

# Perspective



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## **Music now on Conference Web site**

Music commissioned as part of the Revitalizing Testimony in Worship Project is now available on the Ohio Conference Web site. Composer Christine Nafziger, co-pastor of Millersburg Mennonite Church, has completed both a lead sheet and the piano accompaniment for the song “We Will Stand, We Will Speak,” which delegates heard performed at the Annual Conference Assembly in March. Both the lead sheet and the accompaniment are available as PDF files. Copies of the lyrics also may be downloaded.

Christine Nafziger also has composed another song related to the Revitalizing Testimony in Worship Project called “I Will Stand.” The lead sheet for this song also is available on the Ohio Conference Web site.

To download either of the songs, go to [www.ohio.mennonite.net](http://www.ohio.mennonite.net) and click on “Worship Resources.”

## **Choice Books director resigns**

At the May 11 meeting of the Choice Books Management Board, Jan Sohar announced his resignation as director of Choice Books of Ohio, effective May 15. “We thank him for 13 and a half years of service to Choice Books of Ohio,” said Galen Sommers, chair of the Choice Books Management Board.

Sommers is serving as interim director for the next few months. This arrangement is possible due to the dedicated staff members remaining with Choice Books of Ohio, he said. “We will be pursuing the future direction for Choice Books of Ohio in the next two to three months,” he said.

## **Orrville Mennonite celebrates 100th anniversary**

Orrville Mennonite Church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the congregation’s founding June 27-28.

The celebration will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, in the church fellowship hall with a dinner provided by the congregation. Following dinner there will be a discussion led by Wendell Hostetler. There also will be exhibits and a continuous PowerPoint presentation with Orrville Mennonite photos. Copies of the 100-year anniversary cookbook also will be available for sale.

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***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.***

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## **Perspective inserts**

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*This issue of Perspective includes prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency and the June issue of The Parish Paper.*

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- Pastor(s)
  - Church chairperson
  - Youth sponsor(s)
  - Delegates
  - Duplicate for other church leaders
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On Sunday the celebration will continue with reflections from former OMC pastors at 9:30 a.m., a youth picture presentation at 10:30, and a worship service with communion at 10:35. Lester Graybill will present the sermon. Following the worship service a carry-in lunch celebration will take place in the church fellowship hall.

### **Former OC pastor writes book**

J. David Eshleman, a pastor who served three Ohio Conference congregations, has written the book *Now Move Forward: Reaching Out to Grow Your Congregation*. Eshleman served as pastor of Smithville Mennonite Church from 1961 to 1969, Lima Mennonite Church from 1973 to 1983 and Peace Mennonite Church from 1983 to 1990.

Author and former President of Eastern Mennonite University Myron Augsburger says, "This book is a must-read for leaders who want to set people free to use their gifts for building the church. By emphasizing the inclusion of new members in decision making, Eshleman encourages leaders to think 'outside the box.' His biblical framework encourages attention to the dynamics of love, fellowship, forgiveness and prayer for believers who plant churches, revitalize existing ones, and witness to the unchurched."

While pastoring in Ohio, Eshleman served as chair of the Evangelism Commission of the Ohio Conference for 10 years. He currently is serving as a church consultant for Lancaster Mennonite Conference and Eastern Mennonite Missions. Eshleman is an adjunct instructor for Eastern Mennonite Seminary at the Lancaster, Pa., campus. He holds a degree from Eastern Mennonite Seminary and a doctorate from Ashland Theological Seminary.

This 310-page book published by Herald Press is available from the Herald Press Web site: [www.mph.org](http://www.mph.org). For more information about the book, go to [www.davechurchconsultant.org](http://www.davechurchconsultant.org).

### **Assembly 15 daily updates to be on the Internet**

Strasbourg, France — Unable to attend Mennonite World Conference's Assembly 15 in Asunción, Paraguay, July 14-19, 2009? You can still keep up with what's happening at this global gathering of Anabaptists via the Mennonite World Conference Web site.

Plans call for [www.mwc-cmm.org](http://www.mwc-cmm.org) to carry daily updates of assembly activities, including worship sessions, Bible studies, workshops and seminars. There will also be interviews with persons attending as well as brief summaries of major addresses.

The updates will come by photographs, brief news reports, and video clips. At least one person from each continent is also being asked to provide blogs about the assembly from his or her perspective.

The Assembly 15 coverage can be found via a link from MWC's home page: [www.mwc-cmm.org](http://www.mwc-cmm.org).

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### ***E-mail perspective***

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Conference Moderator John Rohrer has changed his e-mail address to [rohrer.john@gmail.com](mailto:rohrer.john@gmail.com). Please make this change in your copy of the Ohio Conference Directory.

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### ***Camp perspective***

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Attention girls in grades 3-8: You are invited to attend the Girls' Jamboree at Camp Luz Aug. 7-9. Deb Horst, director of Camp Luz, will introduce girls to four women who followed Jesus obediently! These women understood the radical call to "deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

The weekend will include lodging, meals, music, crafts, a service project, games, swimming and boating. Cost is only \$20 per camper. Registration information was mailed to churches in May. Please contact Hannah Gehman at (330) 857-7677 or [gehman.1@osu.edu](mailto:gehman.1@osu.edu) if you need a registration packet or further information. Registration deadline is July 22.

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### ***Perspective deadlines***

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June 18	for June 22 issue
July 9	for July 13 issue

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