

# Perspective



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## Have you registered for ACA yet?

The deadline to register for Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) is approaching quickly. Have you registered yet? ACA will take place March 3-4 at Central Christian School in Kidron.

Registrations for ACA are due **Friday, Feb. 10**. After that date, the registration fee increases from \$45 per person to \$60 per person. 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

## Help cover ACA in prayer

Ohio Conference's Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) is quickly approaching on March 3-4, 2023. Even if you are not attending ACA, you can still participate! We invite you to sign up to help cover all of ACA in prayer.



We are looking for willing individuals to commit to praying 20 minutes during the ACA weekend. You can do this from anywhere – your couch, your church, your office, even while on a walk. If you live close to Central Christian School in Kidron, we invite you to come and pray in the ACA prayer room (Room M20) at the school.

Whether you are young or old, near or far, join us in inviting the Lord's Spirit to guide the leaders and delegates as they engage in worshipful work.

Go to <https://bit.ly/2023ACAPrayerSignup> to sign up for a time slot. If a slot is already full, please sign up for a different time. You may also sign up by contacting Judy King in the Conference office at [ohmc@zoominternet.net](mailto:ohmc@zoominternet.net) or 330-857-5421.

**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

Ohio Conference invites you to be in prayer for Kevin Himes, Keith Lyndaker Schlabach, and Miriam Zehr. This group is planning the worship services that will be held at the upcoming Annual Conference Assembly on March 3-4, 2023. Pray that they would feel the Spirit's leading and direction as they plan these services based on Ephesians 3:16-21 and the theme of *Doing Life Together: Rooted and Grounded in Love*.

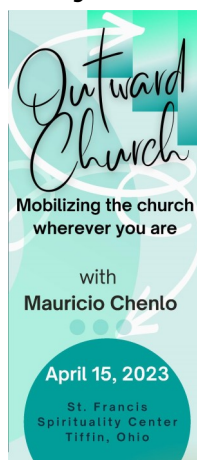
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## Work on plans to impact your community

How can your congregation positively impact your community? Ohio Conference's upcoming missional workshop will be a great place to work on plans and get feedback from others. You can learn more about this workshop from Alex Dye, pastor of Oak Grove Mennonite Church in West Liberty, in a brief video found online at <https://youtu.be/CxJpYM7EYZ>.

"Outward Church: Mobilizing the church wherever you are" is the theme of this one-day workshop, which will take place April 15 at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin.



A brochure with more information is available at <https://bit.ly/2023MissionalWorkshopBrochure>. Register online at <https://bit.ly/2023MissionalWorkshop>.

## June 18 is Social Justice Sunday

Grace & Groundings, Ohio Conference's racial reconciliation resource team, is inviting all Ohio Conference churches to set aside Sunday, June 18, as Social Justice Sunday, in recognition of Juneteenth the following day. (If June 18 does not work well for your congregation, please consider setting aside a different Sunday as Social Justice Sunday.) The team is preparing worship planning resources, available this spring, to guide you in your planning.

## Webinar series to focus on prison system

MCC and MC USA are partnering in a new webinar series, "Beyond incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities." This series will explore the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement.

The webinars will take place on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, and March 21 at 7:30 p.m. EST and will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. in 2023.

Please see the MCC website for more information and to register: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/beyond-incarceration-webinar-series>.

## Bluffton offers Master of Nutrition and Dietetics

BLUFFTON, Ohio— Bluffton University is now offering a Master of Nutrition and Dietetics graduate degree for students interested in becoming a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN).

Beginning in January 2024, students must have a master's degree and at least 1,000 hours of supervised experiential learning to sit for the RDN licensing examination. Bluffton's new program fulfills both requirements. See [www.bluffton.edu/dietetics](http://www.bluffton.edu/dietetics) for more information.

## Employment perspective

Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold is seeking a full-time collaborative ministry team pastor. A job description is included with this issue of *Perspective*. If you are interested in applying or learning more about this opportunity, please contact Regional Pastor Tony Doehrmann at 419-551-1107 or [ocrpwest@gmail.com](mailto:ocrpwest@gmail.com).

## Resource perspective

Grace & Groundings, Ohio Conference's racial reconciliation resource team, has compiled a list of resources for working at racial reconciliation. A copy of this resource list is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

## Fundraising perspective

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry will hold its annual Taco Tuesday fundraising dinner March 14 at 6 p.m. at Dutch Kitchen, 14278 Lincoln Way E, Dalton. RSVP by March 10 to [kelsey@openarmshispanicministry.org](mailto:kelsey@openarmshispanicministry.org) or 330-466-7845 (call or text).

## Perspective deadlines

Feb. 21 for Feb. 23 issue  
March 7 for March 9 issue