

Perspective



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New staffing positions

Ohio Conference is hiring two positions as it pursues its mission to “Gather, Equip and Send our congregations by the power of the Holy Spirit to live out God’s Greatest Commandments and Jesus’ Great Commission.”



Administrative Coordinator and Bookkeeper

This person will contribute to the Conference’s ability to successfully achieve its mission by creating a welcoming environment when people contact the conference, providing administrative support services to staff and leadership teams, and serving as conference bookkeeper.

Program and Communication Coordinator

This person will contribute to the conference’s ability to achieve its mission by overseeing equipping events and resources and effectively communicating about Conference to pastors and congregations.

Interested persons should check out the full job descriptions at <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Position-openings.pdf>.

Applications accepted beginning immediately. Review of applications will begin May 15, 2024, and continue until the position is filled. See full job description for details.

Congregations are encouraged to share these open positions with their congregants and to tap people to apply.

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.

Social Justice Sunday perspective

Worship resources for this year’s Social Justice Sunday on June 23 are now available from Grace & Groundings, Ohio Conference’s racial reconciliation team. Your congregation is encouraged to use these resources on June 23 or on another Sunday of your choosing. Resources can be found at <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Social-Justice-Sunday-2024.pdf>.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

How is your congregation impacting the community?



We want to know!

The new strategic plan that was adopted at Annual Conference Assembly in March, states that congregational stories of “evangelism and community

participation” will be included in Ohio Conference’s communications throughout the year.

How is your congregation working in the community? Are you beginning something or have you been involved in something for some time now? Would you be willing to share about your experiences with the rest of Conference? If so, contact Alysa Short at alysashort@gmail.com. We look forward to sharing your story with others!

Training opportunities in mediation and conflict transformation in ministry

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) is hosting [Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders](#) in Huron, Ohio, May 27-31 at Christ Episcopal Church. This 32-hour training is for clergy looking to increase or improve their mediation skills. If these dates are not convenient, there will be other trainings in Pennsylvania and Illinois this summer.

LMPC is also offering [Leadership Development Through Family Systems Cohorts](#). This program is designed to challenge participants to invest in their own emotional maturity and functioning in order to enhance their sense of calm and differentiation of self.

Participants will be supported by other leaders facing similar journeys and challenges to build on their effectiveness as a pastor.

Information on both of these trainings, as well as other LMPC offerings, can be found at <https://lmpeacecenter.org/>.



Women in Ministry perspective

MC USA will be hosting a panel discussion on April 23 at 7:00 p.m. This discussion will feature Dianne Garcia, a church planter in San Antonio, and Marilyn Miller, the first woman ordained in the General Conference Mennonite Church. Hosted by Amy Zimelman, Conference Minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, this discussion is part of a nationwide study on the experiences of women in MC USA ministry. Visit https://mcusa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bWnkm9zcrQmiPfnX_zg1PO#/registration to register.

Healthy Boundaries perspective

Healthy Boundaries 201 registration deadline is quickly approaching. If you plan to attend, please register now at <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/event/healthy-boundaries-201-training/>.

Everence perspective

Everence is accepting nominations for its Journey award. This is an award given to someone who is a role model in stewarding well their gifts and resources, including time, talent, money, health, and the earth. Winners receive a donation to a nonprofit of their choosing along with a “blessing cup.”

Nominations are due by April 30. Find out more information at <https://www.everence.com/journey-award>.

Perspective deadlines

April 30 for May 2 issue

May 14 for May 16 issue