



**Mennonite  
World Conference**  
A Community of Anabaptist  
related Churches

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Mundial Menonita**  
Una Comunidad de  
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## Report to LMC: A Fellowship of Anabaptist Churches – 2020

*Mennonite World Conference (MWC) is called to be a communion of Anabaptist-related churches linked to one another in a worldwide community of faith for fellowship, worship, service and witness.*

### Giving Thanks:

- In 2017 we began **Renewal** – a 10-year series of events that commemorates the beginnings of the Anabaptist movement (<https://mwc-cmm.org/renewal2027>). We celebrated our 4th annual Renewal event at Columbia Bible College, Abbotsford, Canada, March 28-29, 2020. Theme: **Jesus Christ: Our Hope!**
- Learn how MWC pursued justice across barriers in the 2019 highlight video: <https://mwc-cmm.org/video/2887>

### Getting Involved:

- MWC is our Anabaptist global church with more than 1.4 million baptized believers in 107 national member churches, including LMC. Learn about our global Christ-centred faith community by requesting the monthly online **MWC Info** newsletter, and sign up for our bimonthly **Prayer Network** and the biannual **Courier/Correo/Courrier** magazine, at [www.mwc-cmm.org/signup](http://www.mwc-cmm.org/signup).
- Pray for and plan to attend: **MWC Global Assembly** in Semarang, Indonesia (July 6-11, 2021); and **Global Youth Summit** (age 18–30) in Salatiga, Indonesia (July 2-5, 2021). These events take place every six years; and this will be the second time in Asia. Theme: *Following Jesus Together Across Barriers*. Photo: Worshipers at Holy Stadium, the Mennonite Church that will host Assembly 2021. Assembly news: <https://mwc-cmm.org/article/indonesia-2021>
- We are grateful for the LMC congregations that are joining Anabaptist churches around the globe in worship by participating in **Peace Sunday** ([www.mwc-cmm.org/peacesunday](http://www.mwc-cmm.org/peacesunday)) and **Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday** ([www.mwc-cmm.org/awfs](http://www.mwc-cmm.org/awfs)), and taking up a **One Lunch Offering** to support the ministry of our global Anabaptist church family. Thank you for your generous support of the MWC community through the LMC, from local churches and individual donors!



### Prayers of Gratitude and Intercession

- Pray for the MWC leadership including MWC General Secretary César García, and the MWC Executive Committee that is meeting March 30 – April 2, 2020.
- It was inspiring to hear of LMC's (Nov 2019) visit to the Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia. It is a blessing to give witness to what God is doing in Christ by the Spirit!
- As churches face persecution, natural disasters, political turmoil and conflict, the presence and identification with the global Anabaptist church is an essential means of support, encouragement and resources. For example, MWC walks with our brothers and sisters in Latin America where church communities are reaching out with the hope-filled gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have experienced displacement.
- Barbara Nkala of Zimbabwe writes, "I really appreciate the drive to build meaningful relationships globally. It is through MWC that I have learned to appreciate that diversity provides a rich tapestry of perspective in God's kingdom. I have seen more and more that we are one another's keepers."

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