

# Perspective



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## ***RSVPs requested for pastor meeting***

**A reminder for pastors:** On Wednesday, Aug. 16, Ohio Conference will be hosting our annual All Active Credentialed Ministers Gathering at the Upper Sandusky Community Library from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is an important gathering, as our process consultant, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi, will once again be facilitating the gathering to help us discern God's vision for the future of Ohio Conference.



Everyone's input is very important, so please try to make arrangements to attend if at all possible. **If you have not already done so, RSVP to Judy King at the Conference office at 330-857-5421 or [ohmc@zoominternet.net](mailto:ohmc@zoominternet.net) as soon as possible.**

## ***Register now for Pastor-Spouse Retreat***

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

## ***Please pray for Good Shepherd congregation***

Regional Pastor Tony Doehrmann has shared the following prayer request: Please continue to pray for the Good Shepherd Mennonite Church in Archbold. As you may remember from a previous prayer request, Good Shepherd's sanctuary



walls and rafters have become dangerously unstable. The congregation has hired an architect for help with their building structure damage. They are hopeful that repairs can be made without dismantling the sanctuary. Unfortunately, the congregation's insurance company has refused to cover the costs. Pray for a timely resolution and funds to help cover the repairs.

***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.***

## ***Relief sale perspective***

**T**he treasurers of the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction have reported preliminary results from this year's event, which was held July 7-8 at the Mt. Hope Event Center. The sale day total was about \$365,000. However, sizeable donations to the My Coins Count campaign are still expected, which will add to the amount raised. All funds raised benefit the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

## ***Please distribute Perspective copies to:***

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

## Series to explore generosity and stewardship

Starting this month MennoMedia is offering three online sessions focused on generosity and stewardship, featuring input from consultants at Everence. Beginning Thursday, Aug. 17, the monthly sessions will unpack the “why” behind our giving and provide input on specific charitable tools that you can use to support the causes and organizations that are important to you.



All sessions begin at 2 p.m. ET. Recordings will be available for those whose schedules will not accommodate afternoon meetings. Dates and topics are as follows:

- Aug. 17 — Exploring “why” we give
- Sept. 21 — Strategic generosity: Maximizing your charitable impact
- Oct. 19 — Strategic generosity at year end

Learn more and register online at [www.mennomedia.org/register-now](http://www.mennomedia.org/register-now) or by emailing Mitch Stutzman, Director of Development and Partner Engagement at MennoMedia, at [MitchS@MennoMedia.org](mailto:MitchS@MennoMedia.org).

## MCC canning planned for Oct. 13, 14 and 16

Mark your calendar: This year MCC Canning For Relief will take place Oct. 13, 14 and 16 at the Gerber Building, located behind Central Christian School in Kidron. Canning will take place from 5 a.m. to sometime between 8 and 10 p.m. each day. An ambitious amount of turkey is being ordered for processing, so lots of help is needed. For more information or to volunteer, call or text Trent Metcalf at 330-455-4191.

## Gen Z challenge focuses on creation care

Mennonite Creation Care Network is challenging young people to actively care for the planet through its Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge, which runs through April 2024. Jennifer Halteman Schrock, director of Mennonite Creation Care Network, describes the challenge as “a friendly competition to embrace our Anabaptist calling as earth keepers, reduce our carbon footprints, nurture environmental leadership, and utilize and bless the gifts of youth and young adults.” The challenge is primarily aimed at young MC USA constituents born between 1997 and 2012, known as Generation Z.

Participants who will graduate from high school in the classes of 2024, 2025, 2026 or 2027, and who are accepted at one of the following MC USA-affiliated schools will receive a \$1,000 Energy and Spirit Grant as part of their financial aid package: Bethel College, Bethel, Kansas; Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio; Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana; and Hesston College, Hesston, Kansas.

For more details, please see [www.mennoniteusa.org/news/energy-challenge](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/energy-challenge).

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## Delegate perspective

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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>.

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## Seminary perspective

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Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary has compiled bulletin announcements for the month of August. These announcements are included with this issue of *Perspective*. Please share them with your congregation.

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## Perspective deadlines

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Aug. 22 for Aug. 24 issue  
Sept. 5 for Sept. 7 issue

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