

Perspective



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Sabbatical plans announced

Conference Minister Dick Barrett will be on sabbatical from Nov. 28 to Dec. 31, 2022. If you need a Conference pastor during that time, please contact Regional Pastor Tony Doehrmann. Tony will be on vacation Dec. 4–11. During that week Paula Snyder Belousek, assistant moderator and pastor at Salem Mennonite Church in Elida, will be the emergency contact person. As always, the best contact person is Judy King at the Conference office. She will be able to direct your need to the appropriate person.

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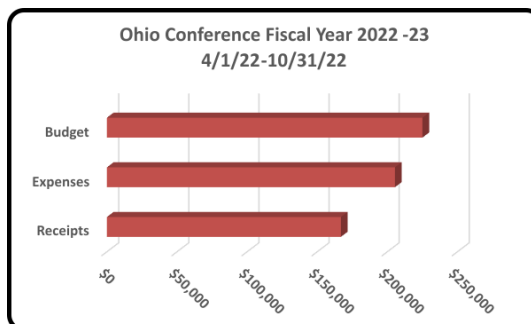
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Giving to Conference increases in October

Congregational giving to Ohio Conference increased during October, helping to reduce the Conference's deficit for the 2022-23 fiscal year by more than \$6,000.

Receipts for the month of October totaled

\$35,618, including \$29,299 in giving from congregations. Expenses for the month totaled just \$29,242, resulting in a surplus of \$6,376 for the month. However, as of Oct. 31, the Conference was still in deficit territory for the fiscal year, with an operating balance of -\$38,558. The Conference's fiscal year ends March 31, 2023.



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.

Prayer perspective

This issue of *Perspective* includes the December issue of *Prayer Vine* from Mennonite Mission Network. *Prayer Vine* includes daily prayer requests for mission workers serving in locations around the world.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

Registration open for cluster meetings

Five winter cluster meetings have been scheduled for Ohio Conference delegates to Annual Conference Assembly. Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last between 1.5 and 2 hours.

Locations are as follows:

- Jan. 17 — Maple Grove Mennonite Church, Hartville
- Jan. 19 — Toledo Mennonite Church
- Jan. 24 — Sharon Mennonite Church, Plain City
- Jan. 26 — Orrville Mennonite Church
- Jan. 30 — Online meeting via Zoom

Please register for the cluster meeting that you plan to attend.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/2023WinterClusterMeetings>.

Restorative Conversations workshop planned

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

This 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. A flier with more information is included with this issue of *Perspective*. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/RestorativeConversations>.

MC USA shares new resolutions process

ELKHART, Indiana (Mennonite Church USA) — Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Executive Board staff has posted new “Guidelines for Developing Organizational Resolutions and Church Statements in Mennonite Church USA” on the MC USA website: <https://bit.ly/2022DevelopingResolutions>.

The guidelines are effective immediately and apply to proposed organizational resolutions or church statements submitted for consideration by the 2023 Delegate Assembly (Kansas City, Missouri, July 7-8, 2023).

Any MC USA conference, congregation or constituency group may submit a resolution. The deadline for submitting resolutions for the 2023 Delegate Assembly is **Jan. 9, 2023**. Resolutions should be sent to the Resolutions Committee via the Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA using resolutions@mennoniteusa.org. For more information, please see the MC USA news release: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/resolutions-process/>.

Giving perspective

Everence will hold a Giving Tuesday event on Nov. 29 at Founder’s Hall at Sauder Village in Archbold. The event, which will include dinner and a Difference Makers Expo, will begin at 5 p.m. Register by Nov. 21 for this event. For more information, please see <https://bit.ly/2022EverenceGivingTuesday>.

Service perspective

The November edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In this issue: Learn about the MDS long-term response to Hurricane Ian in Florida; read about volunteers responding to Hurricane Fiona in Atlantic Canada; and learn about a new web page with volunteer opportunities closer to home. Also included is information on the upcoming MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania in February. To read more, see <https://conta.cc/3UEteoj>.

Perspective deadlines

Nov. 29 for Dec. 1 issue
Dec. 13 for Dec. 15 issue
