

Perspective



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Winter cluster meetings set for February

Six winter cluster meetings have been scheduled during February:

- East Central Ohio — Feb. 12 at Longenecker Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
- East Ohio (North of Route 30) — Feb. 19 at Summit Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
- East Ohio (Columbiana)/NW Pa. — Feb. 24 at North Lima Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
- NE Ohio — TBA
- NW Ohio — Feb. 23 at Central Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
- SE Ohio — Feb. 16 at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Jackson, 6:30 p.m.
- West Central/SW Ohio — Feb. 26 at Cornerstone Mennonite Fellowship, 7 p.m.

Among items that delegates will be discussing at the winter cluster meetings are the proposed 2009-10 spending plan and the proposed denominational health insurance plan for pastors and other church workers. Conference staff also will share information about the upcoming E³ training seminar for youth workers and the Alternatives to Military Recruiting Program.

Do you have a story to share at ACA?

In addition to business sessions, worship and workshops, this year's Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) at Central Christian School in Kidron March 13-14 will also include times for displays and poster sessions. Congregations, mission cells, agencies and organizations will have the chance to share stories of what they are doing. To learn more about poster sessions, see the description and registration form included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Leadership workshop to be held in NW Ohio

"Whips and Washbasins: Becoming a Biblical Leader" is the theme of a workshop for church leaders which will be held March 21 at North Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon. The workshop is sponsored by Kingdom Leadership Advancement, an initiative of the Northwest Ohio Mennonite churches.

This day-long workshop will give participants time to learn and talk about questions such as these: What does it mean to lead like Christ

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Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes a letter from the search committee for the next Mennonite Church USA Executive Director, as well as a letter from Marlin Birkey, Interim Conference Minister of Southeast Mennonite Conference.

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 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
 - Delegates
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in our church? What is the difference between leadership and other ministry? How do I grow as a Christ-like leader? Jon Byler, director of Global Lead Alliance, will serve as resource for the day. If you have interest in or a calling to give leadership in congregational life, you are invited!

Cost of the event is \$40 per person, and \$30 per person for groups of three or more. The registration deadline is Friday, March 13. A brochure with more information and a registration form are included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Workshop scheduled for ACA revised

Please note this change to the Annual Conference Assembly workshop list: Workshop #4: "Hearing the Other" has been cancelled due to a scheduling difficulty. A revised workshop list is available on the Ohio Conference Web site: www.ohio.mennonite.net. Also, please note that Rachel Swartzendruber Miller of Mennonite Church USA Convention Planning will be the presenter for the youth ministry workshop, Workshop #2. Her topic will be "Helping the Experience Last: The Role of a Sponsor When Preparing and Following Up Mountaintop Experiences."

Messiah to host youth workers conference

Messiah College will host its fourth annual Youth Workers Conference on Saturday, March 28.

This one-day conference offers keynote sessions, a ministry resource area, and more than 20 workshops in three tracks — adult leaders, student leaders and veteran youth workers. The keynote speaker is Reggie Dabbs, one of America's most popular inspirational communicators for teens and adults.

Youth pastors and volunteer lay leaders will be empowered and encouraged through this conference. Conference and registration information can be found at www.messiah.edu/youthworkers/.

Bluffton plans trip to World Conference

There is still time to register for Bluffton University's tour to Paraguay and Mennonite World Conference. The tour, which will take place July 8-22, includes visits to the Mennonite colonies, the historic Jesuit and Franciscan missions, participation in Assembly 15 of Mennonite World Conference in Asunción, and visits to Iguassu Falls and the Itaipú Dam. Arrangements for the trip are being made through Menno Travel Service of Goshen. The tour rate, based on double occupancy, is \$2,795. (This rate includes your hotel stay during Assembly 15 but does not include airfare.)

Menno Travel will make all travel arrangements and will assist you with registration for Assembly 15 of Mennonite World Conference. For questions about the tour call Joyce Schumacher, alumni events coordinator, at (419) 358-3456 or the Menno Travel representative, **Tara Nisly**, at (574) 975-7766 or visit www.bluffton.edu/blufftonalumni/events/paraguay/.

Retreat perspective

Men: Camp Luz is hosting its annual Men's Retreat March 20-22. Come for a weekend of fellowship, relaxation, and learning. The speaker this year is Matt Hamsher, regional pastor for Ohio Conference. Cost is \$85. For more information or to register, call the camp at (330) 683-1246, or go to www.campluz.com.

Perspective deadlines

Feb. 5 for Feb. 9 issue
Feb. 19 for Feb. 23 issue

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