

Perspective

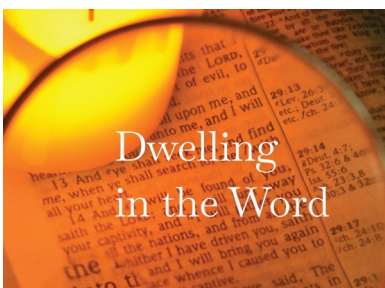


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Spiritual disciplines during our year of review

This issue of *Perspective* includes an invitation from Conference Minister Dick Barrett to participate in spiritual disciplines as the Conference undergoes a three-part review process. Please see the enclosed letter from Dick Barrett and the “Dwelling in the Word” scripture reading schedule included with this issue.



Fall cluster meeting dates set

Please mark your calendar: Ohio Conference is planning five winter cluster meetings for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly. Each meeting will run from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

If a delegate from your congregation is unable to attend one of these meetings, the Conference is encouraging your congregation to send an alternate delegate. These cluster meetings are a part of the Ohio Conference review process and will feature work with the Conference’s consultant, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi. **We would like all delegates to participate in this discernment process.**



Five cluster meetings are planned:

- Tuesday, Sept. 20 — Oak Grove Mennonite Church, Smithville
- Thursday, Sept. 22 — Beech Mennonite, Louisville
- Tuesday, Sept. 27 — West Clinton Mennonite Church, Wauseon
- Thursday, Sept. 29 — South Union Mennonite, West Liberty
- Tuesday, Oct. 4 — Online meeting via Zoom

To assist the hosting congregations in their planning, Ohio Conference is asking all delegates to register for the meetings. Please register online at <https://bit.ly/2022FallClusterMeetings>.

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.

Assembly perspective

Mennonite World Conference’s Assembly 17 in Semarang, Indonesia, concluded on July 10. For a report on Assembly 17, see <https://bit.ly/MWCAssembly17Report>. An album of photos from Assembly 17 is available on Flickr: <https://bit.ly/Assembly17Photos>.

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



Mentor/Mentee Retreat set for Sept. 6

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**. For more details, see the 2022 Mentor-Mentee Retreat flier included with this issue of *Perspective*.

MC USA webinar set for July 18

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>.

Workshop to focus on conflict transformation

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center is offering a one-day workshop, “Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches.” This training event will be held in person in September and online in November.

“Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches” will be offered in person on Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix, Arizona. In addition, the same training will be offered online on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Conflict is a normal part of life, even in the church. Understanding this can help church members realize that they should not be surprised or ashamed when they experience conflict in their faith communities. What is important is how the conflicts that inevitably arise are addressed. The Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches workshop teaches some basic skills that will help participants manage conflicts within their congregations in a healthier manner.

Cost is \$99 per person, with a discount for groups of four or more. For more information, please see the enclosed brochure.

Employment perspective

Central Christian School in Kidron and a number of other schools affiliated with Mennonite Education Agency are seeking staff members. Please see <https://bit.ly/MEAJobs7-7-22> for a listing of these job positions.

MCC perspective

Thanks to the donations of many individuals, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has raised \$8.8 million to respond to the needs of the people of Ukraine. See MCC’s website for details: <https://bit.ly/MCCUkraineDonations>.

Resource perspective

CommonWord now has a brief video tutorial designed to help you browse its collection of resources more easily. You can watch the video on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/CommonWordWebsiteTutorial>.

Perspective deadlines

July 26 for July 28 issue
 Aug. 9 for Aug. 11 issue
