

Perspective



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Special Delegate Meeting

Winter Cluster Meetings were held in January. At these meetings there were discussions surrounding the Conference budget. As a result of these conversations, there will be a special delegate meeting on February 18 at 7pm on zoom. Please register at the link below.



[Register Here](#)

If your congregation would like to host a cluster meeting in fall 2025, please let Sháquēz know at shaquez@ohiomennoniteconference.org.

Did you know that ACA is for EVERYONE in your congregation? As you are making your preparations to attend, please be sure to share this event with the members in your congregation.

ACA will take place on March 7-8 at Berlin Mennonite Church.

This year for the Special Offering at ACA, Conference will be collecting items for Love INC. Love INC is a non profit that has embraced a national movement to mobilize local churches to transform their communities by helping those who are in need by connecting them to resources while sharing the love and word of God. Click here to learn more about [Love INC](#).

To donate, please bring multipurpose cleaner, toilet paper, paper towels, or trash bags.

If you have not done so already, please register for ACA at the link below. **Don't forget: Registration increases to \$75 after February 8th.** We look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks!

[Register Here](#)

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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.

Upcoming Events Perspective

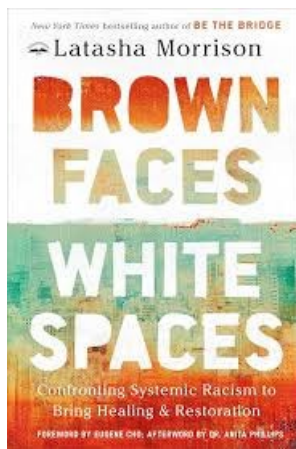
- Winter Book Study: January-March 2025
- ACA: March 7-8, 2025
- Credentialed Leaders Bible Study: May 2025
- Pastor +1 Retreat: November 7-9

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

Winter Book Study

The first book study session happened on January 30 with roughly 10 participants. There was time for great conversations and connections. There is still time to join the conversations. The next session will take place on February 13 at 7pm. Please register and join in on the conversations. Discussions will focus on Chapters 4-7. The link to register is below.



[Register Here](#)



Grace & Groundings is creating a platform surrounding race, culture, and building community with one another. We welcome you to join in discussions, share thoughts, and ask questions along the way. This platform will be live in February in conjunction with Black History Month. In the meantime, here are a few questions to get you thinking about the work we need to do to bring unity amongst ourselves.

What are ways you are able to advocate and protect diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in your community?

If you have any questions or thoughts of conversations to have, please reach out to the committee at graceandgroundings@gmail.com.

Anabaptism 1525/2025: Five Centuries, Five Lectures

Five Centuries, Five Lectures: The Shenandoah Mennonite Historians has organized a series of 5 lectures covering the 5 centuries of Anabaptist & Mennonite history. Learn about the social and religious context, the challenges, contributions, and movement that took place in the different time periods. These hour-long live presentations will take place at 7 pm for 5 Thursdays, beginning January 30th. They can be viewed online; find more info and links at [MennoniteArchivesofVirginia - Home](#).

The first lecture is by one of our ACA guest speakers, John D. Roth focusing on the 1500s. Below is a description to his lecture.

As a part of the Kennel-Charles Lecture Series, Dr. John Roth will speak about **"Restoration or Renewal? Early Anabaptism and its Reformation Context."** Although sixteenth-century Anabaptists based their teachings on Scripture and the example of the early church, the Catholic Church and Protestant Reformers alike regarded their ideas as so threatening to social order that they responded with harsh punishments, including the death penalty. This lecture will reflect on the distinctive insights of the Anabaptist movement while also noting its deep debts to medieval Catholicism and the emerging Protestant Reformation.

To watch the lecture, please click [here](#).

Committee Serving Perspective

There are a few events on the horizon that need to be planned. If you are gifted with creativity and many ideas, please consider serving on one of the planning committees. If you are interested, please reach out to Sháqūez.

MMN Perspective

Mennonite Mission Network has a series of pilgrimages that folks can join to learn more about other cultures. To learn more, click the link below.

[Mennonite Mission Network](#)

Giving Perspective

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