

Anabaptist Disabilities Network

Annual Report 2020



In 2020, Anabaptist Disabilities Network:

- Continued to provide matching funds for congregations to increase accessibility through our Barrier-Free Grant program. Projects have included adaptive playground equipment and restroom renovation.
- Provided food relief for people with disabilities during pandemic in the Madurai district of the Tamil Nadu province in India.
- Offered a webinar in October on *Mutual Care in Difficult Times*.
- Published a new *Mental Health Resource for Congregations*, PDF available for download.

In addition, we published:

- *Connections* Newsletter (Spring – Disability across Cultures, Summer – Aging and Disability, Fall – Disability, Racism, and Privilege)
- *Opening Doors* blog articles

We have 10 field associates (3 new), professionals who bring their wisdom and experience to our organization. *Staff and associates are available for congregational accessibility assessments, consultations, preaching, classes or workshops.*

We said “goodbye” with appreciation to our executive director, Eldon Stoltzfus, who resigned for health reasons.

Jeanne Davies was named our new executive director.

We are looking forward to:

- *Do We Want to Get Well? Healing What Divides Us*, a webinar with Amy Julia Becker co-sponsored with the Church of the Brethren Discipleship Ministries on January 21.
- *Providing Mutual Support When People Experience Mental Illness*, a webinar with Janelle Bitikofer on June 17.
- Providing accessibility coordination at MennoCon 21

2020 annual budget: \$79,000. We're grateful for support from individuals and congregations.

We invite congregations interested in increasing their accessibility to consider designating a congregational disability advocate or becoming a partner congregation.



Resources for faith formation and leadership development

Academic programs

AMBS serves the church as a learning community with an Anabaptist vision, educating followers of Jesus Christ to be leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world. Our programs integrate academics, spiritual formation and practice. Join us — whether in person or at a distance — and deepen your understanding of Scripture, faith and Anabaptist theology!

- **Study at a distance**
 - **Master of Divinity Connect** (online and hybrid courses)
 - **Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism** (fully or partially online)
 - **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies** (fully or partially online; customizable)
- **Study on campus**
 - **Master of Divinity Campus**
 - **Master of Arts in Christian Formation**
 - **Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies**
 - **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies**
ambs.edu/academics
- **Yes, you can afford seminary!** We offer generous need-based financial aid, matching grants and scholarships for full- and part-time students. ambs.edu/financialaid
- **Want to explore seminary study?** Take an online, campus or hybrid class, even if you're not yet admitted to AMBS, and your first class is 50% off! Check out our upcoming offerings: ambs.edu/onecourse
- **Experience AMBS:** Talk with students, faculty and staff and learn what AMBS has to offer! ambs.edu/visit

Center for Faith Formation and Culture

- **!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth:** Students in grades 10–12 can explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and listen for God's call through a summer congregational internship and a Group Experience (at MWC in 2022!). Participants receive a \$1,000 stipend. Tap a shoulder! ambs.edu/explore

AMBS statistics

- In May 2021, 13 men and eight women from seven countries on five continents graduated from AMBS. Eight of them completed at least part of their studies at a distance.
- In 2020–21, AMBS had 128 graduate students — 92 admitted students and 36 guest students. Eighty-two were from the U.S., nine were Canadian, and 37 were international students.
- In 2020–21, 24 students were enrolled in AMBS's nondegree Journey program in the U.S., Canada and Southeast Asia.

Lifelong learning

AMBS's Church Leadership Center offers various nondegree options for you to continue your education and strengthen your leadership skills:

- **Online short courses:** Join the forum discussions in these six-week online courses. Some courses include optional weekly video conversations with professors in real time. No grades, no papers! CEUs available.
 - Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible
 - Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology
 - Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?
 - Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication
 - A Worship Leader's Intro to *Voices Together*
 - A Song Leader's Intro to *Voices Together*
ambs.edu/shortcourses
- **Pastors and Leaders/Deep Faith 2022**
Feb. 21–24: ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders
- **Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program:** This two-and-a-half-year nondegree program offers mentor-mentee partnerships, distance-learning opportunities and community support. ambs.edu/journey
- **Spiritual Direction Seminars:** Cultivate your ministry of spiritual direction through this distance-friendly supervised program.
ambs.edu/seminars
- **Invite AMBS!** Faculty and staff are available to speak on topics such as trauma-informed care-giving, intercultural competence, undoing racism, leadership for God's reconciling mission, and more. Ask about virtual visits! ambs.edu/invite

The Corinthian Plan (MC USA) Mountain States Mennonite Conference Report (2020) – Submitted by Duncan Smith, Director

The overall health of Corinthian Plan (TCP) participants is always our concern. Our underlying question being: “How can The Corinthian Plan best serve participants?” Since early March 2020 TCP has focused on programs and health coverages related to the COVID-19 Outbreak that benefits participants.

To this end The Corinthian Plan (TCP) offered a Premium Holiday (May 2020). Participating groups were invited to contribute, as able, from what they would have paid in May 2020 premiums. This funded short-term grants for groups suffering economic impact from COVID-19. Congregations were very generous with their donations, showing their concern for other participating congregations.

The Corinthian Plan’s health coverage, Congregational Employee Plan, also set up some special coverage for COVID-19 participant claims as well as some flexibility for congregations or conferences that needed to reduce staff hours or change the status of an employee on a temporary basis. For general information pertaining to The Corinthian Plan or specific COVID-19 information please go to our [webpage](#).

In 2020 The Corinthian Plan (TCP) ended our self-funded vision plan and began working with VSP. Through joining an established not-for profit system we were able to offer more robust benefits at a slightly lower cost.

The Fair Balance Fund continues to provide subsidies for those TCP participating congregations with need. Funding comes through participating congregations contributing annually, \$10 per average attendee. There are *two* congregations in Mt. States Mennonite Conference that receive a TCP subsidy.

TCP encourages health and well-being through the *Wellness Incentive*. Each TCP participant can earn up to \$300 annually, \$150 for each of two steps. Couples can earn up to \$600 annually. Employees waiving health and spouses qualify, too. For more information go directly to our Wellness Incentive [webpage](#).

Mountain States Mennonite Conference (MSMC) participates in TCP with 6 congregations/Conference office staff carrying health coverage, 2 congregations waiving coverage, and 2 participating without an eligible employee, for a total of 10. Thank you! Overall, 311 congregations or conference offices participate in The Corinthian Plan with 716 persons carrying health coverage.

Contact your MC USA Corinthian Plan team or our Third Part Administrator Everence with questions.

- Ingrid Friesen Moser (Ingrid.wellness@gmail.com), Wellness Coordinator
- Duncan Smith (duncans@mennoniteusa.org), Director
- Denise Henke (denise.henke@everence.com) Third Party Administrator

The Church Benefits Board oversees The Corinthian Plan for MC USA. Members are Dave Weaver (Chair, Goshen, IN), Marcy Engle (Harrisonburg, VA), Steve Garboden (Goshen, IN), Ken Hochstetler (Goshen, IN), Mark King (Goshen, IN), and Byron Pellecer (Wichita, KS).

*Commit your work to the
Lord, and your plans will
be established.*

– Proverbs 16:3 (NRSV)

Invest in what lasts

Everence 2021 report

Mountain States Mennonite Conference
Annual Assembly
July 30 - August 1, 2021

Strong church partnerships a vital part of Everence mission

Everence Financial® works closely with churches and their members, as we have since our organization started as Mennonite Mutual Aid in 1945.

We started our year-long 75th anniversary observance in July 2020 – somewhat differently than planned because of safety precautions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While adapting to changes related to the pandemic, Everence holds true to our commitment to help our brothers and sisters in Christ “build up the common life” through decisions about their money and other resources.

We’ll continue serving the faith community as partners in stewardship throughout 2021 and beyond.

Sharing Fund is part of special pandemic response

The Everence Sharing Fund has distributed millions of dollars to our partner congregations over the years, and we added COVID-19 relief to the mix in 2020.



Everence doubled the amount of eligible Sharing Fund grant money available to congregations with Everence stewardship advocates for a large portion of last year.

In addition to the Sharing Fund, Everence joined with Mennonite Disaster Service and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. to establish the COVID-19 Congregational Relief Fund, providing grants to help racially and ethnically diverse churches facing financial crises because of the pandemic.

Broaden your knowledge with informative webinars

Webinars are a convenient way to learn, and they became even more useful when the COVID-19 pandemic kept many of us in our homes.

Even as we hope that gathering in person for seminars or workshops becomes more common again, webinars can inform you anytime you’re ready, day or night.

So grab your favorite digital device and head to everence.com, where you can find webinars on stewardship education and other topics – several available in Spanish – designed to help pastors, church leaders and the people who attend your church.

And we introduce new live webinars periodically to help you and your

church, so talk to your Everence stewardship consultant to make sure you’re on the mailing list for invitations.

You can support your church by using the My Neighbor card

The MyNeighbor credit card from Everence Federal Credit Union has helped people generate money for their favorite nonprofits since the card was launched in the spring of 2017.

Members use the MyNeighbor MasterCard the same way they’d use any credit card, and Everence donates 1.5% of each transaction total to the charity the cardholder chooses from thousands of possibilities, including churches.



“The MyNeighbor card gives people a simple and effective way to support the charities dear to their hearts,” said Kent Hartzler, President and CEO of Everence Federal Credit Union.

Visit everence.com/myneighbor for details.



2021 MCC Central States Report

Prepared by Michelle E. Armster

MCC Central States is one of four regions in covenant relationship with MCC U.S., representing a 16-state area in the Midwest that stretches from the U.S./Canadian border to the U.S./Mexico border. It is home to about 500 Anabaptist churches. This land is the ancestral home of numerous Indigenous peoples, including Northern Cheyenne, Dakota, Houma, Kaw/Kanza, and many others who continue to live here through today. Much of MCC Central States's work focuses on dismantling systemic oppression, while seeking authentic relationships along a path of decolonization. Based in North Newton, Kansas, it has dispersed staff in various locations throughout the region. (composed by Andrew Wright)

Our work includes:

Administration

- Communications
- Human Resources

Donor Relations

- Constituency Relations
- Material Resources generation
- Regional Thrift Store coordination

Programs

- Immigration
- IVC (Indigenous Visioning Circle)
- Peace and Justice Education
- YAP (Young Adult Program)

Dismantling Oppression Team

- Monitor, coordinate and facilitate regional anti-oppression training and consciousness raising.
- Monitor, coordinate and facilitate regional cultural competency engagements.

Look at God! Reflections on MCC CS in these COVID-19 times.

Much has changed this year! A month after the MCC CS's annual meeting in February 2020, we had to close the MCC CS office in North Newton due to COVID-19. Up until that time, the office bustled with volunteers who loved to come in and create comforters, recycle, assemble the various kits and fellowship.

At first, we sprinted and held on to hope that this wouldn't last long. However, it became evident that, more than likely, the office would be closed and inaccessible to volunteers. So, the challenges became opportunities to pivot and explore:

- How do we continue to connect with our constituency?
- Is there a way for us to provide a safe avenue for volunteers to participate in the ongoing needs of MCC?

- How do we continue to fulfill our mission of relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ-differently?

First, I am grateful for the staff of MCC CS. Because of their commitment to the mission of MCC and their work, they were energized by the challenges and eager to turn them into accomplishments. Examples of this are:

- The Material Resources Center staff coordinated pick-up and delivery of materials to keep volunteers busy. They also established protocols for smaller groups to come into the warehouse and workroom.
- All of us are engaged, with Donor Relations, to connect with constituency. A “gift” of these times has provided more of us the opportunity to connect with more constituents, virtually. I have had more opportunities to speak and preach at events and in churches than ever before.
- Our programs have created online learning opportunities that have been successful. Human Resources and Young Adult Programs have collaborated to engage in virtual recruitment opportunities.

So, I rejoice- Look at God! God has allowed us to continue our work in amazingly creative and new ways in order that we can continue the mission of MCC.

February 12, 2021



The education agency
of Mennonite Church USA

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Mennonite Education Agency Report to Mountain States Mennonite Conference July 2021

Mission Statement: MEA will strengthen Mennonite education for restorative leadership, work, and service throughout the church and the world.

Executive Search

The search for a new Executive Director/CEO has been MEA's main short-term challenge since November 2020. We are deeply grateful for the leadership of Committee Chair **Dick Thomas** and the contributions and dedication of the committee members: **Addie Banks**, MEA Board member; **Jon Carlson**, MC USA Executive Board member and Pastor of Forest Hills Mennonite Church; **Marco Güete**, Director of MEA's Hispanic Ministries Education programs; **Glen Guyton**, MC USA Executive Director (ex officio); **Lisa Heinz**, MEA Staff; **Joe Manickam**, President of Hesston College and representing the Mennonite Higher Education Association; **Carol Roth**, Moderator of the Racial Ethnic Council; **Conrad Swartzentruber**, Superintendent at Dock Mennonite Academy and representing the Mennonite Schools Council (preK – grade 12 schools); **Jolene VonGunten**, MEA Staff and Committee Staff. **Please join us in prayer for MEA and this time of new beginnings.**

Hispanic Ministries Education partnerships

MEA operates a Hispanic seminary and a Bible Institute: **Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH)** and **Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA)**. These programs offer strong biblical and Anabaptist-based theological education for Hispanic leaders in the Mennonite church that is both affordable and accessible. **All of these partnerships strengthen the Hispanic Ministries programs and offer Hispanic and Latino students access to broader educational opportunities within the denomination and beyond.**

- In the past year, **SeBAH** has secured partnerships with **Hesston (Kansas) College and Palm Beach (Florida) Atlantic University (PBA)**, enabling SeBAH graduates to earn transfer credits and automatic admission. PBA is also offering scholarships of up to \$1,100 per semester.
- **SeBAH** is pursuing a similar agreement with **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS)** in Elkhart, Indiana, an MEA-affiliated seminary.
- **SeBAH is 100% online and affordable.** Many students are bi-vocational and pay their own way at great sacrifice.
- **The Hesston College Bible department and SeBAH** are offering a collaborative course entitled "Jesus and the Gospels," to be taught in both

English and Spanish this year to students from both institutions. There are new students enrolled from Venezuela, Honduras, Mexico and the United States. MEA and Hispanic Ministries continue to be deeply thankful for this close partnership with Hesston College.

- **IBA** operates in partnership with local congregations, who provide spaces for in-person study centers. The pandemic forced several study centers to close last year, but we look forward in hope that these centers will be able to re-open as the strain of the pandemic begins to ease.

Mennonite Higher Education Association

Theological Education Study Group

MEA is convening a committee of leaders from Mennonite higher education and the church as they analyze the state of biblical and theological education across the denomination. This group was formed in response to concerns voiced by Mennonite Church USA Conference Ministers about the waning interest in ministry studies. They asked, **"From where will our future leaders and pastors come?"** The group is examining barriers and access to strong theological education and looking for new and creative ways to promote church leadership to students and within congregations. We seek ways to make a lasting, adaptive shift rather than short-term, technical changes. The committee includes the following people:

Dave Mishler, Conference Minister for Allegheny Mennonite Conference and Pastor at Scottdale Mennonite Church; **David Boshart**, President of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary; **Michael Danner**, Associate Executive Director of Church Vitality for MC USA; **Marco Güete**, Director of Hispanic Ministries Education for MEA; **Michele Hershberger**, Professor and Department Chair of Bible and Ministry at Hesston College; **Sarah Nahar**, doctoral student of religion and environmental studies; **John Powell**, Pastor and Teacher; **Tom Stuckey**, Interim Executive Director and CEO for MEA; **Jolene VonGunten**, Executive Assistant for MEA (recorder and administrative support).

Higher Ed Board Chair Gatherings

At their request, MEA is facilitating quarterly virtual gatherings of the higher ed Board Chairs for brainstorming and mutual support and counsel. These conversations have been rich and edifying. MEA is uniquely positioned to offer connection and support to this group, both individually and collectively.

Washington Community Scholars' Center (WCSC)

MEA is partnering with the Washington Community Scholars' Center to draw more interest and enrollment from students across Anabaptist-Mennonite education. WCSC is a cross-cultural urban studies, internship, and community living experience located in the nation's capital, operated by Eastern Mennonite University.

The WCSC program is not limited to EMU students; in fact, **Bethel College** and **Bluffton University** regularly send students to WCSC. MEA is helping to extend the invitation to all of the Anabaptist-Mennonite higher ed schools as well as high schools.

Mennonite Schools Council (MSC)

Resources & Support

The administrators for preK-12 schools are being regularly resourced by MEA Interim Director for preK-12 Schools Dawn Graber. Dawn offers a background in executive coaching to help leaders clarify their values and vision and to test and discern next steps to meet their personal and organizational goals. There has been strong interest in individual coaching sessions with Dawn. In addition, she has helped plan and coordinate virtual professional development experiences on a bi-monthly basis about relevant and emergent subjects, such as navigating polarization on campuses, emotional Intelligence, and how self-

aware leaders can help create effective and influential relationships. Dawn has also led virtual gatherings of Board Chairs for relationship-building, connection and counsel.

Spring it Forward campaign

MEA collaborated with MennoMedia and the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA to encourage constituents to donate the third wave of federal stimulus dollars to the Spring it Forward campaign, an initiative to nurture faith formation in our church youth. MEA awarded grants of \$1,000 each to Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA; New Holland (PA) Early Learning Center; Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, AZ; and Quakertown (PA) Christian School. The grant applications ranged from tuition assistance, professional development projects, and the purchase of a washer and dryer. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of these gifts.

Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression

The MEA staff and board are committed to dismantling racism, oppression and white privilege within our systems. As a step in our individual journeys and to broaden our understandings collectively, the MEA staff studied the book **Who Will Be A Witness?** by **Drew Hart** and published by Herald Press. Studying this book together has been meaningful and illuminating for the MEA staff, and we would encourage your congregations – small groups, Sunday school classes – to consider a similar book study.

Jobs in Mennonite Education

MEA distributes a weekly newsletter to highlight job opportunities in the schools. This initiative was in response to the plethora of job postings on social media and direct requests from some schools to help promote their openings and searches. The newsletter is functioning as a communication hub that schools can utilize at no charge. MEA is well-positioned to provide this service to the schools. If you are interested in receiving this newsletter, contact Jolene VonGunten at JoleneV@MennoniteEducation.org.

Prayer for a Weary Land

As we all know, the hardships from 2020 have shaken us deeply. Race-based brutality and injustice, political unrest and violence, and a year of quarantine, masks, sickness and death. Our very souls cry out in fear and weariness. For Anabaptist Christians, Jesus is our rock in a weary land, a chorus I remember well from my childhood. In these weary times, we are more grateful than ever for the Anabaptist-Mennonite ties that bind us together as a community of believers. Our schools are forming students in ways that are distinctively Anabaptist, following the ***Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*** and the ***Shared Convictions of Global Anabaptists***. We believe these foundations will be a rock in a weary land for our students throughout their lives. Please join us in prayer for our students and schools, that they would seek God, our shelter in this time of storm. To pray in specific ways for our schools, consider subscribing to MEA's monthly ***Prayers for Mennonite Education*** by emailing JoleneV@MennoniteEducation.org.

On behalf of the MEA board and staff, thank you for the many ways you support Mennonite education.

Submitted by Tom Stuckey
Interim Executive Director and CEO
July 2021

6-28-2021

Mennonite Disaster Service 2021 Report

Restoring Hope is the slogan on our MDS t-shirts. What does “Restoring Hope” look like in real life? Here are some samples –

In Arkansas, MDS has a Search and Rescue team that brings peace to families of hikers and canoers that get lost or capsized in the Ozark forestland.

In Minnesota, MDS volunteers responded to the aftermath of the riots following the death of George Floyd by assisting first generation immigrant storeowners with cleanup, painting, and repairs.

In Colorado, MDS volunteers are working on forest fire mitigation by clearing beetle killed trees. They are doing site preparation, mitigation, and wood chipping in response to the forest fires of 2020 in northern Colorado.

In Kansas, the Summer Youth Program built tiny houses to be transported to San Antonio Tx that will be used to house asylum seekers who have recently immigrated and are awaiting further processing by Immigration and Naturalization Services.

In Texas, MDS volunteers will be building homes to offer shelter to asylum seekers at the border in McAllen.

While these and other examples of MDS activity in our region indicate a shift towards recognizing the needs created by Humanitarian Disaster, Mennonite Disaster continues to fill the traditional role of rebuilding for folks after natural disasters strike.

Despite the shackles of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, MDS found ways to mobilize 6048 volunteers nationwide. We recovered 487 homes for folks and built 79 new houses. We deployed to 91 locations to perform cleanup in the days immediately following storms.

We are deeply grateful for the support of our constituency. We appreciate and covet your prayers, your financial support, and most importantly your volunteer hours. We invite you all to plan time this year to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus to a hurting world.



MennoMedia

An agency of Mennonite Church USA
and Mennonite Church Canada

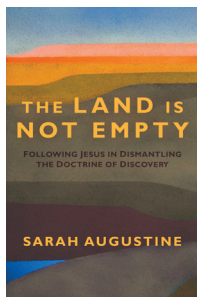


REPORT TO MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

Summer 2021

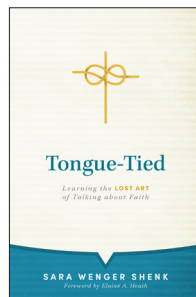
At MennoMedia we publish curricula and books that call readers to follow Jesus in word and deed. We publish resources about Christian discipleship, spirituality, reconciliation, justice, and theology from an Anabaptist perspective. Our curricula, periodicals, and hymnals reach a broad spectrum of evangelical, mainline, and Anabaptist readers and congregations, cultivating passion for faith formation and an active life of discipleship.

NEW RESOURCES FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH, FROM HERALD PRESS



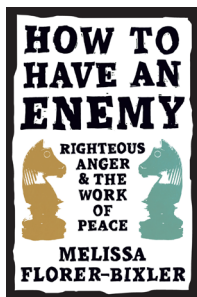
The Land Is Not Empty

Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Sarah Augustine unpacks the harm of the Doctrine of Discovery—a set of fifteenth-century laws that gave Christian governments the right to seize lands they “discovered.” Augustine, a Pueblo woman, reframes North American colonization as she investigates ways that the Doctrine of Discovery continues to devastate indigenous cultures and the planet. The good news of Jesus means there is still hope for the righting of wrongs.



Tongue-Tied

Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith In an era of dying churches, polarizing cultural arguments, and environmental and humanitarian crises, we long for deep conversations about things that matter. Theologian Sara Wenger Shenk investigates the reasons that people who claim the name of Christ are so reluctant to talk about him. We need a language of faith that is authentic, candid, and robust enough to last.



How to Have an Enemy

Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace Melissa Florer-Bixler looks closely at what the Bible says about enemies and how Jesus and his followers responded to them. The result is a theology that allows us to name our enemies as a form of truth-telling about ourselves, our communities, and our histories. Only then can we invite them to lay down their enmity, opening a path for healing, reconciliation, and unity.



Dear White Peacemakers

Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace Peacemaking requires white people to step out of their comfort and into the work of anti-racism. Rooted in the life and teachings of Jesus, this book is a call to transform white shame, fragility, saviorism, and privilege. Written in the wake of George Floyd's death, *Dear White Peacemakers* draws on the Sermon on the Mount, Spirituals, and personal stories from Osheta Moore's work as a pastor.



The Jesus Way

Small Books of Radical Faith

The Jesus Way series delves into big questions about God's work in the world. These concise, practical books are deeply rooted in Anabaptist theology. Crafted by a diverse community of scholars, pastors, and practitioners, The Jesus Way series helps readers deepen their faith in Christ and enliven their witness.

VOICES TOGETHER

Voices Together is a new worship and song collection for the Mennonite church to deepen our lives of faith, available now for congregations and individuals.



Voices Together offers:

- Pew Edition
- Large-Print Edition
- Projection Edition
- App Edition, available through the Hymnals app
- Accompaniment Edition
- Worship Leader Edition
- Audio recordings featuring choirs from Mennonite colleges and universities

Visit VoicesTogetherHymnal.org for more information.

Be local. Be global.
Be the Gospel.

Note: Underlined words indicate active links.

Mountain States Conference + Mennonite Mission Network

SERVICE SITES

Mennonite Voluntary Service unit

- Alamosa, Colorado

Service Adventure units

- Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Colorado Springs, Colorado

SOOP sites

- Carlsbad, New Mexico
- Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Divide Colorado

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Mennonite Voluntary Service

- **Erin Kauffman**, serving in Alamosa, Colorado

SOOP

- **Robert King**, Cassopolis, Michigan

PRAYER PARTNERS –16

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING AND MISSION SUPPORT

During Mission Network's past fiscal year, August 1, 2019, through July 31, 2020, Mountain States Conference congregations gave **\$30,296. Thank you!**

"It is an honor to be in partnership with you, as we pursue God's calling on our church together. While navigating the unprecedented challenges of a pandemic, we may draw encouragement from God's promise in Isaiah 43:19: "I am making a way in the wilderness" (NIV). These are words of hope we can count on. God is working in our world, in our church and in each of us. Thank you so much for your generous support and partnership in prayer. The Lord's grace, peace and wellness be with you!"



Mike Sherrill
Executive Director

"We are grateful for your participation in God's mission of reconciliation, at home and around the world."



Jason Boone
Church Relations Representative/
Minister of Peace and Justice

Thank you for your continued partnership in God's mission!

www.MennoniteMission.net Toll-free: 1-866-866-2872

Sé local. Sé global. Sé el evangelio.

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Conferencia Mountain States + Red Menonita de Misión

SITIOS DE SERVICIO CRISTIANO

Unidad de Mennonite Voluntary Service (Servicio Voluntario Menonita)

- Alamosa, Colorado

Unidades de Service Adventure (Voluntarios Aventureros)

- Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Colorado Springs, Colorado

Sitios de SOOP (Oportunidades de Servicio con Nuestros Hermanos)

- Carlsbad, New Mexico
- Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Divide
Colorado

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- **Erin Kauffman**, sirve en Alamosa, Colorado

SOOP (Oportunidades de Servicio con Nuestros Hermanos)

- **Robert King**, Cassopolis, Michigan

COMPROMETIDOS EN ORACIÓN – 16

APORTES CONGREGACIONALES A LA RED MENONITA

Durante el último año fiscal de la Red de Misión, desde el 1 de agosto de 2019, hasta el 31 de julio de 2020, las congregaciones de la Conferencia Mountain States donaron **\$30,296. ¡Gracias!**

“Es un privilegio participar con ustedes y responder juntos al llamado de Dios a nuestra iglesia. Al lidiar con los desafíos sin precedentes de una pandemia, podemos tomar ánimo de la promesa de Dios en Isaías 43.19: “Estoy abriendo un camino en el desierto” (NVI). Estas son palabras de esperanza en las cuales podemos confiar. Dios está obrando en nuestro mundo, en nuestra iglesia y en cada uno de nosotros y nosotras. Estamos muy agradecidos por sus aportes generosos y



apoyo en oración. ¡Que la gracia del Señor, su paz y bienestar estén con ustedes!”

Mike Sherrill
Director Ejecutivo

"Estamos agradecidos por su participación en la misión de reconciliación de Dios, allí donde están y en todo el mundo".



Jason Boone
Representante de Relaciones
Eclesiales/Ministro de Paz y Justicia