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Practicing Lectio-Divina

By Dani Klotz



K. I'm just going to say it. Here I go ... I am not a huge fan of Lectio-Divina. Now, don't judge me just yet. Let me explain. For

those of us who might need a refresher on what Lectio-Divina is, it is a Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. It does not treat Scripture solely as a text to be studied, but as the living word of God to be interacted with.

As a spiritual practice I always experienced it as rather risky, and I felt unqualified to discern how God was speaking to me. However, I have come around to it. I've become deeply appreciative of the truth that God speaks to each person according to their needs. Thus, by reflecting on what we hear, or see, a passage allows us to more fully understand our Creator, ourselves, and each other. I've also grown to appreciate the fact that I can apply these reflective tools to anything I am reading.

This issue of Beyond highlights Mennonite Mission Network's partners and workers in Latin America. They are four snapshots of much deeper, and complicated, work. And they are only four stories out of the 60 countries in which we are present. As you read and engage with this Beyond, I encourage you to practice some Lectio-Divina. First, pray, asking for God's light to open your mind, before reading any further. Then as you read each article, find a word or phrase that catches your attention. You can also ask yourself how each article makes you feel, or what specific situation in your life today relates. But the most interesting question for me is what you feel God is inviting you to do. Maybe its continued prayer, service, or sharing these stories with others. Of course, the possibilities are vast and endless since we all are so different, and yet connected.

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COVER: Yenny Rangel and her granddaughter, Angela Prado, share a plate of food during a special Yaracuy church meal in February. They have since joined the huge migration of Venezuelans to Colombia.



Extending God's table

Y'all come!

By Stanley W. Green

have a polo shirt from the 2003 Mennonite Church USA Assembly that depicts the message of God's story. It says: "God's table—Y'all come!" I have long resisted getting rid of the shirt, even though it doesn't quite fit me very well anymore. I think I've kept it because I want to hang on to the message it portrays. It is a message that I

believe holds promise for a world made whole. It is a much-needed message that declares the possibilities of healing and hope in a world fractured by suspicion, fear, greed and conflict.

Somewhere, sometime ago, I read the following remark: "If you're not at the table, you're on the menu." I would guess these words were uttered by someone whose experience prob-

ably included marginalization and being ignored or intentionally excluded.

I sense the anguish of these experiences and believe that the remark is an assessment of how those with power use it to deprive, disadvantage, and ultimately damage others—you get "eaten up" if you're not at the table. Access to the table is a matter of conflict and competition. In the minds of those at the table, access must be limited, even denied, to secure their own power and privilege. This is the world's story—the world's table is marked by the exclusion of the powerless, the hoarding of privilege by those who

have access, and the deprivation and damage inflicted upon those excluded from the table.

God's design tells a very different story. In God's story, we learn that God's table has no capacity limits. At God's table, all are welcomed; none are excluded. There are no qualifications of ancestry, education, status, or even reputation. Incredibly, in God's story,

we're told by Jesus, "Take, eat, my body broken for you." In Jesus, God throws open the doors of welcome and invitation to all people. In stark contrast to the world's impulse to use power to exclude and deny, Jesus lays down his life so that all may be fed and experience the fullness of life that God intended.

Jesus does not, however, only encourage us to follow his example of self-giving love and welcoming hospitality to aliens, strangers,

the poor and the lame, the despised and the rejected. He also invites us to join in God's project of sharing that welcome with all people everywhere. This is the essence of the kind of evangelism that we believe God still calls us to—sharing the awesome good news that all are welcome at God's table, that there is plenty for all, and that Jesus himself is the bountiful feast.

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Following Jesus' example at the table

A reflection on the Venezuela Mennonite Church's ministry and their embodiment of Jesus' theology of the table



Church president Erwin Mirabal (left, in red shirt) demonstrates one of the cooperative games for peace that church members lead in schools in their communities. Photo by Linda Shelly.

By Linda Shelly

elievers from three countries gathered around the communion table in Yaracuy, Venezuela. Erwin Mirabal, president of the Venezuelan Iglesia Evangélica Menonita de Oriente (Evangelical Mennonite Church of the East), reflected with the group on how many of Jesus' experiences revolved around a table and sharing food. He emphasized how reading the Bible from an Anabaptist perspective guides their church's response in an economy that leaves more than half of the population under-nourished, calling it Jesus' "theology of the table."

"As Mennonites ... we announce the good news of peace and reconciliation, and cultivate nonviolence and the love of enemies in our own lives," said Mirabal. "We gather around a shared table and trust

in God, our Provider, who frees us from the tyranny of goods to follow Jesus in his dedication to give abundant life."

The Jews expected the Messiah to come as a king, but instead, Jesus came eating meals with people who were outcasts. In Luke's Gospel, many times Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal. So much so that his enemies accuse him of being "a glutton and a drunkard." Jesus himself said in Luke 7:34: "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!""

Sharing food with love is a powerful expression of welcome, and Jesus' meals embodied God's grace. Likewise, the churches in Venezuela find ways to



José Díaz (right front) enjoys a bowl of soup together with the congregation after a Sunday service in the El Paraíso neighborhood of Caracas. The Mennonite churches in Venezuela regularly enjoy a simple meal together after services.

practice this today by serving meals to people whose only home is the public plazas.

José Díaz, who was baptized during our visit in

Caracas, described how he first grew to know the church through receiving soup in the plaza. "I liked the way they treated us with a lot of love," said Diaz. "They invited me and so I started attending the church two years ago. I felt the love of family ..."

In all four Gospels we find the story of the feeding of the multitude. We read of how Jesus cared about the people who were listening to him. The disciples wanted to send the people away so they could find food for themselves, but Jesus said, "You feed them." As the Gospels tell us, there was a boy who offered his five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The disciples questioned how that would be enough, but Jesus prayed, and once the food began to be passed among them, there was more than they could eat.

During the communion service, Carlos Moreno, from Colombia, noted that perhaps the first miracle was that the

boy shared, and possibly that led others also to pull out food they had with them that they were saving for themselves. This spirit of cooperation has also inspired the Venezuelan church manifesting itself through a program they offer schools through teaching cooperative games for peace.

Significant things happened when Jesus ate with people. The night that he was betrayed, he was eating the traditional Passover meal with his disciples. And on the road to Emmaus, the disciples didn't recognize Jesus until they broke bread at the table. When we eat together, we create a common experience. And by opening ourselves and our tables to others, we strengthen bonds and can talk about our common needs.

In Venezuela coming to the table has become so central to the churches that they share a simple meal together after their services. "The Anabaptist vision teaches us that when we are willing to follow Jesus and behave like the lamb, then we have the strength of a lion (Revelation 5:4-6)," said Mirabal. "Although this vision may seem weak, we have been able to experience its power. What we have may be very simple, but we share it together ..."





Above: Oscar Herrera, Erwin Mirabal and Carlos Moreno share experiences together during a visit to the Mennonite church in Yaracuv, Venezuela. Oscar and Carlos represented the Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia (IMCOL), which is in a partnership that includes Mennonite Mission Network and Central Plains Mennonite Conference in relationship with Venezuela. Erwin is the president of the Iglesia Evangélica Menonita de Oriente in Venezuela.

Below: José Díaz (center) listens as he prepares for baptism by Carlos Moreno and David Boshart during a partnership visit.

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Mennonite Mission Network works in partnership with the Venezuelan *Iglesia Evangélica Menonita de Oriente.* To learn more about their ministry, or for ways you can offer support, visit www.MennoniteMission.net.

Cloth diapers create happy babies, families, earth

Cloth diapers respond to needs and connect people and organizations of Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Central Committee, and Ecuador Mennonite Church.

By Dani Klotz

our and half years ago, Delicia Bravo sewed her first cloth diaper for her daughter, Aliyah. Now, Bravo makes and coordinates the Yura (Kichwa for plant or tree) Project, which produces cloth diapers for families seeking refuge in Ecuador. This country receives more refugees than any other in Latin America.

"When we had Aliyah, we liked all the benefits of cloth diapers. They were cheaper, better for the environment, and healthier for our girls," explained Bravo, who gave birth to Ariana a year and a half ago. With the help of her mother-in-law, Bravo learned to make diapers for their growing family.

Bravo and her husband, Peter Wigginton, arrived in Ecuador in 2015, and serve through Mennonite Mission Network as Ecuador partnership coordinators. They use their gifts in music, education, and children's and youth ministries for local congregations. Their primary relationship is with *Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista Menonita de Ecaudor*

(ICAME), which committed to walk with and support the refugees who arrive in their community since its very beginning in 2001. Today, Mennonite Central Committee provides the primary funding for the Quito church's refugee project.

The first set of diapers and covers were shared with refugees in September 2017.

Over the course of this first year, the Yura Project received a donation of waterproof diaper fabric from Diaper Fabric Direct. "They also gave us good deals on other supplies such as snaps and elastic," said Bravo.

The cotton diaper cloth was purchased locally. Jobs were created for two refugee Afghan women. One sewed 240 diapers, and the other sewed inserts. By buying supplies locally and hiring refugees, Bravo and Wigginton hope to create a sustainable project, one that benefits all involved—those who create the diapers and those who receive them, and lower general waste for the environment.





"The idea (of the name Yura) is that sewn crafts can be good for the environment," said Wigginton.

Bravo and a diverse team of three Mission Network Journey International volunteers from the United States, two paid Afghan women, and two Ecuadorian volunteers, have resourced 30 families with 120 diaper covers, which can save the families an average of \$1,500 during the two-year period that a child wears diapers.

Daniela Sanchez, a leader and member of ICAME, explained, "We are a small effort within Quito, which receives so many people seeking refugee status. So we try to focus on families or women with children.

When they come to us, we can give them mattresses, blankets, food, and now cloth diapers. And we try to connect them to other organizations with even more resources."

The refugee project supports 100–110 refugee families a month, like Maria's*. Maria is a young mother of two who arrived in Quito this past June with her partner, Jose*, her sister, her sister's two children, her brother, and her mother. They fled violence inflicted on them by a remnant rebel group that remains active following the peace agreement signed in 2016. Originally a family of 14 people, they were forced to leave seven behind in Colombia.

"They don't know if their siblings are dead, or if they have been forced to join the rebel group," said Sanchez. "And if they were forced to join, it is like they are dead. They are forced to do such horrible things. For every Maria you meet, there are dozens more with the same story."

Thousands of refugees like Maria make their way to Ecuador every month. In recent years, the estimated numbers have doubled due to the instability and food shortages in Venezuela.

"According to recent trends over the past few years, Ecuador has received about 1,000 Colombian refugees a month," said Wigginton. "Since the peace accords, that number has supposedly dropped, although the refugee project has not seen any drop in their numbers."

Additionally, Ecuador approved 22,000 visas in the first half of 2018 because of the crisis in Venezuela, and receives more refugees than all of the rest of Latin America countries combined, according to an article from El Comercio. This does not take into account the additional people who do not go through the visa process, but still arrive in Ecuador as refugees.

With this volume of people needing assistance, the Yura Project has high demand for their reusable, lowcost diapers.

"The reality is that in Latin America, babies (especially babies from refugee families) don't get the luxury of so many diaper changes a day," explained



Delicia Bravo (middle) trains Journey Internatioinal program participants Quinn Kathrineberg and Karina Brandt how to make the cloth diapers.

Wigginton. "[Cloth diapers] mean less diapers in landfills and less money spent. It also means babies are less likely to get rashes and infections."

The Yura Project is also beginning to produce bags made from used T-shirts, and cloth menstrual pads. There is also exploration about the possibility of reaching beyond the refugee population in Quito to others, such as indigenous communities, who might benefit from the Yura Project's products.

*Pseudonyms have been used for safety.

SUPPORT REFUGEES!

Those interested in contributing to this work and others like it may donate through Mennonite Mission Network. Visit www.MennoniteMission.net.

Arroz con pollo

First, make the chicken stock by adding the following ingredients to a large pot:

2 whole chicken breasts

5 c water

2 garlic cloves

bay leaf

½ T ground cumin

½ T Sazón Goya con Azafran

1/2 wedged white onion

1 whole scallion

salt and pepper to taste

- Bring to a boil, then cover and reduce the heat. Simmer for 20-25 minutes. After, set pot aside to rest for 15 minutes. Strain the stock, saving 2 ½ cups for later use.
- In another bowl, shred the chicken and set aside.
- Begin making the rice. Heat 2 T olive oil in a frying pan.

1/4 c chopped green pepper ¼ c chopped onion 1/4 c chopped red pepper 1 clove minced garlic

• Sauté 4-5 minutes.

Add:

½ T Sazón Goya con Azafran

1 T tomato paste

1 tablet chicken bouillon

1 c long grain white rice

- Mix together and add the 2 ½ c of chicken stock previously set aside.
- Bring to a boil, cover, and simmer for 15 minutes.

½ c diced frozen green beans ½ c frozen peas

½ c diced frozen carrots

- Stir, cover, and cook for 7 minutes.
- Add the shredded chicken and ¼ c chopped cilantro.
- Stir, cover, and cook for 5 minutes.
- Serve with avocado and lime.

MAKE A MEAL!

If you love recipe video tutorials, check out our website for arroz con pollo! Visit www.MennoniteMission.net.

Creating community through rookie mistakes

By Kelly Frey Martin

oon after we arrived in Colombia, our Spanish teacher and friend, Diana, and her husband, Felipe, invited us to Felipe's hometown to meet their family and friends. Diana did a wonderful job of helping us engage with the culture. She arranged for us to spend the day with their friends and to cook a Colombian dish together. In



Felipe Preciado Bobadilla, Diana Cruz Celis, and Eric and Kelly Frey Martin.

the morning she accompanied us from a distance with a grocery list, and my husband and I were encouraged and coached to buy the groceries—a real challenge for us since we were just learning Spanish. Instead of just picking up a package of chicken off a shelf, we were encouraged to interact with a store clerk to find "una libra de pollo."

We took all the ingredients to their friends' house and Diana and friend, Viviana, began preparing the Colombian arroz con pollo. I asked to help. They put me to work slicing the hot dogs. I didn't realize the hot dogs were covered in plastic, so I started cutting them without taking it off. It was embarrassing, but gave us a chance to laugh together about my rookie mistake.

Two hours after we'd begun cooking, we sat down together to eat the arroz con pollo. While it was cooking, we struggled through conversations but had fun together. We were a part of a typical Colombian lunch experience—where the food is not just prepared and waiting for you when you arrive, but instead, made while guests converse with hosts.

We are continually grateful for gracious hosts who take time to teach us about their culture. Just as Colombians take pride in their culture and are happy to teach and share together, we're happy to share this recipe with you. As is common with food dishes, each family has their own recipe. You may notice that this one does not include hot dogs. You may want to experiment with your own special ingredients to make this family recipe your own.



Gladys Mendua demonstrates how to weave a bag out of palm fibers to a Goshen College

The way requires walking

A Q&A with Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer

Jane and Jerrell work half the year with indigenous church leaders in the Ecuadorian rain forest, and half the year as mission workers and educators in the United States.

Q: As you split your time between two cultures, you often talk about it as "two-way mission." What does that term mean to you?

Jane: For me, it is a metaphor that helps me focus on the dynamic relationship that is mission. I am a person from the North being sent as a missionary to the South, yet each year when I return to the North, if I have allowed myself to be in relationship with people, then I come back changed. As I relate to people in the North, I share who I have become during my time in the South. And this goes both ways.

I think at the beginning I felt burdened by problems here in the North. The insatiable desire to progress, to improve, to make life better has brought us family breakdown, drug addiction, violent crime, suicide, and global warming. So I went to Ecuador in pursuit of wisdom, believing that our indigenous brothers and sisters could offer some guidance, some insight, some hope. And I imagined us returning to the North bringing "good news" from the South.

Q: When you facilitate groups visiting Ecuador's rain forest, what do you hope they remember when they return home? And how do you see their visits benefiting the local communities?

Jane: My hope is that those who come to learn will be awakened. That by visiting "the wildest place on earth," their desires and passions will be returned to their souls. That they will be passionately alert to the Temples of God being threatened in the world—the forests, streams, rivers, not to mention innocent lives and their own hearts.

When groups visit, unique opportunities for conversation happen. The visit from the Youth Venture group this past year is a good example. Their visit prompted us to invite a Shuar pastor to Zábalo. God used his visit, along with the energy of the North American youth, to bring members of the village together for three evenings of worship in a row.

Jerrell: The Ecuadorian rain forest is one of the most biodiverse places on the planet. The indigenous

group we are closest to, the Cofán (or A'I in their native language), are the guardians of about a million acres of primary forest. Their determination to protect the land from oil development, gold mining, and commercial hunting and logging have kept the area relatively pristine. By visiting the community of Zábalo, North Americans provide dignified work for the guides, boat drivers, cleaners and cooks that make their visit possible.

The people of Zábalo started the world's first community-based eco-tourism operation in the 1970s, but few people venture that far off the beaten track today. People of faith who travel to the village to experience a piece of God's creation in its original form and worship with those connected to this place, provide the economic lifeblood needed to sustain Zábalo's conservation work.



Jerrell Ross Richer helps orient the 2018 Ecuador Youth Venture group.

Q: How do you cope with life in the United States after learning how the predominant lifestyles (the consumption of oil, lumber, and rare metals and minerals) affect communities like the Cofán's in Ecuador?

Jane: If I allow myself to be trapped in the visible world, either in the United States or in Ecuador, and if I focus on nothing else, quite honestly, I become depressed. I cope by taking a leap of faith to believe there is a God and that this life will make sense one day.

Jerrell: In the book of Acts, the early church was known as "the way." In Spanish, it is translated as *el camino*, or "the path." I like thinking about it in this way because a path is meant to be traveled. It isn't always easy, but we can try to make conscious decisions to lower our impact on the earth and support

marginalized peoples. While in North America, our family chose to live close to my work so I wouldn't need a car to commute. We moved into a house with solar panels to keep from using electricity produced by burning coal. Our family buys a lot of our food from local co-ops and community-supported agriculture projects. And, as followers of Christ, we know that God extends grace to us when we fail to do as much as we could due to cost, inconvenience or ignorance.

Q: When you think about your work, what do you consider to be your greatest challenges? What about your greatest joys?

Jane: For me, the greatest challenge and the greatest joy are two sides of the same coin, and that is relationship. Being in relationship with people from many different walks of life, paying attention, being alert, listening with compassion wherever I am, with whoever I'm with. It is very challenging, and it is life-giving.

Jerrell: Crossing cultures can be daunting at times. Learning Spanish and operating in a Latin American context is challenging enough. Venturing deep into the rain forest and living among indigenous peoples takes culture- and language-learning to a new level. There is no Cofán 101 class we can take, and I struggle to learn a non-Western language with no cognates. It's a good thing we are accompanied by our children. Their sharp ears and excellent memories give them a real edge.

As challenging as the work sometimes seems, it is also incredibly life-giving. Reading the Bible with people who have a worldview so different from my own opens up new insights and possibilities. My faith has been broadened as I consider how our indigenous sisters and brothers follow Christ in this unique context. My concept of who God is and how to live in relationship to our Maker has grown immensely. And it makes me realize what's really important—a daily walk with the One who created, redeems and sustains us all.

SUPPORT TWO-WAY MISSION!

To follow Ross Richers' two-way mission and see more photos, visit thier blog post at **twowaymission.net**. You can also support their ministry at **www.MennoniteMission.net/Donate**.

IMPACT REPORT 2017-2018



Giving thanks

e are grateful for another year during which we were able to share God's gracious invitation and welcome with women and men and children in 60 countries around the world. This happens through our workers and volunteers who shared this good news in word and deed. It happens through partners whose vision aligns with ours and grows the number of those who sit at the table to share God's bounty.

Someone once said, "When you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher wall." I am inspired by so many of our friends and supporters who have taken this wisdom to heart. Rather than build walls that only increase fear, suspicion and hostility, let's continue to lengthen the table.

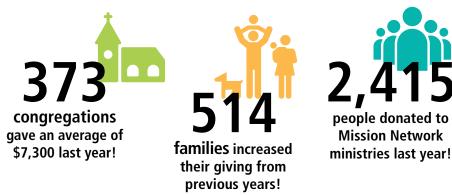
Thank you!

Stanley W. Green

Setting the table

In the past year, individuals, families, congregations, businesses, and organizations of all types have set God's table of salvation, blessing and peace for the world.

Through Mennonite Mission Network, they have invited, prepared and supported people called to become part of God's global project of welcoming people everywhere to God's table. For all of these people and the work they do to share the good news, we are grateful!



In our fiscal year ending July 2018, we were honored to be entrusted with 73 end-of-life gifts totaling \$1.9 million.

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\$20,382	5 of 12 conference congregations (42%) gave an average of \$4,076	\$154,851*	22 of 40 conference congregations (55%) gave an average of \$7,039	\$34,209	10 of 28 conference congregations (36%) gave an average of \$3,421
Atlantic Coast Conference		Indiana-Michigan Conference		South Central Conference	
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\$254,103*	19 of 35 conference congregations (54%) gave an average of \$13,374	\$284,265*	34 of 55 conference congregations (62%) gave an average of \$8,361	\$154,444	12 of 36 conference congregations (33%) gave an average of \$12,870
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Central District Conference		Mountain States Conference		Southeast Conference	
\$197,741*	29 of 42 conference congregations (69%) gave an average of \$6,819	\$36,557	10 of 18 conference congregations (56%) gave an average of \$3,656	\$10,033	4 of 26 conference congregations (15%) gave an average of \$2,508
Central Plains Conference					
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All Mennonite Church USA congregations

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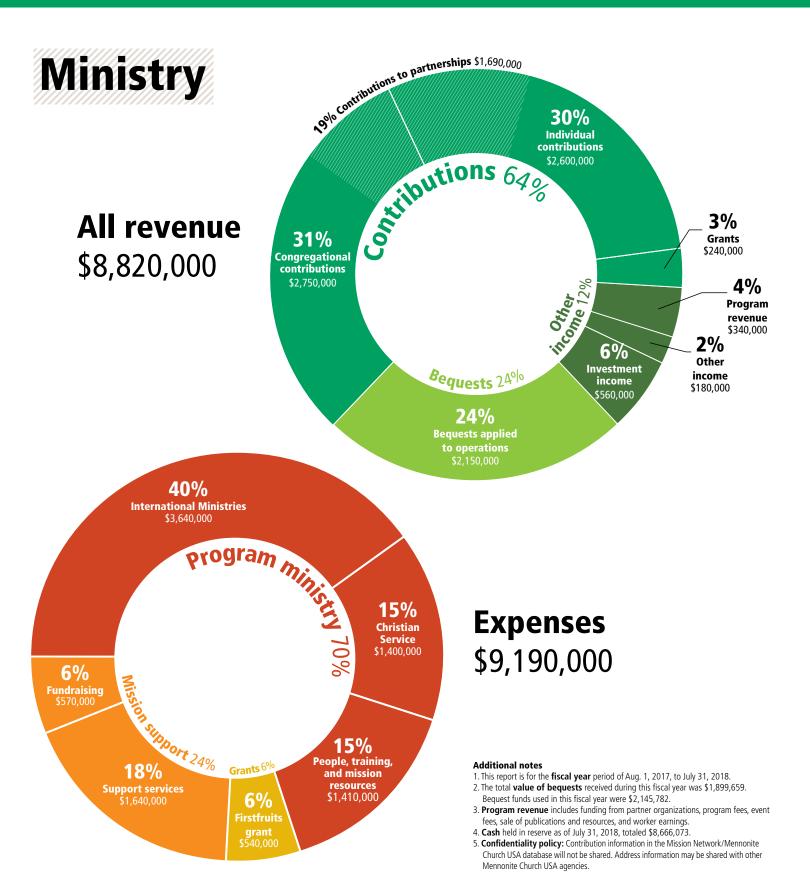
Contributing congregations not part of Mennonite Church USA

\$257,882

63 congregations gave an average of \$4,093.

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

Impact report





Mennonite **Voluntary Service**

Aibonito, Puerto Rico

Guisela Bravo, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, serving with Academia Menonita Betania

Alamosa, Colorado

Jonatan Moser,

Bluffton, Ohio, First Mennonite Church, Bluffton, serving with Immigrant Resource Center

Hannah Thill,

Paoli, Indiana, Paoli Mennonite Fellowship, serving with Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative

Leah Weaver, Fuguay Varina, North Carolina, Raleigh (North Carolina) Mennonite Church, serving with Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project

Kansas City, Kansas Eba Goshu,

Pamplemousses. Ethiopia, Meserete Kristos Church, Oromia, Ethiopia, serving with Connecting for Good

Hanna Hochstetler,

Goshen, Indiana, Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen, serving with Rainbow Mennonite Church

Sarah Morgan,

South Bend, Indiana, St. Augustine Catholic Church, South Bend, serving with Jewish Vocational Service

New York City

Anh Nguyen, Surrey, British Columbia, Langley (British Columbia) Vietnamese Alliance Church, serving with New York Cares, Inc.

Kylee Schunn,

Whitewater, Kansas, Grace Hill Mennonite Church, Whitewater, serving with Martin Luther School

Madeline Wieler,

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Church of The Rock, Winnipeg, serving with Save the Children

San Antonio

Kelly Murillo,

Zambrano, Colombia, Iglesia Cristiana Peniel, Zambrano, serving with RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services)

San Francisco

Rebekah Puddington,

Castorland, New York, Lowville (New York) Mennonite Church, serving with The Gubbio Project

Jacob Regier, Urbana, Ohio, Oak Grove Mennonite Church, West Liberty, Ohio, serving with Justice and Diversity Center

Irena Xhari, Lezhe, Albania, Grace Mennonite Church, Pandora, Ohio, serving with Homeless Prenatal Program

Tucson, Arizona

Alina Dranitca, Rego Park, New York, Dom Molitvy Msts Yekhb, Tomsk, Russia, serving with St. Elizabeth Health Center

Elizabeth Tovar Hernández,

Bogota, Colombia, Iglesia Menonita de Teusaquillo, Bogota, serving with Community Food Bank

Washington, D.C.

Laura Miller, St. Louis, Missouri, Pilgrims Mennonite Church, Akron, Pennsylvania, serving with Habitat for Humanity International

Emily Neufeld,

Manhattan, Kansas, Journey Mennonite Church, South Hutchinson, Kansas, serving with Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual (WashingtonTER)

Nathan O'Leary,

Seattle, Seattle Mennonite Church, serving with Briya

Jamie Reich. Washington, D.C.,

serving with La Clinica del Pueblo

Tiaro Rivo, Jakarta, Indonesia, Bethany Elshaddai Creative Community, Woodside, New York, serving with

Service Adventure

Albuquerque, New **Mexico**

Michelle Moyer-Litwiller, Urbana. Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana, serving as

Service Adventure leader Rudy Moyer-Litwiller,

Urbana, Illinois, Hopedale (Illinois) Mennonite Church, serving as Service Adventure leader

Sophia Amstutz,

Kitchener, Ontario, Cassel Mennonite Church (Tavistock, Ontario), serving with Albuquerque Public School Title 1 project

Florian Herrmann,

Hannover, Germany, Hannover Mennonite Church, serving with Harwood Art Center and The Common Good (East Central Ministries thrift store)

Andrew Ness, Lake Oswego, Oregon, Portland (Oregon) Mennonite Church, serving with Habitat for

Humanity ReStore Tjorven Lichdi, Schwaigern, Germany, Hasselbach Mennonite Church, serving with Jeanne's Childhood

Development Center Anchorage, Alaska

Max Janzen, University Park, Maryland, Hyattsville (Maryland) Mennonite Church,

Above: Youth Venture—La Casa Grande, Benin

Youth Venture participants and children from La Casa Grande participate in Bible drills. A race to be the first to find and read the chosen biblical passage usually took these kids 5-10 seconds! Photo by James R. Krabill.

serving with Bureau of Land Management

Jessica Porr, Smithville, Ohio, Grace Church (Wooster, Ohio), serving with Habitat for Humanity (office and ReStore)

Jasmin Tente,

Schlangen, Germany, Gospel Christian

Church of Schlangen, serving with The Children's Lunchbox and Parachutes Teen Drop-In Center

Brayden Thomas,

Salisbury, Pennsylvania, Springs (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, serving with Habitat for Humanity (ReStore and construction site)

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Jenna Baldwin,

Newton, Kansas, New Creation Fellowship Church (Newton), serving with Our House: **Bright Futures**

Isaiah Denlinger,

Perkasie, Pennsylvania, Blooming Glen (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, serving with Greccio Housing

Kaytlen Keough,

Albany, Oregon, Albany Mennonite Church,

serving with Our House: **Bright Futures**

Micha Koenig,

Bolanden-Weierhof, Germany, Weierhof Mennonite Church (Goellheim, Germany), serving with Greccio Housing

Emma Zuercher, Apple Creek, Ohio, Sonnenberg Mennonite Church (Kidron, Ohio), serving with Discover Goodwill and Family Promise

Jackson, Mississippi

Cynthia Neufeld Smith, Topeka, Kansas, Southern Hills Mennonite Church (Topeka), serving as Service Adventure leader

Roger Neufeld Smith, Topeka. Kansas, Southern Hills Mennonite Church (Topeka), serving as

Service Adventure leader Gabrien Graham,

Princeton, Illinois, Willow Springs Mennonite Church (Tiskilwa, Illinois), serving with Stewpot

Alexa Rathscheck,

Korntal, Germany, State Church Baden-Wuertemberg, serving with Stewpot

Jakob Seiferth,

Scheessel, Germany, St. Lukas Church, serving with Wingard Home Ministries

Johnstown, **Pennsylvania**

Eric Yoder, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen), serving as Service Adventure leader

Julie Yoder, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen), serving as Service Adventure leader

David Aberle,

Sinsheim, Germany, Sinsheim Mennonite Church, serving with Alternative Community Resource Program

Kendrick Eastman, Fairview, Michigan, Fairview Mennonite Church, serving with Johnstown Christian

Kim Hoffmann,

School

Espelkamp, Germany, Espelkamp Evangelical Free Church, serving with Head Start and New Day

SOOP

Lois and Wilmer Alderfer, Perkasie, Pennsylvania, Perkasie Mennonite Church, served three weeks in

Glendale, Arizona. **Connie and Philip** Bauman, Goshen, Indiana, Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship (Goshen), served one month in Gotha, Florida.

Ken and Nancy Beachy, Silverton, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church (Hubbard, Oregon), served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona

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

Cathy and Richard Boshart, Lititz, Pennsylvania, Gingrichs Mennonite Church (Lebanon, Pennsylvania), served one month in Shipshewana, Indiana.

Rachel and Robert Brenneman, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen), served one week in Glendale, Arizona

Barbara and Samuel Claassen, Newton, Kansas, McPherson (Kansas) Free Methodist Church, served one week in Akron, Pennsylvania.

Louise Claassen,

Albany, Oregon, Albany Mennonite Church, served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.



SOOP—San Antonio

Former modmates at Bethel College traveled together to work with SOOP in San Antonio. Back row: Will Kaufman, Kevin Jantzen, Jerry Kroeker, and Nick Kroeker. Front row: Brian Schmidt and Gregg Dick.



SOOP—Phoenix, Arizona

Bruno Friesen, LeAnne Gross, and Roland Yoder serve at the Salvation Army soup kitchen as part of SOOP Phoenix's 25th anniversary celebration.

Linda and Roger Clemmons, Normal, Illinois, Mennonite Church of Normal, served more than three months in Gotha, Florida.

Adam and Jennifer Cobb and family,

Archbold, Ohio, Lockport Mennonite Church (Stryker, Ohio), served one week in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Ken Conry, Casa Grande, Arizona, Cross Roads Church (Casa Grande), served three weeks in Elkhart, Indiana

Gregg Dick, North Newton, Kansas, First Mennonite Church (Halstead, Kansas), served three days in San Antonio.

Edna and George Dyck, North Newton, Kansas, Shalom Mennonite Church (Newton, Kansas), served two months in Tucson, Arizona.

Peter and Sheryl Dyck, Urbana, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana, served one month in Washington, D.C.

Leon and Melba Eshleman, Manheim, Pennsylvania, Chestnut Hill Mennonite Church (Columbia, Pennsylvania), served one week in Westbrookville, New

Kathy Falk, Urbana, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana, served two weeks in Bloomfield, New Mexico, and one week in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Jerry and Nancy Friesen, Albany, Oregon, Albany Mennonite Church, served more than one week in Glendale, Arizona.

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

David and Fern Gerber, Goshen, Indiana, Eighth Street Mennonite Church (Goshen), served more than one week in El Dorado, Arkansas.

Lola and Merrill Gingerich, Milford, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana), served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Lucio Gomez and Elizabeth Raid, Newton, Kansas, Bethel College Mennonite Church (North Newton, Kansas), served one week in Tucson, Arizona.

Lorene and Walter Good, Eureka, Illinois, Hopedale (Illinois) Mennonite Church, served three months in Tucson, Arizona.

Randall and Shirlyn Graber, Crawfordsville, Iowa, Sugar Creek Mennonite Church (Wayland, Iowa), served one and a half months in Tucson, Arizona.

Douglas Graham and Theresa Klassen, Newton, Kansas, served one month in Tucson, Arizona.

John and Martha Guntz, Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, Finland Mennonite Church (Pennsburg), served one month in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

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

Gwen and Timothy Hershberger, Goshen, Indiana, East Goshen Mennonite Church, served one week in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

International



Alan and Susan Burkholder, with daughters Magdalena and Elsa, began a year in July of fraternal visits with Mission Network partners in Latin America, Australia, Africa, Asia and

Europe. They are members of First Mennonite Church of Denver.



Deborah Byler began a two-year term in December in Guatemala working at leadership development among the women leaders of the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Deb is a

member of Hively Avenue Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana.



Diana Cruz Celis and Felipe Preciado Bobadilla started a three-year term in April. They serve at La Casa Grande, a children's home in Benin, West Africa, through a mul-

tiple-member partnership. Diana teaches English and Spanish to the children, and Felipe serves as a youth worker and agricultural consultant. They are from the Teusaquillo Mennonite Church, Bogotá, Colombia.



Paul and Serena Manickam began two years in Peru in July serving with two Colombian/Peruvian missionary families in Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Iquitos. The Manickams will

focus on church programs of children's ministries, education, and gardening. They are members of Portland (Oregon) Mennonite Church.



Jack and Ruth Scott served half a year starting in January at the Friedenshaus refugee ministry in Ludwigshafen, Germany. Ruth taught German and

Jack worked on maintenance. The Scotts are members of Scottdale (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church.



Naomi Tice began serving three years in England with Urban Light, focusing on children's and youth ministry. Naomi is a member of Springs (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church.

Journey International

Benin

Requiyah Johnson,

Elkhart, Indiana, Hively Avenue Mennonite Church, Elkhart

Ecuador

Maura Longenecker,

Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, Elizabethtown (Pennsylvania) Church of the Brethren

Samantha Miller, Middlebury, Indiana, Waypoint Community Church, Goshen, Indiana



Left to right: Samantha Miller, Maura Longenecker, and Requiyah Johnson.



Service Adventure—Albuquerque, New Mexico

*Rudy Moyer-Litwiller, Florian Herrmann, *Michelle Moyer-Litwiller, Sophia Amstutz, Tioryen Lichdi, and Andrew Ness, *Unit leaders

Carolyn and Robert

Hess, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, The Meeting House (Dillsburg), served one month in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Ernest and Lois Hess, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church (Lancaster), served one month in Americus, Georgia.

Calvin and Shirley Hochstedler, Kalona, Iowa, Kalona Mennonite Church, served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Kathryn and Wayne Hochstedler,

Harrisonburg, Virginia, Community Mennonite Church (Harrisonburg), served nearly two months in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Gerald Hunsberger, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Albuquerque Mennonite Church, served three weeks in

Joyce Hunsberger, Souderton, Pennsylvania, Perkasie (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served four months in

Glendale, Arizona.

Three Rivers, Michigan. **Ray and Becky Imhoff**, Fort Wayne,

Indiana, Agape Church of the Brethren (Fort Wayne), served three weeks in Gotha, Florida.

Dolores and Vern Jantzen, Plymouth, Nebraska, First Mennonite Church (Beatrice, Nebraska), served one month in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Kevin Jantzen, Wichita, Kansas, Newspring Church (Wichita), served three days in San Antonio.

Ruthy Kanagy,

Eugene, Oregon, Eugene Mennonite Church, served more than one month in Washington, D.C.

Aaron and Laura Kauffman and family, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Zion Mennonite Church (Broadway, Virginia),

served three weeks in La

Mesa, Colombia.

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

Americus, Georgia. **Duane and Joan Kauffman**,

and two weeks in

Joan Kauffman, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Community Mennonite Church (Harrisonburg), served more than one month in Petitcodiac, New Brunswick.

William Kaufman, Moundridge, Kansas, West Zion Mennonite Church (Moundridge), served three days in San Antonio.

Donald and Shirley Kempf, Shickley, Nebraska, Salem Mennonite Church (Shickley), served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Lila and Ron King, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, served three weeks in Glendale,

Arizona.

Robert King, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Beth-El Mennonite Church (Colorado Springs), served one month in Meridian, Mississippi, and one month in Washington, Iowa.

Shirley and Vernon King, Goshen, Indiana, Eighth Street Mennonite Church (Goshen), served more than two months in Tucson, Arizona.

Gayle Gerber Koontz and Ted Koontz,

Goshen, Indiana, Assembly Mennonite Church (Goshen), served three months in Tucson, Arizona.

Jerald Kroeker, Viborg, South Dakota, Bethany Mennonite Church (Freeman, South

Dakota), served three days in San Antonio. **Nick Kroeker**, Turpin,

Oklahoma, Turpin Mennonite Church, served three days in San Antonio.

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

Ray and Sharon Kuhns, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Chambersburg Mennonite Church, served three weeks in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Glendale, Arizona.

Richard and Twila Lehman, Albany, Oregon, Albany Mennonite Church, served one week in Akron, Pennsylvania, and Glendale, Arizona.

Catharine and Don Lichti, St. Louis, Missouri, St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship, served four months in Tucson, Arizona. Donald also served for two more months in Tucson.

Eric Litwiller,

Newton, Kansas, Tabor Mennonite Church (Newton), served one week in Minneapolis. **Al and Lois**

Longenecker, Elkhart, Indiana, Prairie Street Mennonite Church (Elkhart), served three weeks in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, and one month in El Dorado, Arkansas.

LeRoy and Sherry Mast, Greenfield, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana), served two weeks in Carlsbad, New Mexico, and one month in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

James and Ruth Mellinger, Greensboro, North Carolina, served two months in Baltimore, Maryland; nearly two months in Washington, D.C.; two months in San Antonio; and two months in LaGrange, Georgia.

Donna Miller, Albany, Oregon, Albany Mennonite Church, served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Janice and Lynn Miller, Woodburn, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church (Hubbard, Oregon), served two weeks in Akron, Pennsylvania.

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

Kenneth and Sheril Mullett, Goshen, Indiana, East Goshen Mennonite Church, served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Gwen Murphy, Denver, Colorado, served one week in Tucson, Arizona.

Herbert and Sarah Myers, Harman, West Virginia, Shalom Mennonite Congregation (Harrisonburg, Virginia), served one week in Akron, Pennsylvania.

Shawn and Suzanne NoIt and family,

Shickley, Nebraska, Salem Mennonite Church (Shickley), served two weeks in Divide, Colorado.

Larry and Shirley Oswald, Kalona, Iowa, First Mennonite Church of Iowa City, served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona. Sam and Susan Powell, Amelia Courthouse, Virginia, Powhatan (Virginia) Mennonite Church, served one week in Toano, Virginia.

Chuck Regier, Newton, Kansas, First Mennonite Church (Newton), served one week in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

John and Kay Reimer, Normal, Illinois, Mennonite Church of Normal, served more than three months in Gotha, Florida.

Mary Rogan, Salt Lake City, Utah, served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

James and Linda Rufenacht, Archbold, Ohio, West Clinton Mennonite Church (Wauseon, Ohio), served three weeks in Reedley, California

Brian Schmidt, Salina, Kansas, First Covenant Church (Salina), served three days in San Antonio.

Gerald and Jean Selzer, Hesston, Kansas, Hesston Mennonite Church, served two weeks in El Dorado, Arkansas.

Carl and Marcia Shantz, Akron, Pennsylvania, served two weeks in Americus, Georgia.

Elinor and Ted Shattuck, Crossville, Tennessee, Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship (Taftsville, Vermont), served three months in Tucson, Arizona

Kathleen and Keith Springer, Saybrook, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana, (Urbana, Illinois), served three weeks in Macon, Mississippi.

Loren and Miriam Stauffer, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Rick and Wanda Stauffer, Lincoln, Nebraska, First Mennonite Church (Lincoln), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Dale and Janet Stebbins, Janesville, Wisconsin, St. Johns Lutheran Church (Janesville), served one month in San Antonio.

Gary and Sharon Stoltzfus, Elverson, Pennsylvania, Conestoga Mennonite Church (Morgantown, Pennsylvania), served one week in Hesston, Kansas.

Ruth Stoltzfus, Urbana, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana, served one week in

Three Rivers, Michigan,

twice, and two weeks in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Kathy Straub, Buhl, Idaho, Calvary Chapel (Buhl), served one month in Glendale, Arizona.

Patricia and William Strunk, Alden, New York, Alden Mennonite Church, served one month in Petitcodiac, New Brunswick.

Mervin and Rose Stutzman and daughter, Goshen, Indiana, Assembly Mennonite Church (Goshen), served one month in Aibonito,

Puerto Rico.

Mark and Polly Thomas, Bellefontaine, Ohio, Bethel Mennonite Church (West Liberty, Ohio), served one month in Shipshewana, Indiana.

Lana Tieszen, Valrico, Florida, Madison Street United Methodist Church (Clarksville, Tennessee), served one month in Washington, D.C.

John and Virginia Veeder, Leroy, Illinois, East Bend Mennonite Church (Fisher, Illinois), served one month in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and two weeks in Waco, Texas.

Robert Walson, Indianapolis, Indiana, First Mennonite Church (Indianapolis), served two weeks in Tucson, Arizona

Brad and Jennifer Weaver and family, Lititz, Pennsylvania, Lancaster Evangelical Free Church (Lititz), served two weeks in Macon, Mississippi.

Mary and Roy Yoder, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, served more than two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Youth Venture

Benin

Mallory Bontreger, Goshen, Indiana, Yellow Creek Mennonite Church (Goshen)

James Krabill, Elkhart, Indiana, Prairie Street Mennonite Church (Elkhart), co-team leader

Jeanette Krabill, Elkhart, Indiana, Prairie Street Mennonite Church (Elkhart), coteam leader

Adam Krahn, Mishawaka, Indiana, Yellow Creek Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana) and Manna Church (Holland, Michigan)

Zoe Mast, Longmont, Colorado, Boulder (Colorado) Mennonite Church

Elizabeth Resto, Broadway, Virginia, Zion Mennonite Church (Broadway)

Johnna Swiers, Callaway, Minnesota, Lake Region Mennonite Church (Callaway)

Kai Tinsley, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Oxford Circle Mennonite Church (Philadelphia) and The Gathering Harlem (New York City)

Ecuador

Shelby Conditt, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Cedar Falls Mennonite Church

Natanael Fontan, Goshen, Indiana, Iglesia Menonita de Choele Choel (Rio Negro, Argentina) and North Goshen (Indiana) Mennonite Church, co-team leader

Anne Kaldjian, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Shalom Mennonite Church (Eau Claire)



Youth Venture—France

Lancaster Mennonite High School students joined forces with the French students from Daniel School to hold a fundraiser at a local restaurant. The funds will go toward the French students' trip to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, this fall. Front row: Willa Beidler, Dulce Shenk, and Javon Thomas. Back row: Jon Carlson and Jade Oluleye.



2019 DOOR Dwellers—Los Angeles

Martha Louise Fulp Eickstaedt, Arthur Penate, Faith Edgar, Olga Dominguez, Mary Moore Driggers, Rachel Eliser, and Dawson Mims.

Danielle Klotz,

Wakarusa, Indiana, Olive Mennonite Church (Elkhart, Indiana), co-team leader

Izzy Mijares, Chromo, Colorado, Albuquerque (New Mexico) Mennonite Church

Alena Miller,

Huntington, Indiana, Huntington City Church of the Brethren

Isabelle Scottlind,

Salem, Oregon, Western Mennonite Church (Salem)

Luke Wheeler,

Hudson, Michigan, Lockport Mennonite Church (Stryker, Ohio)

France

Willa Beidler,

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, James Street Mennonite Church (Lancaster)

Jon Carlson, Reading, Pennsylvania, Forest Hills Mennonite Church (Leola, Pennsylvania)

Lyn Carlson, Reading, Pennsylvania, Forest Hills Mennonite Church (Leola, Pennsylvania), co-team leader

Marzani Hall,

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Bright Side Baptist Church (Lancaster)

Miriam Jean-Louis, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Calvary Christian Church (Lynnfield, Massachusetts) and Bright Side Baptist Church (Lancaster)

Jade Oluleye, Lititz, Pennsylvania, Calvary Church (Lancaster, Pennsylvania)

Dulce Shenk.

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

Javon Thomas,

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Brightside Baptist Church (Lancaster)

Kimberly Winey,

Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, Mount Joy (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church

Fred Winey,

Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, Mount Joy (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, co-team leader

Japan

Emily Bergey,

Green Lane, Pennsylvania, Calvary Church (Souderton, Pennsylvania) and Salford Mennonite Church (Harleysville, Pennsylvania)

James Dunmore,

Queen, Pennsylvania, Martinsburg (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church and Shalom Mennonite Congregation (Harrisonburg, Virginia)

Selah Judge,

Anchorage, Alaska, Prince of Peace Mennonite Church (Anchorage)

Denay Murray, St. Paul, Minnesota, Third Way Church (St. Paul),

co-team leader

John Murray, St. Paul, Minnesota, Third Way Church (St. Paul), coteam leader

Lauren Schmittinger, Souderton, Pennsylvania, Zion Mennonite Church

Spain

(Souderton)

Jason Boone, Raleigh, North Carolina, Raleigh Mennonite Church, coteam leader

Alexi Ebersole,

Corvallis, Oregon, Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship

Rian Foley, Portadown, Northern Ireland, Emmanuel Portadown (Portadown)

Alyssa Nisly, Haven, Kansas, Journey Mennonite Church (South Hutchinson,

Kansas) Rebecca Nisly,

Hutchinson, Kansas, Buhler (Kansas) Mennonite Brethren Church

Susan Nisly,

Hutchinson, Kansas, Journey Mennonite Church (South Hutchinson), co-team leader

Erika Stutzman,

Weatherford, Oklahoma, Pleasant View Mennonite Church (Hydro, Oklahoma)

Kayla Stutzman,

Weatherford, Oklahoma, Pleasant View Mennonite Church (Hydro, Oklahoma)

DOOR Discover

Atlanta

Belmont University Campus Ministry, Nashville, Tennessee

Brevard (North Carolina) **College**

College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana

Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia

Cornell College Alternative Spring Break, Mount Vernon,

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Atlanta

Druid Hills Presbyterian Church,
Atlanta

First Presbyterian Church, Boone, North Carolina

First Presbyterian Church, Peachtree City, Georgia

First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina

Grace Community United Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana

Harrison United Methodist Church, Pineville, North Carolina

Lovett School, Atlanta Mount St. Joseph University Student Nurse Association, Cincinnati, Ohio

Newnan (Georgia) Presbyterian Church Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport,

Northside Christian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

Louisiana

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, Duluth, Georgia

Purdue Timmy Global Health, West Lafayette, Indiana

Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire

Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas

Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana

Simpsonville (South

Carolina) United Methodist Church St. Marks United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church,
Kettering, Ohio

University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire,
Wisconsin

Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

Chicago

Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church, Altona, Manitoba

Belmont Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana First Christian

Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky

First Congregational Church, Crystal Lake, Illinois

First Presbyterian Church, Hartford City, Indiana

First Presbyterian Church, Katonah, New York

First Presbyterian Church, Wheaton,

First Presbyterian Church Yorktown,
Yorktown Heights, New
York

First United Methodist Church,
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

Grace Church Episcopal, Yukon, Oklahoma

Lombard (Illinois) Mennonite Church Lower Providence Presbyterian Church,

Eagleville, Pennsylvania Zion United Church of Christ, Canton, Ohio Miami Shores (Florida) Presbyterian Church

Monticello (Indiana)
United Methodist
Church

Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Denver

Neoga (Illinois) Grace United Methodist Church

Salford Mennonite Church, Harleysville, Pennsylvania

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, Indiana **Trinity Presbyterian** Church, Atlanta Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana **Zion Mennonite**

Church, Broadway, Virginia

Denver

Akron (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church **Bethel Mennonite** Church, Inman, Kansas **Centenary United**

Methodist Church, Lawton, Oklahoma

Congregational **United Church of** Christ, St. Charles, Illinois

Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, Kansas

First Congregational Church, Crystal Lake, Illinois

First Mennonite Church. Indianapolis First Presbyterian Church, Harrison,

Arkansas **Grace Presbyterian** Church, Wichita, Kansas **Hesston** (Kansas)

Mennonite Church **Macalester Plymouth** United Church, Saint Paul, Minnesota

North Shore Presbyterian Church, Shorewood, Wisconsin

Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Apple Valley,

Strive Prep Montbello, Denver

Minnesota

First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church, Torrington, Wyoming

University of Pikeville, Kentucky

Warwick River Mennonite Church, Newport News, Virginia

Los Angeles

Belmont University Campus Ministry, Nashville, Tennessee

Grand Valley State University Campus Ministry, Allendale, Michigan

Richmond Beach United Church of Christ, Shoreline, Washington

University of **Montana Office for** Civic Engagement, Missoula, Montana

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Salem, Oregon

Miami

Congregational Church of Amherst, New Hampshire

Belmont University Campus Ministry, Nashville, Tennessee

College of Central Florida, Ocala, Florida

Coral Gables Congregational **United Church of** Christ, Miami, Florida

First Baptist Church, Cornelia, Georgia

First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, Montana

First Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon

Grace Episcopal Church, Silver Spring, Marvland

Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, Kansas

Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Oakmont Church, Greenville, North Carolina

DOOR Discern

Atlanta Shakera Cheston,

Forest Park, Georgia, World Changers Church International, Atlanta

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Riverdale, Georgia, Liveoak Baptist Church, Atlanta

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Damarey Philips, Chicago

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Natali Martinez, Denver

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Denver, His Love Fellowship, Denver

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Heriberto Marroquin, Los Angeles, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Los Angeles

Edgar Martinez, Los Angeles, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Los Angeles

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

Edwin Palacios, Los Angeles, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Los Angeles

DOOR Dwell

Atlanta

Rachel Carpenter, Charlotte, North Carolina, Providence **Baptist Church** (Charlotte), serving with Central Outreach and Advocacy Center

Harrison Davis. New Haven, Connecticut, First Presbyterian Church (New Haven), serving with Mercy Church

Melanie Foust, Pensacola, Florida,

First United Methodist Church (Pensacola), serving with Candler Theological Seminary

Allie Green, Clinton, North Carolina, Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church (Clinton), serving with Future Bank of Metro Atlanta

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Ruth Boggs, Griffin, Georgia, Morrow Presbyterian Church (Griffin), serving with Life Directions

Madeleine Cox,

Roswell, Georgia, Roswell Presbyterian Church, serving with Brother David Darst Center

Hannah Donoghue,

Hightstown, New Jersey, Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville (New Jersey), serving with **Brother David Darst** Center

Mirella Estela Magaña, Fresno,

California, North Fresno Church, serving with Sarah's Inn

Dyamond Williams, Chicago, First Church of the Brethren (Garfield Park), serving with Bethel New Life

Denver

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Rachel Palmiero,

Newburgh, New York, First Presbyterian Church (Beacon, New York), serving with Senior Support Services

Leah Pellett, Nashville, Tennessee, Westminster Presbyterian Church (Nashville), serving with MetroCaring

Harim Um, York, Pennsylvania, Market Square Presbyterian Church (York), serving with SAME Café

Los Angeles

Olga Dominguez, Los Angeles, Oasis Church (Los Angeles)

Mary Moore Driggers, Greer, South Carolina, First Presbyterian Church (Greer), serving with The Lord's Light House

Faith Edgar, Los Angeles, Oasis Church (Los Angeles)

Rachel Eliser. Youngstown, Ohio, Heritage Presbyterian Church (Youngstown), serving with Safe Parking LA

Martha Fulp-Eickstaedt, Falls Church, Virginia, Trinity Presbyterian Church (Arlington, Virginia), serving with The Center of Blessed Sacrament

Dawson Mims

Asheville, North Carolina, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church (Asheville), serving with Union Rescue Mission

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



Service Adventure—Anchorage, Alaska

Max Janzen, Jessica Porr, Jasmin Tente, and Brayden Thomas started the year off with a hike up Baldy, and picked blueberries along the way.



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