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Global bonds of healing and hope

Getting it together

Being people vs. doing projects

By Laurie Oswald Robinson



For five decades, I just didn't get it. As a Mennonite kid, I went to dozens of missionary slide shows. Most memorable were the cookies after the service. The message of how important it is to globally share Jesus' gospel failed to clear the sugar fog.

As a college student, I lived in Haiti as part of my Study Service Term at Goshen (Indiana) College. A bit more understanding seeped in as I saw children playing in a city dump in Port-au-Prince. And yet, watching tiny people play in the stink of rotting garbage evoked tears, but no real mission passion.

This July, at the Mennonite World Conference gathering, God snuck in the back door of my long nap.

That's when I listened to James Krabill, Mennonite Mission Network senior executive for Global Ministries, share a quote from John Driver's *Community and Commitment*:

"[The Hebrew understanding of shalom] covers human welfare, health and well-being in both spiritual and material aspects. ... Peace was not merely the absence of armed conflict. Rather, shalom ... contributed to human well-being in all its dimensions. Peace resulted when people lived together according to God's intentions. Peace, justice and salvation are synonymous terms for general well-being created by right social relationships."

I finally got it: mission isn't just about *doing* loving things—it's about *being* loving people, engaging in healthy, healing and hopeful relationships with others across the street and around the world.

A song refrain I heard at the MWC gathering hit the nail deeper into my heart, where I hope it forever causes the pain of longing for shalom to reign: "God bless to us our bread, and give bread to those who are hungry, and hunger for justice to those who are fed ..." "*Bendice, Señor, nuestro pan, y da pan a los que tienen hambre y hambre de justicia a los que tienen pan...*" (from the *MWC International Songbook #28*; original Spanish by Osvaldo Catena).

May this issue of *Beyond* help us all to get it—together.

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COVER: During the closing ceremony of the women theologians gathering in Guatemala, Albania Molina (left) and Antonia del Cid from Honduras bless each other in prayer for their ongoing ministries. Photo by Linda Shelly.



God forges new global family of love

to share Christ's healing and hope with each other and the world

George Bernard Shaw, reflecting on the gift of families, said, “A happy family is but an earlier heaven.” The heart of God’s purposes for the restoration of creation and the redemption of humanity involves creating a new family that supersedes the divisions of culture, language and ethnicity. Paul, the apostle, puts it this way: “You are no longer strangers or foreigners, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of the household of God” (*Ephesians 2:19*).

In Ephesians, Paul frequently uses the “adoption” motif in order to make the point that God’s unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. Indeed, the entire Bible is really the story

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of God building a family that is restored, along with the entire cosmos, to God’s intent for wholeness. Rick Warren reminds us that “church is not a place you go to; church is a family you belong to.” Into this family we are called and equipped by the Holy Spirit.

We are invited to participate in God’s mission of reconciliation, advancing healing and hope and breaking down the barriers that fuel alienation, fear and conflict. In that work, we are privileged to walk with sisters and brothers in more than 50 countries around the world where Mennonite Mission Network is engaged with our partners in God’s mission.

We also have the advantage of being a part of a larger expression of God’s family through the Mennonite World Conference. We recently experienced first-hand the joy of being a part of this global communion.

We gratefully receive encouragement from sisters and brothers whose faith, hospitality, resilience and zeal inspire us and energize us for our own witness. In response, we share our gifts and resources, and assist in the formation of women and men to bear effective witness to the good news of Jesus Christ in their contexts. Walking, praying, discerning, and working together with our global partners, we are mutually strengthened as gifts are shared and we accompany each other in our common journey of responding to God’s call in mission.

On that journey we engage each other with values of interdependence and mutuality. We strive to share God’s love among us and beyond by mutually sharing our gifts and hope. In this spirit, we engage the world with the good news of God’s love, healing and wholeness in Jesus Christ. Our commitment is to build relationships that span the boundaries that alienate and divide, addressing imbalances of power so that the contributions of all may be honored and received.

Persuaded that we can do more together, Mennonite Mission Network stewards an international web of relationships between congregations, conferences, and global partners. As a part of the Mission Network family, you already walk with sisters and brothers in God’s global family. In the pages that follow you will find examples of how we serve together as members of God’s family, and will learn more about how we accompany sisters and brothers around the world in a global engagement in God’s mission.

Stanley W. Green
Executive Director



Global bonds of heal





By Laurie Oswald Robinson

In a world where peace is often shattered, Mennonite Mission Network is forging bonds of God's healing and hope. Through collaboration with Anabaptist churches, agencies and movements on every continent, ligaments of connection and empowerment in the body of Christ are created. These relationships, shaped by mutual gift-sharing and common passion for mission, help to share the balm of God's shalom.

In the following pages, you will learn about:

- The birth of a global Anabaptist women's network.
- Networks linking Anabaptist Christians from many denominations.
- The growth of local mission ministries in communities around the world.
- Mission partnerships that link U.S. Mennonites with believers in other countries.
- Ways in which we do mission together as a global family.

ing and hope



Connected by the ligaments of long-term relationships, the global church grows and matures together in its call to share the life of Jesus. May this issue of *Beyond* inspire your prayers that Mission Network lives out its call to fulfill Ephesians 4:15-16:

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Marcia Soto and Alejandra Molina (foreground) and Estela Armoa and Aurora Rinaldi give and receive prayers and blessings at a Sister Care gathering in Bolivia.

Photo by Linda Shelly

Martha Lucía Gómez of Colombia and Sylvia Shirk of USA pass the candle representing God's Spirit uniting us at the Global Anabaptist Women's Network gathering.



Photo by Laurie Oswald Robinson

Timing is everything

Global Anabaptist Women's Network takes shape

By Laurie Oswald Robinson

Olga Piedrasanta and her Latin American sisters had prayed for years that a global women's network would someday be forged.

However, when would the time be ripe for their dream to come true?

They received their answer during a global women's meeting at the Mennonite World Conference (MWC) gathering July 24 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

That's when about 100 women from around the world gave a resounding "yes" to birthing a Global Anabaptist Women's Network. Its goal is to connect women across the continents and empower them to fully share their gifts. In unity and solidarity—despite their diversity—they exclaimed it was time to move out of the shadows of muted expression and into the sunlight of full collaboration in the body of Christ.

"We have been dreaming of this day for several years now, and today it has been fulfilled," said Piedrasanta, co-coordinator of the Latin American Anabaptist Women Theologians Movement (*Movimiento Teólogas Anabautistas de América Latina*, MTAL). "This is a historic day for us. I think it is the first time in the global Mennonite Church that

Anabaptist women from all over the world have met to dream together."

Linda Shelly, longtime Latin America director for Mennonite Mission Network, has helped this dream materialize.

Agenda for a new network

The new network, guided by MTAL, will:

- Resource each other and deepen fellowship within their local contexts.
- Develop a communication system across continents.
- Encourage theological/biblical training to deepen understanding and hone skills for ministries in which they are serving.
- Strengthen families through education on such topics as abuse.
- Share their perspectives and vision along with men in the worldwide Mennonite Church.
- Invite newcomers to join and to feel welcome.

She serves as an advisor to MTAL and helps connect the Latin American women with Mission Network and other agencies. The Latin American women began their own network after being inspired by African Women Anabaptist Theologians at MWC in 2003.

Shelly's role also helped Mennonite Women USA collaborate with MTAL for Sister Care training seminars. Since 2013, seminars have been held in Guatemala, Mexico, Colombia, Bolivia, Puerto Rico, Paraguay, Argentina, Trinidad and Tobago, and Brazil. One is planned for Cuba for Nov. 23–28, 2015.


Most of these training seminars are co-led by Rhoda Keener, Sister Care director for Mennonite Women USA, and Carolyn Heggen, a psychotherapist. The seminars provide women with tools for ongoing personal healing, recognizing and celebrating God's grace in their lives, and responding more confidently and effectively to the needs of others in their families, congregations and communities.

After receiving the training, 80-some leaders across Latin America have facilitated nearly 100 workshops with more than 2,800 participants, Shelly said.

"Mennonite Women USA is a small organization with just a 2.5 FTE total," Keener said. "So when we go to an international site to provide Sister Care leadership training seminars, we really need the guidance from an organization like Mission Network. We realize that if there is no one on the ground to help us, then it is not wise to go."

The privilege of being "on the ground" often results in sharing significant moments and achievements. Paula Killough, Mission Network senior executive for Advancement, and Sandy Miller, director of Church Relations, traveled to Congo in 2013 to attend the ordination of three Anabaptist women.

For Miller, Revelation 7 came to life as people from diverse tribes and nations gathered around God's throne in worship; for Killough, it was a realization of Galatians 3:28 [MTAL's theme verse]: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." ■

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Kyong-Jong Kim, director of the Korea Anabaptist Center in South Korea.

Jesus is the center

Finding common purpose in uncommon places

By Laurie Oswald Robinson

What do South Koreans, Latin Americans, and South Africans have in common?

Very little culturally, but in their desire to follow Jesus, everything.

The first-ever Global Anabaptists Networks gathering brought together Kyong-Jong Kim from South Korea, Ester Bornes of Argentina, and two dozen others to share their life experiences as seen through an Anabaptist lens, on July 20–21 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

One topic discussed included the need for reconciliation ministries in a violent world. Kim, director of the Korea Anabaptist Center (KAC), has worked closely with Kyung-soo Park and others who have been imprisoned for refusing to join the military. Park was imprisoned for 18 months in 2006–2007 for declaring himself a conscientious objector.

Kim and others from KAC—in conjunction with the Korea Anabaptist Fellowship (KAF)—provided Park with support during his imprisonment. Since 2001,

Mennonite Mission Network has partnered with the Center in its outreach to a culture bathed in militarism.

“South Korea is the highest jailer of conscientious objectors in the world. About 92 percent of all conscientious objectors are imprisoned here,” said Kim. “Prison is the only alternative for those whose conscience does not allow them to serve in the military.”

Park said he wished he had the opportunity to serve his country rather than sitting in jail.

“Many other conscientious objectors think this, too,” Park said. “We wish for more support from the churches, but it is a really touchy issue. Korean Christians don’t want to deal with it.”

Dealing with such touchy issues was what event participants came to do, as they shared their journeys of living out a radical faith, said Andrew Suderman, director of Anabaptist Network in South Africa (ANiSA), who helped to organize the gathering.

“[The Anabaptist] perspective provides an avenue for the church—a community or peoplehood centered around the life and teachings of Jesus—to be an active

response as it seeks to embody God’s reconciling vision for the world as an alternative politic or way of being in the world,” he said.

Ester Bornes, Southern Cone coordinator for Latin American Anabaptist Women Theologians Movement (*Movimiento Teólogas Anabautistas de América Latina*, MTAL), said that participating in the gathering helped her to “keep dreaming and contributing so that another world is possible where love, peace and justice reign.”

In several regions, Suderman notes that Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Church Canada Witness help to provide human and financial resources to help such groups get off the ground. “But most of the networks have taken on their own contextualized flavor and character, and it is an incredible opportunity to participate in what has emerged,” he said. ■

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Who came?

Mennonite Mission Network International Ministries staff members John Lapp, Linda Shelly, Steve Wiebe-Johnson and Tim Foley joined the Global Anabaptists Networks gathering, where they engaged with two dozen participants representing eight global networks. These staff members help initiate, connect and resource these and other regional networks as a part of their ministry.

Active Anabaptist networks	Mission Network connection
Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand	Mark and Mary Hurst
Anabaptist Network in South Africa	Steve Wiebe-Johnson
Association of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches in Spain	Tim Foley, Dennis Byler
Chinese Anabaptist Network	John Lapp
Korea Anabaptist Fellowship	John Lapp
<i>Movimiento Teólogas Anabautistas de América Latina</i> (Latin American Women Theologians Network)	Linda Shelly
Scandinavian Anabaptist Network	Tom and Disa Rutschman
The Philippine Anabaptist Network	Represented at the gathering; relates to Mennonite Church Canada
Anabaptist Network (Britain and Ireland)	Tim Foley



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Linda Shelly
 Director for Latin America



Steve Wiebe-Johnson
 Director for Africa



Tim Foley
 Director for International Ministries, Europe and Australia



Photo by Daniel Sanchez

A delegation from Ecuador visits Central Plains. Front row: Alyssa Rodriguez, Daniela Sánchez, Marilyn Peters, Darwin Villacis, Manuel Ronquillo and Luis Tapia. Back row: Zulema Rodriguez, Donald Kempf, and Fernando Ramos.

Long flight, new friends

Mission partnerships link U.S. Mennonites with believers around the world

By Laurie Oswald Robinson

As they traveled from Ecuador to Iowa and Minnesota in mid-July, Luis Tapia, Daniela Sánchez, Manuel Ronquillo, and Darwin Villacis wondered what they would find on the other end of their journey.

They knew they would reunite with some longtime friends from Central Plains Mennonite Conference with whom they had related in what is called the Ecuador Partnership. But what of the other people they would meet for the first time in congregations in Iowa and Minnesota?

Would members of Central Plains' congregations identify with their challenges at Quito Mennonite Church and its ministries and church plants? And would they, as Ecuadorians, understand the challenges faced by rural and urban communities throughout the Midwest?

As the Ecuadorians met members of several congregations, it didn't take long to forge new friendships, the Ecuadorians said at the Mennonite World Conference (MWC) gathering in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Their pre-MWC trip included visits to First Mennonite Church in Iowa City; Christ Community Church in Des Moines, Iowa; and Faith Mennonite Church in Minneapolis. They also visited several sites and individuals along their route, including an Amish bishop and a store that sold fair trade items from Ecuador.

"I was touched by how people at the congregations knew my name, even though I hadn't been there before," said Tapia, pastor of Quito Mennonite Church. "This partnership goes way beyond helping just for the sake of helping. People actually care about who we are and what we are doing in Quito."

Sánchez, who helps to lead the peace education

program, said, "What most touched me was relating with women who opened up their homes to us. Even though we didn't speak the same language, I felt we bonded. These women inspired me through their hospitality, faith and ideas."

Ronquillo saw Americans in a new light that cut through stereotypes.

"People in the global South think that because Americans have material wealth, they do not have any needs," But I saw in a new way that this isn't true. Americans struggle, too. Our mutual exchange is good, because it puts a face on people and humanizes the whole story."

The benefits of the relationships flow in both directions, said David Boshart, executive conference minister of Central Plains Conference.

"Our relationship has changed the way we do church planting in Central Plains," Boshart said. "It has made us more sensitive to the way we do evangelism. We are learning what it means to walk hand-in-hand with others, learning together as we go, rather than being the one with all the answers.

"This partnership has been one of the most transformative experiences our conference has ever had. Many of our congregations in Central Plains are 100 years old, or more, and this partnership has awakened that part of us that had gone to sleep." ■



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After preaching in one of their ACC partner churches, Ridgeview Mennonite Church, two members of the Argentine delegation joined other Global Mission Fellowship participants for lunch at the home of Joanne and Dan Dietzel in Strasburg, Pennsylvania, prior to the MWC gathering in July.

Trust-building

Atlantic Coast Conference welcomes family in Christ

By Laurie Oswald Robinson

As the Ecuadorians were in the Midwest, a group of Argentines visited congregations in Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), their partner in mission since 2003. On July 19, Amer Oyanguren, pastor of Piedritas Mennonite Church, preached at Neffsville Mennonite Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. His brother, Daniel Oyanguren, pastor of Villegas Mennonite Church, preached at Ridgeview Mennonite Church in Gordonville, Pennsylvania.

The brothers are both involved in evangelistic outreach in their region of Argentina through VEMZO (*Visión Evangelística y Misionera de la Zona Oeste*).

“We share gifts, but not ones that are necessarily monetary,” Daniel Oyanguren said. “The most important aspect of our partnership is that we are friends.”

Bob Martin, a member of Ridgeview Mennonite, agreed. “When we get together, it is like we are family,” he said. “It’s a community, a mutual sharing of gifts in Christ.”

Mick Sommers, pastor of Ridgeview, said, “The partnership is a strong reminder that life doesn’t revolve around Lancaster County, that there are persons beyond us who are also doing good things. It gives a global perspective on our faith, rather than a ‘me and God in the garden alone’ kind of thing.” ■

In 2011, two members of the Atlantic Coast Conference delegation to Argentina joined the Tres Lomas Mennonite Church as church members took their evangelism campaign to the outlying neighborhoods of their town. Pastor Ariel Pierolivo explained that the church wanted to go where the people are, rather than expect them to take the first step in coming to the church building.



Photo by Dean Smith

Research yields riches

Uncovering gold for congregations around the globe

By Laurie Oswald Robinson

When Jackie Wyse-Rhodes researched the strengths of people in a Dutch neighborhood, she never dreamed the “gold” she found would enrich congregations around the world in a curriculum based on her findings.

In the secularized neighborhood in Almere, the Netherlands, it would have been easy for her to uncover deficits in the people who came into the *Inloophuis de Ruimte* (Drop In Center) for a hot cup of coffee, a warm smile, and a friendly chat in a cold world. But that wasn’t her assignment, said Wyse-Rhodes, who served as a mission worker at the center on behalf of



Photo by Laurie Oswald Robinson

Jackie Wyse-Rhodes presents her research at one of the Mennonite World Conference’s seminars.



Photo by Ryan Miller

For more about Wyse-Rhodes' research

- Download *Digging for Treasure in Your Own Backyard* in English or Spanish from the Mission Network *Missio Dei* archive on our website: www.MennoniteMission.net/Resources/MissioDei.
- E-mail the co-authors to request a sample module or some of the materials distributed at the MWC workshop, and to receive word when the course is available in English: jackiewyse@gmail.com and gjromeijn@gmail.com.

Rob Benningshof, Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, Marjan Kip, and Han Teunissen volunteer at the drop-in center in Almere, the Netherlands. They serve coffee and tea, and talk with visitors to the center.

Mennonite Mission Network and the Dutch Mennonite Mission Board (*Doopsgezinde Zending*).

Her job was two-fold: to help keep the coffee, conversation and care flowing on a daily basis; and to go on a treasure hunt to the homes and hearts of the people who came into the center. What did they bring to the community? What were their gifts?

“God made humankind in God’s own image, and every person is stamped with God’s goodness and dignity—both inside and outside the church,” she said. “So I sought to listen to diverse image bearers: That gives us a truer picture of God and what God is already doing in a community. God is active in the world, and we are on a treasure hunt to find out how we can join that activity.”

The answers to those questions helped the center refine its ministries, which also included supper on Thursday evenings, prayer groups, and a Taize worship service. The center wasn’t a church. It was a “second living room” where everyone, no matter what culture or creed, was welcome.

The methods Wyse-Rhodes used in her expedition for the center formed the curriculum: *Digging for Treasure in Your Own Backyard*. It was co-developed by Wyse-Rhodes, now an assistant professor of religion at Bluffton (Ohio) University, and missionary Gerrit Jan Romeijn, who serves at the center.

The nine-module study guides congregations in extending mutual mission outreach based on the gifts and assets already present in the community. Through the network relationships of Mission Network, this small shared mission effort in a quiet Dutch city is providing valuable resources for outreach to the global church.

Wyse-Rhodes’ next treasure hunt involves searching for resources to translate the curriculum into English. Currently, it is only available in Dutch. Within the next several months, she and Romeijn hope to identify some resources for that translation process. Given the fact that 50 people—rather than the expected dozen or so—attended the workshop, the sooner the better. ■



Photo by Laurie Oswald Robinson

Heli Esther from Spain, and Deepesh Kumar Rama from India, were just two of many who prayed for the churches in North America during the GMF/GASN gathering at Mennonite World Conference.

Praying from South to North

Global church challenges North American Anabaptists to depend on God

Reflections from the Global Mission Fellowship (GMF) and Global Anabaptist Service Network (GASN) gathering held July 15–20, prior to Mennonite World Conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. GMF and GASN together comprise MWC’s Mission Commission.

By Laurie Oswald Robinson

In former decades, Mennonites in the global North focused their prayers on the missionaries from their own congregations sent to develop new initiatives and churches in the global South. Today, prayers and counsel flow in both directions, and most initiatives begin in the South.

For example, during the mission leaders gathering, participants pleaded that God provide mercy and grace for congregations and families in the United States. People at large

round tables grasped the black, brown or white hands of their table mates, or covered their faces with their hands. Quiet utterings circled the room as some people raised their hands and others wept.

They petitioned for spiritual protection, healing and renewal.

They asked God to help North Americans to veer away from materialism, to better nurture their youth in the faith, and to biblically discern matters of sexuality.

They prayed that their North



Photo by Laurie Oswald Robinson

(Left to right) Belinda Rodriguez from Honduras, João Buhr from Brazil, and Erlinda Bonilla from Honduras at the GMF/GASN gathering at Mennonite World Conference.

American brothers and sisters return to the fervency that birthed the very churches that they were now a part of in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Some participants, including John S. Fumana, a participant at the gathering from Democratic Republic of Congo, shared out loud their concerns for North America.

“I pray that the churches in North America will depend on God,” he said. “They have all the resources of wealth and many spiritual blessings, but they still need to keep being dependent on the Lord.”

These exhortations resonated with Mennonite Mission Network leaders Stanley W. Green, executive director, and James R. Krabill, senior executive for Global Ministries. They were two of the several Mission Network representatives who joined 100 of their mission cohorts from around the world at the gathering.

“Part of the global church’s challenge to the North American church is that it is too self-sufficient,” Green said. “Relative to the rest of the church, we have abundant resources and sometimes don’t feel the need for the Holy Spirit’s empowering, because we think we can do it.”

Krabill said he learned a lot from the analysis conducted by the regional caucus groups.

“The very strengths in some regions are the greatest weaknesses in others, and vice versa,” he said. “We keep finding ways of sharing our gifts. ... Africa is full of vibrant young Christians, but they don’t have much training. But in the West, we have all these training institutions with tons of money for libraries and resources, and young people aren’t coming to church.”

When the global church gathers, it is the wealthy portion of the North American church mostly on display. We often forget that within our own family of churches, there are many disparities and deficiencies.

“The purpose of GMF from the very beginning was learning how to shift from the perspective of doing mission from the ‘West to the rest.’ We are a global family, and we need to find ways of doing mission together, with each bringing their strengths and weaknesses together to get the job done.” ■



Photo by Laurie Oswald Robinson

Jules Massamba and Sandy Miller talk together at Mission Network’s booth at Mennonite World Conference.

Finding home

Sharing familiar songs in a faraway land

By Laurie Oswald Robinson

In July, Jules Massamba, pastor of Wholicare Community Missionary Church in Pasadena, California, was reminded that even if you take a man out of his homeland, you can’t take the homeland out of the man.

That insight blessed Massamba, a Congolese pastor, when he met fellow believers from Democratic Republic of Congo for the first time at the Mennonite World Conference (MWC) gathering July 21–26 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

In the Congo, Massamba had heard of Anabaptists, but he was a Baptist pastor when he came to America and began a church. He and the church affiliated about six years ago with the Mennonites from Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference.

“When I first got here, I asked whether there were others from the Congo, and soon, I had met 15 to 20 fellow believers from my homeland,” he said “It didn’t take us long to organize into a choir, and we

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Al Motley and his son, Alvin Motley II, receive communion from John Powell at the African American Mennonite pastors gathering. The father and son are bishop and youth pastor respectively at The Way Thru Christ Community Fellowship in Townsend, Delaware.

Photo by Lynda Hollinger-Janzen

a gathering in Elkhart, Indiana, for African American Mennonite congregations. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary co-sponsored the event with Mennonite Mission Network, and John Powell, regional pastor for Indiana-Michigan Conference, served as facilitator.

“Our ministry in these settings is to listen and to absorb the truth of people’s experiences,” Jacobs said. “When people know they are listened to, and genuinely heard, they gain a greater sense of identity and belonging, and they can better heal from the trauma of the past.”

Because Pacific Southwest serves many immigrant congregations, it is especially grateful for Mission Network’s efforts, said Clare Ann Ruth-Heffelbower, Pacific Southwest conference minister.

“Many of our immigrant pastors don’t have strong connections to their own country, and are in various stages of understanding Anabaptism and Anabaptist values,” she said in a late July telephone interview.

“I hope that the relationships Mission Network is facilitating with Pastor Massamba and others will help their congregations integrate more fully into Mennonite Church USA, become more active participants, and to be more at home here.” ■

sang together several times.”

A witness to their bonding was Sandy Miller, director for Church Relations for Mennonite Mission Network. She is connecting with Massamba as part of Mission Network’s growing vision to strengthen its relationships with immigrant and Racial/Ethnic churches in the United States.

“Sandy is a gift to me and my family, who were once strangers in a strange land,” he said. “The minute I first met her, I knew God had put her in my way. She has been a friend to my congregation.”

“Mission Network strives to connect with the whole of God’s creation, at home and around the world,” Miller said. Recently, it’s been the “home” part of the equation that is inspiring Miller and her team to develop new initiatives.

“We want to provide safe places for immigrant and Racial/Ethnic groups to discuss challenges and vision from the perspective of their contexts,” she said. “We want to hear what works and doesn’t work for them, and how we can better collaborate in fulfilling their dreams.”

For example, Ann Jacobs, a member of Miller’s Church Relations team, took leadership in organizing

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—Ann Jacobs



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 Pettisville Grain Co.—Pettisville, Ohio
 Thomas H. Metz Engineering Inc.—Mifflintown, Pennsylvania
 Trace Worldwide Corporation—Palos Verdes Estates, California
 Veada Industries Inc.—New Paris, Indiana
 Venture Builders, Inc.—Harrisonburg, Virginia
 Willowdale Apartments Ltd.—Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada
 Yoder Insurance Agency and Financial Services—Hartville, Ohio

Foundations \$256,500.01

EC Fund—Wauseon, Ohio
 Fidelia E. Plett Charitable Foundation—Inman, Kansas
 Lehman Family Foundation—Kidron, Ohio
 Schowalter Foundation, Inc.—Newton, Kansas

Organizations \$54,258.75

ACC/DEMZO Partnership Administration—Akron, Pennsylvania
 Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary—Elkhart, Indiana
 Bethel College—North Newton, Kansas

Brethren in Christ World Missions—Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
 Canada Helps Organization—Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 Central District Mennonite Women—Goshen, Indiana
 Central Plains Mennonite Women—Kalona, Iowa
 Christliche Dienste—Bammental, Germany
 Community of St. Martin—Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Data Management Team—Atlanta, Georgia
 Goshen College—Goshen, Indiana
 Landis Homes—Lititz, Pennsylvania
 Mennonite Women USA—Newton, Kansas
 Ohio Mennonite Women—North Canton, Ohio
 Service Adventure Albany (Oregon) Unit
 Service Adventure Albuquerque (New Mexico) Unit
 Service Adventure Johnstown (Pennsylvania) Unit
 Virginia Mennonite Missions—Harrisonburg, Virginia

Estates \$3,890,000

Curtis and Esther Bergey Estate—Souderton, Pennsylvania
 Selma Bixler Estate—Walnut Creek, Ohio
 John and Barbara Bontrager Estate—Goshen, Indiana
 Jacob Brenneman Family Estate—Lenexa, Kansas
 Ruth L. Buller Estate—Goshen, Indiana
 Jeanette Christner Estate—Iowa City, Iowa
 Aaron J. Claassen Estate—Goshen, Indiana
 Charity Crossgrove Estate—Archbold, Ohio
 Cora Crossgrove Estate—Archbold, Ohio
 Joseph and Wilda Drawbond Estate—Fortuna, North Dakota
 Fern I. Erb Estate—Harrisonburg, Virginia
 Helen Fretz Estate—Goshen, Indiana
 Katherine B. Frey Estate—Archbold, Ohio
 Raymond E. and LuEttta J. Frey Revocable Trust—Newton, Kansas
 Elmer Friesen Estate—Portland, Oregon
 Leroy E. and Laura J. Garber Estate—Goshen, Indiana
 Jerry and Letha Gingerich Estate—Mountain Home, Idaho
 Robert Gotwals Estate—Souderton, Pennsylvania

Abe Graber Memorial Fund—Middlebury, Indiana
 Kathryn Hamsher Estate—Orrville, Ohio
 Clara G. Hartman Estate—Goshen, Indiana
 Floyd Hartman Estate—Sturgis, Michigan
 Edith Hartzler Estate—Eureka, Illinois
 Melvin R. Headrick Estate—La Junta, Colorado
 DeElda and Edgar Hershberger Estate—Lincoln, Nebraska
 Maxine Kauffman Estate—Goshen, Indiana
 Myrtle L. Kremer Estate—Mount Pleasant, Iowa
 Erma Lapp Estate—Lansdale, Pennsylvania
 Ira J. Leer Estate—Middlebury, Indiana
 Magdalene Liechty Estate—Goshen, Indiana
 Martha E. Mast Estate—Kokomo, Indiana
 Naomi McElroy Estate—Liberty, Missouri
 Ivan E. Miller Estate—Hesston, Kansas
 Oletta C. Miller Estate—Hesston, Kansas
 Ernest and Verna D. Moyer Estate—Quakertown, Pennsylvania
 Mildred Moyer Estate—Souderton, Pennsylvania
 Verna A. Moyer Estate—Souderton, Pennsylvania
 Lilly Neufeld Estate—Newton, Kansas
 Ruth and Dallas Rediger Estate—North Newton, Kansas
 Marilyn M. Ruth Estate—Souderton, Pennsylvania
 Andrew and Viola Shelly Estate—Newton, Kansas
 Nelson Souder Foundation—Souderton, Pennsylvania
 Kenneth W. Steider Estate—Hesston, Kansas
 Regina Stucky Trust—Marion, South Dakota
 Valeria Swartley Estate—Souderton, Pennsylvania
 Betty and Leonard Troyer Estate—Delphos, Ohio
 Susanna Umble Estate—Atglen, Pennsylvania
 Oliver R. Unruh Estate—North Newton, Kansas
 Sara H. Voth Estate—Newton, Kansas
 Russell Welty Estate—McDonough, Georgia
 Ora and Grace Yoder Endowment Fund—Shipshewana, Indiana
 E. Duane Yoder Estate—Mechanicsville, Virginia
 Kathryn Yoder Estate—Minot, North Dakota
 Thomas and Fannie Yoder Estate—Elverson, Pennsylvania
 Henry Zehr Estate—Sarasota, Florida
 William M. and Edith Zehr Charitable Trust—Newton, Kansas

Giving

Mennonite Church USA congregations

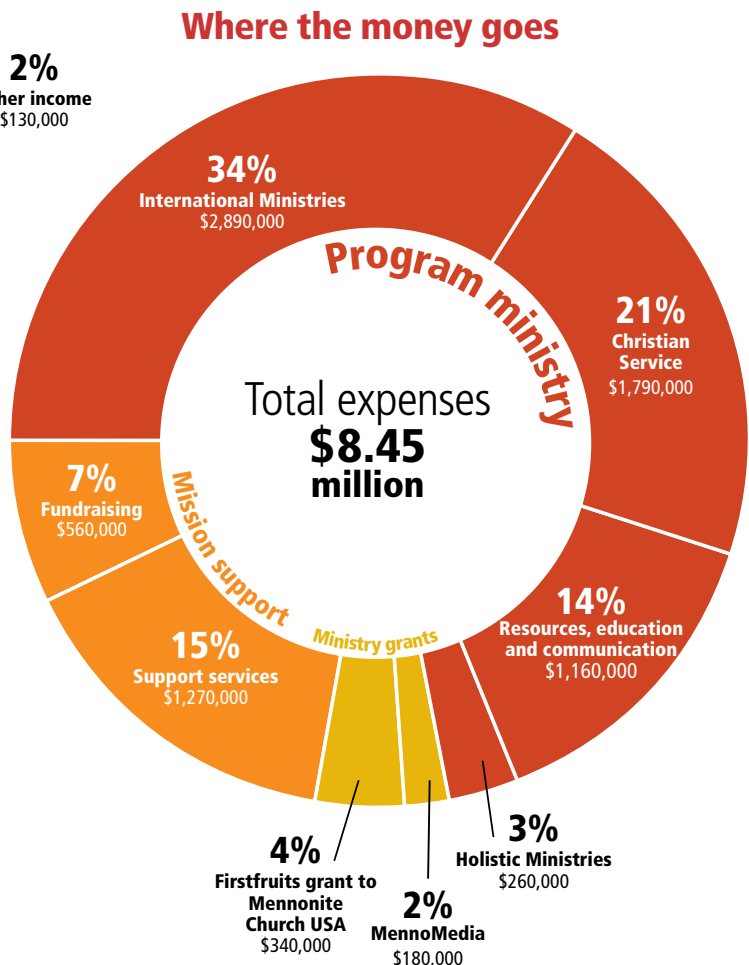
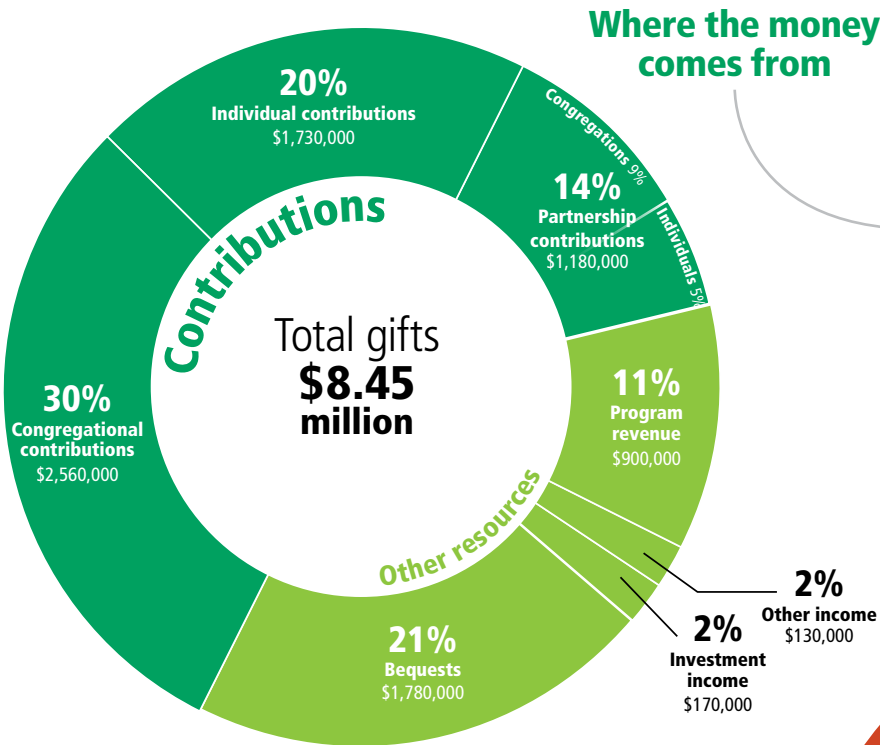
Allegheny Conference \$30,268 11 of 23 conference congregations gave an average of \$2,752	Gulf States Conference \$594 1 of 4 conference congregations contributed \$594	Ohio Conference \$637,651* 50 of 72 conference congregations gave an average of \$12,753
Atlantic Coast Conference \$199,364* 14 of 34 conference congregations gave an average of \$14,240	Illinois Conference \$187,853* 22 of 47 conference congregations gave an average of \$8,539	Pacific Northwest Conference \$119,512 21 of 35 conference congregations gave an average of \$5,691
Central District Conference \$195,079* 30 of 42 conference congregations gave an average of \$6,503	Indiana-Michigan Conference \$465,505* 46 of 67 conference congregations gave an average of \$10,120	Pacific Southwest Conference \$28,211 10 of 39 conference congregations gave an average of \$2,821
Central Plains Conference \$294,171 34 of 53 conference congregations gave an average of \$8,652	Lancaster Conference \$84,513 10 of 169 conference congregations gave an average of \$8,451	South Central Conference \$185,564 13 of 31 conference congregations gave an average of \$14,274
Eastern District Conference \$81,543* 8 of 15 conference congregations gave an average of \$10,193	Mountain States Conference \$66,998 14 of 20 conference congregations gave an average of \$4,786	Southeast Conference \$24,411 7 of 27 conference congregations gave an average of \$3,487
Franconia Conference \$193,270 27 of 41 conference congregations gave an average of \$7,158	New York Conference \$15,139 4 of 14 conference congregations gave an average of \$3,785	Virginia Conference \$159,794 28 of 73 conference congregations gave an average of \$5,707
Franklin Conference \$138 1 of 14 conference congregations contributed \$138	North Central Conference \$5,971 3 of 10 conference congregations gave an average of \$1,990	Western District Conference \$327,441 41 of 56 conference congregations gave an average of \$7,986

Contributing Congregations not part of Mennonite Church USA \$189,813 59 congregations gave an average of \$3,217
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*Figure includes contributions from dual conference congregations.



Ministry



Additional notes

1. Mennonite Mission Network's fiscal year 2014–2015 was August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015.
2. The total value of bequests received during the 2014–2015 fiscal year was \$3,890,000. These funds are used over a period of four to six years.
3. Program revenue includes funding from partner organizations, program fees, event fees, sale of publications and resources, and worker earnings.
4. In addition to operating fund programs represented here, \$380,000 was dispersed to short-term projects funded by special contributions.
5. Cash held in reserve as of July 31, 2015, totaled \$7,000,000.
6. Confidentiality policy: Contribution information in the Mission Network/Mennonite Church USA database will not be shared. Address information may be shared with other Mennonite Church USA agencies.

New workers enter service

Mission workers beginning assignments between February and September 2015

DOOR Discern

Atlanta

Aaron Barnes, Loganville, Georgia, Trinity Presbyterian Church (Atlanta)

Carmen Jones, Ellenwood, Georgia

Tyra Jones, Toledo, Ohio, First United Methodist Church (Sylvania, Ohio)

Ashley George, Atlanta, Simply Blessed Workhouse of Faith (Atlanta)

Brianna Lowery, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center (Winston-Salem)

Kristian Munroe, Loganville, Georgia, New Mercies Christian Church (Lilburn, Georgia)

Kenneth Rogers, Decatur, Georgia

Chicago

Angela Diaz, Chicago, St. Philomena Catholic Church (Chicago)

Lavar Little, Chicago

Torria Mitchell, Chicago

Brittany Morales, Chicago, Chicago Community Mennonite Church

Marquitta Scott, Chicago

Michael Taylor, Chicago

Danyvale Vann, Chicago

Denver

Quinten Balzer, Denver, His Love Fellowship (Denver)

Alexus Holliday, Denver, The Potter's House (Denver)

Pablo Lorenzana, Harrisonburg, Virginia, *El Camino Discipular* (Harrisonburg)

Antonia Lucero, Denver, His Love Fellowship (Denver)

Elizabeth Martinez, Denver

Cyndy Miguel, Los Angeles, St. Basil Catholic Church (Los Angeles)

Cameron Ponce, Elkhart, Indiana, Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship (Elkhart)

Ryan Swartzentruber, Sellersville, Pennsylvania, Plains Mennonite Church (Hatfield, Pennsylvania)

Hollywood

Jesse Arevalo, Los Angeles

Anica Leitch, Pasadena, California, Glendale (California) Presbyterian Church

Nadia Marquez, Los Angeles

Luis Mejia, Hollywood,

Christian Montero, Los Angeles,

Alcance Victoria Este, Los Angeles

Arthur Penate, Los Angeles, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church (Los Angeles)

Odalys Romero, Los Angeles, Christ the King Catholic Church (Los Angeles)

Kevyn Silva, Los Angeles

Bridgett Veliz, Los Angeles

Yecenia Vindel, Los Angeles, Church of God Pentecostal (Los Angeles)



Dasha Konanykhina, Noelle Jacobs, and Tabi Mae of Grand Valley State University are chopping and cooking up some love at Project Angel Food with DOOR!

Photo provided

Kyle Wahe, Palmdale, California, First Presbyterian Church (Hollywood)

San Antonio

Amber Garcia, San Antonio

Julius Lorezi, San Antonio, Divine Redeemer Presbyterian Church (San Antonio)

Sierra Loya, San Antonio

Eduardo Ortiz, San Antonio

Alexis Perez, San Antonio

DOOR Discover

Atlanta unit

Cherokee Presbytery, Cartersville, Georgia

Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, Florida

Community in Christ Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

Community Presbyterian Church, Atlantic Beach, Florida

First Church of Lombard (Illinois)
United Church of Christ

First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, North Carolina

First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, Tennessee

First Scots Presbyterian Church, Charleston, South Carolina

Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago

Greensboro (North Carolina) **College**

Lands Lutheran Church, Zumbrota, Minnesota

North Danvers Mennonite Church, Danvers, Illinois

North Hampton (New Hampshire) **United Church of Christ** (Ohio)

Presbyterian Church (Illinois)
Pilgrim Congregational Church, Oak Park, Illinois

Purdue Timmy Global Health, West Lafayette, Indiana

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville, Florida

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Madison, Mississippi

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Evansville, Indiana

Toledo (Ohio) Campus Ministry

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee

UNorth Carolina Wesley Campus Ministry, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Wesley Fellowship at Grand Valley State University, Jenison, Michigan

Chicago unit

Congregational United Church of Christ, Shenandoah, Iowa

Decorah (Iowa) Congregational United Church of Christ

First Congregational Church, Southington, Connecticut

First Congregational Church, Westfield, New Jersey

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Lowell, Michigan

First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, South Carolina

First Presbyterian Church, Holt, Michigan

First Presbyterian Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

First United Methodist Church, Lowell, Michigan

Geist Christian Church, Indianapolis

Gospel Haven Academy, Millersburg, Ohio

Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, Scarsdale, New York

Hope Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois

House of Hope Presbyterian Church, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Kitchener-Waterloo (Ontario) House Churches

LifeSpring Community Church, Goshen, Indiana

Madeira Silverwood Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati

Messiah Lutheran Church, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Milford (Nebraska) Mennonite Church

Peace United Church of Christ, Rochester, Minnesota

Second Christian Reformed Church, Byron Center, Michigan

Shalom Community Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan

St. John's United Church of Christ, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

Sterling Mennonite Fellowship, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Wauwatosa (Wisconsin) Presbyterian Church

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Madison, Wisconsin

Denver unit

Clemson (South Carolina) Wesley

Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota

Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Rochester, Minnesota

First Baptist Church, Newton, Kansas

First Congregational Church, Hanover, Maine

First Presbyterian Church, Britton, South Dakota

First Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan

Firstlight United Methodist Church, Gardner, Kansas

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, Clemson, South Carolina

Hope United Methodist Church, Billings, Montana

Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado

Parkview United Church of Christ, White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Pepperdine University, Malibu, California

Pines Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas

Prairie Lakes United Church of Christ, Mina, South Dakota

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Englewood, Colorado

Purdue University Service Spring Break, West Lafayette, Indiana

St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois

Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas

Tapestry Youth Commission, South Pasadena, California

UNorth Carolina Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Hollywood unit

First Presbyterian Church, Logan, Utah

Grand Valley State University Campus

Ministry, Allendale, Michigan

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Ladera Ranch, California

Kenilworth (Illinois) Union Church

Presbytery of Santa Fe, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Sunnyvale (California) Presbyterian Church

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

Miami unit

Barre (Vermont) Congregational Church

Calvary Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, Minnesota

Central Presbyterian Church, Miami

Christ Episcopal Church, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

Christ The King Lutheran Church, Miami

First Presbyterian Church, Delray Beach, Florida

Hope College, Holland, Michigan

Keene (New Hampshire) State College

St. Monica's Episcopal Church, Naples, Florida

Widener University, Chester, Pennsylvania

San Antonio unit Bluffton (Ohio) University

Clear Lake Presbyterian Church, Houston

First Colony Church of Christ, Rosenberg, Texas

First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas

First Presbyterian Church, Grapevine, Texas

First Presbyterian Church, San Leandro, California

First Presbyterian Church, Temple, Texas

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, Louisiana

Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas

Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Dallas

New Hope United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City

Saint Barnabas Presbyterian Church, Richardson, Texas

St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Hurst, Texas

Stonebridge United Methodist Church, McKinney, Texas

Trinity University, San Antonio

Wellesley Hills (Massachusetts) Congregational Church

DOOR Dwell

Atlanta

Thomas Alexander, Groton, New York, Lansing (New York) United Methodist Church

Yeeoun Choi, Daejeon, Korea, Hannam University Presbyterian Church (Daejeon)

Leah Kelley, Saline, Michigan, Riverview Church (Holt, Michigan)

Yvonne Larbi, Riverdale, Georgia, The Tabernacle (Decatur, Georgia), serving with Decatur Cooperative Ministries

Anquette Williams, Hampton, Georgia, Higher Living Christian Church (Hampton), serving with Pulse Church

Chicago

Kyle Balzer, Denver, His Love Fellowship (Denver)

Angela Diaz, Chicago, St. Philomena Catholic Church (Chicago), serving with Logan Square Neighborhood Association

Brittany Morales, Chicago, Chicago Community Mennonite Church

Denver

Helen Chao, Apple Valley, Minnesota, Presbyterian House (Madison, Wisconsin), serving with African Community Center

Jong Han Kim, Daejeon, Korea, Hannam University Presbyterian Church (Daejeon), serving with African Community Center



Photo provided

Door Dwell participant Teresa Larson (center) engages in a day of art and worship at Friendship Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

Emma Moore, Carmel, Indiana, Northminster Presbyterian Church (Indianapolis), serving with Metro Caring

Melissa Rift, Oak Park, Illinois, Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church (Dallas), serving with Urban Peak

Michael Watkins, Wake Forest, North Carolina, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Raleigh, North Carolina), serving with St. Francis Center

Hollywood

Jordan Bailey, Cleveland, Tennessee,

Stratford Heights Church (Middletown, Ohio), serving with My Friend's Place

Ahreum Cha, Daejeon, Korea, Hannam University Presbyterian Church (Daejeon), serving with People Assisting the Homeless

Marji McCoy, Germantown, Maryland, Beckley (West Virginia) Presbyterian Church, serving with People Assisting the Homeless

Ambar Sabino, Lawrence, Massachusetts, InterDenominational Service at College of the

Holy Cross (Worcester, Massachusetts), serving with Lord's Lighthouse at First Presbyterian Church Hollywood

Sara Selg, Bothell, Washington, Azusa Pacific University graduate student

Rowena Zuercher, Apple Creek, Ohio, Sonnenberg Mennonite Church (Kidron, Ohio), serving with People Assisting the Homeless

Miami

Quinten Balzer, Denver, His Love Fellowship (Denver)

Elizabeth Fink

Patrick Quiring, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, First Presbyterian Church (Broken Arrow)

Shinye Seo, Daejeon, Korea, Hannam University Presbyterian Church (Daejeon)

Natalie Wolf, Durham, North Carolina, Westminster Presbyterian Church (Durham)

MVS

Alamosa, Colorado

Naomi Clouse, Kalona, Iowa, Wellman (Iowa) Mennonite Church

Anna Miller, Millersburg, Ohio, Walnut Creek (Ohio) Mennonite Church

Lora Nafziger, Goshen, Indiana, Assembly Mennonite Church (Goshen) and Olive Branch Mennonite Church; team co-leader

Zoe Pusey, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Park View Mennonite Church (Harrisonburg)

Mitchell Rhodes, Goshen, Indiana, Assembly Mennonite Church (Goshen); team co-leader

Elkhart, Indiana

Phonevilay Khammany, Savannakhet Province, Laos, Lattanalangsyneua Church (Laos), serving with Church Community Services

Jacob Smucker, Woodward, Pennsylvania, University Mennonite Church (State College, Pennsylvania), serving with Church Community Services

Joshua Storrer, Phoenix, serving with Center for Community Justice

Evra Tshisola Zango, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, serving with Anabaptist

Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Shekinah Electric Inc.

Kansas City, Kansas

Jacob Gerig, Mishawaka, Indiana, Kern Road Mennonite Church (South Bend, Indiana), serving with Connecting for Good

Roger Navarro, Overland Park, Kansas, Rainbow Mennonite Church (Kansas City, Kansas), serving with Cross-Lines

Melinda Regehr, Whitewater, Kansas, Grace Hill Mennonite Church (Whitewater), serving with Jewish Vocational Service

Madison, Wisconsin

Sarah Geiser, Apple Creek, Ohio, Kidron (Ohio) Mennonite Church, serving with Options Madison

Noah Yoder, Freeman, South Dakota, Salem Mennonite Church (Freeman), serving with Habitat for Humanity of Dane County ReStore

Manhattan

Dominique Chew, Hesston, Kansas, Whitestone Mennonite Church (Hesston), serving with World Vision International

Kolton Nay, Dover, Ohio, LifeBridge Community Church (Dover), serving with MCC United Nations Office

Emilie Raber, Dalton, Ohio, Sonnenberg Mennonite Church (Kidron, Ohio), serving with Urban Justice Center

Lorraine Swartzendruber, Flagstaff, Arizona, Calvary Chapel of Flagstaff, serving with Lutheran Social Services of New York

San Antonio, Texas

Erin Bradley, Newton, Kansas, Shalom

Mennonite Church (Newton), serving with Inlet City Development

Neal Brubaker, Goessel, Kansas, Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church (Goessel), serving with RAICES

Luz Varela, Goshen, Indiana, North Goshen Mennonite Church, serving with RAICES

San Francisco

Stefan Baumgartner, Goshen, Indiana, Silverwood Mennonite Church (Goshen), serving with Homeless Prenatal Program

Hilary Garman, Bellevue, Washington, Evergreen Mennonite Church (Kirkland, Washington), serving with Homeless Prenatal Program

Seth Miller, Wellman, Iowa, West Union Mennonite Church (Parnell, Iowa), serving with Peace Action West

Seattle

Julia Fulk, Concord, New Hampshire, serving with University District Food Bank

Andrew Hostetter, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Community Mennonite Church (Harrisonburg), serving with Ozanam House

Jennifer Steinmetz, Bluffton, Ohio, First Mennonite Church (Bluffton), serving with Ballard Food Bank

Kate Yoder, Elkhart, Indiana, Sunnyside Mennonite Church (Elkhart), serving with Grist

Marla zumFelde, Goshen, Indiana, Walnut Hill Mennonite Church (Goshen), serving with Rainier Health and Fitness

Tucson, Arizona

Stephen Graber, Goshen, Indiana, East



San Antonio Mennonite Voluntary Service unit: Luz Varela, Erin Bradley, and Neal Brubaker.



Manhattan Mennonite Voluntary Service unit: Emilie Raber, Kolton Nay, Dominique Chew, and Lorraine Swartzendruber.

Goshen Mennonite Church, serving with St. Elizabeth Health Center

Alexandra Loeppky, Morden, Manitoba, Pembina Mennonite Fellowship (Morden), serving with Primavera Foundation

Cynnandra Luttrell, Earlville, Illinois, Willow Springs Mennonite Church (Tiskilwa, Illinois), serving with Community Home Repair Program of Arizona

Washington, D.C.

Natalia Derstine, Harleysville, Pennsylvania, Franconia Mennonite Church (Telford, Pennsylvania), serving with Catholic Charities DC

Emily Harder, McPherson, Kansas, Bethel College Mennonite Church (North Newton, Kansas), serving with Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual (WATER)

Sara Melgarejo, Bogota, Colombia, serving with Bread for the City

Anna van der Zwaag, Worthington, Ohio, Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church, serving with Community of Hope

Journey International

Indonesia

Jeffrey Clendening, Franklin, Indiana, Grace United Methodist Church (Franklin)

Andrew Cullar, North Lima, Ohio, Midway Mennonite Church (Columbiana, Ohio)

Christopher King, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Beth-El Mennonite Church (Colorado Springs)

Jenna Ratzlaff, North Newton, Kansas,

First Mennonite Church (Newton, Kansas)

Service Adventure

Albany

Lauren Baer, North Lima, Ohio, North Lima Mennonite Church, serving with Mennonite Village

Laura Haar, Muehlhausen, Germany, Evangelical Free Church of Bad Schoenborn (Bad Schoenborn, Germany), serving with Waverly Elementary and Mennonite Village

Malte Kaliske, Dresden, Germany, Evangelical Lutheran Auferstehungskirchengemeinde (Dresden), serving with Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Jessica Lindsay, Archbold, Ohio, St. John's Christian Church (Archbold), serving with Mennonite Village

Pablo Lorenzana, Harrisonburg, Virginia, *El Camino Discipular* (Harrisonburg), serving with Schantz House

Jason Mueller, Halstead, Kansas, First Mennonite Church (Halstead), serving as unit leader

Albuquerque

Luca Hildebrandt, Hullhorst, Germany, Evangelical Free Church of Kirchlegern (Kirchlegern, Germany), serving with St. Martins Hospitality Center

Elijah Lederach, Fishers, Indiana, College Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana), serving with Habitat for Humanity

Kimberly Lerche, Siegburg, Germany, *Evangelische Freikirche Siegburg*, serving with Escuela del Sol

Lily Schumacher, Bluffton, Ohio, First

Mennonite Church (Bluffton)

Robert Tolle, McPherson, Kansas, Eden Mennonite Church (Moundridge, Kansas), serving as unit leader

Sondra Tolle, McPherson, Kansas, Eden Mennonite Church (Moundridge, Kansas), serving as unit leader

Austin Troyer, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Mount Clinton Mennonite Church (Harrisonburg), serving with East Central

Ministries and First Nations

Anchorage

Matthew Garber, Newton, Kansas, Faith Mennonite Church (Newton), serving with Bureau of Land Management

Peter Harris, Lititz, Pennsylvania, James Street Mennonite Church (Lancaster, Pennsylvania), serving with Habitat for Humanity

Katya Landis, Meridian, Mississippi, Jubilee Mennonite Church (Meridian), serving with The Downtown Soup Kitchen

Leah Rein, Eschborn, Germany, Free *Evangelische Gemeinde Frankfurt* (Kelheim, Germany), serving with Boys and Girls Club and The Children's Lunchbox

Aaron Woelk, Goessel, Kansas, Goessel Mennonite Church, serving with The Food Bank and The Children's Lunchbox

Colorado Springs

Sarah Balzer, Inman, Kansas, Buhler (Kansas) Mennonite Church, serving with Interfaith Hospitality Network

Margaret Smeltzer Miller, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Park View Mennonite Church (Harrisonburg), serving as unit leader

Johnstown

Dorothee Haase, Oerlinghausen, Germany, Paul's Congregation (Germany), serving with Alternative Community Resource Program and New Day Inc.

Jordan Hodges, St. Louis, Missouri, St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship,

Protestant Free Church of Heubach, serving with Johnstown Christian School and New Day Inc.

Aaron Zimmerman, Archbold, Ohio, Zion Mennonite Church (Archbold), serving with Head Start and Johnstown Christian School

SOOP

Jeanne and Mark Birky, Hopedale, Illinois, Hopedale Mennonite Church, served three weeks in San Antonio, Texas.



Photo provided

Johnstown Service Adventure unit. Back row: Leah Rittenhouse*, Jordan Hodges, and Aaron Zimmerman. Front row: Shannon Young, Dorothee Haase, Krista Rittenhouse*, and Austen Saffell. (*Unit leaders)

Franziska Klause, Heubach, Germany, *Evangelische Freikirche Gemeinde Heubach*, serving with Our House: Bright Futures

Anna Koehler, Radebeul, Germany, Lutheran Church of Radebeul, serving with Westside Community Center

Anali North Martin, Cary, North Carolina, Raleigh (North Carolina) Mennonite Church, serving with Seeds Community Café

Daniel Miller, Harrisonburg, Virginia, The Table (Harrisonburg), serving as unit leader

serving with Willow Hill Farm and New Day Inc.

Krista Rittenhouse, Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, Scottdale (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, serving as unit leader

Leah Rittenhouse, Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, Scottdale (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, serving as unit leader

Austen Saffell, Nappanee, Indiana, North Main Street Mennonite Church (Nappanee), serving with Family Kitchen and New Day Inc.

Shannon Young, Heubach, Germany,

Adam and Jennifer Cobb and children, Archbold, Ohio, Lockport Mennonite Church (Stryker, Ohio), served one week in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Kathryn and Melvin Coblenz, Stone Lake, Wisconsin, Sand Lake Mennonite Chapel (Stone Lake), served three weeks in Brooksville, Florida.

Ellen and Willard Ebersole, Wichita, Kansas, Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church (Wichita), served one month in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Leon and Melba Eshleman, Manheim,



Photo provided

(Left to right) Interns and long-term volunteers Gina Anderson, Leah Kelly, Kaley Necessary, Matthew VonHerbulis, Justin Toles, and Hope Kirby along with SOOPer Elma Dyck, volunteered together at World Hunger Relief in Waco, Texas.

Pennsylvania, Chestnut Hill Mennonite Church (Columbia, Pennsylvania), served one week in Westbrookville, New York.

Dorothy Goertz, Goessel, Kansas, Tabor Mennonite Church (Newton, Kansas), served one week in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Judy and Keith Harder, Hillsboro, Kansas, First Mennonite Church (Hillsboro), served one month in Washington, D.C.

Kent and Sharon Harder, Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Wooddale Church (Eden Prairie), served two weeks in Akron, Pennsylvania

Dwight and Edna Hershberger, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church (Lancaster), served one month in Ely, Minnesota.

Cathy and Russ Hochstetler, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen), served two

weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Gerald Hunsberger, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Albuquerque Mennonite Church, served three months in Macon, Mississippi.

Joan and Maurice Imhoff, Portland, Oregon, Portland Mennonite Church, served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Ray and Becky Imhoff, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Agape Church of the Brethren (Fort Wayne), served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Barbara and Byron Kauffman, West Liberty, Ohio, Bethel Mennonite Church (West Liberty), served one month in San Antonio, Texas.

Robert King, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Beth-El Mennonite Church (Colorado Springs), served one month in Americus, Georgia, and one month in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Gerry and Lois Klopfenstein, Wayland, Iowa, Wayland Mennonite Church, served two weeks in San Antonio, Texas.

Clara Jean Knepp, Akron, Ohio, Springfield Church of the Brethren (Akron), served one week in Americus, Georgia.

Karen and Richard Kropf, Hubbard, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church (Hubbard), served two weeks in Kykotsmvi, Arizona.

Dennis and Joyce Landon, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Kidron (Ohio) Mennonite Church, served more than two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Carol Leland, Harrisonburg, Virginia, served two weeks in Hamilton, Ontario.

Elizabeth and Ronald Martin, Wooster, Ohio, Wooster Mennonite Church, served one month in Sapporo, Japan.

Dave and Karen Mast, Winona Lake,

Indiana, Alive Church Ephrata (Ephrata, Pennsylvania), served one week in Burgos, Spain.

Norman and Wilmetta Maust, Goshen, Indiana, Pleasant View Mennonite Church (Goshen), served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Deborah Mayo, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, served two months in Macon, Mississippi.

Linda and Lynn Miller, Bluffton, Ohio, First Mennonite Church (Bluffton), served one week in Burgos, Spain.

Bonny Mills, Mogadore, Ohio, The Chapel (Green, Ohio), served one week in Americus, Georgia.

Greg Oman, Hernando, Mississippi, served two months in Elkhart, Indiana; one month in Three Rivers, Michigan; and three months in Colombia.

Richard Oyer, Goshen, Indiana, College Mennonite Church (Goshen), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Sara Penner, Indianapolis, First Mennonite Church (Indianapolis), served four days in San Antonio, Texas.

Cheryl and Heber Ramer, Harper, Kansas, Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church (Harper), served more than one month in Whitesburg, Kentucky.

Sue and Wesley Richard, Goshen, Indiana, West Goshen Church of the Brethren, served three weeks in Elm Mott, Texas.

Enid and Robert Schloneger, Smithville, Ohio, Oak Grove

Mennonite Church (Smithville), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Florence and Wendell Schloneger, North Newton, Kansas, Shalom Mennonite Church (Newton, Kansas), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

LaVerle Schrag, Hutchinson, Kansas, First Mennonite Church (Hutchinson), served two months in Atlanta, Georgia.

Karen Steiner, Munroe Falls, Ohio, Summit Mennonite Church (Barberton, Ohio), served one week in Americus, Georgia.

Margaret Stoltzfus, Goshen, Indiana, College Avenue Friends, served two weeks in Reedley, California.

Patricia and William Strunk, Alden, New York, Alden Mennonite Church, served one month in Glendale, Arizona.

Emma Stutzman, Orrville, Ohio, Salem Mennonite Church (Kidron, Ohio), served three weeks in Whitesburg, Kentucky.

Ib and June Thomsen, Newton, Kansas, First Mennonite Church (Newton), served one month in Tucson, Arizona.



Photo provided

SOOPer Janice Graber plays her harp at Landsun Homes, a nursing home in Carlsbad, New Mexico.



Photo by Mitch Rhodes

NyNy (upper right) shows Youth Venture participants Naomi, Anna, and Zoe a careful paperfolding technique in Japan.

Doug and Jolene VonGunten and family, Goshen, Indiana, Walnut Hill Mennonite Church (Goshen), served one week in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Richard and Ruth Wenger, Brownsville, Oregon, Brownsville Community Church, served two weeks in San Antonio, Texas.

Delvon and Shirley Yoder, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen), served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Elaine and Harold Yoder, Middlebury, Indiana, Sugar Grove Church (Goshen, Indiana), served one

month in Macon, Mississippi.

Lauren and Suzanne Yoder, Black Mountain, North Carolina, First Christian Church, served one month in Shipshewana, Indiana.

Youth Venture

Ecuador

Allison Camden, Fresno, California, North Fresno Church Mennonite Brethren

Brechan Gray, Tavistock, Ontario, East Zorra Mennonite Church (Tavistock)

Kristin Sharp, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Forest Hills Mennonite

Church (Leola, Pennsylvania); team leader

Jenae Stutzman, Littleton, Colorado, First Mennonite Church of Denver

Cassandra Voth, Littleton, Colorado, First Mennonite Church of Denver

France

Andrew Bodden, Plantation, Florida, *Iglesia Menonita Encuentro de Renovacion* (Miami)

Rosalinda Diego, Fort Myers, Florida, *Iglesia Menonita Arca de Salvacion* (Fort Myers, Florida)

Rudy Graber, Molalla, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church (Hubbard, Oregon) and Bahia Vista Mennonite Church (Sarasota, Florida); team co-leader

Nayaly Maldonado, Lehigh Acres, Florida, *Iglesia Menonita Arca de Salvacion* (Fort Myers, Florida)

Marilyn Mendoza, Miami, *Iglesia Menonita Encuentro de Renovacion* (Miami)

Montana Modderman, Bradenton Beach, Florida, Bay Shore Mennonite Church (Sarasota, Florida)

Landon Morales, Fort Myers, Florida, *Iglesia Menonita Arca de Salvacion* (Fort Myers)

Annali Murray, Hesston, Kansas, Martins Mennonite Church (Orville, Ohio) and New Creation Fellowship Church (Newton, Kansas); team co-leader

Yasmeen Palacios, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, Evangelical

Mennonite Garifuna Church (Miami)

Japan

Naomi Clouse, Kalona, Iowa, Wellman (Iowa) Mennonite Church

Anna Miller, Millersburg, Ohio, Walnut Creek (Ohio) Mennonite Church

Lora Nafziger, Goshen, Indiana, Assembly Mennonite

Church (Goshen) and Olive Branch Mennonite Church; team co-leader

Zoe Pusey, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Park View Mennonite Church (Harrisonburg)

Mitchell Rhodes, Goshen, Indiana, Assembly Mennonite Church (Goshen); team co-leader

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International



Mikhail Fernandez completed a three-month assignment in South Africa with the Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency, where he assisted with website and social media development.

This exchange was completed as part of Goshen College's Summer Service Inquiry Program. He is a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Goshen, Indiana.



Aaron Kaufmann began a 10-month assignment as a Mission Associate in Weierhof, Germany, where he serves at *Weierhof Mennonitenge meinde* through *Bundes Freiwillige Dienst*. Aaron provides congregational support by leading three youth groups, organizing events, and directing the church choir. His home congregation is Willow Springs Mennonite Church in Tiskilwa, Illinois.

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Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton

began a three-year assignment as partnership coordinators in Ecuador. This partnership includes

Mennonite Mission Network, *Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia*, and Central Plains Mennonite Conference, now working together with the recently formed Ecuadorian conference, *Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista de Ecuador* (ICAME). She is a member of *Iglesia Bautista de Santiago de Chiquitos*, and he is a member of Shalom Mennonite Church in Indianapolis.



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