

Perspective



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Register for missional workshop by March 31

The registration deadline for Ohio Conference's missional workshop is approaching quickly!

Do you have ideas for ministering to your community, but need motivation to begin making those ideas come to life? Then 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. This is a workshop, so participants will have time to work on a project for their setting.



Registration is due by **Friday, March 31**. To encourage groups to register, registration fees are lower for the second through fourth member of a group, and all additional group members can attend at no additional charge. For a brochure with more information, please see <https://bit.ly/2023MissionalWorkshopBrochure>. To see a brief video about the missional workshop, go to <https://youtu.be/CxJpYM7EYZ>.

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

MWC requests prayer for victims of cyclone

Mennonite World Conference is requesting prayer for Anabaptist-Mennonite church members in Malawi and Mozambique who have been affected by Cyclone Freddy, an exceptionally long-lived tropical storm that battered the region for more than five weeks with heavy rains and high winds. See <https://bit.ly/PrayerRequestCycloneFreddy> for more details.

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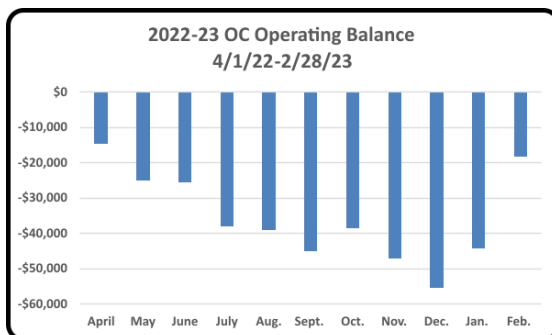
This issue of *Perspective* includes the April issue of *Prayer Vine* from Mennonite Mission Network and prayer requests for April from Mennonite Education Agency.

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Giving increases but deficit remains

Giving to Ohio Conference increased during February, but that increased giving did not completely eliminate the Conference's year-to-date operating deficit.



According to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth, receipts for the month totaled \$47,672, including \$45,248 in giving from congregations. Expenses for February totaled just \$21,671, resulting in a surplus of \$26,001 for the month.

That surplus helped to improve the year-to-date operating balance, although the Conference was still running a deficit as of the end of February. As of Feb. 28, the Conference's operating balance was -\$18,211. The Conference's fiscal year ends March 31, 2023.

New Vision issue explores topic of 'uncertainty'

The Spring 2023 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*, edited by Karl Koop, PhD, of Canadian Mennonite University, looks at uncertainty from personal, ecological, biblical and societal angles. Writers explore how to move away from self-centered conceptions of certainty and control and move toward notions of trust and mystery. You can download this free publication online at <https://bit.ly/VisionSpring2023>.

'Dealing with Crises' is webinar topic

"It's not a matter of if, but when a crisis will happen." — Dr. Curt Bechler

Anabaptist Communicators is hosting a webinar on the topic "Dealing with Crises." This webinar featuring Dr. Curt Bechler, a specialist in crisis and conflict management, will take place on Thursday, March 30, from noon to 1 p.m. EST.

The webinar is free to all, but registration is required, and recordings will not be available. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/3-30-23Webinar>. For more information, see <https://bit.ly/3-30-23WebinarInfo>.

MDS March newsletter is now available

The March edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS). In this issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares his experiences of working on an MDS project in Dulac, Louisiana; a home dedication in Kentucky provides visible reminders that God cares; and MDS Canada returns to Cape Breton to repair damage from Hurricane Fiona. To read this issue, see <https://conta.cc/3JazUG0>.

Address perspective

Summit Mennonite Church, formerly located in Barberton, is now meeting nearby in Norton. The congregation is renting space at the Grace United Church of Christ of Loyal Oak, 3285 S. Cleveland Massillon Road, Norton.

Summit Mennonite's email address is summit2mennonite@gmail.com. The congregation's mailing address is as follows: Summit Mennonite Church, PO Box 296, Wadsworth OH 44282. To contact Summit Mennonite by phone, call 234-802-3373.

Relief sale perspective

The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction Board will hold its annual kick-off meeting Tuesday, March 28, at 6 p.m. This meeting will take place the home of board member Leroy Yoder at 1865 State Route 62, Wilmot, Ohio (located just outside of Winesburg).

This year the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction will have a new date and new location. The 2023 sale will take place July 7 and 8 at the Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 State Route 241, Millersburg. For more information, contact Brenda LaTulippe at 330-933-6372.

Perspective deadlines

April 4 for April 6 issue
April 25 for April 27 issue