

Perspective



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It's Official! We are Ohio Mennonite Conference!

Conference's name is now officially Ohio Mennonite Conference. The action that the delegates took at Annual Conference Assembly in March of this year to change the name of Conference from Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA to Ohio Mennonite Conference has been recorded by the State of Ohio, and the bylaws have been amended. This organization's name is now officially Ohio Mennonite Conference.



Staffing positions available with Ohio Conference



Ohio Conference is still seeking to hire two individuals to fill both the Administrative Coordinator and Bookkeeper and the Program and Communication Coordinator positions.

These are new positions that will replace the previous staffing structure. Due to retirements and job transitions, two new people are needed to serve in these roles.

Each position is a 3/4 time position that includes benefits.

Applications are being accepted until the positions are filled. More information is available on the Ohio Conference website at ohiomennoniteconference.org.

PLEASE share these job opportunities with your congregation!

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.

Safe Church perspective

MC USA's Safe Church ministry is offering background checks for church employees and volunteers through an agreement with Safe Hiring Solutions. Background checks include checks at the county, state, and federal levels. The cost is \$28-\$74 per check, and Everence offers a Safe Church Grant that could help defray costs. Find out more information at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/background-checks/>.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

Healthy Boundaries 201 Training



Healthy Boundaries 201 training was held on April 30 with sixty people participating. Led by Nancy Kauffmann and Jon Bohley, credentialed leaders from Ohio Conference and beyond completed the



training. 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.

First month of fiscal year complete

Ohio Conference's fiscal year began on April 1 and ended its first month with just over a \$3,000 deficit. In comparison, the past two fiscal years had over a \$14,000 deficit after the first month. While receipts were low, expenses were almost \$8000 lower than budgeted. The budget this year is based on \$250,000 in contributions from congregations and \$40,000 from individuals. It also assumes a transfer of \$88,175 from capital funds.

Practical Leadership Training

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary continues to offer modules designed to resource pastors, lay leaders, community leaders, and leaders of nonprofit organizations. These modules help increase capacity to provide effective Anabaptist leadership. Modules vary in length and format but focus on four main areas—administration, leadership, contextual engagement, and well-being.



The next round of modules begins in September and runs through November. All are offered online. There is a charge for modules, although there is a 25% discount for groups of five or more.

Visit <https://www.ambs.edu/practical-leadership-training/> for more information and to register.

Shalom perspective

Shalom Counseling & Mediation Center in Archbold is hiring an Executive Director. This person provides visionary leadership and strategic direction to the nonprofit organization. With three locations in Northwest Ohio, Shalom has a mission of providing Christ-centered, results-oriented, professional counseling and mediation. To learn more or to apply, visit <https://mhs-consulting.org/job/executive-director/>.

Social Justice perspective

Don't forget that Social Justice Sunday is quickly approaching on June 23. Worship service resources have been compiled by Grace & Groundings, Ohio Conference's racial reconciliation team, and are available at <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Social-Justice-Sunday-2024.pdf>. If June 23 does not work for your congregation, consider setting aside another Sunday to focus on social justice.

Social media perspective



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Perspective deadlines

June 4 for June 6 issue

June 18 for June 20 issue