

Perspective



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Leadership Team appoints interim pastoral staff

The Ohio Conference Leadership Team is pleased to announce the appointment of an interim conference minister and a half-time interim regional pastor for the eastern portion of the Conference.

The Leadership Team has appointed **Dan Miller** to serve as full-time interim conference minister for 12 months, beginning **Dec. 1, 2023**.



Dan has enjoyed various roles over the years, at congregational and conference levels. Most recently he has served as intentional interim pastor at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold. He thinks of “transition” being the theme of his years in ministry, being between what has been and what is coming.

Dan is the son of a pastor/social worker father and an elementary school teacher mother, both of whom grew up in Wayne County, Ohio. He lives in Goshen, Indiana, and is married to Nadine Zook Miller. Dan is an introvert who enjoys connecting with people. He emphasizes listening as an important leadership practice.

Dan enjoys science fiction. As a follower of the resurrected Christ, Dan seeks (and does not always succeed) to live from a place of grace and challenge. In addition to the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting and generosity, he supports the spiritual practice of celebration.

The Leadership Team also has appointed **Larry Rohrer** to serve as half-time interim regional pastor for the eastern portion of the Conference. He will serve in this role for 12 months, beginning **Nov. 1, 2023**.



A native of Ohio, Larry served in ministry for four decades. He was the pastor of Salem Mennonite Church in Elida, Midway Mennonite Church in Columbiana, and Belmont Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Indiana. Following his retirement in 2019, he and his wife, Sharon, returned to Ohio, set-

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ACA perspective

Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City will host the 2024 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) March 1-2, 2024. The theme of the 2024 ACA will be “Following Jesus Together with a Common Mission,” based on Philippians 2:5-11. The gathering will include input from Meghan Larissa Good, who will be presenting on her soon-to-be published book *Divine Gravity: Sparking a Movement to Recover a Better Christian Story*.

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ting in her home community of Dover. They have two adult children and five grandchildren.

Over the years Larry has served Ohio Conference as a volunteer in various capacities, most recently as a member of the Credentialing Ministry Team.

Larry enjoys reading, gardening, biking, and music.

Retreat about climate designed for pastors, leaders

Anabaptist Climate Collective (ACC) is partnering with several other organizations to sponsor an ecumenical retreat on climate change for pastors and congregational leaders in Ohio and Kentucky. The theme will be “Pastoral Influence in a Climate Changed World.” This retreat will take place Oct. 16-18 at Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio. Applications are due **Sept. 24**.

ACC is working on the retreat with partners Creation Justice Ministries, Lexington Theological Seminary, and Methodist Theological School. The retreat will provide opportunities to learn about work with sustainability at Seminary Hill Farm and go on a food sovereignty field trip to Columbus, amongst other things. To learn more and register, see <https://bit.ly/46hlDSb>.

Fall cluster meetings begin Sept. 19

A reminder for delegates: 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>.

MMN seeks regional director for Africa and Europe

Mennonite Mission Network is hiring a Regional Director of Africa and Europe. This staff member will oversee the logistics involved in long-term service work in Africa and Europe. The regional director will foster collaboration, implement strategies, and innovate for partnership, as well as represent Mennonite Mission Network around the world.

For more information or to apply, see www.MennoniteMission.net/about/Employment. If you have additional questions, please email Mennonite Mission Network – Human Resources at staffrecruitment@mennonitemission.net.

Retreat perspective

Camp Luz in Kidron will hold its annual Women’s Retreat Oct. 13 and 14, with an option to extend the experience through Oct. 15. The speaker will be Sarah Short, focusing on the theme “Abide in Me.” Register on the Camp Luz website: <https://bit.ly/10-23WomensRetreat>.

Communion perspective

CommonWord, a collaboration of Mennonite Church Canada and Canadian Mennonite University, has curated a collection of resources for World Communion Sunday, which is traditionally observed on the first Sunday in October. To see these resources, go to <https://bit.ly/WorldCommunion>.

MCC perspective

MCC Canning for Relief will take place Oct. 13, 14 and 16 at the Gerber Building, located behind Central Christian School in Kidron. The plan is to can 30,000 pounds of boneless cooked turkey over the three days. The canned meat will be distributed by Mennonite Central Committee, both globally and to domestic disaster areas. To volunteer, call or text Trent Metcalf at 330-465-4191. See the event flier for details.

Perspective deadlines

Sept. 19 for Sept. 21 issue
Oct. 3 for Oct. 5 issue
