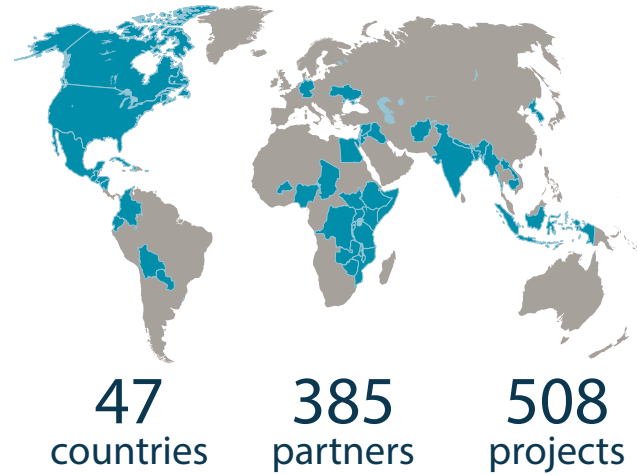


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National Reports  
First Mennonite Church, CO  
and Virtual  
Sat, July 30, 2022**



# 2022 report for Mountain States Mennonite Conference

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*In Niniongo, Burkina Faso, Adama Sawadogo and her child Adjara Zabre are participants in an MCC-supported maternal and child health project. Using care group models, the project has resulted in major improvements to maternal and child health, including an 83% reduction in infant mortality since the project started in 2018. (MCC photo/Paul Shetler Fast)*

## MCC's 2022 guiding scripture

I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Those who abide in me and I in them  
bear much fruit, because apart from  
me you can do nothing.

**John 15:5 (NRSV)**

All that we do at MCC, we do in the name of Christ. Thanks to your generosity, MCC is able to continue responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice around the world. From maternal and child health in Burkina Faso to short and long-term relief for displaced people in Ukraine to mass incarceration in Wichita, KS, MCC strives to share God's love and compassion for all. We are so grateful for the creativity of our supporters and partners in the midst of a challenging past couple of years. Whether you donate financially, pray for MCC, volunteer at an MCC thrift shop, pack kits and make comforters, help can meat or bid on items at a relief sale, you are part of the MCC story and we thank you.

With thanksgiving,

Michelle Armster, MCC Central States executive director

## MCC and Central Plains Mennonite Conference connections

- MSMC congregations play important roles in MCC relief sales, Thrift shops, My Coins Count fundraisers, material resources drives and more.
- Various congregations hosted MCC speakers, either virtually or in person.
- Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp hosted multiple MCC groups this year.
- Thank you to the MSMC churches who have served as hosting congregations for International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) and Summer Service participants.
- A special thank you for supporting the MCC Thrift shop in La Junta, CO. The pandemic has been challenging for shop staff and volunteers. Thank you for working hard to support MCC through this local shop!

**“When we work together to live out our faith, our collective impact can reach around the world.”**

**-Michelle Armster**

The joyful impact an individual or group can make when working to meet basic human needs through material aid given to MCC is tremendous. There are 6 kinds of kits plus comforters that MCC collects & ships to partners around the world. Here are some totals from the MCC Central States material

resources center in North Newton for 2021.

**Comforters: 2,064**

**School kits: 11,880**

**Relief kits: 1,052**

**Hygiene kits: 1600**

**Cans of meat: 17,280**

Thank you for working alongside MCC to make an impact around the world!



# Anabaptist Disabilities Network

## Annual Report 2021



In 2021, Anabaptist Disabilities Network:

- Co-sponsored the [MC USA Accessibility Resolution](#) along with four congregations. The resolution was passed unanimously by the delegate body in May of 2022.
- Gave matching funds to congregations to increase accessibility through our [Barrier-Free Grant program](#). Projects have included accessible restrooms, renovation of a camp bathhouse, and a summer church camp for Deaf children.
- Published a [Disability Language Guide](#) which was included in the new style guide for MennoMedia.
- Offered three **webinars**:
  - *Do We Want to Get Well? Healing What Divides Us* with Amy Julia Becker in January
  - *Providing Mutual Support when People Experience Mental Illness* (part 1) with Janelle Bitikofer in June
  - *Churchwide Change: Reducing Stigma and Supporting People who Experience Mental Illness* (part 2) with Janelle Bitikofer in October
- Presented at multiple conferences:
  - Led a presentation on inclusive mission trips for youth/young adults with disabilities at the Faith Inclusion Network Community for All Conference
  - Led an ADN networking group at the 2021 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference
  - Coordinated accessibility at MennoCon 21
  - Presented 2 workshops on disability and hosted an online virtual exhibit booth at MennoCon 21
  - Led a workshop on aging and disability at the Church of the Brethren National Older Adult Conference
- Published:
  - **Connections Newsletter** (Spring – Transitioning to Adulthood, Summer – Hearing Loss and Deafness, Fall – Including Children with Disabilities in Congregational Life)
  - **Opening Doors blog** articles

**Our Staff:** Jeanne Davies, executive director  
Kate Szambecki, resource director (hired in August 2021)  
Emily Hunsberger, office administrator

**Field Associates** are volunteer professionals who bring their wisdom and experience to ADN. *Staff and Field Associates are available for accessibility assessments, consultations, preaching, classes, or workshops.*

**Our expense budget for 2021 was \$87,200.** We rely on support from both individuals and congregations. In May of 2021, we began our Building the Future Partners campaign, asking ADN friends for a commitment of \$1000/year for 3 years. So far, we have 34 partners and are hoping for 6 more.

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





## MOUNTAIN STATES CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE CHURCH USA ASSEMBLY REPORT

2022

**2021-22 Campus Theme Passage** - This year's verse is Ephesians 4:2-3, NIV). This passage invites us to live a collective life of *humility, gentleness, patience, and love*. All this while striving for a form of *unity* only the Holy Spirit can frame. The central idea of the book of Ephesians is Christian unity. As we continue moving forward as a college, our Christian unity must not go unchecked. We must be intentional in our relationships. Allow me to share some reflections on this year's theme passage: **Verse 2a** - "be completely humble and gentle" - It starts with a personal check. Ask: "How's my attitude? In what areas am I not humble and gentle?" **Verse 2b** - "bear one another in love." After your personal check, reflect on your relationships with others. Ask: "How are my relationships? Where in my relationships is there a lack of love? Where do I need to extend greater patience?" **Verse 3** - "Keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Finally, as you adjust your personal and relational realities, strive to live in perfect unity - the unity that is a fragile gift from the Holy Spirit. Ask, "Do I experience unity and peace with God and with others?" Remember that God continues walking with us in love and encourages us to do likewise with others.

**Vision 2025 Update** - Vision 2025 represents Hesston College's current and future plans of programmatic innovation. This plan includes bolstering our historical associate degree and student experience, while also launching select bachelor's degree programs that answer the call of students and industry. This spring we secured accreditation for our fourth bachelor's program, which is in Engineering. This adds to our existing bachelor's degrees in nursing, aviation and business management.

**Strategic Plan & Campus Master Plan** - In the spring of 2021 we launched a new strategic plan, which can be found at [www.hesston.edu/strategic-plan](http://www.hesston.edu/strategic-plan). The theme of the strategic plan is linked to the concept of Ubuntu, which is a Nguni Bantu term that roughly translates to "I am because we are." As a Mennonite college for all, Hesston will "educate and nurture each student within Christ-centered community." Our strategic plan foregrounds that commitment. From strengthening our existing programs to the realization of an Ubuntu Village, our way of educating and nurturing takes place in the community. This is the embodiment of ubuntu.

**CALL Program** - Hesston College's Center for Anabaptist Leadership and Learning (CALL) trains church leaders out of an identity of being God's beloved to engage the world God loves. CALL focuses on the Missional model, which equips every follower of Christ to live with sacred purpose by enabling them to do ministry and mission in their daily lives as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. The Missional model of leadership looks for sacred opportunities in the secular rather than thinking the secular needs to come to our church building to find Christ. Partnering with global and urban Anabaptists, we nurture disciple-makers who cultivate other disciple-makers.

**Donation to Schools of Management and Engineering** - Thanks to an incredibly generous donation from an alumni family, our business management and engineering students will be able to pursue two of our newest bachelor's degree programs more affordably. For the first twenty juniors enrolled in our School of Engineering, a nearly \$10,000 room and board grant will be available. For the first twenty juniors enrolled in our School of Management, a nearly \$10,000 travel grant will be available, covering all expenses for domestic and international trips affiliated with the Business Management degree. incentive. For more information email [admissions@hesston.edu](mailto:admissions@hesston.edu) or call 620-327-4221.

**Travel** - Thailand: President Manickam accompanied the director of the Business Management Program and seven juniors to Thailand from April 7-28, 2022. This trip pulled together many of the elements and theories the junior cohort has been studying including *Entrepreneurship for the Greater Good* and *Business Ethics* courses. They also visited a number of socially minded enterprises students have personally selected to study, on which the students gave oral presentations along the journey.

Europe: Chorale will present a music program entitled "Shine the Light" at twelve churches in the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and France between May 17 and June 7, 2022. Learn more at [www.hesston.edu/music](http://www.hesston.edu/music).

Indonesia: President Manickam will be in attendance at Mennonite World Conference in July on behalf of Hesston College. Please feel free to connect with him if you plan to attend this unifying global event.

### Ways You Can Pray for Hesston College -

- Pray for our students to have clarity of thought in their studies, wisdom in the decisions they make, and kindness in their relationships;
- That the business management students will gain a deeper and clearer vision for the positive impact they can have as entrepreneurs grounded in a Gospel ethic; that the new friends they encountered in Thailand will gain hope that their stories and struggles have the power to impact young entrepreneurs toward a greater good; and that the students will encounter the face, hands, and feet of Jesus on their journey;
- Pray for our faculty and staff as they prepare our students to live by their Christian values which will enable them to make a greater impact on our world.

**Speakers Bureau** - Needing to fill the pulpit or identify a dynamic speaker for a lecture series in your community or congregation? From Leadership to Missiology or Creation Care to Faith and Discipleship, Hesston College can help! Contact our VP of Advancement, Dr. Rachel Swartzendruber Miller, at [rachelism@hesston.edu](mailto:rachelism@hesston.edu) to explore potential speaker options that could fit well with your preferred topic, dates and audience.

**Unified and Designated Giving** - We are grateful for the financial support of the Mountain States Conference and the affiliating conference congregations. Donations made directly to Hesston College or to the Mennonite Education Agency through Unified and Designated Giving are amazing blessings. Our mission "to educate and nurture each student within Christ-centered community, integrating thought, life and faith for service to others in the church and the world," would not be possible without your personal and congregational financial support. Thank you!

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Dr. Joseph A. Manickam, President  
Dr. Rachel Swartzendruber Miller, VP of Advancement  
Lisa Longacher, Development Officer  
Zachary Yoder, Admissions Representative



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Bible Study for Anabaptist Christians

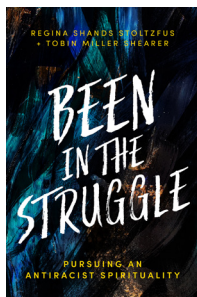
**REJOICE!**

## REPORT TO MOUNTAIN STATES MENNONITE CONFERENCE

Spring 2022

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.

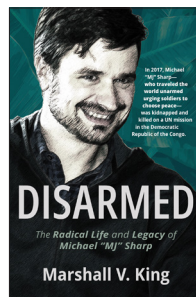
## NEW RESOURCES FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH, FROM HERALD PRESS



### Been in the Struggle

Pursuing an Antiracist Spirituality

*Been in the Struggle* nurtures, challenges, and fosters the work and witness of dismantling racism for the long haul. Filled with wisdom and insight from nearly three decades of partnering across racial lines, authors Regina Shands Stoltzfus and Tobin Miller Shearer offer a powerful mix of practical direction and poignant reflection to empower and sustain those working to dismantle racism, regardless of their stage on the journey.



### Disarmed

The Radical Life and Legacy of Michael "MJ" Sharp

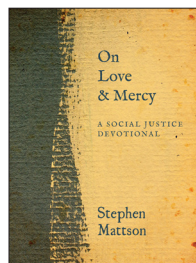
Michael "MJ" Sharp was a modern Mennonite armed with wit and intellect, but not a gun. At 34 years old, MJ was working in the Democratic Republic of the Congo—urging rebels to lay down their weapons—when he was murdered. This gripping account explores what compelled MJ to travel the world working for peace and the impact of his life and death in the ongoing story of Christian peacemaking.



### The Space Between Us

Conversations about Transforming Conflict

Conflict is inevitable. But rather than approaching conflicts as threats or problems to be solved, what if we could see our disagreements as opportunities for personal growth? Facilitator and mediator Betty Pries gently guides readers toward seeing discord as an opportunity for positive change and a way to build resilience. Pries offers practical skills for engaging conflict and casts a vision for a more joy-filled future.



### On Love and Mercy

A Social Justice Devotional

A 60-day devotional that invites readers to expand their vision of both personal faith in God and the redemptive work of social action. Breaking down the premise that Christians must choose between being either socially conscience or theologically sound, Stephen Mattson offers the hopeful message that Jesus—and Christianity—is both. Each day's entry offers a much-needed source of affirmation, solidarity, and encouragement.

## SHINE: LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT

Welcome children and youth to a place where they are known and loved, where their questions are taken seriously, and where they can gather to hear God's story and together find meaning for their lives. *Shine* guides children and youth to stretch and grow toward God's light, and then shine that light to others.

For those raising children in the Anabaptist tradition, the importance of teaching impressionable, curious hearts and minds about faith from an Anabaptist perspective is essential. Whether you are looking for Sunday curriculum, faith formation activities for families, or whole-church experiences around the biblical story, *Shine* has options to suit your church's needs.

*Shine* equips children to

- Grow in relationship with Jesus
- Explore God's story together
- Serve one another

**SHINE**  
LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT

**Sunday school that lights the way.**



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

#### SOOP

- **Robert King**, Murdock, Kansas

### PRAYER PARTNERS –16

### CONGREGATIONAL GIVING AND MISSION SUPPORT

During Mission Network's past fiscal year, August 1, 2020, through July 31, 2021, Mountain States Conference congregations gave **\$25,857. Thank you!**



The collaboration between Mountain States Conference and Mission Network encourages transformation across the street and around the world! Thank you so much for your vital partnership in support and

prayer. "I pray that God, the source of all hope, will infuse your lives with an abundance of joy and peace in the midst of your faith so that your hope will overflow through the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13 VOICE). Especially in this time of pandemic, we stand together in prayer for God's generous grace and mercy for our families, our church and our world.

Mike Sherrill  
Executive Director, CEO



Thank you for your continued collaboration with Mission Network. Your support and prayers are appreciated as we continue our work in mission and service. Blessings,

Ana Alicia Hinojosa  
Director of Constituent Engagement

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

[www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net) Toll-free: 1-866-866-2872

# Sé local. Sé global. Sé el evangelio.

*Nota: Las palabras subrayadas indican enlaces activos.*

## 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

### PARTICIPANTES DE SERVICIO CRISTIANO

#### SOOP (Oportunidades de Servicio con Nuestros Hermanos)

- **Robert King**, Murdock, Kansas

### 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 2020, hasta el 31 de julio de 2021, las congregaciones de la Conferencia *Mountain States* donaron **\$25.857. ¡Gracias!**



La colaboración entre la Conferencia *Mountain States* y la Red de Misión incentiva la transformación del otro lado de la calle y alrededor del mundo. Estamos muy agradecidos por su significativa coparticipación en

oración y su apoyo económico. “Que el Dios de la esperanza los llene de toda alegría y paz a ustedes que creen en él, para que rebosen de esperanza por el poder del Espíritu Santo” (Romanos 15.13). Especialmente en estos tiempos de pandemia, nos unimos en oración pidiendo la gracia generosa de Dios y su misericordia para nuestras familias, nuestra iglesia y nuestro mundo.

Mike Sherrill  
Director Ejecutivo, y CEO



Estamos agradecidos por su constante colaboración con la Red Menonita de Misión. Su apoyo y sus oraciones nos ayudan a continuar nuestro trabajo de misión y servicio. Bendiciones,

Ana Alicia Hinojosa  
Directora de Relaciones con los Constituyentes

**¡Gracias por su colaboración continua en la misión de Dios!**  
**[www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net) Línea Gratuita: 1-866-866-2872**



## Report to Mountain States Mennonite Conference

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 — in person or at a distance, full time or part time — and deepen your understanding of Scripture, faith and Anabaptist theology!

### Degrees and programs

- Master of Divinity\*
- Master of Arts in Christian Formation
- Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies
- Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism\*
- Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction\*
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies\* (customizable)
- Journey Missional Leadership Development Program\* (nondegree)

\*distance-friendly program

We offer generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants for both full- and part-time graduate students. You *can* afford seminary!

[ambs.edu/degrees-and-programs](https://ambs.edu/degrees-and-programs)

### Leadership and enrichment

Grow your ministry skills and gain Anabaptist approaches to today's leadership challenges through our nondegree offerings.

#### Short-term options

- Anabaptist Short Courses\*: online, four to six weeks, discussion based, noncredit
- Invite AMBS\*: request a speaker (in person or virtual) on a topic of your choice
- Pastors & Leaders conference\*: Feb. 13–16, 2023
- !Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth (summer)

#### Yearlong offerings

- Spiritual Direction Seminars\*
- Transition to Leadership: program for new pastors
- Integrity Circles\*: reflect theologically on leadership within a group

\*distance-friendly program

[ambs.edu/leadership-and-enrichment](https://ambs.edu/leadership-and-enrichment)



(Credit: Jason Bryant)

### AMBS statistics (2021–22)

- In 2021–22, 127 graduate students were enrolled at AMBS; 64 were from the U.S., nine were from Canada and 54 were international students. The nondegree Journey program had 18 participants in the U.S., Canada, Southeast Asia and Uganda.
- More than 60% of graduate student tuition costs were covered by need-based financial aid and scholarships.
- The total number of scholarships offered to both full- and part-time students was 105.
- In April 2022, 14 women and seven men from seven countries — Canada, Ethiopia, Honduras, Indonesia, Nigeria, Tanzania and the U.S. — graduated from AMBS. Ten completed part or all of their studies at a distance.

### Want to try out seminary?

- Sign up for an online Anabaptist Short Course (no grades, no papers!):
  - Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible
  - Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology
  - Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture
  - Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication
  - Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace

[ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

- Take a graduate-level course — online or on campus. Nonadmitted students get 50% off tuition for their first three credit hours! [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

- Schedule a virtual or in-person visit. Talk with students, faculty and staff and learn what AMBS has to offer! [ambs.edu/visit](https://ambs.edu/visit)

- Stay connected: [facebook.com/followAMBS](https://facebook.com/followAMBS) • [twitter.com/ambs\\_seminary](https://twitter.com/ambs_seminary) • [ambs.edu/subscribe](https://ambs.edu/subscribe)



## Informe a la Conferencia Menonita Mountain States

AMBS sirve a la iglesia como una comunidad de aprendizaje con una visión anabautista, educando a l@s seguidores/as de Jesucristo para ser líderes en la misión de Dios de la reconciliación en el mundo.

Nuestros programas integran lo académico, la formación espiritual y la práctica. Estudie con nosotros —en persona o a distancia, tiempo completo o medio— y profundice su comprensión de las Escrituras, la teología anabautista y la fe.

### Programas académicos

- Maestro de Divinidad\*
- Maestro de Artes en Formación Cristiana
- Maestro de Artes: Teología y Anabautismo Global\*
- Maestro de Artes: Teología y Estudios de Paz
- Certificado de Posgrado en Dirección Espiritual\*
- Certificado de Posgrado en Estudios de Teología\*
- Journey: Un Programa de Desarrollo del Liderazgo Misional\* (sin título)

\*disponible a distancia

Ofrecemos ayudas financieras generosas basadas en la necesidad, subvenciones y becas para ayudar a que su educación de posgrado sea económica. ¡Sí, se puede asistir al seminario!

[ambs.edu/degrees-and-programs](https://ambs.edu/degrees-and-programs)

### Liderazgo y enriquecimiento

Desarrolle sus habilidades ministeriales y obtenga enfoques anabautistas para los desafíos de liderazgo de hoy a través de nuestras ofertas sin título.

#### Opciones a corto plazo

- Cursos Cortos Anabautistas\*: en línea, cuatro a seis semanas, basados en la discusión, sin crédito
- Invite a AMBS\*: solicite un/a orador/a (en persona o virtual) sobre un tema de su elección
- Conferencia de Pastores/as y Líderes\*: 13–16 de febrero del 2023
- !Explore: Un Programa Teológico para Jóvenes de Secundaria (en el verano)

#### Ofertas de un año

- Seminarios de Dirección Espiritual\*
- La Transición al Liderazgo: un programa para nuev@s pastores/as
- Círculos de Integridad\*: reflexione teológicamente sobre el liderazgo dentro de un grupo

\*disponible a distancia

[ambs.edu/leadership-and-enrichment](https://ambs.edu/leadership-and-enrichment)



(Foto: Jason Bryant)

### Las estadísticas de AMBS (2021-22)

- En 2021–22, 127 alumn@s de posgrado estudiaron en AMBS: 64 de los EE. UU., 9 de Canadá y 54 de otros países. El programa Journey tuvo 18 participantes en los EE. UU., Canadá, el Sudeste Asiático, y Uganda.
- Más del 60% de los costos de matrícula de l@s alumn@s de posgrado fueron cubiertos por becas y ayudas financieras basadas en la necesidad.
- El número total de becas ofrecidas a alumn@s a tiempo completo y medio fue de 105.
- En abril del 2022, 14 mujeres y 7 hombres de 7 países —Canadá, Etiopía, Honduras, Indonesia, Nigeria, Tanzania and los EE. UU.— se graduaron de AMBS. Diez completaron parte o la totalidad de sus estudios a distancia.

### ¿Quiere explorar el estudio del seminario?

- Realice un Curso Corto Anabautista (en línea, sin crédito):
  - Explorar la Paz y la Justicia en la Biblia
  - Explorar la Historia y la Teología Anabautista
  - Comprender los Enfoques Anabautistas de las Escrituras
  - Transformar el Conflicto y la Comunicación Congregacional
  - Resistir al Nacionalismo Cristiano con el Evangelio de la Paz

[ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

- Realice un curso de posgrado en línea o en el campus. ¡L@s alumn@s no admitid@s obtienen un 50% de descuento en sus primeras tres horas de crédito!

[ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

- Programe una visita virtual o en persona. ¡Hable con estudiantes, profesores/as y personal y aprenda lo que AMBS tiene para ofrecer! [ambs.edu/visit](https://ambs.edu/visit)
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*I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.*

– John 15:5

# Grow your financial future with purpose

## Everence 2021 report

Mountain States Mennonite Conference  
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### Everence partners with churches to encourage good stewardship

Everence Financial® has been a reliable stewardship partner for churches since our start in 1945 as a mutual aid organization.

We continue working closely with churches and their members, and that will always be at the core of what we do.

We not only encourage generosity among our members – we help them find effective ways to be more generous, as part of our focus on stewardship as a spiritual discipline.

Our service to the faith community takes many forms, including stewardship education resources for pastors and church leaders. Learn more at [everence.com/financial-services/for-churches](https://everence.com/financial-services/for-churches).

### Your MyNeighbor card can help you support your church



Everence Federal Credit Union created the MyNeighbor card to make it easy for members to support nonprofits, including their home congregations.

The credit card, launched in 2017, has generated more than \$1.5 million for charitable organizations so far.

Members use the MyNeighbor card just as they would any credit card. Everence donates 1.5% of each transaction total to the charity the member chooses from thousands of possibilities, including churches.

“The MyNeighbor card provides a simple and effective way for people to support the charities they care about most,” said Matt Gehman, Everence Federal Credit Union President and CEO.

Visit [everence.com/myneighbor](https://everence.com/myneighbor) for details.

### Sharing Fund helps churches boost benevolence

The Everence Sharing Fund helps thousands of families every year through matching grants to churches.

Millions of dollars have gone to our partner congregations over the years, with churches contributing millions more to help people with basic, everyday needs.

Sharing Fund grants often help people pay their rent, put food on the table or take care of medical bills. Over the last couple of years, some of that relief has gone to people directly affected by COVID-19, as well.

Churches with an Everence stewardship advocate can access matching Sharing Fund grants. Check out [everence.com/sharing-fund](https://everence.com/sharing-fund) for more information.

### Financial wellness program is helping hundreds of pastors

More than 400 pastors have received a total of \$2 million in grants through the Everence Pastoral Financial Wellness Program in the last five years.



The financial assistance grants are part of an initiative funded, in part, by Lilly Endowment Inc. to help pastors tackle medical, credit card and educational debt.

The COVID-19 pandemic has added to the challenges faced by pastors and faith communities, as many churches had to endure a decline in giving.

Everence recognizes that pastors' financial health is important, both in terms of their own holistic well-being and as a component of a thriving ministry.

More info is available at [everence.com/pastoral-financial-wellness](https://everence.com/pastoral-financial-wellness).



*Yo soy la vid; ustedes son las ramas. El que permanece en mí, como yo en él, dará mucho fruto; separados de mí no pueden ustedes hacer nada.*

– Juan 15:5

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### Everence se asocia con iglesias para fomentar una buena mayordomía

Everence Financial® ha sido un socio confiable de mayordomía para las iglesias desde nuestros inicios en 1945 como una organización de ayuda mutua.

Continuamos trabajando estrechamente con las iglesias y sus miembros, y siempre estaremos enfocados en lo que hacemos.

No solo alentamos la generosidad entre nuestros miembros, sino que les ayudamos a encontrar formas efectivas de ser más generosos, como parte de nuestro enfoque en la mayordomía como disciplina espiritual.

Nuestro servicio a la comunidad de fe toma muchas formas, incluyendo recursos de educación de mayordomía para pastores y líderes de la iglesia. Obtenga más información en [everence.com/serviciosfinancieros/para-iglesias](https://everence.com/serviciosfinancieros/para-iglesias).

### Su tarjeta MyNeighbor puede ayudarle a apoyar a su iglesia



Everence Federal Credit Union creó el programa MyNeighbor para facilitar el proceso de que los miembros apoyen a organizaciones sin fines de lucro, incluyendo sus propias congregaciones.

La tarjeta de crédito, lanzada en 2017, ha generado más de \$1.5 millones para organizaciones caritativas hasta ahora.

Los miembros usan la tarjeta MyNeighbor como lo harían con cualquier tarjeta de crédito. Everence dona el 1.5% del total de cada transacción a la organización benéfica que el miembro elige entre miles de posibilidades, incluyendo las iglesias.

<<La tarjeta MyNeighbor proporciona una forma simple y efectiva para que las personas apoyen a las organizaciones benéficas que les importan,>> dijo Matt Gehman, presidente y CEO de Everence Federal Credit Union.

Visite [everence.com/myneighbor](https://everence.com/myneighbor) para obtener más detalles.

### El Fondo Compartido ayuda a las iglesias a aumentar la benevolencia

El Fondo Compartido de Everence ayuda a miles de familias cada año a través de subvenciones equivalentes a las iglesias.

Millones de dólares han ido a nuestras congregaciones asociadas a lo largo de los años, con iglesias que contribuyen con millones más para ayudar a las personas con necesidades básicas y cotidianas.

Las subvenciones del Fondo Compartido a menudo ayudan a las personas a pagar su alquiler, poner comida en la mesa o hacerse cargo de las facturas médicas. En los últimos años, parte de ese alivio se ha destinado a las personas directamente afectadas por COVID-19 también.

Las iglesias con un defensor de la mayordomía de Everence pueden acceder a subvenciones equivalentes del Fondo Compartido. Consulte [everence.com](https://everence.com).

[com/fondoscompartidos](https://everence.com/fondoscompartidos) para obtener más información.

### El programa de Bienestar Financiero está ayudando a cientos de pastores



Más de 400 pastores han recibido un total de \$2 millones en subvenciones a través del programa de Bienestar Financiero Pastoral everence en los últimos cinco años.

Las subvenciones de asistencia financiera son parte de una iniciativa financiada, en parte, por Lilly Endowment Inc. para ayudar a los pastores a abordar la deuda médica, de tarjetas de crédito y educativa.

La pandemia de COVID-19 se ha sumado a los desafíos que enfrentan los pastores y las comunidades de fe, ya que muchas iglesias tuvieron que soportar una disminución en las donaciones.

Everence reconoce que la salud financiera de los pastores es importante, tanto en términos de su propio bienestar holístico como como un componente de un ministerio próspero.

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