

Perspective



Ohio Conference
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Church USA

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Staying the Course

Ohio Conference is continuing the review process approved by delegates at Annual Conference Assembly in March. Included with this issue of *Perspective* is “Staying the Course,” a statement from the Ohio Conference Leadership Team which describes the three-part review process. The statement also notes feedback the Leadership Team has received from congregations following the Mennonite Church USA Special Delegate Assembly in May.

Remembering Vanita Tadeo

Please keep the family of Vanita Tadeo in your prayers. Vanita Mae Tadeo, age 86, of Orrville, died Sunday, June 26, at LifeCare Hospice in Wooster, following a period of declining health. She and her husband, Raul, were instrumental in the founding of Open Arms Hispanic Ministries.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 1, at Auble Funeral Home, 512 E. Oak St., Orrville, from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 2, at Maple Grove Memorial Park, 7012 Back Orrville Road, Wooster, at 9:30 a.m. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. on Saturday, at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, 14367 Hackett Road, Kidron.

Memorials may be made to Open Arms Hispanic Ministry, 1305 W Market St., Orrville OH 44667, <http://www.openarmshispanicministry.org>. To see a full obituary, go to <https://bit.ly/VanitaTadeo>.

Ohio MCC Bike Ride to raise relief funds

This July a group of bike riders in Ohio will be raising funds for Mennonite Central Committee’s emergency response in Ukraine.

Participants in the Ohio MCC Bike Ride will be riding on July 23 and 24. The group of riders will leave Summit Mennonite Church in Barberton and ride 100 miles over two days (approximately 50 miles each day) to help support MCC’s emergency response in Ukraine. Summit Mennonite Church will be the staging ground and overnight camping location for this event. Riders are also free to make other arrangements for overnight lodging.

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.

Perspective inserts

This issue of Perspective includes the July-August issue of Prayer Prompter and the July issue of Mennonite Mission Network’s Prayer Vine, as well as a collection of bulletin announcements for July from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

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Please see <https://bit.ly/2022OhioMCCBikeRide> to register to ride or to donate. For more information, contact Ethan Horst at (330) 201-1983 or ekhorst@gmail.com.

Congregational pastors gather on June 15

On June 15, 2022, Ohio Conference hosted a gathering for congregational pastors at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City. It was a time of fellowship and a chance to debrief after Mennonite



Photo by Sherah-Leigh Gerber

Church USA's special delegate assembly in Kansas City, Missouri, which was held May 27-30. There were 30 pastors present, representing 24 congregations. Ohio Conference was represented by our pastoral staff (Dick Barrett, Sherah-Leigh Gerber and Tony Doehrmann) and Conference Moderator Ken Sims.

While this gathering was a time for informal dialogue with our congregational pastors, a full-day retreat is scheduled for all active credentialed ministers of Ohio Conference on Tuesday, Aug. 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Upper Sandusky Public Library. The day will be facilitated by our consultant, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi, as part of our review and discernment process. We encourage all of our active credentialed ministers to take the time to attend that day.

Expenses outpace giving during May

Ohio Conference's expenses exceeded receipts during May, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.

Receipts for the month totaled \$19,443, including \$19,124 in giving from congregations. Expenses during May totaled \$29,917, resulting in a deficit of \$10,474 for the month. As of the end of May, the Conference's operating balance was -\$25,020. The 2022-23 fiscal year ends March 31, 2023.

AMBS offers Transition to Leadership Program

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is offering a Transition to Leadership Program. This program guides new pastors during the crucial first years of ministry through one-on-one mentoring, regular gatherings with peers, and learning sessions. It is free to participants who begin in Fall 2022. The Fall 2022 cohort starts Nov. 10; apply by Oct. 10. Learn more at <https://www.ambs.edu/transition-to-leadership>.

Justice perspective

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) is seeking applicants for its Justice Fund grants. The Justice Fund supports MC USA congregations that are working to combat poverty, dismantle racism, address immigration reform or reimagine policing. For more information, see the MC USA website:

<https://bit.ly/2022JusticeFundGrants>.

Relief sale perspective

The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale will take place Aug. 5-6 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster. For a schedule of events, please see the enclosed relief sale flier.

Adriel perspective

Adriel will hold a benefit golf scramble Monday, Sept. 12, at 12:30 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance. Proceeds benefit children in Northwest Ohio and throughout the state through Adriel's foster care and adoption, clinical services, family preservation, and training programs. For more information, see <https://www.adriel.org/adriel-golf-outings>.

Perspective deadlines

July 12 for July 14 issue
July 26 for July 28 issue
