

Introducing the Social Enterprise Task Force!

Meet the team that will be working to realize the dream of a social enterprise in Mountain States Mennonite Conference. We in Mountain States are hoping to start and sustain a business that does good in the world while helping pay the bills, something that many other MC USA conferences have established in recent years. A social enterprise will enable our conference to be sustainable for the long haul, even as churches (whose support we currently and will continue to depend upon--thank you!) face ups and downs. This dream was approved by delegates last summer 2022. Amy Zimbelman will be the staff person working on the project and Jonathan Moyer has agreed to be the chair.

More info to come, but for now, here's the dream team:



Jonathan Moyer lives in Denver with Gayle, Elias, Evelyn, and Friendship (the dog) and goes to First Mennonite Church. He enjoys gardening and canning, is passionate about peace, and works at the University of Denver doing research on international relations and development. He was raised in South East Pennsylvania and worked with MCC in Vietnam from 2002-5 before doing his graduate school work. He's very excited to be a part of this Task Force!

Ray Miller lives in Fort Collins and attends Sojourn Mennonite Church. He lives with wife Megan and two kids - Jack (7) and Josie (4) - along with dog Leo. He grew up in Ohio and currently works as an economist at Colorado State University. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, traveling, sports, and playing with his dog.



Rhoda M. Blough is a Stewardship Consultant for Everence Financial and her office is located in Denver, Colorado. She attends Glennon Heights Mennonite. She has two grown daughters, Bethany married to John; they have two sons and live in Denver and Brooke who lives in Philadelphia with her husband, Manny and their two small children. In her spare time, Rhoda enjoys spending time (in person and FaceTiming) with her four grandchildren: Ian, Shane, Jasmine, and almost 1-year old Crispin. Getting adjusted to her new poodle, Mona, is taking some of her time. She also enjoys reading, traveling, and conversation and coffee with family and friends. She is looking forward to being part of the Social Enterprise Task Force!

Jerry Martin lives in Colorado Springs and attends Beth-El Mennonite Church. He is married to Jeanette. They have two adult children, Chloe and Jacob, also in Colorado Springs. He is a slowly retiring Independent Manufacturer Sales Representative in the Mountain West for Wieland Healthcare and Sauder Worship. He enjoys blacksmithing for RAWTools.org, bicycling, astronomy, and astrophotography.





Herm Weaver lives outside Nederland, Colorado with Cindy, Ace and Rain (horses) and Mittens (the cat). Together they give themselves to love, spiritual journey, living in nature, and to their work. They have three children, Hope, Chloe, and Dillon. Herm is a part time Hospice Chaplain in Estes Park. His avocations include playing music, caring for their small ranch, accompanying spiritual journey clients, and managing the family mountain retreat house.

Amy Zimbelman thoroughly enjoys serving as Conference Minister, supporting churches and passion ministries in Colorado and New Mexico. She has served as a Mennonite pastor for 3 years, and has worked in refugee resettlement for about a decade. Amy holds a Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School, and has also served in Zambia through Mennonite Central Committee and in South Dakota with Mennonite Voluntary Service. She and her husband Matt live in Colorado Springs and have two young sons. She loves spending time with her family and friends, cooking/eating food, hiking/walking outside, learning about other cultures, hashing things out in long conversations, and trying to follow Jesus.

