

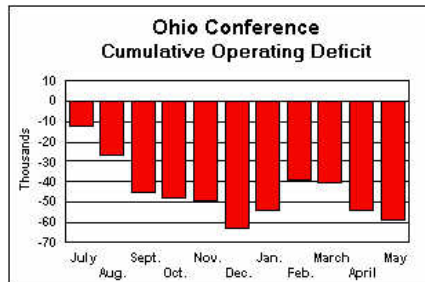
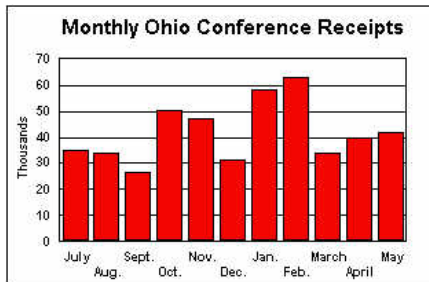
# Perspective



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## Conference deficit increases in May

With less than a month until the end of the Conference fiscal year, Ohio Conference is running a deficit of almost \$60,000. The fiscal year ends June 30.

Giving to Ohio Conference in May totaled \$42,039.30. However, expenses for the same period were \$46,933.16, resulting in a deficit of (\$4,893.86) for the month. That deficit added to the operating balance at the end of April, brought the year-to-date deficit to \$59,560.83.

At the 2004 Annual Conference Assembly, Ohio Conference delegates approved a spending plan which called for spending \$597,593, or an average of \$49,799 per month. Actual spending has been less than projected, averaging \$47,453.65 per month for the first 11 months of the fiscal year. However, giving has been even less, averaging only \$42,038.94 per month for that same time period.

The level of giving to the Conference this year is similar to what it was by the end of May in 2002-03, but lower than last year or in 2001-02. (See the table below for details:)

2001-02	\$475,903
2002-03	\$462,481
2003-04	\$487,807
2004-05	\$462,428

## Consider helping Conference to erase the deficit

We continue to be grateful for the generosity of congregations and individuals in giving of their time and money to the ongoing work of Conference. As we conclude another fiscal year, we ask that you prayerfully consider helping us to finish “in the black” once again. If it is possible to contribute so as to erase the current deficit, those gifts will be most welcome.

• Tom Kauffman, conference minister

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

## **Have you seen Delegate News?**

The second quarterly issue of *Delegate News* is now available. We have sent *Delegate News* by e-mail to all Ohio Conference delegates whose e-mail addresses we have on file. All other delegates should receive their copies in the mail. (Most copies were mailed to churches with instructions to distribute them to delegates without e-mail accounts.)

This issue of *Delegate News* includes an update on the Ohio Conference Transition Team written by Moderator John Rohrer, a financial update, and a report from the Conference Council retreat held in April.

## **Aurora Mennonite to celebrate centennial**

In 2005 Aurora Mennonite Church is celebrating its centennial year. Friends and alumni of Aurora Mennonite are invited to join the congregation for Homecoming Weekend, Nov. 5-6, 2005. The congregation will be celebrating 100 years of God's faithfulness to all generations.

To commemorate the anniversary, the congregation has commissioned historian Elmer S. Yoder to write a centennial history book titled *Pathways to Portage: Aurora Mennonite —1905-2005, A Century of People of Purpose in Portage County*. Filled with more than 120 photographs, the 418-page book includes 21 chapters.

The book will be available at the homecoming Nov. 5-6 for \$25. There will be a pre-publication sale Aug. 15-Oct. 25. Books ordered during that time will be available for \$20. Send your order and payment to Don and Pauline Linder, 9511 Lido Lane, Streetsboro OH 44241. Please add \$4 if you wish to have the book mailed to you.

## **Mennonite Media offers new DVD about peace**

HARRISONBURG, Va. (Mennonite Mission Network) — Allison Fusco and Derek Swartz, seniors at Eastern Mennonite High School this past year, host a new DVD from Mennonite Media filled with 24 stories of youth, young adults and adults showing how they put peace ideals into practice. Additional segments include looking at service opportunities in the U.S. and abroad; how lifestyle choices such as vegetarianism, buying local food and using fairly traded coffee can foster peacemaking; where conscience causes people to draw lines differently regarding serving in the military and registration; a restaurant cooperative; "Ted & Lee" in a new pantomime, "Battle of the Scissors"; and many more stories.

The DVD is designed for study by groups as a six-week curriculum or a one-time session with students exploring additional stories on their home computer. It is available for \$24.95, and additional DVDs for youth study can be purchased at the price of \$5 with purchase of the Peace DVD package. The DVD will be available at the Charlotte General Assembly, along with free CD/DVD cleaners for youth. For more, see [www.peacedvd.com](http://www.peacedvd.com).

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### **Perspective deadlines**

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June 30	for July 5 issue
July 14	for July 18 issue

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