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20
years!



Choosing peace on Peace Island

By Mike Sherrill

When the people of God choose peace, we experience the fullness of God’s work in the world. The act of choosing peace — of denying the power of violence — inspires hope for all people and serves as a small window into who Jesus was and what he taught during his time on earth.

Back in May and June 2019, I had the honor of attending the sixth annual Christian Forum for Reconciliation in Northeast Asia. The forum is a joint initiative of Duke Divinity School’s Center for Reconciliation and Mennonite Central Committee. Nearly 100 participants gathered together at Saint Isidore Retreat Center in Jeju, South Korea, for a weeklong journey that featured worship sessions, lectures, reflections and a pilgrimage of lament across the island, concluding at the Jeju 4.3 Peace Park.

The numbers 4.3 designate the date April 3, 1948, when an armed civilian uprising stormed several police stations on Jeju, in response to police brutality. The island had long held a strong belief of social cohesion, rejecting the idea of a divided Korea. Therefore, when it was announced that the election designed by the United Nations only applied to the part of Korea south of the 38th parallel of latitude, large groups of people on Jeju boycotted it. Tragically, their resistance was miscast as sympathetic to the communists, and ultimately, Jeju was labeled by the media as a “Red Island.” This led to oppression of dissenters and the killing of anyone under suspicion. Between 1947 and 1954, about 30,000 island residents were killed by South Korean troops, police and volunteer anticommunist groups under the auspices of the occupying military government.

Stories in which God’s people choose peace and reconciliation inspire hope in all of us. As we celebrate this story of peace, may we be inspired with hope, to choose peace ourselves.

In 2000, the government of Korea launched an investigation into this period and published the first report of its findings in 2003. This was followed by an official apology by President Roh Moo-hyun for human rights abuses perpetrated by the state. In 2018, President Moon Jae-in offered a second apology, promising to continue the quest for truth and healing. These apologies, along with tangible actions, including compensation to bereaved families and peace education for the public, were essential steps in the struggle to recover from deep generational pain. To truly break free of the captivity of anger and grief, the Jeju village of Hagwi took the additional step of forgiving the perpetrators of the violence.

The people of Hagwi embarked on a journey of forgiveness by, first, embracing their pain as a village rather than as separate families or individuals. They also re-framed their pain within the broader historical context of human suffering, helping them to see both victims and perpetrators as victims of systemic violence and unjust powers. Gradually, the village embraced a new identity: They were no longer a powerless victim, but an empowered herald of reconciliation.

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COVER: Young members of the Mennonite church in the Rumococha neighborhood of Iquitos, Peru, enjoy the motions of a song, led by Elena Buckwalter Satalaya, with son Matias in her arms. Photo by Linda Shelly.



The first graduates of Holy Trinity Brussels' peace and conflict transformation program celebrate with Sharon Norton and Jean-Bosco Turahirwa (first row, far right). Photo provided.

STORY 1

Ambassadors of reconciliation trained in Belgium

By Lynda Hollinger-Janzen

Holy Trinity Brussels (Belgium), located near the headquarters of the European Union, is working to transform conflict at all levels, from the interpersonal to the international.

On May 21, 19 graduates received certificates of completion for a new peace and conflict transformation program in a glorious ceremony at Holy Trinity Brussels (Belgium).

This celebration was the first fruit of a vision that was born two years ago, at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Jean-Bosco Turahirwa searched for a way to address the diverse needs of the large

Anglican congregation, in which he serves on the leadership team. Holy Trinity Brussels is located near the headquarters of the European Union, and members come from more than 45 countries. There are four worship services on Sundays.

Turahirwa developed a three-level course in peace and conflict transformation, in response to the stressful situations in which his parishioners find themselves,

20 years!

Mennonite Mission Network commemorates its 20th anniversary this year, a milestone that has been made possible through a legacy of holistic ministry that stretches back more than 100 years, across multiple predecessor agencies. Creating a timeline of just the past two decades has proven to be a wonderful problem — there is simply too much to include! This timeline is not an exhaustive account of the two decades since Mission Network came to be. Instead, it highlights a few of the exciting ways Mission Network has been able to be a part of what God is doing in communities around the world: sharing all of Christ with all of creation. Thanks be to God!



beginning in their families and workplaces and extending to international discord.

When Turahirwa searched for people who might share his passion for peacemaking, he thought of the Mennonites. From 1950–2010, Mennonite Board of Missions, a predecessor agency of Mennonite Mission Network, engaged in a variety of ministries in Belgium, including the Brussels Mennonite Center, founded in 1980. Turahirwa was the accountant for the center from 2001–2005 and engaged in conflict management through mediation. It was there that he came to know

resonated deeply with her.

“While Holy Trinity Brussels lives its diversity well, conflict and challenges are not far away in such a context,” Norton said. “Jean-Bosco and I could agree that in many communities around the world, disparities between immigrants and [established residents] have increased during the pandemic. This adds no small amount of tension, and even open conflict among different racial/ethnic groups.”

Turahirwa believes that, to address the more systemic manifestations of conflict, it is important to

begin in people’s everyday lives, where the cumulative stress of being forced to isolate in shared living spaces has added to the normal tensions present in families and communities.

“At Holy Trinity, we propose a program for all people who want to transform their conflict positively,” Turahirwa said. “Basic interpersonal conflict and communication skills are often lacking.”

Thus, the first component of the training program lays cultural and theological foundations for understanding the peacemaking imperative. It also prepares people

to work for peace and reconciliation in their own lives — understanding their emotions, analyzing the roots of conflict, and learning skills to address it among their families and in their communities. The second part builds on level-one learning to help participants become thirdparty mediators and develop tools in non-violent intervention. The third level is to train trainers, who will be able to multiply and spread the good news of the gospel of peace beyond Brussels.

Oscar Chavez, one of the graduates, found it interesting to see how culture and personality impact how



Janine Frister (with scarf), Ines Liebegott and Sharon Norton visit Jean-Bosco Turahirwa (far right) and Marie Turahirwa (far left), at their house where they shared their testimony.

Juan Romero, who directed the center’s mediation work in French-speaking Africa and Europe.

From Romero, Turahirwa learned that “reconciliation is not just a branch of the gospel of Jesus Christ; reconciliation is the gospel.”

Because the Brussels Mennonite Center closed its doors in 2006, Turahirwa contacted Sharon Norton, Mission Network’s co-administrator for Africa and Europe. His description of the need for conflict mediation in the interpersonal realm, as well as between the various nationalities represented in Brussels,

2002



2002 Mission Network, led by executive director Stanley Green, joins the mission agencies of Mennonite Church and the General Conference Mennonite Church, upon the merger of the two denominations.

2004



2004 Three North American Mennonite mission agencies — Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, Mennonite Church Canada Witness and Mission Network — begin a collaboration to progressively move administration from North America to the African continent through Partnership Councils.

2005



2005 Work in Progress Ensemble — a multiethnic, intergenerational, interdenominational Mission Network ensemble — is formed to worship God, broaden the music that Mennonites sing and dismantle racial barriers in congregations.

STORY 2

Conflict transformation training in South Africa receives national attention

By Lynda Hollinger-Janzen

Oscar Siwali, founder and director of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency (SADRA) Conflict Transformation, has dedicated his life to equipping communities with skills that embrace nonviolence and peaceful methods of resolving conflict. Mennonite Mission Network partners with SADRA in training students and communities in peer mediation, as peacekeepers in rioting and working to diminish xenophobia. Siwali's work attracted the notice of one of South Africa's major television stations, eNews Channel Africa (eNCA). Scan the QR code at the right or go to Mennonitemission.net/Oscar to watch the interview where Siwali advocates for restorative justice approaches to violence to prevent people from becoming numb to violence and accepting it as the norm. ■



Oscar Siwali, during his interview on eNCA.



we react to conflict.

Another graduate, Maria Umutesi, said, "I'm ready to go out there, into the community, and apply what I learned as an ambassador of peace."

Turahirwa has personally experienced many levels of violence in Rwanda. He fled from his homeland in 1994. He completed his studies for his first Master of Theology in Cameroon. When he arrived in Belgium in 2000, he had the opportunity to study Anabaptist theology in Bienenberg Theological Seminary in Switzerland. He is currently finishing his thesis for his second master's degree at The Free Faculty of Evangelical Theology

at Vaux-sur-Seine in France. He is an ordained priest in the Anglican Church (Church of England).

Mennonite Mission Network has committed to support the Holy Trinity Brussels peace and conflict transformation program for five years. The Schowalter Foundation also gave a grant to the program.

"I speak on behalf of Holy Trinity Brussels, when I say we have no words to thank Mission Network for the huge support and encouragement," Turahirwa said. "We are extremely happy to be in partnership with Mission Network to further this noble ministry of peace and reconciliation." ■

2009



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2009 Mission Network publishes *Shared Voices*, a style guide for anti-racist communication (a second edition included anti-sexist communication guidelines).

2009 Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) develops a network of 200 organizations and individuals in Northeast Asia to collaborate in peacebuilding.



2010



Photo by Ryan Miller

2010 Mennonite Voluntary Service signs an agreement with the United States Selective Service System to become a member of the Alternative Service Employer Network for conscientious objectors.



Photo by Dr. Mousam Jeffrin

2010 Dhamtari Christian Hospital, in Chhattisgarh, India, celebrates its centennial anniversary.

STORY 3

New book chronicles history of peacebuilding in Northeast Asia

By Karen Spicher

The International Day of Peace, or World Peace Day, is celebrated across the world on Sept. 21. Mennonite Mission Network strives to follow Jesus' call to be peacemakers throughout ministries and partnerships across the world.

The Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI), a partner organization of Mission Network, has been a part of that global peacebuilding for over a decade, and it is celebrating the milestone through the release of a 10-year retrospective book.

Non-profit organizations often forget to record their own history. Board members and staff have more work than they can handle and remembering the past does not seem as important as planning current and future projects.

The NARPI administration team originally wanted to write a book chronicling the first three years of the organization. Then, it was expanded to the first five years. Soon, the scope of the book became the first ten years!

And now, thanks to the work of many people, it has been done!

Our Peacebuilding Story: The First Ten Years of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (2011-2020) tells the story of the first decade of NARPI which brings together peacemakers from China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Taiwan and the far eastern regions of Russia annually for peacebuilding training and networking.

Through the generous support of donors, we printed 1,000 copies of the book with full-color illustrations. These copies will be given — not sold — to the participants, facilitators,

Photo by Karen Spicher



Jae Young Lee unboxes a bundle of printed copies of *Our Peacebuilding Story: The First Ten Years of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (2011-2020)*.

2011



Photo by Andrew Boddien

2011 Mission Network helped create the first Hope for the Future conference, a biennial gathering that brings BIPOC leaders in Mennonite Church USA together to help the denomination thrive, as its membership rapidly becomes more diverse.

2012



Photo by James R. Krabill

2012 *Communauté Mennonite au Congo* (Mennonite Church of Congo) celebrates its centennial.

2013



Photo by Char Kellogg

2013 Mongolia Mission Partnership, which launched Mission Network's signature partnership model, celebrates 20 years. This was the first of Mission Network's 116 partnerships.



NARPI 2019 participants pictured at the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Museum in Nanjing, China. Photo by NARPI.

local hosting teams, volunteers and donors who have helped write NARPI's history.

When we started the book project in 2020, the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we hoped to finish and print the book before the 2021 NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training in Mongolia, which was then postponed. As the pandemic continued, the book project also dragged on.

Sorting through thousands of photos of in-person trainings, while living in the reality of pandemic restrictions, was eye-opening. We realized what a precious gift the NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training was. Eating together! Singing together! Sharing life for two weeks without masks or hand sanitizer!

We hope the book will not only remind those connected with NARPI of the past, but also provide creative energy to continue into our unknown future together. By publishing our peacebuilding organizational strategy and history, we also hope to encourage

other regions in conflict to foster peaceful coexistence.

This book does not tell the stories of the past two years of NARPI. Those stories, we hope, will be a part of another book someday. I believe that next book will tell even more of the beautiful shared experiences of this ever-growing regional family of peacebuilders, experiences that somehow grow more precious over time.

For more information and to request your digital copy of *Our Peacebuilding Story*, contact Karen Spicher at spicherkaren@gmail.com. ■

Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher are Mennonite Mission Network mission associates in Namyangju, South Korea. Spicher serves as the communications coordinator for the Northeast Asia Regional Peace Building Institute (NARPI). Jae Young directs the Korea Peacebuilding Institute (KOPI) and provides leadership to NARPI.

2017



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2017 Through the Breaking our Silence initiative, Black leaders began ongoing partnership initiatives, influenced by the stories of the Bible, to dispel the hardships, and declare the call and practice for peace and social justice across the church.

2019



Photo by Travis Duerksen

2019 *Sent/Enviados*, a Mission Network program — offered in both English and Spanish — designed to equip peace-church planters, is launched.



Photo by Linda Shelly

2019 *Iglesia Evangélica Menonita Argentina* (Argentina Mennonite Church) celebrated its centennial.

STORY 4

“Women and Peace” project creates sacred space for peacebuilders of faith

By Rebekah York

Justapaz is the justice and peacebuilding organization of Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia (IMCOL, Colombian Mennonite Church). Rebekah York, a worker with Mennonite Mission Network, who is working in Colombia, connects with Justapaz, through the Mujer y Paz (Women and Peace) project, which strengthens the role of women in peacebuilding endeavors.

Over the past couple of months, I have had the privilege to travel to various cities in Colombia, holding spaces for women to read and learn together through the biblical character of Abigail from 1 Samuel 25. These gatherings have been sacred. No matter where we find ourselves, the encounter begins something like this: We start by sharing together what we know about the context of 1 Samuel and what part this book plays in the overarching narrative of the people of Israel.

1 Samuel 25 starts with Samuel’s death, and David retreating into the wilderness to hide from King Saul. While there, David asks a wealthy local rancher, Nabal, to show some hospitality towards him and his men. David had protected Nabal’s shepherds — and sheep herds — earlier in the season, and was looking for the favor to be returned. Nabal, described as “surly and mean in his dealings” (v. 3 NIV), refused. For that, David planned to destroy him and everything he had.

Abigail, the wife of Nabal, heard of David’s plan through one of their servants. Without telling her husband, she rounded up bread, wine, sheep, figs and more; loaded it all up on donkeys; and met David and his men, who were already on their way to destroy Nabal. She mediated on behalf of her husband, giving all she had brought with her as a gift to David. She



Photo by Rosember Ipuz Quintero

Workshop attendees discuss the biblical story of Abigail at the Mennonite church in Giradot, Colombia. Each workshop session ended with a closing ritual of reflection, as well as an invitation for each woman to name their gifts and offer them for the transformation of their community, church and society.

pleaded with him to spare her husband and their family. David, moved by her request, accepted. Abigail’s mediation averted a bloodbath.

During the next part of the workshop, we talk about what we see happening in the story, who the characters are and how they interact with one another. We, then, discuss the character of Abigail: Who was she? What else do we know about her? What do her words, albeit few, and her actions — standing in stark contrast to the men’s actions in the story — have to teach us today? What are her gifts and abilities, as evidenced in this story?.

2020



Photo by Travis Duerksen

2020 Stanley W. Green retires, and Mike Sherrill succeeds him as executive director and CEO. Sherrill initiates agency repositioning and, with new executive leadership team, re-commits to making anti-racism a core value.

2022



Photo by David Fast

2022 Mission Network launches its new agency-wide strategic plan, positioning the agency to respond with agility and compassion to our changing world. ■

Based on our initial conversations and observations, we begin to breathe life into the story, giving voice to a woman who only has one chapter dedicated to her in the entire Bible.

At the local Mennonite church in the small town named Girardot (Colombia), our workshop group sat together in a tight circle, fans blowing around the stale, humid air. Here, we talked about Abigail and her gifts. Without missing a beat, one woman interrupted the conversation.

“Wait. Just a minute. I have a question,” she said. “We have been talking about how amazing Abigail is and all these gifts we see in her. And my sister here,” she continued, pointing to the woman to her left, “just claimed that she, too, is Abigail. So, my question is, if women are so amazing — if we are capable of mediating, working for peace and transforming violence — then why are they killing us? Why is the number of murdered women on the rise here, in Colombia? Why are we being silenced instead of being given more leadership roles?”

Everyone fell silent. What this sister was saying is true. Being a female social leader is one of the riskiest positions a woman can have in Colombia, as women leaders are meticulously sought out and silenced. After a few minutes, another sister spoke up.

“It’s because we live in a patriarchal society,” she said with poised confidence, “And we are going to continue to be met with violence against us — all different types —because patriarchy is a reality. But that’s why these spaces are important, because it starts with us. It starts with us forming our children, both girls and boys, in ways that don’t allow these cycles to continue. It starts with us knowing our rights and our gifts as women, and especially by recognizing our dignity as people made in the image of God.”

Sometimes the conversations in these workshops play out like the one above. Other times, the workshops are a time of grief and lament, when the women share stories of violent attacks or massacres that their communities experienced, in which, even amid the women’s staunch resistance, lives were lost. While holding space for these stories, the women who attend and facilitate these workshops leave the sacred community, created over a scant 2-3 hours, with a renewed understanding of context, place, memory, history and our gifts as women peacebuilders of faith. ■

Rebekah York serves in Bogotá, Colombia, with IMCOL. Her focus is creating, developing and maintaining relationships with various churches and church-related organizations.



Photo by Rosebert Iruiz Quiñero

Workshop attendees gather together for a group photo at the Mennonite church in Girardot, Colombia.

STORY 5

Voices from the MVS unit of 9/11

By Travis Duerksen

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Kristen Mathies recalled feeling the same way she did nearly every morning while walking north to the office in Midtown East, New York City. “[I felt] that I was the luckiest person in the world to be in this fascinating city,” she said.

As one of the participants of the Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit in Manhattan, a borough of New York City, her placement was with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) United Nations office, as an associate staffer.

There was no TV or radio in the MCC U.N. office, so Mathies’ first clue that something was wrong came through her email. Then, the phone started ringing.

and guest house ministry of Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship (MMF) in Gramercy Park. In addition to the MVS unit participants, Menno House hosted other volunteers and students. Gina Holsopple, who worked as Menno House’s building manager from 2001-2003, said that the events of Sept. 11, 2001, stand out in her mind “very, very clearly.”

Holsopple was usually one of the first people awake at Menno House. The other early riser in the building was one of the long-term residents: a firefighter, who worked shifts at the nearby firehouse. Shortly after most of the residents had cleared out for the day, he came up to Holsopple and told her she needed to watch the TV. Then, he jumped on his bike and headed to the fire station.

Holsopple was one of the only house residents who had a cell phone. She recalled spending the day making calls to work locations and service placements, keeping a running list of the whereabouts of the MVSers and house residents trying to get back to Menno House. Holsopple would finally get in touch with the last resident on her list twenty-four hours later — the firefighter who had left for the fire house on his bike. Everyone connected with the house was safe.

Union Square, four blocks from Menno House, became a central point for memorials and vigils.

In addition to the “missing person” signs that covered walls and light poles “like leaves on trees,” Mathies recalled, by the end of the week, there were other signs that began to blanket downtown — small, black stickers stating, “Our grief is not a cry for war.” Peace rallies and marches were held across New York City, as well as cities across the U.S. On Oct. 7, an international military coalition, led by the U.S., invaded Afghanistan.

The week after Sept. 11, 2001, the MVS participants and residents of Menno House came together to share in their weekly ‘Soup Tuesday’ potluck. While the potluck had been a weekly Menno House event before Sept. 11, the meals after that harrowing Tuesday took on a new, deeply vital role in the house community.



The MVS Manhattan unit on the front stoop of Menno House in July 2002. L-R: Tom Smith, Kristen Mathies, Jessica Penner, Rob Winter.

Soon, security evacuated her office, and Mathies found herself on the street. Waves of people, dusty and dirty, were walking north, away from the financial district. Mathies, then, began to head toward the MVS unit, where she started her morning a few hours before.

The Manhattan MVS unit, which operated from 1995-2021, was hosted in Menno House, a residence



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Top: Menno House’s weekly potluck, ‘Soup Tuesday,’ in the fall of 2001. L-R: Gina Holsopple, Edgar Hayes, Lana Thyren, Skip Kempe, Sena Bender, Ann Rader, Mike Yoder, Kristen Mathies, Nicole Witen. Bottom: Jessica Penner (middle, red stocking cap), with members of Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship, protesting the U.S. invasion of Iraq in Washington, D.C.

Sept. 11. The small black anti-war stickers around the neighborhood were now fewer in number and faded, but the peace rallies continued, with people protesting another impending conflict — the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

Penner’s service placement, as administrative assistant for Pax Christi Metro New York (PCMNY), grew from opening and stuffing envelopes into helping organize peace protests during U.N. meetings. She and other MVS participants attended rallies in Times Square and in Washington, D.C. Despite the public outcry, a military coalition, led by the U.S., invaded Iraq on Mar. 19, 2003.

“I think it’s so easy, when those huge national [events] happen, that you can feel very helpless,” she said. Instead, Penner drew inspiration from her fellow coworkers and volunteers at PCMNY, who continued to plan events to promote peaceful alternatives to war.

Mathies, now a high school teacher, encourages her students to seek out ways to volunteer and serve, both in their home communities, and in contexts different from their own.

In North America, she said, “there’s so much pressure to get the top marks, get into a good school, and then, go and start your career. Start saving and buying and acquiring and all of that.”

Instead, Mathies explained, prioritizing relationships, shared learning and concern for our worldwide community “is how we make a world of justice and peace on the small scale, as individuals ... but also as larger institutions, like churches and countries. We have to choose the human options rather than the purely economic options.” ■

When people were preparing to move on from Menno House, the potlucks sent them out. And when newcomers moved into the house, the weekly meals welcomed them into the community.

Jessica Penner, who joined the MVS Manhattan unit in summer 2002, was one of those newcomers. She and the rest of the first post-9/11 participants found that the events of that day cast a long shadow of influence over their experiences.

Vigils were, again, held near Menno House, but this time, they were in recognition of the first anniversary of

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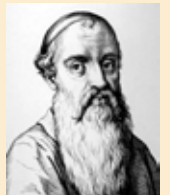
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STORY 6

Creating a place for God's grace, joy and peace through giving

By Jane Morrow

"For true evangelical faith is of such a nature that it cannot lay dormant; but manifests itself in all righteousness and works of love ... clothes the naked; feeds the hungry; consoles the afflicted; shelters the miserable; aids and consoles all the oppressed; returns good for evil; serves those that injure it; prays for those that persecute it; teaches, admonishes and reproves with the Word of the Lord; seeks that which is lost; binds up that which is wounded; heals that which is diseased and saves that which is sound." — Menno Simons



For more than 500 years, Mennonites have strived to serve God by working for justice and peace, bringing solace and comfort to God's people during times of war, famine, injustice, and economic and political oppression, through praying, giving and serving others.

World crises have increased exponentially in recent years. Political unrest, war, immigration and illness lead to spiritual, physical and mental wounds.

In response, Mennonite Mission Network spreads God's love and compassion through service programs and partnerships that are currently involved in ministries in more than 50 countries and 66 locations in the United States. Mission Network partners with 181 churches and other organizations to share the good news of God's love across the street and around the world.

Mission Network supports 185 participants and workers throughout the world and 56 staff members who manage logistics, funding, communications and more.

"Over the past five years, estate and bequest (giving or leaving something by will) gifts averaged \$2 million annually," said Director of Finance Aaron Shenk. "That's roughly 30% of our total annual revenue. Sixty-five percent of that total revenue pays for international and domestic mission."

A recent estate bequest was gifted to Mission Network by a couple who were long-time active members of a small Mennonite church in Indiana. They arranged the bequest more than a decade ago.

Their grandchildren (who prefer to remain

anonymous) said that tithing was important to their grandparents. They were always generous with their time and money and volunteered many hours at their church. "Grandpa was a principled person. He wanted the fruits of his work to do something good," said one. "He gave his time and energy over the years and wanted to leave a final gift after he was gone."

They said it was also a way of staying connected to their grandchildren. "Grandma had pictures of all 13 of her grandchildren on the wall. Leaving this legacy was a way of reminding us how much they valued their church and family."

Your help changes lives

Mission Network often considers what Anabaptist founder Menno Simons would think of the world today and Mission Network's place in it.

Mission Network participants, workers and employees are committed to the idea that God's love has no boundaries, no state lines, no restrictions.

Every human can create a place for God's grace, joy and peace. Consider joining us with your prayers, time and support.

When you include a gift to Mission Network in your estate plan, you ensure Mission Network will continue to provide services and support for our critical missions. By making a legacy gift during your lifetime, you will help Mission Network grow our programs for decades to come, opening a world of opportunities for future ministry. ■

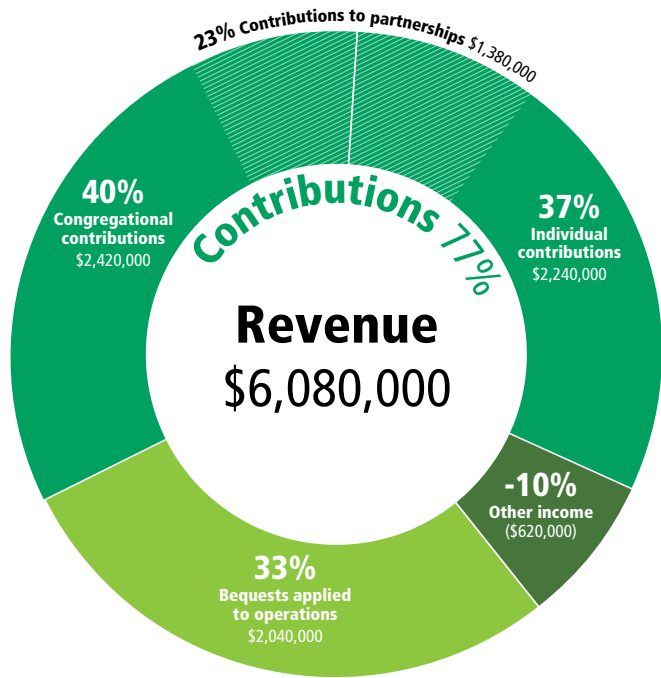
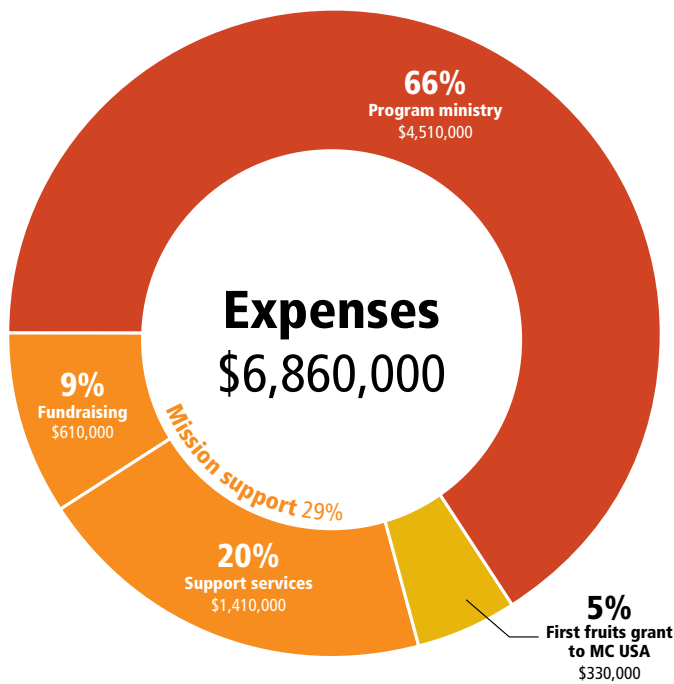
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Thank you!

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Arigatou gozai mashi ta • Awa nú kaká

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Ministry



Additional notes

1. This report is for the **fiscal year** of Aug. 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022.
2. The total **value of bequests** received during this fiscal year was \$2,163,000. Mission Network used \$2,040,000 in bequest funds this fiscal year.
3. **Program revenue** includes funding from partner organizations, program fees, event fees, sale of publications and resources, and worker earnings.
4. **Cash and investments** held as operating reserves as of July 31, totaled \$11,976,000.
5. **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.
6. **Program ministry** includes Global Partnerships International, Global Partnerships North America, and Training and Resources. Training and Resources includes on-line education, SENT Network, *Enviados*, SENT Conference, Women’s Conference, webinars and *Pacificadores*.
7. **Other income** includes investment income, program income and grants. There was a large investment loss, due to the overall downturn in the financial markets, which created the negative value in this category.

New department: Training and Resources

The Training and Resources department was formed in Feb., to provide support for missional outreach, connecting people to Christ through connecting people to one another, resources and learning opportunities.

“We assembled a team, established strategies and goals, and listened prayerfully to the spirit’s leading,” said Joani Miller, director of training and resources. She said the department is focused on increasing accessibility to resources, relationships and learning opportunities in the areas of church

planting and revitalization, urban ministries, and mission education.

Examples of these activities:

- Supporting Anabaptist missional learning on multiple platforms.
- Coaching church planters, lay leaders and community leaders.
- Forming internal and external African American advisory cabinets.
- Providing outreach for God in the City, a local inner-city program.

- increasing collaboration with Anabaptist Mennonite Bible Seminary for global, mission-centered leadership development and studies in being peacemakers as the missional church.
- Taking on the *Missio Dei* editorial role.
- Producing a podcast series by IZ Real.
- Hosting a women’s leadership conference, led by African American women.
- Leading workshops and speaking events at Sunday services, conferences and more.

Giving

Mennonite Church USA congregations (Aug. 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022)

Allegheny Mennonite Conference		Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference		Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference	
\$20,725	Six congregations contributed this total.	\$217,387*	21 congregations contributed this total.	\$72,176	14 congregations contributed this total.
Atlantic Coast Conference		Mosaic Mennonite Conference		Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference	
\$151,218	16 congregations contributed this total.	\$179,475	23 congregations contributed this total.	\$24,759	10 congregations contributed this total.
Central District Conference		Mountain States Conference		South Central Mennonite Conference	
\$143,527*	28 congregations contributed this total.	\$276,478	Seven congregations contributed this total.	\$82,930	Seven congregations contributed this total.
Central Plains Mennonite Conference		New York Mennonite Conference		Virginia Mennonite Conference	
\$297,232	29 congregations contributed this total.	\$16,650	Three congregations contributed this total.	\$140,392	20 congregations contributed this total.
Illinois Mennonite Conference		Ohio Conference		Western District Conference	
\$81,892*	15 congregations contributed this total.	\$316,759*	28 congregations contributed this total.	\$166,577	28 congregations contributed this total.

All Mennonite Church USA congregations

\$2,188,177* 255 Mennonite Church USA congregations contributed.

*Totals do not match the sum of conference totals, because dual-conference congregations are recorded in both conference totals.

Contributing congregations not part of Mennonite Church USA

\$216,211 41 congregations contributed to this total.

Giving

Businesses / Estates / Foundations / Organizations

Businesses \$25,071

Abundance Canada — Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Bright Funds Foundation — Oakland, California.
E & S Sales Bulk Foods — Shipshewana, Indiana.
Everence — Goshen, Indiana.
Hospital General Menonita — Cayey, Puerto Rico.
HRM Enterprises, Inc. — Hartville, Ohio.
J & G Olson Farms, Inc. — Winfield, Iowa.
Lehman Insurance Agency, Inc. — Ephrata, Pennsylvania.
Little Eden Camp — Onekama, Michigan.
The Texas Instruments Foundation — Dallas, Texas.

Estates \$2,697,047

Marie Becker Estate — Goshen, Kansas.
Curtis and Esther Bergey Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Luke and Mary Bomberger Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Mahlon Bontrager Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Jacob Brenneman Family Estate — Hesston, Kansas.
Ruth L. Buller Estate — Wesley Chapel, Florida.
Aaron J. Claassen Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Cora Crossgrove Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Inez O. Culp Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Neva Danner Estate — Mantua, Ohio.
Wesley Eilers Estate — Hesston, Kansas.
Lauren Enns Estate — Marion, Kansas.
Helen Entz Estate — Newton, Kansas.
Velma Esch Estate — Fairview, Michigan.
Lloyd Jacob Fisher Estate — Albany, Oregon.
Katherine B. Frey Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Kathryn E. Gerber Estate — Tiskilwa, Illinois.
Vivian Gering Estate — Plymouth, Minnesota.
Jerry and Letha Gingerich Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Esther Mary Glick Estate — Lewistown, Pennsylvania.
Gladys L. Grasse Estate — Dallas, Texas.

Ruth Gunden Estate — Milford, Indiana.
Mary and Willard Handrich Estate — Valparaiso, Indiana.
Florence Hershberger Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Gladys J. Hershberger Estate — Coldwater, Michigan.
Eileen M. Hostetler Estate — Omaha, Nebraska.
Fern Y. Hostetler Estate — Harrisonburg, Virginia.
Claramae L. Klink Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Alma F Kuhns Estate — Portland, Oregon.
Jay E. Lehman Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Lona Litwiller Estate — Sacramento, California.
Ernest D. Martin Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Lois Z. Martin Estate — Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
Vera M. Martin Estate — Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
Marilyn and Leonard Mast Estate — Kokomo, Indiana.
Bertha May Miller Estate — Wakarusa, Indiana.
Mary E. Miller Estate — Wooster, Ohio.
Mildred Moyer Estate — Souderton, Pennsylvania.
Bertha L. Peachey Estate — Belleville, Pennsylvania.
Anita H. Penner Estate — Boston, Massachusetts.
Minerva J. Reeb Estate — El Paso, Texas.
Carol Reitmeyer Estate — Lakewood, Colorado.
Alva and Doris Schlabach Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Theron F. Schlabach Estate — Phoenix, Arizona.
Nelson Souder Foundation — Goshen, Indiana.
Marilyn R. Stauffer Estate — Orrville, Ohio.
Velma Swartzendruber Estate — Hesston, Kansas.
Dorothy M. Troyer Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Doris J. and Norvell P. Trumbo Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Dora Unruh Estate — Peabody, Kansas.
Henry D. Weaver Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
David E. Witmer Estate — Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
Cora Yoder Estate — Bay Port, Michigan.
Janet E. Yoder Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
Lena H. Yoder Estate — Menifee, California.
Ora Yoder Endowment Fund — Goshen, Indiana.
Henry Zehr Estate — Goshen, Indiana.
William M. and Edith Zehr Charitable Trust — Hutchinson, Kansas.

Foundations \$225,182

Fidelia E Plett Charitable Foundation — Inman, Kansas.
Mennonite Foundation Inc — Goshen, Indiana.
Oak Grove Foundation Endowment — Smithville, Ohio.
Schowalter Foundation, Inc. — North Newton, Kansas.
United Service Foundation Inc — Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
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Organizations \$130,671

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In 2022, Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency (SADRA), a Mission Network partner, offered four four-day Peer Mediation and Conflict Resolution training workshops at *La Bri Olive Farm* in Franschhoek, Cape Town. See story on page 5. Photo by Siya Siwali.



2022 service participants

Youth Venture — civil rights learning tour

Eastern Mennonite School students on a civil rights learning tour in April. Photo by Scott Hartman.

Mennonite Voluntary Service

Alamosa, Colorado

Elizabeth Breckbill, Dalton, Ohio, Salem Mennonite Church, Dalton, Ohio, serving with Rio Grande Farm Park.

Erin McWilliams, Massapequa Park, New York, St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church, Massapequa, New York, serving with Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project.

Jacob Myers, Archbold, Ohio, Tedrow Mennonite Church, Wauseon, Ohio, serving with La Puente Home, Inc.

Theodore Yoder, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, serving with Rio Grande Hospital and Clinics.

Chicago, Illinois

Stephanie Kniss, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Marion Mennonite Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, serving with L'Arche.

Adriana Martinez Diaz de Leon, Goshen, Indiana, serving with Erie Neighborhood House.

Gayatri Salzer, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Shalom Community Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, serving with Metropolitan Family Services Midway.

San Francisco, California

Cassidy Bush, Bluffton, Ohio, First Mennonite Church, Bluffton, Ohio, serving with Homeless Advocacy Project.

Anna Lubbers, Peabody, Kansas, Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas, serving

with Homeless Prenatal Program.

Rachel Miller, Freeman, South Dakota, Salem-Zion Mennonite Church, Freeman, South Dakota, serving with Homeless Prenatal Program.

Eli Reimer, Naperville, Illinois, Lombard (Illinois) Mennonite Church, serving with Delivering Innovation in Supportive Housing.

Tucson, Arizona

Michaela Esau, Hutchinson, Kansas, First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, Kansas, serving with Dismantling the Doctrine of

Discovery Coalition and Literacy Connects.

Cade Fisher, Goshen, Indiana, Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, serving with Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project.

Jessie Landis, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Watertown (New York) Mennonite Church, serving with Casa Alitas Welcome Center.

Andrea Troyer, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Mount Clinton Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, serving with Watershed Management.

Service Adventure

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Barry and Erika Kreider, Akron, Pennsylvania, Pilgrims Mennonite Church, Akron, Pennsylvania, serving as unit leaders.

August Barrett-Fox, Newton, Kansas, New Creation Fellowship Church, Newton, Kansas.

Ronja Loritz, Kraichtal Gochsheim, Germany, Protestant Lutheran Church of Gochsheim, Kraichtal Gochsheim, Germany.

Rylee Weishaupt, Goshen, Indiana, Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana.

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Shelby and Travis Clarke, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Beth-El Mennonite Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, serving as unit leaders.

Malia Bauman, Harrisonburg, Virginia,

Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Neeltje Sandersfeld, Westerstede, Germany, Evangelisch-Freikirchliche-Gemeinde-Westerstede, Westerstede, Germany.

Micah Wenger, Hutchinson, Kansas, First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Jackson, Mississippi

Rachel Musselman, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Gehman Mennonite Church, Reinholds, Pennsylvania, serving as unit leader.

Josia Kaemper, Doerentrup, Germany, Christliche Gemeinde Dorenrup, Doerentrup, Germany.

Anna Millsap, Springfield, Missouri, Livingstones Baptist Fellowship

Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Joshua and Stefanie Musser, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Early Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, serving as unit leaders.



Photo by Anna Lubbers

Mennonite Voluntary Service — San Francisco, California
Eli Reimer, Anna Lubbers, Cassidy Bush and Rachel Miller.

Miriam Offe, Wedel, Germany, Free Evangelical Church, Wedel, Germany.

Daniel Schumacher, Marienheide, Germany, Evangelical Free Church, Gummersbach, Germany.

Lukas Tepper, Weil im Schönbuch, Germany, Catholic Church of Weil/Dettenhausen, Weil im Schönbuch, Germany.

Melanie Wenger, Dalton, Ohio, Salem Mennonite Church, Dalton, Ohio.

Lockport Mennonite Church, Stryker, Ohio, served at Drift Creek Mennonite Camp, Lincoln City, Oregon.

Lester and Marian Denlinger, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Rossmere Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, served at Koinonia Farms, Americus, Georgia.

Mary Lou and Roger Farmer, Washington, Iowa, Washington (Iowa) Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Saida Ruth Flores, San Pedro Sula, Iglesia Evangelica Menonita Central, San Pedro Sula, served in Tucson, Arizona.

Gene and Judy Gascho, Woodburn, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, Oregon, served in Glendale, Arizona.

James and Lila Gascho, Three Rivers, Michigan, Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Glendale, Arizona.

SOOP

Eileen and Merlin Becker-Hoover, Goshen, Indiana, College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in San Antonio, Texas.

Rachel and Robert Brenneman, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Glendale, Arizona.

John and Laurel Buckwalter, Alfred Station, New York, Sojourners Mennonite Fellowship, Belfast, New York, served at Camp Itheil, Gotha, Florida.

Adam and Jennifer Cobb, Archbold, Ohio,

Ashley Hartman, Lima, Ohio, served at Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

Donald and Glenda Hartzler, Belleville, Pennsylvania, Locust Grove Mennonite Church, Belleville, Pennsylvania, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Ed and Sharon Heide, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Gwen and Timothy Hershberger, Goshen, Indiana, East Goshen Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Tucson, Arizona.

Frankie Huxman, Newton, Kansas, Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas, served in Peace

Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

Walt Vladislav Jevremov, Bloomfield, New Mexico, Bethel Baptist Church, Aumsville, Oregon, served at Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

David and LouAnn Kanagy, Archbold, Ohio, Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold, Ohio, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Joy Kauffman King and Titus King,



Photo by Naomi Leary

Service Adventure — Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Back row: Daniel Schumacher, Miriam Offe and Lukas Tepper. Front row: Melanie Wenger, *Stefanie Musser, Jacob Musser, *Josh Musser and Noah Musser. *Unit leaders

Goshen, Indiana, Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Tucson, Arizona.

Trudie Kehler, Gimili, Manitoba, Canada, Riverton (Manitoba) Gospel Chapel, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Donald and Shirley Kempf, Shickley, Nebraska, Salem Mennonite Church, Shickley, Nebraska, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Robert King, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Beth-

El Mennonite Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, served at Camp Luz, Orrville, Ohio, and Amigo Centre, Sturgis, Michigan.

Shirley and Vernon King, Goshen, Indiana, Eighth Street Mennonite Church Goshen, Indiana, served in Tucson, Arizona.

Gayle Gerber Koontz and Ted Koontz, Goshen, Indiana, Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Tucson, Arizona.

Karen and Richard Kropf, Hubbard, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, Oregon, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Ray and Sharon Kuhns, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Chambersburg (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served at Camp Itheil, Gotha, Florida

Cindy and Tim Luginbill, Pandora, Ohio, Grace Mennonite Church, Pandora, Ohio,



Youth Venture — immigration and borderlands learning tour

The group participates in a cross-planting ceremony in memory of Kevin Lopez Torres, who died of thirst earlier this year while attempting to cross the desert.



Photo by Gisselle Guity

Youth Venture — civil rights learning tour

Reverend Derrick Joyce of Monument of Love Baptist Church, in Memphis, Tennessee, leads a Youth Venture civil rights learning tour group from College and Waterford Mennonite churches in remembrance and prayer around a tree that was used to lynch African Americans in Memphis.

served at Camp Ithiel, Gotha, Florida.

LeRoy and Sherry Mast, Greenfield, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served at Pine Lake Fellowship Camp, Meridian, Mississippi.

Sara Mast and her son, Caleb Mast, Goshen, Indiana, East Goshen (Indiana) Mennonite Church, served in San Antonio, Texas.

Betsy and Bruce McCrae, Lititz, Pennsylvania, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Amanda Miller, Apple Creek, Ohio, Old Order Amish Church of Kidron (Ohio), served at Peace Academic Center, Arizona

Eldon and Gem Miller, Lederach, Pennsylvania, Blooming Glen (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Gordon and Susan Miller, Waynesboro, Virginia, Lynside Mennonite Church, Lyndhurst, Virginia, served at Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

Larry and Maxine Miller, Macon, Mississippi, served at Menno-Hof, Shipshewana, Indiana.

Leon and Lynda Miller, Belleville, Pennsylvania, Locust Grove Mennonite Church, Belleville, Pennsylvania, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Lois Miller, Goshen, Indiana, Eighth Street Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Lydia S. Miller, Apple Creek, Ohio, Old Order Amish Church of Kidron (Ohio), served at Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

Larry R. Moore, Paoli, Indiana, Paoli Mennonite Church (Indiana), served in San Antonio, Texas.

David and Janet Mullet, Paoli, Indiana, Paoli Mennonite Church (Indiana), served in San Antonio, Texas.

Margaret Nisly, Seattle, Washington, Seattle (Washington) Mennonite Church, served with Mennonite Central Committee West Coast, Reedley, California.

Donald and Jean Oswald, Richmond, Virginia, First Mennonite Church of Richmond (Virginia), served with Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pennsylvania.

Clayton and Mary Reed, Bourbon, Indiana, Nappanee (Indiana) Missionary Church,

served at Lakewood Retreat, Brooksville, Florida.

John and Kay Reimer, Normal, Illinois, Mennonite Church of Normal (Illinois), served at Camp Ithiel, Gotha, Florida.

Linda Reimer, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, served in Glendale, Arizona.

June R. Rempel, Wichita, Kansas, Ridgepoint Church, Wichita, Kansas, served in Glendale, Arizona, and at Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

Calvin and Donna Roggie, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Leola, Pennsylvania, served at Beaver Camp, Lowville, New York.

James and Linda Rufenacht, Archbold, Ohio, West Clinton Mennonite Church, Wauseon, Ohio, served in Tucson, Arizona.

Jack and Gloria Rutt, Arlington, Massachusetts, Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, served at Drift Mennonite Creek Camp, Lincoln City, Oregon.

Dawn Schierling-Harder, Denver, Colorado, Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, Lakewood,

Colorado, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Sherry Schmidt, Paoli, Indiana, Paoli (Indiana) Mennonite Fellowship, served in San Antonio, Texas.

Ethel and Gerald Shank, Akron, Pennsylvania, Akron (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served in Tucson, Arizona.

Carol and Gary Shetler, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Marvin and Rhoda Smoker, Gordonville, Pennsylvania, Petra Church, New Holland, Pennsylvania, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Bryan and Judi Stauffer, Yakima, Washington, Salem Mennonite Church, Keizer, Oregon, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Rick and Wanda Stauffer, Lincoln, Nebraska, First Mennonite Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, served in Glendale, Arizona.

George and Ruth

Anita and Andrew Stoner, Springfield, Ohio, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Kathy Straub, Buhl, Idaho, Calvary Chapel, Buhl, Idaho, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Alvin and Shirley Thiessen, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Louella and Peter Toews, Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Linda Trejo-Todd, Houston, Texas, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas, served in San Antonio, Texas.

Sherry Troyer, Oscoda, Michigan, served at Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

Roy Unruh, Hesston, Kansas, Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas, served at Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

Doris Weaver, Paoli, Indiana, Paoli (Indiana) Mennonite Fellowship, served in San Antonio,



Photo by Tonia Martin

Short-term groups — Kykotsmovi, Arizona

Josh Steigman, Zachary Martin, Terry Schultz and Gordon Miller pause for rest with a homemade roller, which they used to move bleachers back into the gymnasium.

Deborah and Phil Siegrist and family, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, served in La Mesa, Colombia.

Stoltzfus, Potterville, Michigan, served in Whitesburg, Kentucky, and at The Hermitage, Three Rivers, Michigan.

Texas.
Dale and Lois Wolgemuth, Manheim, Pennsylvania, White Oak Church of the Brethren, Manheim, Pennsylvania,



Photo provided

SOOP — Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

Amanda and Tyler Yoder, and their children, served with SOOP for a year at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, in Divide, Colorado.

served at Camp Ithiel, Gotha, Florida.

Delvon and Shirley Yoder, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Short-term groups

Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, civil rights learning tour with tour leader Arloa Bontrager; Rene Hostetter and Isaac Witmer, Meribeth Kraybill and Art Stoltzfus, Betty and Keaton Shenk, and Earl and Ruth Zimmerman.

First Mennonite Church youth group, Newton, Kansas, served at Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona; eight youths, eight adults.

Pleasant View Mennonite Church, Hydro, Oklahoma, served at Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona; eight youths, three adults.

Shiloh Mennonite Church, Reading, Pennsylvania, served at Camp Deerpark, Westbrookville, New York; 20 youths, six adults.

Youth Venture

Civil rights tours
Tour leaders: Gisselle Guity and Eric Frey Martin.

College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana Kent Beck
Ivannia Bernardez
Robert Breneman
Layla L Evans
Whitney Evans
Karyn Hunt
Will Hunt
Chelsey Ramirez
Keasey Ramirez
Justin Ramos
Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana
Gretchen Bateman
Veronica Berkey
Cori Chupp
Melissa Chup
Ethan Claassen
Mark Daniels
Neer Goswami
Eleanor Habecker
Landon Kauffman
Daphcar M. Lehma
Isaac Pfahler
David Stutzman

Tour leaders: Scott Hartman, Everence, and Andrea Wenger.

Eastern Mennonite High School, Harrisonburg, Virginia
Eleanor Albers
Maria Archer
Maddy Kratz
Jimin Lee
Isis Long

Christian Meixner
Armando Perez
Kate Piper
Noelle Rankin
Catherine Scherpereel
Brianna Showalter
Delbert Wenger

Immigration and borderlands learning tours

Tour leaders: Arloa Bontrager and Marisa Smucker.

Abigail Nissley, Middletown, Pennsylvania, Elizabethtown (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church.

Shyane Strader, Canton, Ohio, First Mennonite Church of Canton, Ohio.

Evangelical Garifuna Church of Houston (Texas)
Isieny Calderon
Jeifany Estrada
Jackeline Lambert
Bethan Saravia

Mosaic Mennonite Conference
ThanZaw Oo, Allentown, Pennsylvania, Whitehall (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church.

Collin Pierce, Charleston, West Virginia, New Hope Community Church, Charleston, West Virginia.

Danilo Sanchez, Allentown, Pennsylvania, Whitehall (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church.

Luther Ser, Allentown, Pennsylvania, Whitehall (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church.

Jabbar Thompson, Charleston, West Virginia, New Hope Community Church, Charleston, West Virginia.

International workers

Katrina Boulton served during July, in Lithuania, as a Summer English Institute TESOL teacher, at LCC International University. Her home church is Morris

(Manitoba) Fellowship Chapel, Canada.
Delicia Bravo Aguilar and **Peter Wigginton** began a new two-year term in Quito, Ecuador, in September 2021. They are serving as partnership ministry coordinators.

Robin Gingerich began a two-year term in Klaipeda, Lithuania, in May. She serves as a department chair, the Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages program director, and an associate professor at LCC International University. Her home church is First Mennonite Church, Iowa City, Iowa.

Joseph and Rachel Givens began a two-year term in Calais,

France, in July. They accompany volunteers at the Maria Skobtsova House and the wider Calais volunteer community. Their home church is Third Way Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

James Krabill served for several weeks in Ethiopia, Indonesia, Côte d'Ivoire, and South Korea to teach at *Meserete Kristos* College, Ethiopia; Nehemiah Christian Institute, Korea, in the Master of Arts: theology and global Anabaptism program; *Centre Evangélique de Formation en Communication pour l'Afrique, Côte d'Ivoire*; and Mennonite World Conference, Indonesia, to translate French to English. His home

church is Prairie Street Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana.

Austin Roberts began a two-year term in Rostrevor, Northern Ireland, in July. He serves as a missionary with Youth With a Mission Rostrevor. His home church is Hively Avenue Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana.

Kate Widmer began a two-year term in Montbéliard, France, in March. She works with the *La Prairie* Mennonite Church, in the bookstore, children's ministries, and the ministry of presence in her neighborhood. Her home church is Pleasant View Mennonite Church, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.



Photo provided

Immigration work — Calais, France

Heba (standing center) and Rachel and Joseph Givens (seated center) share table fellowship with board members, volunteers and guests at Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France.



Photo by Linda Shelly

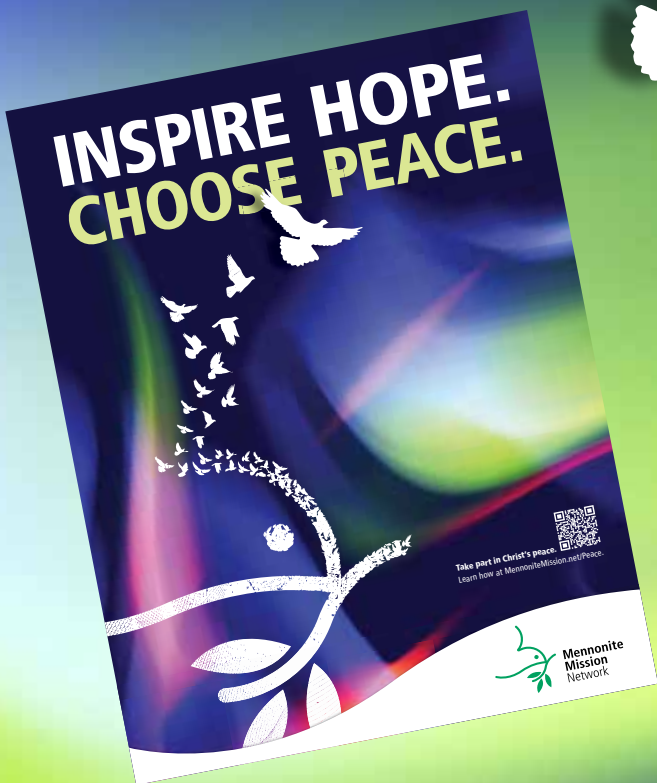
Peace and justice — Bogotá, Colombia

Carmen Chivico, Ian Horne, Mission Network worker Bekah York and Sandra Sanchez package food to share, primarily with Venezuelans, in Bogotá, which the *Comité de Justicia y Paz* (Justice and Peace Committee) of the Teusaquillo Mennonite Church hosts monthly.

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