

Perspective



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Delegate gatherings begin Sept. 20

Delegates: Have you registered to attend one of the fall delegate gatherings? Ohio Conference is planning five fall 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, 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 host congregations in planning for these meetings, please register online at <https://bit.ly/2022FallClusterMeetings>.

Starting Sept. 14: Please join us in prayer

One of the opportunities to practice our faith together, growing out of our commitments from the most recent Annual Conference Assembly gathering, is to join in a collaborative prayer practice this fall.



We will meet on Zoom from noon to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 14 through Nov. 23, using [*Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book*](#) as the format for our time together. You can also access the readings and prayers on the app of the same name. To download this free app, go to <http://bit.ly/AnabaptistPrayerApp>.

The rhythm of praising, listening and responding is modeled in this form of communal prayer. **We invite you to set this intentional time to be in the presence of God with others from across our Conference as we live, work and discern together.**

Perspective: 1) The interrelation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed. 2) Point of view; capacity to view things in their relative importance.

Insurance perspective

Did you know that Mennonite Church USA has a health plan? The Corinthian Plan provides health coverage for eligible pastors, church employees and their families. Learn more about the Corinthian Plan during an upcoming webinar on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. ET. Current participants of the plan are also welcome to ask questions. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/Sept20CorinthianPlan>.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

You can learn more about this opportunity on the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast. (See <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceCast>.)

We hope you will join us.

— Paula Synder Belousek, Pastor and Ministry Development Team Chair and Sherah-Leigh Gerber, Regional Pastor

Note: The login link for these prayer times is <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceAtPrayer>. If you need to join these prayer meetings on your phone, see <https://bit.ly/OCPrayers> for instructions.

MCC offers worship resource for Day of Peace

To help your church observe the International Day of Peace, which is Sept. 21, Mennonite Central Committee has created a short worship resource. Congregations can choose to celebrate and pray for peace on Sunday, Sept. 25, or another Sunday. A copy of this resource is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Camp Luz to host Women's Retreat

"Light of the World," based on Matthew 5:14-16, will be the theme of the annual Women's Retreat at Camp Luz in Kidron on Oct. 14-15.

Although the final input session will take place Saturday afternoon, retreat participants also will have the option to stay at the camp overnight until Sunday morning, Oct. 16. Speaker for this year's retreat will be Sarah Short of Archbold.

To register, go to the Camp Luz website: <https://www.campluz.com/womens-retreat.html>.

Register for pastors' wives retreat by Oct. 7

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>.

Sent Network equips church planters

Interested in church planting? The Sent Network is a resource from Mennonite Mission Network designed to explore, equip, and send church-planting leaders where the Spirit leads. The resource's goal is to assess and educate aspiring church planters, as well as give them information and tools to create new communities of faith.



This online resource allows potential church planters to work through 12 modules, with an instructor and a group of other learners. Cost is \$95. Sessions begin Sept. 19. Register at <https://bit.ly/MMNSENT>.

Local perspective

Wooster Mennonite Church will host "Metamorphosis" on Friday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. This concert will include the debut of original music by Lee Miller Matsos, covers and praise and worship songs. Tim Shue and other local musicians also will be featured. Donations will be accepted to benefit [Mennonite Central Committee's Ukraine Emergency Response](#), which offers aid in the areas of trauma healing, emergency housing, supplies and food packages for people in need.

Relief perspective

Partners of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Uman, Kharkiv, Nikopol and other places in Ukraine recently distributed emergency relief supplies to more than 16,000 people. Learn more about this relief effort at <https://mcc.org/stories/rockets-rosebushes-relief>.

Youth ministry perspective

This spring Ohio Conference hosted a series of webinars for youth workers. If you missed them, don't worry: Video recordings of four of these webinars are now posted on the "Youth Ministry" page of the Ohio Conference website. To view them, go to <https://bit.ly/OCYouthMinistry>.

Perspective deadlines

Sept. 20 for Sept. 22 issue
Oct. 4 for Oct. 6 issue
