

Perspective



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ACA photos are online, video coming soon

Thanks to all of you who were able to participate in Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) March 1 and 2 at Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City. Special thanks go to our hosts at Sharon Mennonite Church and the ACA Planning Committee.

This year 166 people attended ACA, including 127 delegates from 34 congregations. The offering at this year's gathering was given toward Ohio Conference's general fund and totaled \$2,685.

A full report of the 2024 ACA will appear in the March-April issue of *Ohio Mennonite Evangel*. ACA photos are on the Ohio Conference website: <https://bit.ly/ACAPhotos>.

A brief summary video about the 2024 Annual Conference Assembly will be available by Friday. The video will be posted on the Ohio Conference Facebook page and on the Conference website: <https://bit.ly/ACAPhotos>.

Healthy Boundaries refresher training planned

A reminder for credentialed leaders: Ohio Conference will hold a Healthy Boundaries 201 training on Tuesday, April 30, at Wooster Mennonite Church from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The training also will be available online through Zoom. For those meeting in person, lunch will be provided.

Healthy Boundaries 201 is designed for credentialed pastors who have previously completed Healthy Boundaries 101. **Please note:** All persons with an active (or active without charge) credential from the Ohio Conference are required to complete Healthy Boundaries training **once every three years**.



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.

Jesus-centered perspective

If you are interested in exploring further the ideas about a Jesus-centered faith that featured speaker Meghan Larissa Good presented at ACA, consider attending **Unite**, a conference hosted by the Jesus Collective. This event will take place April 24-26 in St. Paul, Minnesota. For more information, see <https://jesuscollective.com/unite>.

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

Cost of the training is \$50 for Ohio Conference participants and \$60 for non-Ohio Conference participants. Please register no later than April 22.

Facilitators for this training event will be Jon Bohley, clinical director at SpringHaven Counseling Center; and Nancy Kauffmann, interim director of the Safe Church program of Mennonite Church USA.

To register, go to <https://buytickets.at/ohioconferenceofmennonitechurchusa/1157814>. Please register by April 22.

Webinar to focus on women in ministry

In honor of Women's History Month, Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) is sponsoring a webinar, "The Hope-Filled Persistence of Women in Ministry," on Monday, March 11, at 7 p.m.



This webinar will look at the lives of MC USA women in ministry across the generations and today. Rev. Amy Zimbelman, conference minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, and Elizabeth Johnson, Ph.D. candidate at Duke University, will share major findings from their national study of women in MC USA ministry. To register, go to https://mcusa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_X0ms3z1JSCW6wCil-WgFsg#/registration.

Missio Dei features Latin American women

The 32nd issue of *Missio Dei*, a publication of Mennonite Mission Network, describes 20 years of *Movimiento de Mujeres Anabaptistas Haciendo Teología desde América Latina* (Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America — MTAL).

Spanish and English versions of the booklet, *Women, 20 years of paving the way between dreams and hopes*, a collaboration between Mission Network and MTAL, and previous editions of *Missio Dei*, are free to download at <https://bit.ly/3V3yCEs>.

Bluffton to offer new environmental science major

BLUFFTON, Ohio — Starting in fall 2024, Bluffton University students will have the opportunity to major in environmental science. Housed in the department of health sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, the program will provide students a broader understanding of the natural and built worlds around them through classes in biology, chemistry, geology, and soil, water and climate sciences. See the Bluffton University website for more information: <https://www.bluffton.edu/news/-2023-24/021324environmental-science.aspx>.

Staff perspective

Ann Leaman, editor for the Ohio Conference, will conclude her work with the Conference at the end of March. See the Feb. 21 issue of *Delegate News* for more information: <https://conta.cc/42JG5dP>.

Service perspective

This year the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash will take place at Fairlawn Mennonite Church, 8520 Emerson Road, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Hours are as follows: Friday, March 8 – 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, March 9 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

See the Ohio Conference website for more information: <https://wp.me/p6vGMi-4eD>.

Perspective insert

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

Perspective deadlines

March 19 for March 21 issue

April 2 for April 4 issue
