

Perspective



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Four cluster meetings remain

Winter cluster meetings for Ohio Conference delegates to Annual Conference Assembly have begun. Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately two hours.

Four cluster meetings remain on the schedule:

- 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>.



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.

Winter Read perspective

It's not too late to join the conversation! You are invited to join in the Ohio Conference's Winter Read discussions, which are taking place on Tuesday evenings on Zoom. This winter participants are discussing *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Learn more and register at <https://bit.ly/2023WinterRead>. To see recordings of previous discussions, email Alysia Short at alysashort@gmail.com.

Register for ACA by Feb. 10

Have you registered for Annual Conference Assembly (ACA)? **Feb. 10** is the deadline to register for ACA at the regular fee of \$45 per person. After that date, the registration fee rises to \$60 per person.

Central Christian School in Kidron will host the 2023 ACA March 3-4. The theme of this year's gathering will be "Doing Life Together: Rooted and Grounded in Love," based on Ephesians 3:16-21. For more information about ACA, please see the Conference website: <https://bit.ly/2023ACAInfo>. To register online, go to <https://bit.ly/2023ACARegistration>.

Doing Life Together



**Rooted and Grounded
in Love**
Ephesians 3:16-21

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

ACA resolution procedure announced

If you would like to propose a resolution for delegates to consider at Annual Conference Assembly, please note: At its Nov. 17 meeting, the Ohio Conference Leadership Team decided that this year all proposed resolutions must be submitted no later than three weeks prior to ACA. The deadline to submit a resolution is **Feb. 10, 2023**.

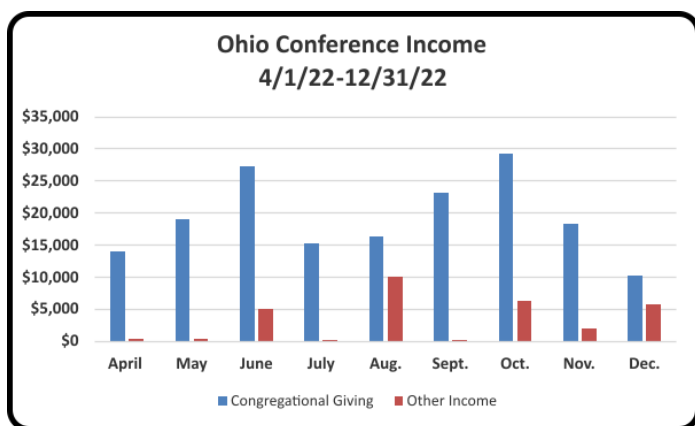
If you have further questions about the resolution process or you would like to submit a proposed resolution, please contact Administrative Secretary Judy King at ohmc@zoominternet.net or 330-857-5421.

Giving to Conference drops in December

Giving to Ohio Conference was lower than average during December, resulting in a deficit of \$8,493 for the month.

According to figures provided by Stan Helmuth, Ohio Conference financial coordinator, receipts for the month totaled just \$16,028, including \$10,306 in congregational giving. Total expenses for the month were \$24,521.

As of Dec. 31, 2022, the Conference's operating balance was -\$55,452. The 2022-23 fiscal year ends March 31, 2023.



MCC essay contest is for youth

The annual MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries essay contest highlights the perspectives of youth on significant public policy issues. Are you a youth who attends a Mennonite high school or an Anabaptist church? This contest is your opportunity to express your views in essay format on critical issues facing U.S. society. Submissions are due Feb. 24, 2023, and may be in English or Spanish. The grand prize is \$1,000! Find out more about the high school essay contest: <https://bit.ly/2023MCCEssayContest>.

Youth Venture offers ways to serve and learn

Youth Venture sends teens and young adults (ages 15-22) on short-term service and learning experiences to engage with the work of God that is already taking place in communities around the globe. Hosted by churches and Mennonite Mission Network partners, Youth Venture teams will explore how Christians across the street and around the world are engaged in the work of reconciliation in their local contexts. Participants will learn about people making a difference in their local settings by confronting injustice and offering healing and hope.

Application deadline is April 15, 2023, for international locations and May 15, 2023, for domestic locations. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/MMNYouthVenture>.

Worship perspective

Anabaptist Worship Network will host a Lent Worship Planning webinar on Facebook on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. EST. This webinar will explore Lenten worship resources from *Leader* magazine and *Voices Together*, as well as offering time for brainstorming creative ways to gather during Lent. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/692537162581966> to sign up.

Health care perspective

The 2023 Mennonite Health Assembly will take place March 7-9 in Denver, Colorado. Registration is due by Feb. 21. For more information or to register, see <https://bit.ly/MennoniteHealthAssembly>.

Peace perspective

Interested in learning more about peacemaking on an interpersonal level? Check out "Finer Points," a blog on the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center website: <https://lmpeacecenter.org/finerpoints>.

Perspective deadlines

Jan. 31 for Feb. 2 issue
Feb. 21 for Feb. 23 issue
