is a local mental health counseling center made up of compassionate Christian professionals serving the needs of the community. For more information about SpringHaven, visit www.springhaven.us.

Mediation perspective

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center will hold a Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders (MSTI) Aug. 1-5 in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The fee for five full days of instruction and a printed copy of the MSTI manual is \$750. Please see the enclosed brochure for details.

Perspective deadlines

June 7 for June 9 issue
June 27 for June 30 issue