

Perspective



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Pastor-Spouse Retreat planners need your help

The planning committee for Ohio Conference's biennial Pastor-Spouse Retreat **needs your help!** The committee would like to touch base with a congregational representative from each congregation. Please go to <https://bit.ly/CongregationalContactInfo> to submit contact information for your congregation's representative. If you prefer, send the name, email and phone number of your church contact (church chair or lead elder) to alysashort@gmail.com. Please respond by **June 16**. Your help is greatly appreciated.

NW Ohio congregations share prayer requests

Please remember Ohio Conference congregations in prayer. Below are several prayer requests from congregations in Northwest Ohio:

Good Shepherd Mennonite Church (Archbold) — The congregation has discovered structural weakness in the sanctuary building roof and wall structure. Pray for wisdom as the engineer and the congregation's leadership discern the best path forward.

Toledo Mennonite Church — Pray for renewal for Pastor Joel Shenk as he enters sabbatical and for church life to go smoothly while he is away.

Central Mennonite Church (Archbold) — Pray for the ongoing pastoral search process.

Tedrow Mennonite Church (Wauseon) — The congregation is increasing their connections in the local community, through outreach and combined worship services with other congregations. Please pray for these outreach efforts.

West Clinton Mennonite Church (Wauseon) — Pray for the implementation of Lifewise Academy, beginning this fall.

If you would like to share a prayer request with the rest of the Ohio Conference, please contact Ann Leaman at ohioevangel@gmail.com, Conference Minister Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com, or Regional Pastor Tony Doehrmann at ocrpwest@gmail.com.

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.

Retreat perspective

Ohio Conference will hold the 2023 Pastor-Spouse Retreat Nov. 10-12 at Deer Creek State Park Lodge and Conference Center in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Registration is due by **Sept. 1, 2023**. For more information, see <https://bit.ly/2023Pastor-SpouseBrochure>. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2023Pastor-SpouseRetreat>.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

How will you celebrate Social Justice Sunday?

Social Justice Sunday, June 18, is quickly approaching. Grace & Groundings, Ohio Conference's racial reconciliation resource team, will be sending each congregation a questionnaire later in the month to learn if and how your congregation celebrated. You may find it beneficial to keep notes on how you celebrated the day in order to respond to some of the questions. Please remember that Social Justice Sunday can be celebrated any Sunday that you choose.

If you would be willing to share photos from your Social Justice Sunday celebration with others in the Ohio Conference, please send them to Ann Leaman at ohioevangel@gmail.com.

Giving to Conference increases during May

Giving to Ohio Conference increased during May. Receipts for the month of May totaled \$27,670, including \$5,000 in donations from individuals. In comparison, the receipts for April totaled just \$12,451.

Expenses for May totaled \$24,033, resulting in a surplus of \$3,637 for the month. That surplus improved the year-to-date operating balance. As of May 31, the operating balance for 2023-24 was -\$10,456. The 2023-24 fiscal year ends March 31, 2024.

Open Arms seeks next executive director

Haroldo Nunes, executive director of Open Arms Hispanic Ministries, has announced his resignation, effective at the end of July 2023. He plans to move to Florida to be closer to family.

Open Arms is seeking a new executive director. Please see <https://open-arms.us/ed/> for details. A PDF with the complete job description is available at <https://bit.ly/OpenArmsExecDir>.

Pastor salary guidelines updated for 2023-24

The 2023-2024 Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) pastor salary guidelines are now posted on the MC USA website at <https://bit.ly/PastorSalaryGuidelines>. Each April, the MC USA Church Vitality office and [Everence](#) collaborate to update the guidelines, which aid pastors, congregations, pastoral search committees and conferences in negotiating fair compensation for pastors and conference ministers. For more information, see <https://bit.ly/2023-24SalaryGuidelinesUpdate>.

MMN seeks staff accountant

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a staff accountant. This position is full time, and could be either in office, hybrid or remote. The staff accountant will oversee budget development and monitor budget performance. This position will also be the liaison between finance and other departments and work teams and cross-train to cover other finance functions as necessary. For more information, or to apply, visit www.MennoniteMission.net/about/Employment.

Everence perspective

Everence Financial® has announced the addition of Roger Dishong, Justin Wagler and Glenn Black to its staff in Northeast Ohio. For more details, please see the news release included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Employment perspective

The Mennonite Education Agency Job Board is updated each week. Check <https://bit.ly/MEAJobBoard> to see job openings at MEA-affiliated schools, colleges and seminaries.

Fundraising perspective

Save the date: Adriel will hold its annual benefit golf scramble Sept. 11 at Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance, Ohio. For more information, contact Jennifer Butler at 419-906-0228 or email foundation@adriel.org.

Perspective insert

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

Perspective deadlines

June 20 for June 22 issue
July 11 for July 13 issue
