

Perspective



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Credentialed Leaders Bible Study

A day to “study scripture together through the lens of Jesus,” as stated by Ohio Conference’s strategic plan, has been planned for Wednesday, August

28 from 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. at the Upper Sandusky Library. This day is for all credentialed leaders in Conference and will include lunch. There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

Register by August 14 if you plan to attend. Registration can be found at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/ohioconferenceofmennonitechurchusa/1302808>.

Put this on your calendar! Calendar for pastors now available

Ohio Conference has recently published a calendar specifically for pastors. This calendar has dates that pastors will want to get on their calendar. The first event on the calendar is the Credentialed Leaders Bible Study on August 28 followed by the fall cluster meetings.

Please note that the cluster meetings on September 24 and 26 will be in the Wayne/Holmes County and the Northeast regions. Specific locations will be announced soon. The winter cluster meeting locations will be determined at a later time.

Pastor/Peer groups are not listed on this calendar, as each Pastor/Peer group has its own rhythm of meeting.

As more information or events are known, these will be passed on to you. Visit <https://shorturl.at/y3RtC> for your copy.



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Community Bible perspective

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

Conference Minister Update

This last week, a subgroup of the Leadership Council (formerly Leadership Team) met to work on the search process for the next conference minister. A strategic decision was made to hire the conference minister first, then consider the shape of a complementary associate conference minister. Next steps are completing the job description and forming a search committee. More information will be shared about both of these.



We ask you to pray with us about preparations and for a fruitful search process. In addition to praying yourself, would you also help the congregation to pray about the conference minister search regularly in the worship service? Let's join together as a conference throughout this process.

How did your congregation celebrate Social Justice Sunday?

Grace & Groundings, Ohio Conference's racial reconciliation team, would like to hear how you did or did not use the 2024 Social Justice Sunday resources. We would appreciate responses to a short questionnaire whether or not you used, or plan to use, the resources created by Grace & Groundings.



The questionnaire is brief and will help Grace & Groundings as they continue their work. **Please respond by July 9** at <https://forms.gle/niSrvUjTWYjqZ6Fi7>.

New Pastor Orientation

The New Pastor Orientation is for new pastors to Ohio Conference along with a guest. This orientation is to help new pastors feel connected, to understand the resources available to them, and to connect with others in Conference. **THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.**



The orientation will begin at Sleep Inn & Suites in Mt. Hope, Ohio, at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 22 and conclude around 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 23. Meals will be provided, including a light supper on Sunday evening.

Registration is required and is due by August 23. Register at <https://shorturl.at/Mf9kt>.

To Hope and Act with Creation perspective

In a time when the groans of creation are growing in intensity, Mennonites are invited to join Christians all over the world in marking the Season of Creation— six weeks of worship, prayer, and action dedicated to the healing of our common home. The Season of Creation is an annual celebration that begins on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and culminates on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christians.

To download visit: <https://togetherinworship.net/ResourceView/82/27895>.

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? The early deadline is quickly approaching on July 11 with the final deadline on August 8.

Find out more at <https://www.ambs.edu/journey-a-missional-leadership-development-program/>.

Perspective deadlines

July 16 for July 18 issue

July 30 for August 1 issue