

Perspective



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Central to host youth ministry seminar

“Understanding Today’s Youth Culture” is the theme of Ohio Conference’s E³ Youth Ministry Training Seminar, which will be held Sept. 19 at Central Christian School in Kidron.

“Our goal is to help bridge the gap between changing youth culture and the church,” said Joe Troyer, youth pastor at Hartville Mennonite Church and one of the E³ organizers.

Dr. Walt Mueller, founder and president of the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding, will be the presenter for this one-day seminar, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost of the seminar is \$35 per person if registered by Sept. 9. After that date, the registration price is \$50. For groups, the registration cost is \$105 for the first three from the same church. For each additional person, the cost is \$20. A registration form is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Discount still available for retreat

Thanks to donations from Ohio Mennonite Women and an anonymous donor, the Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat has room for 30 couples at a reduced rate of \$199 per couple for the weekend. Currently 10 subsidized spots are still available. After those 10 spots are filled, additional pastor-spouse couples are welcome to attend, but they must pay the full cost of \$375 per couple. This retreat will take place Nov. 6-8 at the Mohican State Park Lodge with John and Naomi Lederach as presenters. A brochure with a registration form is available on the “Publications” page of the Ohio Conference Web site: www.ohio.mennonite.net.

Bowman receives youth peace award

The Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA honored Laura Bowman, a high school student from Zion Mennonite Church, with the first Different Drummer Youth Peace Award for Mennonite youth. She received the award July 4 during the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Columbus.

Bowman was honored for her commitment to peace, which has been demonstrated in numerous ways, including organizing peace vigils and recycling projects, distributing material about alternatives to military recruitment to her high school counselor, and working with Zion Mennonite’s Peace and Justice Project.

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.

Convention perspective

Our appreciation to all from Ohio Conference who participated in Convention 2009 in Columbus June 30-July 5. Many from our conference were involved in planning this gathering, leading worship and music, volunteering, and serving as delegates. Thank you!

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

- Pastor(s)
 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
 - Delegates
 - Duplicate for other church leaders
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To read more about Bowman and the Different Drummer Youth Peace Award, see <http://www.mennonitemission.net/resources/news/story.asp?ID=1424> and <http://blog.goshen.edu/mpress/2009/07/04/bowman-awarded-for-marching-to-peace-beat/>.

Camp Luz to host two events Aug. 15

Camp Luz will host two family-friendly events on Saturday, Aug. 15. A Bike-a-thon for all ages and skill levels will begin at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person or \$35 per family. Also planned is Luz Fest, a music festival celebrating great Christian music that is developing all around us. Tickets are \$10 per person.

For more information on both of these events, and for a printable registration form for the Bike-a-thon, please visit www.campluz.com, e-mail campluz@zoominternet.net, or call (330) 683-1246. All proceeds will benefit the camper and staff scholarships of Camp Luz.

Consultation to focus on immigration issues

Interested in immigration issues? Join the conversation at "And You Welcomed Me: A Consultation of the People of God on Immigration." Anyone interested in a Christian response to questions concerning immigration is invited to attend this information-packed weekend of workshops, worship, and networking. This gathering will be held Sept. 18-20 at Lakeview Camp and Conference Center, Waxahachie, Texas (near Dallas).

Several workshops are scheduled:

- Root Causes and Intro to Immigration Law by Miriam Cardenas and Jennifer Dorrie, West Coast MCC
- Education and Options for Active Advocacy by Jodi Read, Tucson, Ariz.
- Engaging the Immigrant Community in Mental Health Education and Empowerment by Gilberto Perez, Goshen, Ind.
- Immigration and Romans 13 by Daniel Carroll Rodas, Denver, Colo.

Register online at www.MennoniteMission.net/Immigration. (Registration is available in both English and Spanish). Save money if you register by Aug. 25. Final registration deadline is Sept. 1.

'Celebration of Peace' designed for grades 3-7

The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center of Bluffton University will host a two-day conference Oct. 23-24 for students in grades 3-7. "Celebration of Peace: Beyond Borders" is designed for students in grades 3-7 who are interested in impacting their home, school, community and the world through positive attitudes and actions.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center, Bluffton University and Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes. A brochure with registration form is included with this issue of *Perspective*. For more information, see www.bluffton.edu/lionlamb/conference/.

Prayer perspective

Regional Pastor Matt Hamsher requests that you remember these people in prayer:

- Those of us traveling to Mennonite World Conference for safety and good fellowship with other Mennonites from around the world.
 - Cheryl Vanatsky, pastor of Maple Grove Mennonite Church in New Castle, Pa., whose mother died in June.
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Local perspective

Come join with the church families of Martins Mennonite Church and Pleasant View Mennonite Church as they celebrate their 175th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 9. Activities begin at 5 p.m. with a carry-in picnic at Martins (14027 Church Road, Orrville). After the picnic, participants will caravan to Pleasant View (14795 Wooster St. NW, North Lawrence) for a time of sharing about our heritage and music by a bluegrass band. Please bring your lawn chairs. Everyone is welcome!

Perspective insert

This issue of *Perspective* includes the July issue of *The Parish Paper*.

Perspective deadlines

July 23	for July 27 issue
Aug. 6	for Aug. 10 issue

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