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Perspective



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Social Justice Sunday resources are online

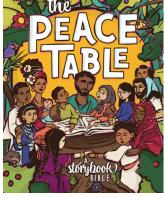
A reminder: Grace & Groundings, Ohio Conference's racial reconciliation resource team, is inviting all Ohio Conference churches to observe Social Justice Sunday on June 18, in recognition of Juneteenth the following day. The team has developed worship planning

resources for Social Justice Sunday. You can download these resources from the Ohio Conference website: <u>https://</u> bit.ly/2023SocialJusticeSunday. Perspective: 1) The interrelation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed. 2) Point of view; capacity to view things in their relative importance.

Webinar showcases new Bible storybook

The Shine Sunday school curriculum will soon have a new Bible storybook, *The Peace Table*.

The *Peace Table* is the source of the Bible story for Shine's elementary curriculum for 2023-26. Recently Menno-Media offered a webinar to overview the features of *The Peace Table* and its use in the curriculum. The webinar also explored how this book can help teachers and parents guide children to love Jesus, grow in faith, and become peacemakers



that change the world. A recording of this webinar will be available soon at <u>https://shinecurriculum.com/webinar.</u>

The Peace Table will be published in July. Until June 1, there is a 25 percent discount on all pre-orders. See <u>https://bit.ly/</u> <u>PeaceTable</u> to view sample pages or to order.

MCC introduces Climate Action for Peace

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is holding a special online launch event to introduce its new Climate Action for Peace campaign. This webinar will be held Tuesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. ET. To learn more or to register, go to <u>https://bit.ly/</u> <u>MCCClimateActionWebinar</u>.

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A dministrative Assistant Judy King has updated the Ohio Conference Directory for 2023-24. If you would like a PDF copy of the directory, contact her at <u>ohmc@zoominternet.net</u>.

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Webinar participants will learn about how people around the world, with the help of MCC's partners, are taking action to respond to the impacts of climate change. They will also learn how they can get involved. For more information about Climate Action for Peace, see <u>https://climateactionforpeace.com</u>.

New Hispanic Ministries course coming this fall

ELKHART, Indiana (Mennonite Education Agency) – <u>The Schowalter Foundation</u> recently awarded a \$9,000 grant to the Hispanic Ministries seminary program of the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA).

This grant will enable the <u>Seminario Bíblico</u> <u>Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH)</u> to offer an online continuing education course this September titled "The Journey of the Bible in the Spanish Language." The course is designed for Spanish-speaking Anabaptist Mennonites.



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Carlos Martínez García, who wrote the textbook for the course, will be the instructor. The Schowalter grant endowed the production of Martínez García's textbook, *Brevísma Historia del Extenso Viaje de la Biblia Hacia el Idioma Español*, (*Brief History of the Bible's Extensive Journey in the Spanish Language*), and a series of 24 videos. To learn more, see the MEA website: <u>https://</u> <u>bit.ly/MEA5-4-23News</u>.

MEA launches new website

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) recently debuted its redesigned website. The new website offers user-friendly search features for degree programs and faith formation resources, a communications hub for news from across Mennonite education and Mennonite Church USA, as well as time-honored resources such as a prayer calendar, job board, and enrollment reports.

To learn more about MEA's mission and work, and to experience the new website, visit <u>www.MennoniteEducation.org</u>.

MWC plans online prayer hour

Mennonite World Conference will hold an online prayer hour on Friday, May 19, at 10 a.m. ET. There will be breakout rooms with a prayer leader in several languages. To register, go to https://bit.ly/M2



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Mental health perspective

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. CommonWord, a collaboration of Mennonite Church Canada and Canadian Mennonite University, has curated a collection of mental health-related resources. To view the collection, see <u>https://</u> <u>www.commonword.ca/</u> <u>Browse/3117</u>.

Poetry perspective

Anabaptist World is seeking poetry for inclusion in its digital offerings. The editors are looking for original poems that relate to the church calendar, as well as poems engaging theological themes that can speak to readers at any time of the year.

When submitting poems, please do so in a Word document, and send up to three preferably unpublished poems to <u>poetry@anabaptistworld.org</u>. For more details, please see <u>https://bit.ly/</u> <u>AnabaptistWorldPoetry</u>.

Seminary perspective

This issue of *Perspective* includes bulletin announcements for May from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Perspective *deadlines*

May 23 for May 25 issue June 6 for June 8 issue