

Perspective



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Leadership Team releases statement regarding MC USA Special Delegate Assembly

The Ohio Conference Leadership Team has released a statement regarding the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Special Delegate Assembly, which took place May 27-30 in Kansas City, Missouri. A copy of this statement is included with this issue of *Perspective*. It also is posted on the Ohio Conference website: <https://bit.ly/6-6-22LTStatement>.

For more details about the MC USA Special Delegate Assembly, please see the enclosed news release from MC USA. A report about the Assembly is also on the *Anabaptist World* website: <https://bit.ly/5-22MCUSASpecialAssembly>.

MC USA webinar to discuss ‘what now?’

What do the decisions made at the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Special Delegate Assembly mean for conferences, congregations and individuals? MC USA will hold a webinar titled “Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What Now?” on July 18 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. This webinar will be hosted by MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton, assisted by Linda Dibble, MC USA moderator; and John Carlson, MC USA moderator-elect. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/Webinar6-18-22>.

Apply for a grant by Aug. 1

Is your congregation looking for ways to fund a ministry that impacts your community? **Aug. 1** is the deadline to submit a grant proposal to the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT). The MDT is accepting proposals from Conference congregations and related organizations for projects and mission initiatives. The MDT has **\$15,225** available for grants in 2022.



Since 2012 the MDT has awarded grants each summer, providing funds for a wide variety of projects and mission initiatives. Please note that this is a one-time grant. Grant monies are not intended

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Intergenerational perspective

How can we best engage all life stages in worship? What can we learn from alternative expressions like Messy Church and Forest Church? On Tuesday Anabaptist Worship Network and Mennonite Education Agency presented a webinar about intergenerational worship which explored these questions. To view a recording of the webinar, go to <https://bit.ly/IntergenerationalWorship>.

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to be used for staffing. Grant proposals are due by **Aug 1, 2022**. The Ministry Development Team will consider all grant proposals at its **Aug. 18** meeting.

More information and an online application are on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OCMinistryGrants>.

You're invited to Assembly 17

You're invited: Mennonite World Conference's Assembly 17 in Indonesia will be a hybrid event, held both virtually and in person. "Following Jesus Together Across Barriers" is the theme of this gathering, which will take place July 5-10.



Learn with the global Anabaptist-Mennonite family this summer. Register for Assembly to receive access to 10 worship services, which can be aired whole or in part in your main gathering or smaller groups. In the Assembly Hub, registrants can also participate in dozens of workshops, view the songbook, dialogue in chat spaces and network for up to one month after the event.

To register, go to indonesia2022.mwc-cmm.org.

Visio divina combines images with scripture

CommonWord, a collaboration of Mennonite Church Canada and Canadian Mennonite University, is offering a new free resource called the Visio Divina Project.



This online resource includes a collection of visual images combined with scripture. The Visio Divina Project is inspired by Ruth Boehm, a pastor and photographer. Boehm invites us to "see with our own heart" using the practice of visio divina, a personal reflective exercise with an image and scripture. You may use her photos and biblical selections as your devotional guide, as an encouragement note for a friend, as a backdrop for worship, or even as an example of a practice you might engage with your own camera and Bible.

In addition to the scripture photos, a guide on visio divina is available. To see more or to download, go to <https://bit.ly/VisioDivinaProject>.

Leadership perspective

Rosedale Bible College in Irwin, Ohio, is offering a leadership formation retreat Aug. 18 - 20, 2022. The theme for this event is "God's Mission and Church." The guest presenter for the retreat is Karl Vaters, who has been encouraging pastors and helping churches thrive for more than 20 years. His calling is to help churches with sizes of 250 people and fewer. For more information or to register, go to <https://rosedale.edu/tim/retreat>.

Communion perspective

Brad Roth, the featured speaker for Ohio Conference's 2021 missional conference, has written a new book about communion, *The Hunger Inside: How the Meal Jesus Gave Transforms Lives*. See <https://paracletepress.com/products/the-hunger-inside> for details.

Relief sale perspective

The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale has a redesigned website with updated information about the upcoming sale on Aug. 5-6. See it at <https://ohiomccreliefsale.org>.

Perspective deadlines

June 27 for June 30 issue
July 12 for July 14 issue
