

Perspective



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Conference office has voice mail problem

The Ohio Conference office currently is having problems with its voice mail system, reports Judy King, Conference administrative assistant. Voice mail messages left on the Conference office line cannot be retrieved. Because it is unclear how soon this problem will be fixed, please do not leave voice mail messages for the staff at the Conference office. Instead, please send an e-mail message to ohmc@zoominternet.net.

Sculpture may be used by congregations

As part of the Revitalizing Testimony in Worship Project, artist Esther Augsburg created a bronze sculpture intended for use by Ohio Conference congregations. The sculpture, titled "Theosebeia," may be borrowed by congregations for use in their worship services. To schedule a date to host the sculpture, contact Judy King, Conference administrative assistant, at ohmc@zoominternet.net.

The Ohio Conference Web site has more information about the sculpture, including a photo and a calendar which lists the dates for which the sculpture is already reserved. To learn more, go to www.ohio.mennonite.net and click on "Worship Resources."

Pastor-Spouse Retreat speakers announced

John and Naomi Lederach will be the presenters for the Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat, which will be held Nov. 6-8 at the Mohican State Park Lodge in Loudonville.

Donations from Ohio Mennonite Women and an anonymous donor will pay for part of the cost of the retreat, allowing the first 30 couples who register to receive a significant price discount. A brochure about the retreat was sent to each Ohio Conference congregation in May. The brochure also is available on the "Publications" page of the Ohio Conference Web site: www.ohio.mennonite.net.

Retreat for spiritual directors to be in Cleveland

A retreat for Mennonite spiritual directors will be held in Cleveland Oct. 26-28. Although this event is geared especially for trained spiritual directors, it may also be of interest to people who are considering a vocation as spiritual directors or pastors who do spiritual direction as part of their ministry in congregations. A brochure with schedule and registration information is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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.*

Perspective inserts

This issue of Perspective includes the July issue of Prayers for Faith and Learning, a listing of prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency. Also included is a letter from Bethel College.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

- Pastor(s)
 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
 - Delegates
 - Duplicate for other church leaders
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Prayer Prompter to be included with Perspective

Included with this issue of *Perspective* is the July-August issue of *Prayer Prompter*, which includes a list of prayer requests from various Ohio Conference congregations, as well as from individuals and several Conference-related agencies. *Prayer Prompter* is compiled by Mattie Marie Mast, a member of the Prayer Ministry Resource Team. *Prayer Prompter* is distributed to the Circle of Praying Friends of Ohio Conference. This newsletter also is now available on the "Publications" page of the Ohio Conference Web site: www.ohio.mennonite.net.

Laurelville seeks administrative assistant

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center is seeking a full-time **administrative assistant** immediately. This position requires a detail-oriented person with excellent computer skills for data entry, processing online registrations, spreadsheet entries, etc., and excellent front desk people skills. For more information, contact Laurelville at info@laurelville.org or call (800) 839-1021. On-campus housing is available.

MCC moves toward new vision and structure

HILLSBORO, Kan. — Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is adopting a revised set of vision and purpose statements and is preparing to restructure its international programs to allow greater involvement and administration by Anabaptist churches around the world.

MCC is redefined as "a worldwide ministry of the Anabaptist churches," which expands upon MCC's longtime definition as a ministry of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in Canada and the United States. Anabaptist churches include Mennonites, Brethren in Christ and other related denominations.

The new vision and structure statements, which were produced by a lengthy discernment process called "New Wine/New Wineskins," emphasize MCC's Christian convictions and its ongoing focus on justice and peace, disaster relief and community development. To read more about the results of the "New Wine/New Wineskins" discernment process, see <http://mcc.org/newwineskins/>.

Peace Arts Center to host open house

BLUFFTON, Ohio—The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center of Bluffton University will host the first of three Beyond Borders open houses Tuesday, June 23, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Visitors are encouraged to browse through the shelves of more than 5,000 volumes of children's literature on peace and peace-related topics, enjoy the art and sculpture both inside and out and discover for themselves how choosing peace is a daily choice. The names of two guests will be drawn at the end of the day to receive a free gift from the center. The Lion and Lamb is located on Spring Street in Bluffton. Follow signs to Riley Court lower level. The event is free and open to the public.

Sharing perspective

After a Sunday school class or small group from your congregation has finished studying a book, what happens to all the copies of that book? Do they sit on a shelf somewhere in the church, gathering dust? If so, would your congregation be willing to share those books with another Ohio Conference congregation?

If your congregation has books you would be willing to share, please contact Ann Leaman at ohioevangel@earthlink.net. Please include the titles of the books, the number of copies available, and contact information (e-mail address and/or phone number).

The Conference would like to develop a list of study books available which could be listed on the Ohio Conference Web site. Once a list is compiled and put on the Web site, people looking for books will be able to check the Web site and then contact the congregation which has the books they have interest in.

Perspective deadlines

July 9	for July 13 issue
July 23	for July 27 issue

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