### **News for Church Leaders**

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# Perspective



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### Ohio Mennonite Office is Officially Closed

There was nothing small about this feat. Closing the physical Conference office was completed with what seems like a miracle. Kelsey worked tirelessly, putting in more hours above and beyond her normal work schedule, to make complete this task. This was a very daunting and overwhelming project but it is thankfully completed.



We would like to thank all those who have helped with the closing of the office.

### Thank you to:

- Ben, Jeff, & Brenda (Kelsey's husband, father-in-law, and mother-in-law)
- Bill, Tim, Bob, & Orrville Mennonite Church
- Jolene, Scott, Angela, & the Oak Grove Youth Group
- Deb Steiner
- Bob (Sháqūez's husband)
- MCC
- Kidron Electric
- Reed's Warehouse







Perspective: 1) The interrelation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed. 2) Point of view; capacity to view things in their relative importance.

# MMN Open Position Perspective

MMN is searching for a Training and Resources Facilitator with a focus on church planting. This person will work closely with conference ministers to support and resource church planters and the conference leadership who connect with church planters.

<u>Click here for the job description.</u>

### Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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



# Credentialed Leaders Bible Study

Pastors, this guy is really looking forward to our upcoming Bible Study Day because he finds it to be a highlight – even worth rearranging his schedule for! (If possible) you won't want to miss it either.

Rebecca Kauffman and John David Thacker (Jacob Dodson is on sabbatical), have planned a day with 1 Corinthians 3:1-15, 21-23. This picks up on the theme verse from the March Annual Conference Assembly, 1 Corinthians 3:11. Bring along any notes you have about this passage from ACA. We will consider the chosen passage in different settings and consider its implications for life and witness in the world now.

Yes, this is on a Saturday, and we know Saturdays are valuable. We are experimenting to see if we can get the regulars plus bi-vocational pastors who cannot attend during the week.

May 10, 2025, 9:30am to 3:30 pm at the Mansfield Richland County Public Library.

Lunch is provided – salad and sandwiches by Panera Bread (donations welcomed but not required).

Registration Extended to May 3! (Registration is needed so we can order enough food.) Click here to register.

### **Mennonite Mass Tree Planting Project**

Want to support a Mennonite mass tree planting project in Ohio for creation care and climate action? <u>JoinTrees</u> is a Mennonite campaign to plant one million trees by 2030 to help (1) mitigate global warming, (2) restore resilient ecosystems, (3) preserve threatened biodiversity, and (4) support vulnerable communities. Our vision is a healthy, thriving planet where God's abundant life of shalom flourishes in the community of creation from generation to generation. While most of our tree plantings are in agroforestry projects in the global south, this year's domestic project is in Orville, Ohio where 36,000 trees are being planted.



### MC USA Grant Perspective

MC USA congregations are invited to apply for 2025 renewable energy grants.

For more information, please click here.

# Cluster Meeting Hosting Perspective

The Fall Cluster Meetings will be here before you know it. We are still in need of hosts. If you are interested in hosting a meeting, please reach out to Sháqūez.

### Giving Perspective

To donate to Ohio Mennonite Conference, please <u>click here</u>.

### Perspective deadlines

June 3 for June 5 issue July 1 for July 3 issue