

Perspective



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Regional pastor announces retirement plans

Tony Doehrmann, regional pastor for the western region of the Ohio Conference, has informed the Conference's Leadership Team that he intends to retire at the end of March 2024. Please see the Jan. 22 issue of *Delegate News* for more details: <https://conta.cc/48UNZCW>.

Register for ACA by Feb. 9

Have you registered for Annual Conference Assembly (ACA)? **Feb. 9** is the deadline to register for ACA at the regular fee of \$50 per person. After that date, the registration fee rises to \$65 per person.

Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City will host the 2024 ACA March 1-2. The featured speaker at this event will be Meghan Larissa Good, author of *Divine Gravity* and *The Bible Unwrapped*. The theme of the 2024 ACA will be "Following Jesus Together with a Common Mission," based on Philippians 2:5-11. For more information about ACA, see the Ohio Conference website: <https://bit.ly/2024ACAInfo>. To register online, go to <https://bit.ly/2024ACARegistration>.



Podcast episode features newest staff members

In case you missed it: In the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast, hosts Jacob Dodson and Paula Snyder Belousek talk with Ohio Conference's newest staff members, Interim Conference Minister Dan Miller and Interim Regional Pastor Larry Rohrer, who serves the eastern part of the Conference.



Listen to this episode to hear Dan and Larry's hopes for the Ohio Conference in the coming years. You'll also learn a bit more

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.

Prayer perspective

Please join Ohio Conference in prayer for Dennis Graber, Jeff Hochstetler, and Vikki Pruitte-Sorrells. This group is planning the worship services that will be held at the upcoming Annual Conference Assembly at Sharon Mennonite on March 1-2, 2024. Pray that they would feel the Spirit's leading and direction as they plan these services based on Philippians 2:5-11 and the theme of *Following Jesus Together with a Common Mission*.

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about their interests. You'll learn which of these two you might be able to get to accompany you on the piano if needed, and which of them enjoys reading science fiction.

You can listen to this podcast [on Apple Podcasts](#) or [Google Podcasts](#) or find it on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceCast>.

CommonWord offers resources for Lent

This year Lent begins Feb. 14. If you are looking for new Lenten resources, check out the website for CommonWord, a collaboration of Mennonite Church Canada and Canadian Mennonite University.

In preparation for Lent, CommonWord has curated a collection of resources for this season of the church year. Included in the collection are books, songs, and worship resources such as sermon starters, dramatic monologues, prayers and calls to worship. To browse this collection, visit commonword.ca/go/2213.

Lenten prayer guide available

CommonWord is also highlighting a Lenten devotional resource. "Hungering for Hope" is the theme of a Lenten guided prayer resource for 2024 offered by the Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada.



2024 Lenten Guided Prayer Experience
Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada

"Hungering for Hope" is a contemplative prayer resource which can be used by individuals, small groups, or congregations. It includes weekly prayer sheets, an invitation to share with others (in person or online), and opening and closing liturgies for the Lenten season.

The cost of this resource is \$20 for individuals, \$10 for students, and \$40 for groups/congregations. For more information or to register, please see <https://bit.ly/LentenGuidedPrayer>.

MEA announces scholarship application deadline

ELKHART, Indiana — Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) has announced the deadline to apply for the MEA Scholarship for BIPOC Students within Mennonite Church USA (MC USA). Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2024, for the 2024-25 academic year.

The scholarship was launched in the fall of 2023 to help students who identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), and who are active in MC USA congregations, to attend a Mennonite college, university, or seminary that is partnered with MEA.

To learn more, please see the MEA website: <https://bit.ly/MEAScholarshipDeadline>. The link to scholarship information and the online application form is available at <https://bit.ly/BIPOCScholarshipApp>.

Podcast perspective

Meghan Larissa Good will be the featured speaker at Annual Conference Assembly March 1-2. Want to learn more about Meghan? She has appeared as a guest on a number of podcasts. You can hear more about Meghan's life and experience connecting with the Bible on the *God Hears Her* podcast episode titled "Enjoying & Exploring Scripture": <https://bit.ly/MLGoodExploringScripture>.

You also can hear Meghan talk about the ideas explored in her book *Divine Gravity* on the *Shifting Culture* podcast episode titled "Are We in the Middle of a New Reformation?": <https://bit.ly/MLGoodNewReformation>.

Prayer perspective

This issue of *Perspective* includes prayer requests for February from Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Education Agency.

Perspective deadlines

Feb. 6 for Feb. 8 issue

Feb. 20 for Feb. 22 issue
