

# Perspective



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## **Delegate gatherings continue**

The first fall delegate gathering for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly was held on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Four delegate gatherings remain on the schedule:

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



Each meeting will run from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Have you registered to attend one of these delegate gatherings? To assist host congregations in planning for these meetings, please register online at <https://bit.ly/2022FallClusterMeetings>.

## **Please join us in prayer on Wednesdays**

As a spiritual practice during this time of discernment for the Ohio Conference, we are committing to pray together as a Conference.

**Please join us each Wednesday at noon for a time of communal prayer on Zoom.** We will be using [\*Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book\*](#) as the resource for our time together.



To participate in these prayer times, you may either use the prayer book or the app of the same name. To download this free app, go to <http://bit.ly/AnabaptistPrayerApp>.

For more information about these prayer times, please see <https://bit.ly/OCPrayers>.

To join these prayer times, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceAtPrayer>.

***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.***

## **Donation perspective**

**G**rant funds have been approved toward the purchase of a van for the Akron Swahili Mennonite Church, but more funding is still needed. Please see the enclosed flier for details on how you can contribute.

## **Please distribute Perspective copies to:**

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

## **Foundations for Justice webinar series planned**

As part of Ohio Conference's continuing education regarding anti-racism and intercultural competency, we are offering a three-part "Foundations for Justice Series," to be held virtually from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on three Thursdays — Oct. 20, Nov. 3, and Nov. 17.

This training series will be led by Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, Intercultural Competence and Undoing Racism Coordinator at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. This training is required for all Ohio Conference staff and those holding volunteer positions with the Conference. We strongly recommend the training for all our credentialed ministers, and it is open to anyone from an Ohio Conference congregation.

While we encourage you to participate live on the three Thursday evenings, we also realize that these scheduled times may not work for everyone. Consequently, the three sessions will be recorded so they also can be viewed at a later time. There will also be some brief pre-session work to help prepare for each of the sessions. Please register online for this training series at <https://bit.ly/FoundationsforJustice>.

## **Deficit increases slightly in August**

Ohio Conference's financial deficit increased slightly during the month of August, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth.

Receipts during August totaled \$26,449, including \$16,439 in giving from congregations. Expenses during August totaled \$27,350, resulting in a deficit of \$901 for the month.

As of Sept. 30, the Conference's operating balance for the 2022-23 fiscal year was -\$38,885. 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.

## **Lee Heights pastor to speak at 'Women of Faith'**

Vikki Pruitte-Sorrells, pastor of Lee Heights Community Church in Cleveland, will be one of the featured speakers at "Leaders Inspiring Leaders: Women of Faith Conference," Friday, Sept. 29 through Sunday, Oct. 2. This conference, hosted at the Mennonite



Church USA offices and the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary campus in Elkhart, Indiana, is sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Women USA. For more information or to register for this conference, please see <https://bit.ly/2022WomenofFaithConf>.

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## **Pastors wives' perspective**

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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." Register online by **Oct. 7** at <https://bit.ly/JoyintheJourneyRetreat>.

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## **Holy Land perspective**

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In partnership with Friendship Tours ([friendshiptours.com](http://friendshiptours.com)), Pastor Ryan Harker (West Clinton Mennonite) will be leading a group on a 10-day tour of Israel on April 18-27, 2023. If you are interested in taking the trip, please sign up as soon as possible. The deadline for signing up is **Oct. 1**. For more information, email [pastor.ryan@westclinton.church](mailto:pastor.ryan@westclinton.church), or call West Clinton at 419-445-1195. A flier with additional information is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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## **Prayer perspective**

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This issue of *Perspective* includes the October issues of *Prayer Vine* and *Daily Prayers for Mennonite Education*.

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## **Perspective deadlines**

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Oct. 4 for Oct. 6 issue  
Oct. 18 for Oct. 20 issue

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