

Perspective



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Please let us know how you used these resources

Grace & Groundings, Ohio Conference's racial reconciliation resource team, has produced a brief, six-question questionnaire concerning the [Social Justice Sunday resources](#) the team shared with congregations. Team members would appreciate hearing from your congregation regardless of whether or not you used the resources. Please take a few minutes to help the team assess the use of these resources. The questionnaire can be found at <https://bit.ly/SocialJusticeSundayQuestions>. They would appreciate your response by July 7.



Five fall delegate meetings scheduled

Five fall delegate cluster meetings have been scheduled for Ohio Conference delegates to Annual Conference Assembly. Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately two hours.



Locations are as follows:

- Sept. 19 — Oak Grove Mennonite Church, West Liberty
- Sept. 21 — Lee Heights Community Church, Cleveland
- Sept. 26 — Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold
- Sept. 28 — Wooster Mennonite Church
- Oct. 2 — Online meeting via Zoom

Please register for the cluster meeting that you plan to attend. Register online at <https://bit.ly/Fall2023ClusterMeetings>.

Mennonite Men to offer one-day retreat

Mennonite Men will hold a Men's Retreat Saturday, Aug. 19, at Pathways Retreat in Goshen, Indiana. The theme of this half-day retreat will be "Living that Matters for Men." Steve Thomas, US coordinator for Mennonite Men, will be the retreat leader. For more information, please see the flier included with this issue of *Perspective*. To register, go to bit.ly/pathways_Living_That_Matters.

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.

Grant perspective

Do you have an idea for a ministry that could impact your community? Why not apply for a Ministry Grant? The deadline to submit a grant proposal is **Friday, Aug. 4**. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/OCMinistryGrants>.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

AMBS to offer Practical Leadership Training for pastors, lay leaders and nonprofit leaders

ELKHART, Indiana (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary) — In August, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in Elkhart, Indiana, is launching a new [Practical Leadership Training](#) (PLT) program to help pastors, lay leaders, community leaders and leaders of nonprofit organizations increase their capacity to provide effective Anabaptist leadership in a variety of settings.

The program grew out of a listening process with church leaders in 2021, in which seminary leaders asked, “What is the most meaningful thing that AMBS can do to support current and future leaders for the church?” Many leaders shared that while seminary had prepared them well for Bible study, preaching and pastoral care, they needed practical leadership skills to meet challenges resulting from the pandemic, polarization, shifting church commitments and an unpredictable future.

In response, AMBS designed a program consisting of modules focusing on four areas: **administration, leadership, contextual engagement and well-being.**

The modules will be offered in a range of formats: in-person seminars or full-day leadership clinics; one-session webinars; four-session online workshops; or six-week synchronous online short courses. To learn more, see the AMBS website: <https://bit.ly/PracticalLeadershipTraining>.

MMN announces new service locations

Interested in short-term service? Mennonite Mission Network’s Service Opportunities with Our Partners (SOOP) offers flexible service terms for individuals ages 25+ and families of all ages.

Mennonite Mission Network has added three locations to the existing 45 locations across the United States. New service locations include Amigo Centre, Sturgis, Michigan; Open Door Mennonite Church, Jackson, Mississippi; and Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center, Tiskilwa, Illinois. Learn more at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/SOOP>.

MCC sets goal for School Kit Challenge

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is holding a School Kit Challenge this August.

The challenge: Help 10,000 kids attend school by donating 10,000 school kits during the month of August.



To assist in this challenge, MCC is offering a free school kit activity resource for Sunday school and vacation Bible school students. To learn more about the challenge or to order the school kit activity resource, go to <https://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge>.

Relief sale perspective

Reminder: The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction will take place July 7-8 at the Mt. Hope Event Center. See a photo gallery of the auction items at <https://www.auctionzip.com/Listings/3818778.html>.

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The Relief Sale 5K/1K Run will take place Saturday, July 8. Both races will start at the Mt. Hope Event Center. The 1K Fun Run will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the 5K Run will begin at 8 a.m.

Every participant will receive a T-shirt, and the top six overall runners will receive an award. Age awards will also be given. All proceeds benefit a special project through Mennonite Central Committee. For more information or to register, go to <https://bit.ly/2023Run4Relief>.

Prayer perspective

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

Perspective deadlines

July 11 for July 13 issue
July 25 for July 27 issue
