

Perspective



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Register now for the Winter Read

Coming in January: The Ohio Conference Winter Read. This winter Ohio Conference will once again hold a Conference-wide book study using the Zoom videoconferencing platform. This year we will be studying [Just Mercy](#), a book by Bryan Stevenson. Discussion leaders will be Nathan Beachy and the Rev. Rosalind Young.



Winter Read discussion sessions will take place on Zoom on Tuesday evenings, beginning Jan. 10 and concluding Feb. 28. Sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:45 p.m.

This book is available as a paperback or on Kindle on the Amazon website: <https://bit.ly/WinterReadJustMercy>.

Please register online at <https://bit.ly/2023WinterRead>. A reading schedule is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.

Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This is a day that remembers the nonviolent approach to racial justice that was led by minister and activist Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “Grace & Groundings,” Ohio Conference’s racial reconciliation resource team, invites you to use the previous Sunday – Jan. 15, 2023 – to remember the work that has been done and continues to be done toward achieving true equality and human rights for African Americans and other people of color.



Consider shaping your worship service around a theme of reconciliation or equality for all God’s people. Highlight past accomplishments, honor current efforts, and recognize the work that

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Camp perspective

Camp Luz in Kidron is offering 11 scholarships for staff members who serve at least eight of the nine weeks of summer camp during 2023. For more information, please see the Camp Luz website: <https://bit.ly/CampLuzStaffScholarships>.

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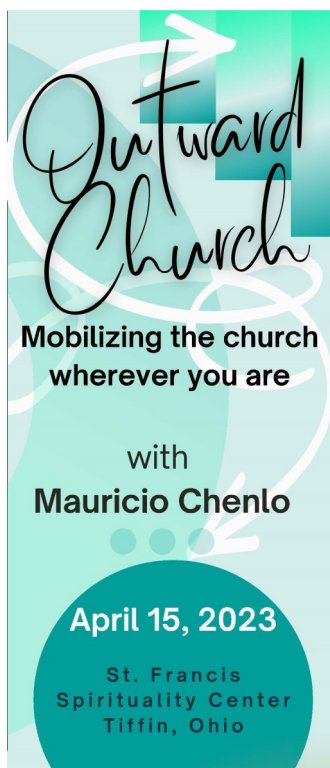
still needs to be done. As Christians we know that all humans are created in God’s image and are called to live with dignity in peace, love, and unity. Let’s promote these moral values as we worship together. There is a place for everyone at God’s table.

Registration is open for Missional Workshop

Do you need motivation to begin working on plans for ministering to your community? Plan now to attend Ohio Conference’s 2023 Missional Workshop at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin on Saturday, April 15.

The theme of this interactive workshop is “Outward Church: Mobilizing the church wherever you are.” During this one-day workshop, teams from Ohio Conference congregations will work on plans for projects designed to reach out to their individual communities.

Mauricio Chenlo, minister for church planting at Mennonite Mission Network, will facilitate the workshop. This event will include significant time for congregational teams to work on a project and receive feedback about the project from others.

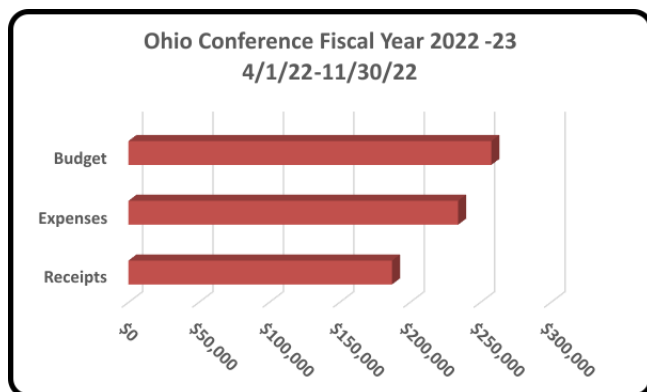


A brochure with more information is included with this issue of *Perspective*. Register online at <https://bit.ly/2023MissionalWorkshop>.

Giving to Conference drops during November

Giving to Ohio Conference slowed during November, resulting in an increase in the Conference’s financial deficit for fiscal year 2022-23.

Receipts for November totaled \$20,285, a significant decrease from the \$35,618 received during October. Expenses for November totaled \$28,686, resulting in a deficit of \$8,401 for the month. As of Nov. 30, the Conference’s operating balance was -\$46,959. The Conference fiscal year ends March 31, 2023.



Delegate perspective

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>.

Prayer perspective

This issue of *Perspective* includes the January issue of *Prayer Vine* from Mennonite Mission Network.

Perspective deadlines

- Jan. 3 for Jan. 5 issue
- Jan. 17 for Jan. 19 issue