

Perspective



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Ministry Grant proposals due Aug. 1

Last call: **Aug. 1** is the deadline to submit a grant proposal for an Ohio Conference Ministry Grant. The Ministry Development Team (MDT) is accepting proposals from Conference congregations and related organizations for projects and mission initiatives. The MDT has \$15,225 available for grants this year. Learn more and apply online at <http://bit.ly/MinistryGrants>.



You're invited to Dwell in the Word with us

As Ohio Conference enters into a period of review and discernment, Conference Minister Dick Barrett is inviting all members of Ohio Conference congregations to read through the entire New Testament. To download a copy of the scripture reading schedule, go to <https://bit.ly/OCDwellingintheWord>.

Fall delegate gathering dates set

Please mark your calendar: Ohio Conference is planning five fall delegate gatherings 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 delegate gatherings 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 delegate gatherings 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

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 August issue of Prayer Vine from Mennonite Mission Network, as well Prayers for Mennonite Education, which includes prayer requests for August from Mennonite Education Agency schools and universities.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

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>.

Mentor/Mentee registration deadline is Aug. 16

Aug. 16 is the deadline to register for the Mentor/Mentee Retreat. This event, which is designed for newer pastors and their mentors, will take place 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. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2022Mentor-MenteeRetreat>.

Study guide focuses on accessibility

After the Mennonite Church USA Accessibility Resolution passed at a special delegate session in May 2022, Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) created a Study Guide for the MC USA Accessibility Resolution. This study guide was written for ADN by Joanne Gallardo, a conference minister of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference of MC USA in Goshen, Indiana.

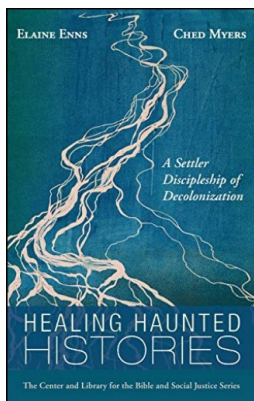
The study guide is a resource for congregations to understand and implement ideas from the resolution using specific materials, reflection questions, and information for congregational use over the course of four weeks. A copy of the study guide is available now at <https://bit.ly/AccessibilityResolutionStudyGuide>.

MCC requests material resource donations

Mennonite Central Committee's inventory of material resources is getting low. Needed items include comforters, soap and towels as well as dignity, hygiene, infant care, relief, school and sewing kits. Your donations will provide relief and a tangible sign of hope for people in difficult situations around the world. To get involved, please visit mcc.org/kits.

Online book study planned for fall

Elaine Enns, co-author of *Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization*, will be leading an online intensive book study this fall for the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. This book encourages personal and collective work toward decolonization. It asks those of us who are settlers, immigrants and displaced peoples to do our own pre-work of integrating our ancestral stories, so we can see more clearly and show up in solidarity with Indigenous peoples.



The online study sessions will be held on two Thursday evenings per month beginning Sept. 8 and ending Dec. 1. There is a suggested donation of \$150-\$250. Scholarships are available. Register at <https://bit.ly/HealingHauntedHistoriesStudy> by Aug. 1.

Relief sale perspective

The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale will take place Aug. 5-6 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster. A relief sale brochure is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

While most donated quilts will be sold at auction on Aug. 6, a number of quilts are available now through Aug. 4 as part of the relief sale's "Buy It Now" program. These quilts can be viewed online at <https://bit.ly/2022QuiltsBuyItNow>.

Worship perspective

Darrin Snyder Belousek, a member of Salem Mennonite Church in Elida, shares thoughts about the words we use in worship in a recent "Menno Snapshots" column on the MC USA website. Read his column at <https://bit.ly/WordsforWorshipColumn>.

Webinar perspective

Mennonite Church USA recently held a webinar titled "Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What now?" A recording of this webinar is available online at <https://bit.ly/WhatNowWebinarRecording>.

Perspective deadlines

Aug. 9 for Aug. 11 issue
Aug. 23 for Aug. 25 issue
