

Perspective



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Register for Mentor/Mentee Retreat by Aug. 16

Last call: **Aug. 16** is the deadline to register for the Ohio Conference Mentor/Mentee Retreat. This retreat 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. Register online at <https://bit.ly/2022Mentor-MenteeRetreat>.



Retreat will focus on 'Joy in the Journey'

Ohio Conference will hold a retreat for wives of Ohio Conference pastors on Nov. 4-6, 2022, at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin, Ohio. Miriam Zehr will be the speaker for this retreat, which will explore the theme "Joy in the Journey."

For more details, please see the [retreat brochure](#) included with this issue of *Perspective*. Register online by Oct. 7 at <https://bit.ly/JoyintheJourneyRetreat>.

Women's leadership conference planned

Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Women USA are planning a women's leadership conference Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2022, in Elkhart, Indiana. The theme of this gathering will be "Leaders Inspiring Leaders." Conference events will take place at the Mennonite Church USA offices and on the campus of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.



African American women will lead the conference through prophetic witness and holistic healing. Utilizing Mennonite Women USA's Sisterhood Masterclass and Sister Care Seminar, partici-

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Employment perspective

Central Christian School in Kidron and a number of other schools affiliated with Mennonite Education Agency are still seeking staff members for the 2022-23 school year. Please see <https://bit.ly/MEAJobs8-4-22> for a listing of these job positions.

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pants will address issues of diversity, equity and inclusion while experiencing Christ together in fellowship and worship.

For more information about this conference, please see <https://bit.ly/2022WomenofFaithConf>. Register online at <https://bit.ly/2022LeadersInspiringLeaders>.

Peace Sunday is Sept. 18

Mennonite World Conference invites you and your congregation to observe Peace Sunday together with brothers and sisters in the global Anabaptist church family on **Sept. 18, 2022**. The theme for this year's Peace Sunday is "Being a new creation in the midst of external turmoil." Worship planning resources for Peace Sunday 2022 are included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Conference deficit increases in July

Ohio Conference's financial deficit continued to increase during the month of July, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.

Receipts during June totaled \$15,349, including \$15,327 in giving from congregations. Expenses during June totaled \$27,750, resulting in a deficit of \$12,401 for the month.

As of July 31, the Conference's operating balance for the 2022-23 fiscal year was -\$37,984. Even though the Conference continues to run a deficit, spending for this fiscal year is actually below the amount budgeted in the 2022-23 spending plan. The fiscal year ends March 31, 2023.

Grant supports conflict transformation program

Eastern Mennonite University has been awarded a grant of \$998,606 from Lilly Endowment Inc. to support Eastern Mennonite Seminary's development of a new interdisciplinary pastoral leadership institute that will offer workshops, courses and trainings on conflict transformation. The institute opens this fall. For more information about this grant, see the EMU website: <https://bit.ly/ConflictTransformationGrant>.

LMPC to offer 'Restorative Conversations'

Coming in 2023: Lombard Mennonite Peace Center will be offering a new one-day workshop called "Restorative Conversations: Storytelling, Healing and Community Building."

This one-day workshop will introduce church leaders to the key concepts of circle processes and ways in which circles can be used within their congregations. Restorative conversations are useful when working through difficult or polarizing topics, processing shared painful experiences, building community, and dealing with certain levels of conflict in the church setting.

Three sessions of this workshop have been scheduled for next year: Feb. 23, May 23, and Nov. 2, 2023. Please contact the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (630-627-0507 or Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org) with questions about this workshop.

Delegate perspective

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.

Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- 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 in planning, please register online at <https://bit.ly/2022FallClusterMeetings>.

Fundraising perspective

The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale took place Aug. 5-6 in Wooster, Ohio. The preliminary total for funds raised at this year's sale is \$330,000, according to the treasurer for the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Board.

Perspective deadlines

Aug. 23 for Aug. 25 issue
Sept. 6 for Sept. 8 issue
