

Perspective



www.ohiomennoniteconference.org

Editor: Alysa Short Phone: 419.572.1348 Email: alysashort@gmail.com

Have you signed up For Healthy Boundaries training?

April 22 is the deadline to register for the Healthy Boundaries 201

training sponsored by the Ohio

Conference. This training will be held 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.

Lunch will be provided for in-person participants.

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.**

To register, visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/ohioconferenceofmennonitechurchusa/1157814#>.



Former Ohio Conference pastor passes at age 82

Bob Schloneger, age 82, passed away on March 25, 2024, in Goshen, Indiana. A retired Mennonite pastor, Bob was married to Enid (Miller) and served in various roles around Ohio Conference. He was co-pastor at Millersburg with Enid and served for four years as regional pastor, as well as various other conference roles and pastoral assignments. His memorial service was held March 30 at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship in Goshen.

To see Bob's obituary, visit <https://www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com/obituary/robert-schloneger>.



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.

Structure perspective

Ohio Conference's new strategic plan, affirmed by the delegates at Annual Conference Assembly after two years of discernment, began on April 1 with Paula Snyder Belousek as the moderator. The Leadership Council is continuing to work on living into this strategic plan, with dedicated special attention to the plan at its retreat April 24-25.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

MC USA webinars focus on climate justice

During the months of April and May, MC USA will be offering four webinars on topics related to climate justice. The first one, “Indigenous Justice and Climate Justice,” was held on April 2. The next webinar, “Love God, Love Your Neighbor: Spiritual Practices that Nurture Life,” will be on April 15 at 2:00 p.m. To register and learn more, visit https://mcusa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IPDzdFq6RXGYrhIaJ7d7zA#/registration.



Bluffton University announces merger with University of Findlay

At a press conference on March 20, the presidents of Bluffton University and the University of Findlay announced that they had signed a Memorandum of Understanding declaring the intention to pursue a merger of the two universities. This would create one institution with two campuses. Each university would remain affiliated with its denomination—Bluffton with MC USA and Findlay with the Churches of God, General Conference. To learn more about this merger, visit <https://www.findlayblufftonfuture.com/>.

Social Justice Sunday



Grace & Groundings, Ohio Conference’s racial reconciliation resource team invites all Ohio Conference congregations to observe Social Justice Sunday on June 23, or on a Sunday of their choosing. This year’s theme of *Let justice roll down* will focus on Amos 5:18-24 and Matthew 23:23-24. Worship resources and sermon starters will be sent to congregations later this month.

MDS asks for involvement after Midwest tornados

After devastating tornados struck Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky on March 14, Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is asking for prayers for those affected by the storms and for the regional MDS leaders and partners as they do the initial assessments and organize volunteers to come later. They also request monetary donations and names of volunteers to add to a wait list. To find out more information, visit <https://mds.org/story/spring-tornados/>.

Staff perspective

Ann Leaman, editor for Ohio Conference, concluded her work with Conference at the end of March. Alys Short will be assuming some of her editorial duties in the interim. Contact Alys with any announcements at alysashort@gmail.com.

Journey perspective

Journey is a missional leadership development program that develops leaders centered in Jesus for ministry. Do you know someone who is on a journey to ministry? Why not tap them to join Journey? Find out more at <https://www.ambs.edu/journey-a-missional-leadership-development-program/>.

Abuse Prevention perspective

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Adriel invites you to wear blue on Wednesday, April 10 to show support for preventing child abuse and neglect. Post a photo of yourself and others wearing blue and share on your social media using the hashtag #OhioWearsBlue2024.

Perspective deadlines

April 16 for April 18 issue
April 30 for May 2 issue
