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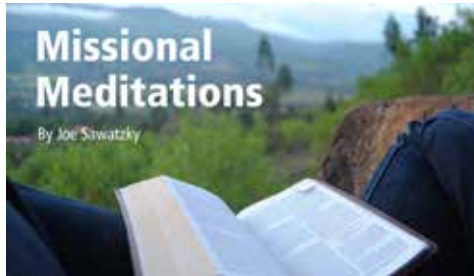


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abundant hope
during uncertain times



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Etty and beauty

By Laurie Oswald Robinson



If I could channel the resilient spirit of anyone during this pandemic, it would be the late Esther "Etty" Hillesum (Jan. 15, 1914 – Nov. 30, 1943). She was the Dutch author of confessional letters and diaries, which describe both her religious awakening and the persecutions of Jewish

people. She was deported and killed in Westerbork transit camp in the Drenthe province in Northeastern Netherlands.

Rather than curse being locked in a transit camp, Hillesum embraced this conviction: "Despite everything, life is full of beauty and meaning." That she could believe this despite the ugliness of evil testifies to the power of choosing to see the beauty amidst the brutality and meaning beyond the brokenness.

She penned profound prose while barely existing in the dank barracks, and this is one of my favorites:

"Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it toward others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will also be in our troubled world."

While on semi-lockdown at home on the Kansas prairies, I waver between going numb over all the mess of our world, or over-reacting to everything. Numbness freezes out the beauty of God's creation; over-reacting shuts out God's peace in my soul.

Etty teaches me to believe that even though I see through a glass darkly — or breathe through a mask heavily — Christ's unveiled gaze penetrates my interior chaos with his centering, clarifying love. It is my hope that these annual report stories can help to bring us face to face with Jesus' peace amidst all the pain.

In these uncertain and isolating times of social distancing and lockdown, it is my prayer that these accounts remind us that our God of abundant hope is as close as ever. ■



Walking together

Laying fresh bricks on the path of Christ

By Mike Sherrill

In East St. Louis, Illinois, in 1929, Joseph Raglin set the world record for bricklaying, by laying 3,472 bricks in 60 minutes — an astonishing rate of 58 bricks per minute. Raglin’s record remains, as do many of the brick roads he expertly and painstakingly built alongside the Conley brothers: William, John and Elijah.

Bricklayers operate as a team. Preparation, planning and teamwork yield a lasting testimony to their work. At the front of my mind as I engage the calling to serve as executive director for Mennonite Mission Network is this nurturing of teams: teams that are efficient and effective and that internalize and mobilize the vision of the global mission agency.

We are laying fresh bricks for the road ahead, facing together the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, which was declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) in March 2020. As we do so, we will revisit God’s calling on our agency by underlining the indispensability of the contribution of all staff in our shared pilgrimage. Walking together is an important component of building hope during these troubling times. “We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair” (2 Corinthians 4:8, NKJV). We are not in despair, because we have a God who loves us and will never leave us. We are not crushed, because we are a community, with Jesus as our companion.

Drawing near to Christ through Scripture and prayer, and near to each other with mutual support, gives us the best hope of navigating these difficult terrains with grace. We are responding to the present, but we are driven by the future. Mission Network exists for such a time as this when we are wrestling with COVID-19, systemic racial oppression, and political

unrest all at the same time.

These awakenings are preparing us for the future that God is calling us into. “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope” (Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV). Let us breathe in deeply this reassuring promise.


At Mission Network, we believe in the power of Christ’s presence to transform lives and circumstances. We believe the Holy Spirit empowers us and calls us to participate in God’s mission in the world. It is a call to put faith into action out of love for the cultures and communities near and far. Paul Tillich wrote that the first duty of love is to listen. We must listen to the cultures, communities and individuals, and lift up the stories we hear.

We are at a watershed moment in history, truly on the threshold of unprecedented opportunities: to open eyes and heal hearts, to bring peace, to foster relational equity, and to join hands in dismantling systemic racism. In addition, increasing diversity within Mission Network will remain a high priority as we don’t want to miss valuable opportunities for intercultural growth.

This is an exciting time to work for Mission Network, which exists to partner with others to establish and equip missional congregations and their leaders to engage their culture and the world with the whole gospel of Jesus. I am glad to be walking together as a team in pursuit of this sacred calling. ■

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Mike Sherrill
Executive Director



A tale of two worlds and one God of abundant hope

By Laurie Oswald Robinson

The COVID-19 pandemic threw Mennonite Mission Network into a Charles Dickens-like “tale of two cities” during its previous fiscal year, spanning Aug. 1, 2019 – July 30, 2020. To paraphrase Dickens, it was the best and worst of times ... it was the spring of hope and the winter of despair.

During the final four months of the fiscal year, Mission Network, with the rest of the world, experienced a shutdown of all travel and in-person meetings; social distancing and mask wearing; the killing of Black people at the hands of police brutality; the suffering of communities of color due to social inequities evoked by the coronavirus; and the raging of wildfires and storms.

In all this, there have been times when the love and care of God have been as veiled as our masked faces. And yet, still yet, God’s abundant hope has been unmistakably evident, Mission Network staff members and partners say. In ways minute and magnanimous, the Holy Spirit has guided the agency to embrace that hope during a time of change and uncertainty.

Part of what has transformed the winter of despair into a spring of hope has been the continued support of donors. Stanley Green, who retired from his longtime executive directorship on July 31, said that donors have helped Mission Network to remain faithful to God’s eternal purposes even as the agency flexes in how it presently partners with others. Mike Sherrill succeeded him on Aug. 1.

“Your generosity and sharing have made an important difference for healing and hope as attested to by reports from our partners who so appreciate your support,” Green wrote. “These are stories that you will not see on TV or read about from our major news and media outlets. They are not sensational stories. They are, however, life-changing for the individuals who experience our ministries.”

In the following pages, you are invited to read five stories about the ministry of Mission Network and its partners that have not made national headlines but that are throbbing with the heartbeat of hope in God. ■



Santiago Espitia, director of the *Seminario Bíblico Menonita de Colombia* (SBMC), talks with students as they end the first “bimester” and prepare for a new round of classes. Students across Colombia and neighboring countries signed up for SBMC’s new online, three-year degree program in Biblical and Theological Studies, which started in August.

STORY 1

Distributing care packages; reformatting ministries

Directors of Mennonite Mission Network’s service programs reflect on how service opportunities pave a stronger pathway for the future Anabaptist church.

On March 24, at the outset of the shut-down in the United States, Mission Network’s Executive Cabinet released thousands of dollars of emergency funds to help its partners throughout the world. Mission Network sent out “care packages” of monies which were a portion of the agency’s reserves.

“When we released money to be used for COVID, we put it in a standing fund for which we rotate money in and out as we make decisions on responding to major global crises,” said John Lapp, senior executive for International Partner Engagement (IPE) which is one of Mission Network’s divisions.

That fund consists of some previously unused donations that were available for refugee-specific COVID-19 projects, in addition to the March allocation of \$20,000, he said. Additional donor contributions earmarked for COVID-19 relief were also added to this fund. And in August of this new fiscal year, the

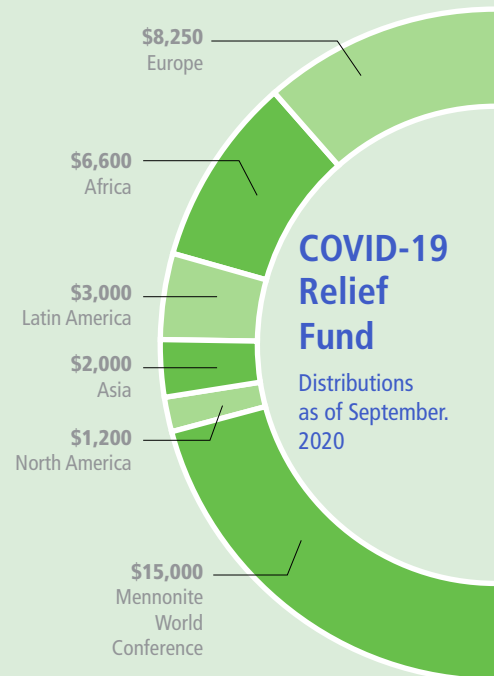
agency buoyed the standing fund with an additional \$10,000.

In a recent report to the agency’s board of directors, Lapp wrote, “The IPE team remains positive and engaged as we, together, listen for God’s direction in creatively initiating and responding with global partners in this ever-more-connected global context.”

Africa

In that same board report, Mission Network’s regional directors focused on how they are striving to follow God’s direction in an ever-changing landscape. Steve Wiebe-Johnson and Sharon Norton, co-directors for Africa and Europe, shared how they are joining Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) in reformatting meetings that previously happened face-to-face.

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They wrote, “AIMM is gathering people within each country to meet in one place. The plan includes having local representatives gather and including time for spouses to be together. Marriage workshops, Bible studies, and other activities will affirm and encourage the leaders. The national gatherings will join an online transnational business meeting each day so participants can hear from the other locations and to participate in decision making.”

Latin America

Linda Shelly, director for Latin America, reported that the *Seminario Bíblico Menonita de Colombia* (SBMC) enthusiastically launched their new on-

line program. The Caribbean Coast region has also embraced working with the Missional Discipleship Initiative for discipleship training, including 24 leaders and youths in four cohorts.

“Although traditionally Colombians and others in Latin America have expressed a strong cultural preference for face-to-face and classroom learning, it’s encouraging to see how so many people in the midst of the current reality are choosing to adapt and embrace on-line opportunities now,” she wrote. “At the same time, we are aware that the possibility of connecting to the internet is not equal. The coordinator of the Caribbean Coast region asked if a sister church could help with partial funding for technology so that their most remote church could participate with the region and those funds were sent.” ■

STORY 2

Providing an emotional-spiritual “vaccine” for isolation

Jason Boone, coordinating minister for Mennonite Mission Network’s Peace and Justice Support Network (PJSN), woke up March 17 with the COVID-19 pandemic heavy on his heart. He sensed a call for Mission Network to provide a new ministry of hope during harrowing times that could connect people of faith who are isolated from public worship and work.

He sent a round of emails to his colleagues, who resonated with his feelings. Together, they envisioned a new digital ministry initiative. Within hours, they began developing The Hope Series, a new live-streaming video series, in conjunction with staff members from the Marketing and Communication department.

“Our hope in using social media is that we make a space in which we can grow closer to God, create

community, and to love our neighbors even within our isolation,” Boone said.

Sandy Miller, Mission Network’s senior executive for the division of Resourcing and Mobilization, and who also leads the Church Relations team, said, “Our goal in creating The Hope Series was to demonstrate how a heart for people is at the heart of our mission. We are about our world, our constituents, and the people we’ve employed. We want to lead the way in living out Christ’s healing and hope.”

With Facebook Live as the platform, staff implemented a Scripture and prayer focus Monday – Saturday; a weekly Hope around the World segment, led by the IPE directors; and a “Jesus as Healer” devotional Bible study led by Joe Sawatzky, Church Relations representative. ■





STORY 3

Praying and caring for supporters

In lieu of face-to-face visits with supporters, Donor Relations representatives made personal phone calls and emailed prayers, said Karen Horsman, Mission Network's director of Donor Relations.

In a blog post marking the U.S. National Day of Charity Sept. 5, Horsman wrote, "Our phone calls reached lonely people who were isolated from family and friends. They loved hearing from us, and our mutual relationships deepened. They ministered to us by letting us more deeply into their daily experiences."

"Thankfulness abounded on both sides of those calls," she wrote. "Because we were in the middle of an ever-growing pandemic, the ordinary trials of life seemed to acquire a more poignant meaning. Illness, inability to hug a grandchild, a cancer diagnosis — all of these were freely shared with us."

One phone call especially touched her. "An elderly couple confessed a worry about not having enough food. They were isolated and did not have a way to access groceries in their area. ... The Donor Relations representative alerted our Church Relations representative and together they connected with a church in the couple's area [that helped bring relief]."

Mission Network has also been blessed by the feedback thanking team members for their care. She wrote, "These donors probably do not realize what a blessing they have been to us. Their generosity is overflowing, and as a result, we have not experienced a disruption in financial support." ■

STORY 4

Persevering in Christian Service programs

The pandemic shut down many endeavors, but it did not succeed in doing so with Mission Network's Christian Service programs. In all cases, directors are either reconfiguring service and discipleship opportunities or regrouping for 2021.

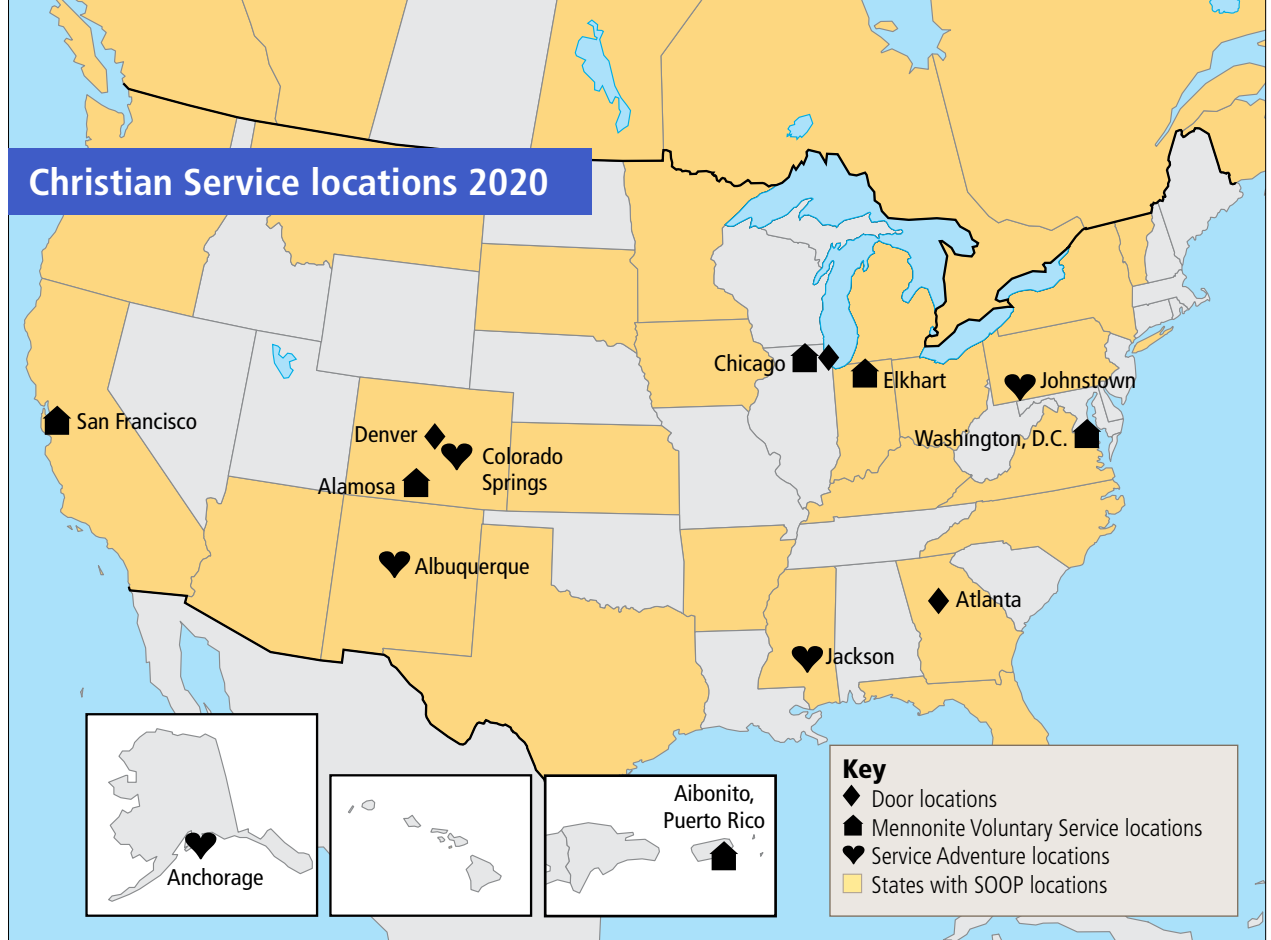
Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection (DOOR) executive director Andrea Sawyer-Kirksey:

Instead of canceling summer programs, DOOR, a partner agency with Mission Network, redesigned them. The agency is offering virtual learning whenever and wherever possible, Sawyer-Kirksey says. DOOR recently started a new program called UpNext Young Adults Leadership Program. It engages young adults of color who want to explore how their faith intersects with their commitment to justice in a yearlong leadership development program.



DOOR's "A Different World" virtual experience team: Nicolette Peñaranda, DOOR Chicago city director; Carmen, a participant in DOOR Atlanta's Discern program; and Anquette Williams, DOOR Atlanta city director.

Photo by Anquette Williams



Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS), Director Marisa Smucker:

Smucker, with the MVS administrative team and advisory committee, has helped MVS units over the previous fiscal year transition into a new framework. MVS’s job is to recruit participants, provide program human resources, sponsor leadership and participant retreats, and offer ongoing support and resources. The host congregation’s job is to transition into being fully responsible for the unit houses and being the participants’ employer.

This fall, five units opened, and MVS welcomed new and returning MVS participants. One of the service units has associates, and another unit has a participant completing an extended term. Associates are people living in unit houses who are not formal MVS participants but who are involved in other service and community initiatives. The San Francisco (California) unit is the first to make a full transition.

The new model empowers each unit to more deeply define who they are, said Joanna Lawrence Shenk, associate pastor of First Mennonite Church of San Francisco and leader of the congregation’s MVS unit, during a telephone interview.

“It is allowing more autonomy to each unit,” she said. “Different communities and different states have different

realities, and we can tailor our unit to those realities.”

This time of transition is not fixing something that was broken or righting any wrongs, Smucker said. Rather, it is about being open to new creative opportunities ... “in whatever style that may be” and to invite new initiatives to spring up.

Service Adventure, Director Susan Nisly:

Service Adventure unit leader Cindy Headings says that not even a pandemic has squelched her passion for serving for a fourth consecutive year. In fact, Headings says her longtime enthusiasm for leading the Colorado Springs, Colorado, unit was stoked even higher the first week of August.

That’s when she joined her fellow unit leaders in an online orientation retreat. Nisly and other staff members and presenters led the eight leaders in program resourcing, anti-racism training, pandemic protocols, and an afternoon of fun.

“While I missed being in the same room with these awesome people, it was great to brainstorm together about how things can work out amidst a lot of unknowns,” Headings wrote in a recent email.

After closing two months early last program season, Service Adventure launched the new year in late August with five units. Eleven participants started in

the fall, with the possibility of several other participants from Argentina and Germany arriving later.

“It’s been a challenge to have to re-arrange everything ... yet I still believe the year will be full of learning and growing,” Nisly said. “By serving and living in community, people can join God’s work in the world. It’s also an amazing time for young adults to discern who they want to be.”

Service Opportunities with Our Partners (SOOP), Director Arloa Bontrager:

In mid-March, all volunteer assignments and their host locations were canceled until June 1. But by this summer, a few volunteers braved the new world of pandemic realities and signed up, Bontrager and her assistant, Stephanie Weaver, reported. One example is the Katrina and Matt Eberly family. The couple and their four children served at Camp Deerpark in upstate New York from late July until early August.

This is from a letter Katrina Eberly sent to Bontrager and Weaver shortly after their volunteer assignment:

“... Yes, we worked hard and sweated through many t-shirts, but it was so good to work as a family and share laughs together. As we raked mulch on the Children’s Forest trail, we prayed for the many kids who would freely run through it. And as Matt cut up firewood, he prayed over the wood and the many conversations that would happen around the campfires. ...

“Our souls truly are overflowing with the goodness of God that we experienced at Camp Deerpark. Thank you for this opportunity! I am certain that we will want to do another SOOP trip in the coming years.”

Youth Venture, Director Arloa Bontrager:

In a recent board report, Bontrager wrote: “This has been a difficult season for Youth Venture. It has gone from much excitement about the summer and planning with six host locations, to, after many careful conversations between local partners and our Youth Venture staff team, making the decision to cancel all the planned Youth Venture teams. As air travel became more and more uncertain, along with uncertainty about the trajectory of the virus, it became clear it would not be in the best interest of our local partners to host teams, or for participants to engage in travel. Youth Venture was not designed for social distancing! We look forward to regrouping and planning for 2021.” ■



Photo of Katrina and Mat Eberly and their family.



Service Adventure, one of Mennonite Mission Network’s Christian Service programs, held its online unit leaders’ orientation and retreat the first week of August. From left to right, participants are Julie (and Eric) Yoder, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Susan Nisly, Cindy Headings, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Michael Oyer, Anchorage, Alaska; Rick and Debbie Lee, Jackson, Mississippi; and Michelle and Rudy Moyer-Litwiller, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dismantling systemic racism

Ann Jacobs, Church Relations representative, wrote a blog regarding the death of George Floyd at the hands of police brutality and the outpouring of protest. Here is an excerpt from that blog:

“... In a review of the verse in 1 Corinthians 12:26, when one suffocates, we all suffocate. ... We are God’s ambassadors for reconciliation and love in a world reeling with hate and separation. The Spirit moved within me during my prayer and Ezekiel 22:30 emerged in my heart: ‘I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land.’

“... The walls (structures) of our communities are falling down and crumbling through pandemic lock-down and the police brutality that is violating the bodies and souls of Black and Brown people; these same members of society are the most deeply impacted by the sufferings of COVID-19. ...

“We must move beyond lamenting racism’s evils with only words and hymns. We must rise from our prayer groups and from behind our hymnbooks and follow Jesus into the highways and byways. We must DO church with our feet and hands. That means acting to help dismantle the systems that sanction the murder of George Floyd and so many others.

“... Many Mennonites have sought to live godly and quiet lives to witness their faith, rather than messing with worldly powers. While yielding some fruits of the Spirit, this choice has often rendered us voiceless in the public square. If we are God’s response to the

world, then we need to take our songs and sermons of peace and justice out of our pews and into the pain. ...

“... We are looking for God, and God is looking for us. God is calling to us to come from under the rubble of the crumbling walls and stand accounted for in the broad daylight. ...

“When God comes looking for someone to rebuild

the walls, I pray we will be ready with tools in hand and willing hearts. May we be servants of reconstruction who dismantle the dividing wall of hostility and build a society of dignity for everyone, a renewal of the Spirit that offers life-sustaining breath for all.”

Jacobs helped to reinstate the People of Color (POC) caucus within Mission Network in early June in response to Floyd’s death. The POC caucus requested that White caucuses also form. Mission Network Human Resources department encouraged the caucuses to form in the spirit of the policy set forth June 3. In that policy, all staff members

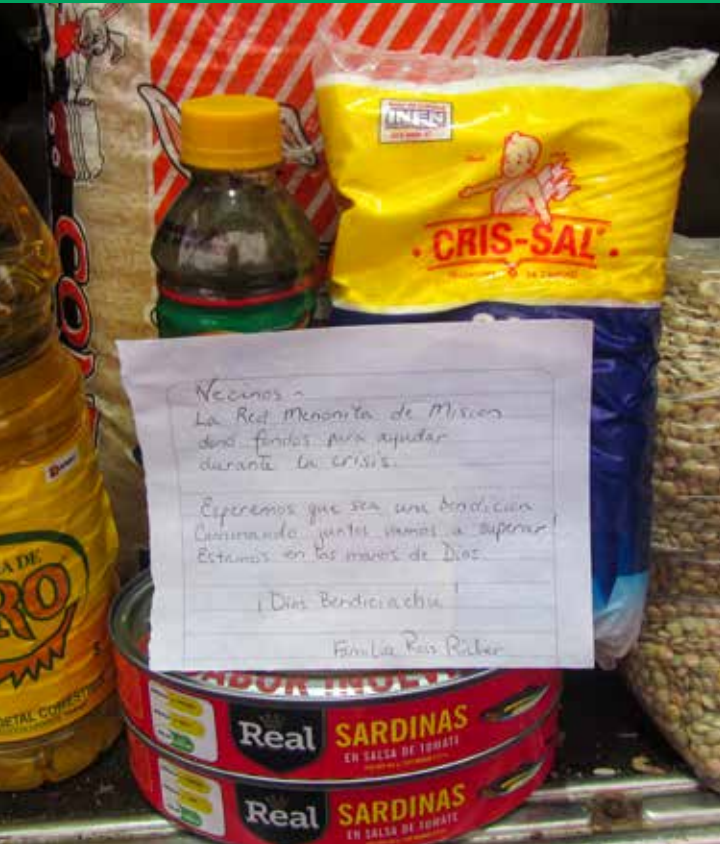
were invited to engage in anti-racism efforts from June 3 through Aug. 31 by taking a half-hour of their paid, daily work time to engage in prayer, reflection, education, rest and renewal, and action.

“We bring our questions and emotions to these groups as we try to comprehend how deeply rooted systemic racism is in our society and how we, as White people, have been oblivious to it and thus complicit in enforcing it,” said Lynda Hollinger-Janzen, a co-leader for one of the White caucus groups. “We share current events and try to understand how God is calling us to break the cycles of violence.” ■



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We hope these stories have inspired you to partner with us in God’s mission around the world and to share a financial gift toward that goal. To do so, visit MennoniteMission.net/Donate.



Thank you!

In these unusual times, you — volunteers, donors, friends and constituents — have given in unusual ways with your time, talent and treasure. In the midst of this pandemic, we deeply appreciate the ways in which you have continued to provide your partnership, prayers, and presence. It has helped to propel Mission Network forward into God’s abundant hope in this time of uncertainty.

Photo caption: The blessing of a community is trusting that when a need is shared: a neighbor will provide, and God will be a blessing to them in return. There are people all around the world in need of assistance during this time, and there are people all around the world being the hands and feet of Christ, working to provide that assistance. **Translation:** Neighbors, Mennonite Mission Network donated funds to help during the crisis. I hope this is a blessing to you. Walking together we will overcome it. We are in God’s hands. — Ross Richer family.

Ministry

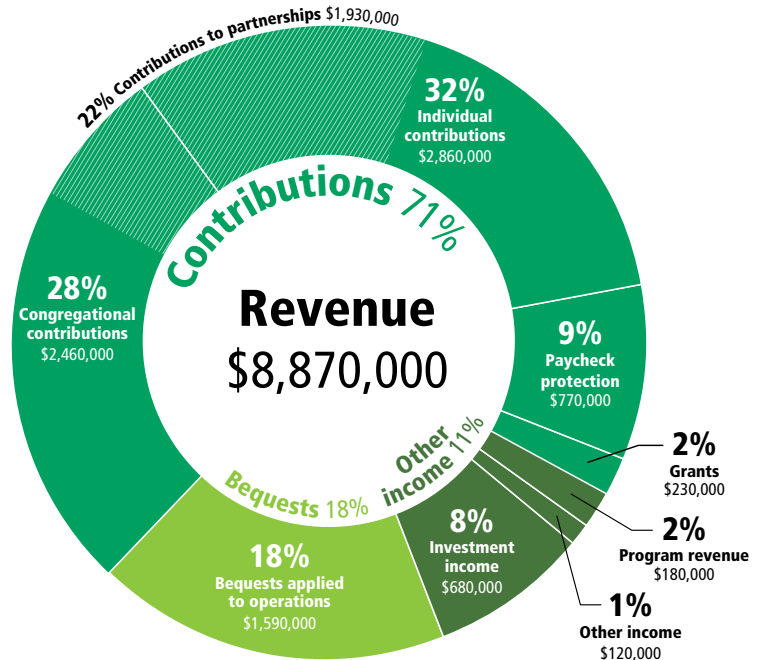
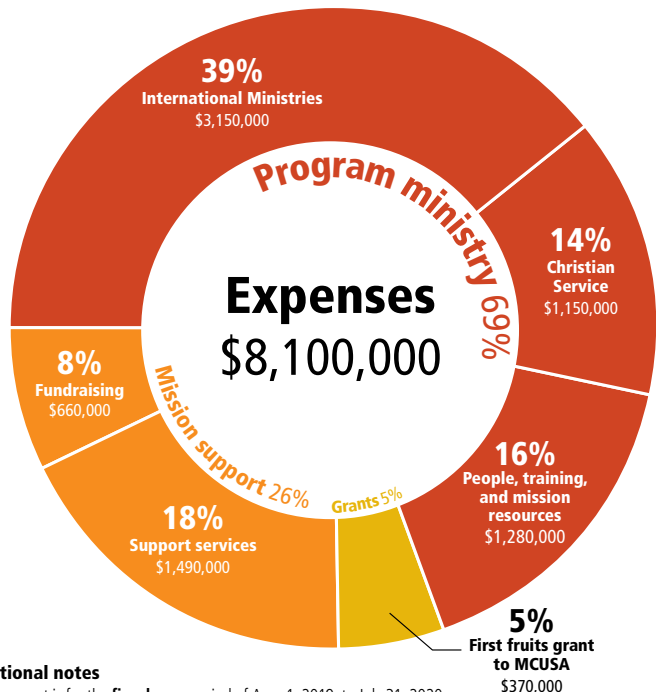


Photo by Jerrell Ross Richer



Additional notes

- This report is for the fiscal year period of Aug. 1, 2019, to July 31, 2020.
- The total value of bequests received during this fiscal year was \$1,162,000. The total value of bequest funds used in this fiscal year was \$1,588,000.
- Program revenue includes funding from partner organizations, program fees, event fees, sale of publications and resources, and worker earnings.
- Cash and investments held as operating reserves as of July 31, totaled \$9,905,000.
- 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.
- The Paycheck Protection Program was established by the CARES Act which was passed in March to provide assistance to organizations facing financial risks due to the coronavirus pandemic. It is implemented by the Small Business Administration with support from the Department of the Treasury. This program provides small businesses and non-profits with funds to pay up to 24 weeks of payroll costs, including benefits.

Giving

Businesses / Foundations / Organizations / Estates

Businesses \$548,499

Abundance Canada — Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Custom Mobile Equipment Inc. — Baldwin City, Kansas
 Everence — Goshen, Indiana
 HRM Enterprises Inc. — Hartsville, Ohio
 J&G Olson Farms Inc. — Winfield, Iowa
 L. E. Sommer Kidron Inc. — Kidron, Ohio
 Lehman Insurance Agency Inc. — Ephrata, Pennsylvania
 Mentoring Moms Inc. — Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Miller Poultry — Orland, Indiana
 Refined Technologies — The Woodlands, Texas
 Sandcreek Carpentry Inc. — Hutchinson, Kansas
 Smitty's Home Repair — Hutchinson, Kansas
 Southwest Seed Research LLC — Hutchinson, Kansas
 Steffen Farms — Apple Creek, Ohio
 Summit Valley Metals Inc. — Kidron, Ohio
 Telecine International Inc. — Willis, Texas
 Texas Instruments Foundation — Dallas, Texas

Foundations \$230,000

Anabaptist Foundation — Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
 EC Foundation — Wauseon, Ohio
 Fidelia E Plett Charitable Foundation — Inman, Kansas
 Gerald and Lynn Partridge Foundation — Iowa City, Iowa
 Oak Grove Mennonite Foundation Endowment —
 Smithville, Ohio
 Schowalter Foundation, Inc. — North Newton, Kansas
 Steiner Family Charitable Fund — Orrville, Ohio
 Tyndale House Foundation — Carol Stream, Illinois

Organizations \$161,856

ACC/DEMZO Partnership Administration — Lititz,
 Pennsylvania
 Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission — Goshen, Indiana
 AmazonSmile

Anonymous Donors to Mission Network — Various locations
 Brethren in Christ World Missions — Mechanicsburg,
 Pennsylvania
 Christliche Dienste — Bammental, Germany
 Forum for Theological Exploration — Decatur, Georgia
 Franklin Mennonite Mission Board — Chambersburg,
 Pennsylvania
 Giving Tuesday NWO — Archbold, Ohio
 Hesston College — Hesston, Kansas
 Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship — Goshen, Indiana
 Mennonite Women USA — Newton, Kansas
 Milton Good Library, Conrad Grebel University College —
 Waterloo, Ontario
 PayPal Giving Fund — San Jose, California
 Peace Hospice and Palliative Care — Naperville, Illinois
 Smithville Ruritan Club — Smithville, Ohio
 VMissions — Harrisonburg, Virginia

Estates \$1,300,270

Beulah Alderfer Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Betty Bartel Estate — Hesston, Kansas
 Royal H Bauer Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Curtis and Esther Bergey Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 John I and Barbara Bontrager Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Anne Buller Estate — Bluffton, Ohio
 Ruth L Buller Estate — Tampa, Florida
 Betty S Byler Estate — Harrisonburg, Virginia
 Aaron J Claassen Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Alfred H Claassen Estate — Wallace, Nebraska
 Cora Crossgrove Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Kathryn L Detweiler Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Helen Entz Estate — Newton, Kansas
 Lloyd Jacob Fisher Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Sarah Fretz Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Katherine B Frey Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Phyllis J Frey Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Jacob T. Friesen Estate — Washington, District of Columbia
 Norman A. Geissinger Estate — Chambersburg,
 Pennsylvania

Jerry and Letha Gingerich Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Paul M Gingrich Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Martha Gordon Estate — Peoria, Arizona
 Abe Graber Memorial Fund — Goshen, Indiana
 Ethel S Handrich Estate — Sarasota, Florida
 Vileen M Hostetler Estate — Colorado Springs, Colorado
 Mary A and LeRoy J Kauffman Estate — Newton, Kansas
 Paul Kniss Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 C Norman Kraus Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Linda Kroeker Estate — Henderson, Nebraska
 Clayton H Landis Estate — Souderton, Pennsylvania
 John J Landis Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Grace M Lehman Estate — Wooster, Ohio
 Anna V Liechty Estate — Muncie, Indiana
 Evelyn Juanita Maust Estate — Keezletown, Virginia
 Lawrence and Marjora Miller Estate — Archbold, Ohio
 Elizabeth A Moyer Estate — Dayton, Ohio
 Mildred Moyer Estate — Souderton, Pennsylvania
 Rosemary L Moyer Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Kathryn Nisley Estate — Birmingham, Alabama
 Ora Yoder Endowment Fund — Goshen, Indiana
 Alva and Doris Schlabach Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Irene P Schmidt Estate — Newton, Kansas
 Lucille F Schmucker Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Arlene Shipley Estate — Sterling, Illinois
 Anna Showalter Estate — Penrose, North Carolina
 Nelson Souder Foundation — Goshen, Indiana
 Mary Rebecca Staker Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Regina Stucky Trust — Marion, South Dakota
 Elsie Van Pelt Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Anne Yoder Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Richard W Yoder Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Wilma K Yoder Estate — West Liberty, Ohio
 Katherine E Yutzy Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 Henry Zehr Estate — Goshen, Indiana
 William M and Edith Zehr Charitable Trust — Hutchinson,
 Kansas

Giving

Mennonite Church USA congregations (Aug. 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020)

Allegheny Conference	\$18,892	6 conference congregations contributed this total.	Indiana-Michigan Conference	\$326,133 *	27 conference congregations contributed this total.	Pacific Southwest Conference	\$37,001	11 conference congregations contributed this total.
Atlantic Coast Conference	\$176,520 *	17 conference congregations contributed this total.	Mosaic Conference	\$196,722	22 conference congregations contributed this total.	South Central Conference	\$104,311	7 conference congregations contributed this total.
Central District Conference	\$167,806 *	28 conference congregations contributed this total.	Mountain States Conference	\$30,296	8 conference congregations contributed this total.	Virginia Conference	\$141,821	22 conference congregations contributed this total.
Central Plains Conference	\$207,166	26 conference congregations contributed this total.	New York Conference	\$15,050	3 conference congregations contributed this total.	Western District Conference	\$227,268	34 conference congregations contributed this total.
Gulf States Conference	\$660	1 conference congregation contributed this total.	Ohio Conference	\$316,866 *	28 conference congregations contributed this total.			
Illinois Conference	\$88,492 *	16 conference congregations contributed this total.	Pacific Northwest Conference	\$80,117	16 conference congregations contributed this total.			

All Mennonite Church USA congregations

\$2,135,121 * 272 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

\$273,710 57 congregations contributed to this total.



2020 service participants

Service Adventure— Jackson, Mississippi

The Jackson Service Adventure unit hosted the Mississippi service-learning tour group for dessert in March. Service-learning tour participants Barry and Erika Kreider talk with Service Adventure participant Paula Klätte at the unit house in Jackson, Mississippi. Photo by Travis Duerksen.

Mennonite Voluntary Service

Alamosa, Colorado

Erin Kauffman, Lititz, Pennsylvania, Fort Collins (Colorado) Mennonite Fellowship, serving with Rio Grande Farm Park.

Connor Born, North Newton, Kansas, Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, Kansas, serving with Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Program.

Roxanne Gehring, Manhattan, Kansas, Manhattan Mennonite Church, serving with Center for Restorative Programs.

Elkhart, Indiana

Guisela Bravo, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, serving with Church Community Services.

San Francisco

Polly Carson, Hurley, South Dakota, Salem Mennonite Brethren Church, Freeman, South Dakota, serving with Mission Graduates.

Claire Waidelich, Rockingham, Virginia, Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, serving with DISH (Delivering Innovation in Supportive Housing).

Washington, D.C.

Sabrina Bellar, Conway Springs, Kansas, Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, Kansas, serving with Joseph's House.

Lydia Chappell Deckert, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas, serving with Briya.

Anali North Martin, Cary, North Carolina, Raleigh (North Carolina) Mennonite Church, serving with Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual (WATER).

Kaitlyn Skelly, Waterloo, Ontario, Nexus Church, Kitchener, Ontario, serving with Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Service Adventure

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Michelle and Rudy Moyer-Litwiller, Urbana, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana and Hopedale (Illinois) Mennonite Church, serving as unit leaders.

Samuel Mock, Dundee, Oregon, North Valley Friends Church, Newberg, Oregon, serving at St. Martin's Hospitality Center.

Elijah Stoltzfus, Mount Rainier, Maryland, Hyattsville (Maryland) Mennonite Church, serving at Habitat ReStore.

Anchorage, Alaska

Michael Oyer, Hesston, Kansas, Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston College, serving as unit leader.

Isaiah Fellers, Centreville, Michigan, Locust Grove Mennonite Church, Burr Oak, Michigan, serving at Habitat ReStore.

Ginny Miller, Harrisonburg, Virginia,

Harrisonburg (Virginia) Mennonite Church, serving at Faith Day Care and Learning Center and Children's Lunchbox.

Kelby Youngberg, Goshen, Indiana, Benton Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, serving at Downtown Soup Kitchen.

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Cindy Headings, Hutchinson, Kansas, Journey Mennonite Church, South Hutchinson, Kansas, serving as unit leader.

Elyse Burton, Tualatin, Oregon, Portland (Oregon) Mennonite Church, serving at Family Promise.

Makenzie Shelman, Winfield, Iowa, Sugar Creek Mennonite Church, Wayland, Iowa, serving at Our House.

Jackson, Mississippi

Debbie and Rick Lee, Homestead, Florida, Homestead (Florida) Mennonite Church, serving as unit leaders.

Jocelyn Baker, Albany, Oregon, Albany (Oregon)

Mennonite Church, serving at Stewpot.

Malachi Lind, Goshen, Indiana, College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, serving at Stewpot.

Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Eric and Julie Yoder and family, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, serving as unit leaders.

Lexie Coburn, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Lindale Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, serving at Johnstown Christian School.

Luisa Dutchersmith, Goshen, Indiana, Faith Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, serving at Learning Lamp.

Pablo Sanchez, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Neuquén (Argentina) Mennonite Church, serving at New Day.

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Connie and Philip Bauman, Goshen, Indiana, Berkey Avenue

Mennonite Fellowship, Goshen, Indiana, served in Gotha, Florida.

Dee and John Birkey, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Hugo and Mary Ann Boschmann, North Newton, Kansas, Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, Kansas, served in Washington, D.C.

Annie and Richard Boshart, Lititz, Pennsylvania, Gingrichs Mennonite Church, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, served in Shipshewana, Indiana.

Linda and Roger Clemmons, Normal, Illinois, Mennonite Church of Normal (Illinois), served in Gotha, Florida.

Kathryn and Melvin Coblentz, Stone Lake, Wisconsin, Sand Lake (Wisconsin) Mennonite Chapel, served in Brooksville and Gotha, Florida.

Esther Cullen, Lyndhurst, Virginia,

served in Glendale, Arizona.

Ann and Sherman Eberly, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Harrisonburg (Virginia) Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Katrina and Matthew Eberly and family, Reading, Pennsylvania, Shiloh Mennonite Church, Reading, Pennsylvania, served in Westbrookville, New York.

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

Jim and Laura Ferris, Marquette, Michigan, Bethel Baptist Church, Marquette, Michigan, served in Americus, Georgia.

Becky and Richard Flickinger, Dexter, Michigan, Agape Church of the Brethren, Fort Wayne, Indiana, served in Glendale, 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.

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

Carol and Darrell Good, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, Alive Church Ephrata (Pennsylvania), served in Brooksville, Florida.

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

John Goshow, Perkasio, Pennsylvania, served in Divide, Colorado.

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

Ivy and Murray Guenther, Oakbank, Manitoba, served in Macon, Mississippi.

Julianne and Philip Hart, Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church, served in San Antonio, Texas.

Diane and Bill Hershberger, Goshen, Indiana, East Goshen (Indiana) Mennonite Church, served in El Dorado, Arkansas.

Ernest and Lois Hess, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church,

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, served in Americus, Georgia.

Elaine Hickman, Seattle, Washington, Seattle (Washington) Mennonite Church, served in Kykotsmovi and Glendale, Arizona.

Keith Hitchcock, Metropolitan Community Church of Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, served in Americus, Georgia.

Calvin and Shirley Hochstedler, Kalona, Iowa, Kalona (Iowa) Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Mary and Merle Hochstedler, Goshen, Indiana, Maple City Chapel, Goshen, Indiana, served in Glendale, Arizona.

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

Melvin Janzen, Waynesboro, Virginia, Charlottesville (Virginia) Mennonite Church, served in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

David and LouAnn Kanagy, Archbold, Ohio, Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold, Ohio,

served in Glendale, Arizona.

Barbara and Byron Kauffman, West Liberty, Ohio, Bethel Mennonite Church, West Liberty, Ohio, served in Meridian, Mississippi.

Thelma Kauffman, Seattle (Washington) Mennonite Church, served in Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

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

Daniel and Jeanette King, Dover, Ohio, Beech Mennonite Church, Louisville, Ohio, served in San Antonio, Texas.

Robert King, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Beth-El Mennonite Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, served in Viborg, South Dakota.

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

Bruce and Sheryl Kooker, Apple Creek, Ohio, Millersburg Mennonite Church, Millersburg, Ohio, served in San Antonio, Texas.

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

Ray and Sharon Kuhns, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Chambersburg (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served in Gotha, Florida.

Al and Lois Longenecker, Elkhart, Indiana, Prairie Street Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana, served in Akron, Pennsylvania

and Meridian, Mississippi.

LeRoy and Sherry Mast, Greenfield, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Brooksville, Florida and Meridian, Mississippi.

Norman and Wilmetta Maust, Goshen, Indiana, Pleasant View Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Gotha, Florida.

Elroy and Linda Miller, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Harrisonburg (Virginia) Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Kenneth and Sheril Mullett, Goshen, Indiana, East Goshen (Indiana) Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Margaret Nisly, Seattle, Washington, Seattle (Washington) Mennonite Church, served in Glendale and Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

Miriam Nisly, Kalona, Iowa, Kalona (Iowa) Mennonite Church, served in Glendale and Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

Glen and Yvonne Peachey, Belleville, Pennsylvania, Locust Grove Mennonite Church, Belleville, Pennsylvania, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Connie and Tom Pfloderer, Hazelwood, Missouri, Chatham Bible Church, Hazelwood, Missouri, served in San Antonio, Texas.

Hardaye Ramjit, Macedonia, Ohio, Lee Heights Community Church, Cleveland, Ohio, served in Americus, Georgia.

Clayton and Mary Reed, Bourbon, Indiana, Nappanee (Indiana) Missionary Church, served in Brooksville, Florida.

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

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

James and Linda Rufenacht, Archbold, Ohio, West Clinton Mennonite Church, Wauseon, Ohio, served in Reedley, California.

Gloria and Jack Rutt, Arlington, Massachusetts, Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, served in Peticoctiac, New Brunswick.

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

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

Dale and Janet Stebbins, Janesville, Wisconsin, St. Johns Lutheran Church, Janesville, Wisconsin, served in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Sandra Stegman, Perrysburg, Ohio, Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold, Ohio, served in Glendale, Arizona.

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

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

Barbara Thuma, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Maplewood Mennonite Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, served in Americus, Georgia.

Linda van Loon, Pueblo, Colorado, served in Kykotsmovi, Arizona



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Mennonite Voluntary Service — San Francisco

Members of First Mennonite Church of San Francisco (California) participate in a solidarity march for George Floyd in San Francisco, June 3. Pictured left to right: Leah Friesen, Jacob Regier, Father John Kirkley, Bekah Puddington, Sylvanna Ann, Matt Alexander, Jim Lichti, and Pat Plude.



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Leon Weber, Lititz, Pennsylvania, Akron (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served in Americus, Georgia.

Carolyn and Clark Yoder, Canby, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, Oregon, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Nancy and Richard Yoder, Goshen, Indiana, Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, Goshen, Indiana, served in Macon, Mississippi.

Judy and Ron Zook, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Laurel Street Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, served in Cachipay, Colombia.

DOOR Virtual Discover

Asbury United Methodist Church, Prairie Village, Kansas.

Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Roswell Presbyterian Church, Roswell, Georgia.

DOOR Discern

Atlanta
Carmen Jones, Ellenwood, Georgia, Friendship Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

DOOR UpNext Cohort

Jacqueline Banda, Chicago, mentee.

Brie Morales, Chicago, mentee.

Marquitta Scott, Chicago, mentee.

Diamond Williams, Chicago, mentee.

Andrea Sawyer-Kirksey, Chicago, program lead.

Lah Tere Ayala, Chicago, mentor.

Tanya Franklin, Chicago, mentor.

Lisa Marie Jackson, Chicago, mentor.

Shari Williams, Chicago, mentor.

International workers

Jo-Ann Brant served a three-month term as guest lecturer at Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, India, from January-March. Jo-Ann is a member of College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana.

Jaden Hostetter began a two-year term in February in Quito, Ecuador. Jaden works with the Quito Mennonite Church in music and youth ministries. He also assists in the refugee program, including food distribution. Jaden is a member of the Harrisonburg

Mennonite Church (Virginia).

Matthew and Toni Krabill began a three-year term at the Paris Mennonite Center in France in November 2019. In addition to serving at the Center, they are developing e-learning resources for Anabaptist theological formation of leaders across the French-speaking world. Matthew and Toni's home church is Wholcare Community Missionary Church, Pasadena, California.

James Krabill completed a week of special assignment

teaching among various partners in the Anabaptist Network in South Africa (ANISA) in October 2019. James is a member of Prairie Street Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana.

Naomi Tice completed an eight-month special assignment in September in South Bowenfels, Australia, assisting the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Naomi is a member of Springs (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church.

Rebekah York began a three-year term in Bogotá, Colombia in December 2019. She serves at the *Seminario Bíblico Menonita de Colombia* (Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Colombia) to provide educational opportunities for church leaders, both young and seasoned. Bekah's home church is Belmont Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana.

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