



## Menonite World Conference

A Community of Anabaptist  
related Churches

## Congreso Mundial Menonita

Una Comunidad de  
Iglesias Anabautistas

## Conférence Mennonite Mondiale

Une Communauté  
d'Eglises Anabaptistes

### Report to LMC: A Fellowship of Anabaptist Churches – 2021

*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:

- 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 visiting our [website](#) and [signing up](#) for the monthly online [MWC Info](#) newsletter, bimonthly [Prayer Network](#) and the biannual [Courier/Correo/Courier](#) magazine.
- Together we are the church, the body of Christ here on earth, and together we witness to **hope** in challenging times through the grace of God in Christ by the Holy Spirit. Along with the apostle Paul, we can take comfort in God's assurance: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).
- Learn how the global church walked alongside one-another in the [2020 Year-in-Review Video](#).

#### GETTING INVOLVED:

With your support, MWC's four Commissions create connections between our members:

##### The [Deacons Commission](#):

Up to the end of December 2020, the [MWC COVID-19](#) fund has supported 47 humanitarian initiatives carried out by 53 national Anabaptist churches in 28 countries, with a total project value of US\$444,711. "Covid-19 has no borders. The only way to end this pandemic is with global cooperation. The only valid response from the global church is one of interdependent compassion. May we respond today as our forebears of the early church did." – César Garcia, MWC General Secretary.

##### The [Mission Commission](#):

Members of the [Global Anabaptist Service Network \(GASN\)](#) and the [Global Mission Fellowship \(GMF\)](#) brought supplies and solace to their communities during the worst of the pandemic – often helped by grants from the COVID-19 task force. (GMF represents 71 members in 36 countries in the Global Mission Fellowship and GASN has 59 members in 29 countries.)

##### The [Faith and Life Commission](#):

Five years of [Lutheran-Mennonite-Roman Catholic Trilateral dialogue](#) examined baptism in light of contemporary pastoral and missional challenges facing all three Christian communities. The report published this year "raises the question for each of these churches: are there ways of acknowledging our different practices of baptism that grow the unity for which Jesus prayed?" says Mennonite delegation member Larry Miller. The commission is developing a study guide for churches to explore the implications of the report and act on its recommendations.



GKMI Synod of Indonesia distributed COVID-19 relief supplies on Sumba Island, Indonesia. Photo: Agus Mayanto



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Congregations in Honduras, Germany and India made Peace Trees following the suggestion in last year's Peace Sunday worship package. Photo: Barbara Hege Galle

### The Peace Commission:

2020's Peace Sunday resources have the theme *When one member suffers, all members suffer: Peace as accompaniment and solidarity* "If we are interested in embodying God's peace and justice in this world, what happens to one affects and should also matter to others," says Andrew Suderman, Peace Commission secretary.

Commission members are volunteers from around the world who represent the General Council and bring expertise in caring, mission, service, theology and peace work for our 107 national church members. Thank you for helping them in this important work.

We are grateful for the LMC congregations that are joining Anabaptist churches around the globe in worship by participating in Peace Sunday and Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday, 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 congregations 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 virtually April 28-29, 2021.
- Pray for and plan to attend: MWC Global Assembly in Semarang, Indonesia (July 5-10, 2022); and Global Youth Summit (age 18+) in Salatiga, Indonesia (July 1-4, 2022). These events take place every six years; and this will be the second time in Asia. Theme: *Following Jesus Together Across Barriers*.
- 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 to walk in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Savior and brother.



"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need" (Romans 12:12).

In Christ's peace,

Gerald Hildebrand, MWC North America Regional Representative, [GeraldHildebrand@mw-cmm.org](mailto:GeraldHildebrand@mw-cmm.org)

# EMM had 110 workers serving in 29 countries in 2020

(10 countries/regions within shaded areas not named for security concerns)

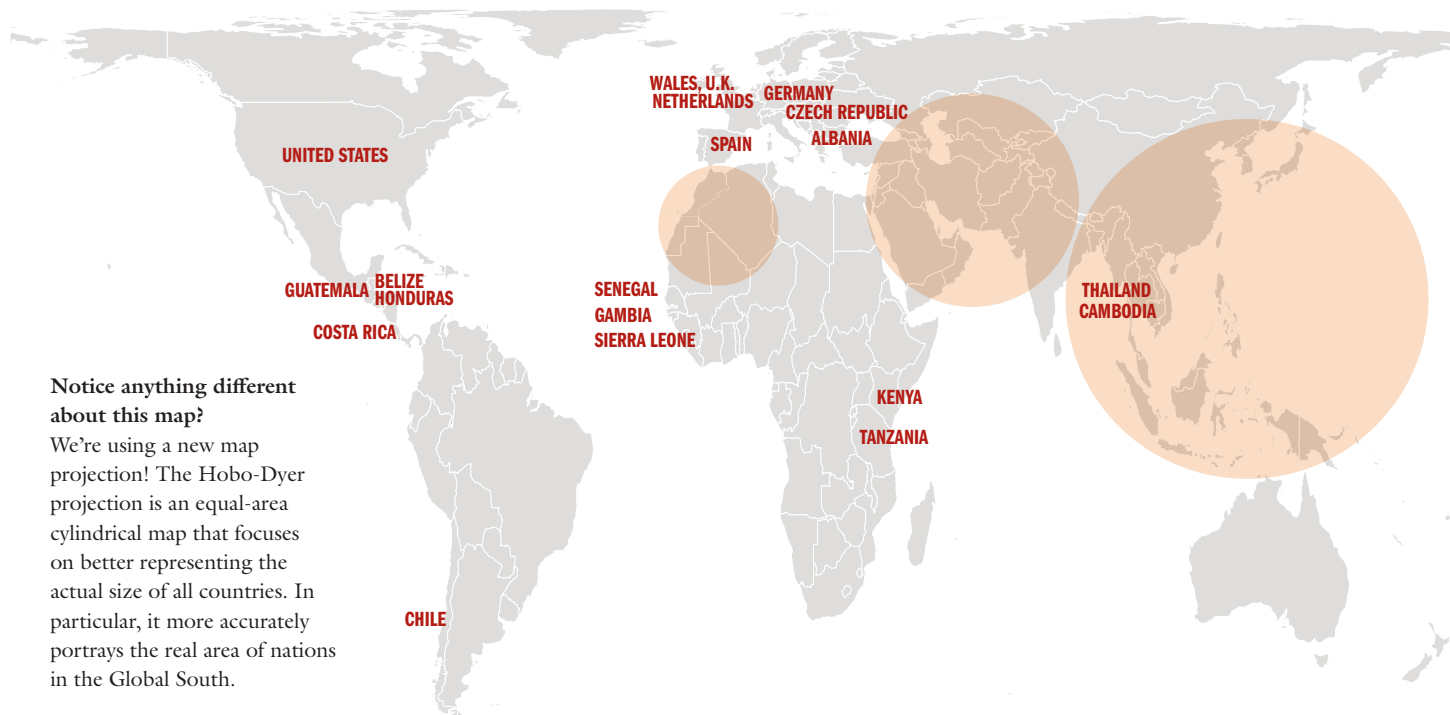
95 long-term workers

15 short-term workers

393 Missionary Support Team members

33 Staff members

15 Board members (who served at any point in 2020)



## FINANCIALS

### 2020 operating fund balance sheet

#### Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,597,729
Short-term investments	\$951,766
Receivables	\$5,628,024
Capital campaign pledges	\$721,454
Prepaid expenses	\$34,793
Interest in MASP reserve	\$376,711
Pension assets	\$206,722
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	\$4,889,846
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$14,407,046</b>

#### Liabilities and net assets

Deferred revenue	\$73,058
Payables	\$284,022
Funds in custody	\$2,694,258
Designated net assets	\$4,064,789
Undesignated net assets	\$7,290,919
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$14,407,046</b>

### Total 2020 expenses by function: \$6,127,878

54.2%	Long-term ministry
28.2%	Supporting activities
10.7%	Other programs
5.7%	Short-term ministry
1.2%	Relief ministry
<b>Total 2020 income by source: \$6,688,709</b>	
37.5%	LMC — A Fellowship of Anabaptist Churches
21.5%	Other income
20.9%	Other Anabaptists
10.3%	Other supporters
9.5%	Estates and trusts
0.4%	Capital campaign pledges

### Total 2020 income by type: \$6,688,709

43.0%	Personnel and projects (restricted)
20.5%	Impact Fund
15.5%	Investments
9.3%	Estates
6.3%	Other
5.3%	Capital campaign

We are grateful for the generous giving from congregations and individuals during 2020. This unaudited information is a snapshot of EMM's operating fund financial position at the end of 2020. If you would like a copy of the final audited report when it's available, contact us at [info@emm.org](mailto:info@emm.org) or 717-898-2251. As we move into 2021, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you and your congregation can continue to support the Impact Fund. Go to [EMM.ORG/GIVE](https://www.emm.org/give) to support the Impact Fund.

*This is an unaudited balance sheet as of December 31, 2020. Due to rounding, figures may not equal the totals shown.*



# MEET DR. MARVIN LORENZANA

## EMM's ninth president



Dr. Marvin Lorenzana (left) and his wife, Mariana (right).

**“I can only marvel at the way the Spirit of God has led all of us through this amazing process. I can’t wait to see what we can build together in the name of Christ to further God’s reconciling mission both locally and globally.”**

— Dr. Marvin Lorenzana

In October 2020, the EMM Board of Directors announced Dr. Marvin Lorenzana’s appointment as the ninth president of Eastern Mennonite Missions. We’re grateful for Marvin and the extensive leadership he’ll bring to EMM.

From 2013 until the beginning of 2021, Marvin worked with Mennonite Mission Network as minister for discipleship initiatives. In that role, he functioned as a coach for church leaders who are interested in developing a culture of intentional disciple-making within their local congregations.

In 2009, Marvin founded the Mennonite Hispanic Initiative, a ministry of Virginia Mennonite Missions that seeks

to develop Hispanic church leaders with a mindset for local missions and planting new missional communities within Virginia Mennonite Conference.

His previous experiences have included serving as director of the multicultural student services office at Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), director of learning, exploring and participating at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, and advisor for Latinos with multicultural students at EMU.

Marvin has also served as youth pastor, associate pastor, senior pastor, and church planter with assignments in New Orleans, El Paso, Tex., Miami, and more recently in Harrisonburg, Va.

Born in Tegucigalpa, the capital city of Honduras, he felt a calling from God in 1994 to become a missionary to the nation with the second-largest Hispanic population in the world — the United States.

Marvin has a bachelor’s degree in management and organizational development from Eastern Mennonite University, a Master of Divinity degree from Eastern Mennonite Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Asbury Theological Seminary where he was a Beeson scholar.

For his service as EMM president, Marvin will be recognized as an ordained minister in LMC. He and his wife, Mariana, recently moved to Lancaster, Pa.

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# Cultivating Life, Together

**A**s we reflect back on the challenges of the past year, together all of us at Landis Communities want to thank you for your prayers and support of the affiliates making up the organization. In fact, our affiliate's taglines all include the word together.

**Landis Homes** – Enriching Lives, *Together*

**Steeple View Lofts** – Cultivating Community, *Together*

**Welsh Mountain Home** – Serving and Growing, *Together*

**Mountain View Terrace** – Building Community, *Together*

**Landis Adult Day Services** – Enriching Each Day, *Together*

**Landis at Home** – Thriving at Home, *Together*

Little did we know how much that word would come to mean. As the pandemic hit, we began using phrases like, “We will get through this together,” “We are stronger together” and “Alone together.”

We are grateful for each resident, client and team member who worked tirelessly to keep each other safe and healthy. We also appreciate each family member, friend and supporter. We understand how difficult this time has been when it was not possible to see and care for loved ones as had been done in the past.

We have appreciated so much the way congregations from LMC have connected with us during these times. We have certainly felt God's love expressed through your efforts. The prayers, offers of assistance and financial contributions have been, at times, overwhelming. As we go into the next year, we hope to see many of you IRL (In Real Life) instead of only virtually.

Even as COVID-19 has dominated our organization in the past 12 months, it has not been the only thing on which we are focused. Landis Communities continues to follow our Guiding Values of **Joy, Compassion, Integrity, Stewardship** and **Community** in all we do. We are following God's call to creatively serve the diverse needs and interests of older adults by developing opportunities and collaborative relationships and by honoring and enriching the lives of aging adults and their families in communities of Christ-like love.

One area of planning is for Landis Place on King. Containing 80 apartments, it is designed with rents affordable to persons with incomes beginning at \$30,000/household and up. We are working with a number of organizations, including Tabor Community Services, to make sure this building not only is a good addition for housing in downtown Lancaster, but also meets the needs of those living in the city.

To keep up with all we are doing, and learn how you can be a part of our efforts go to [LandisCommunities.org](https://LandisCommunities.org).



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS

Memory Loss Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Landis Homes at 717.581.3939. Parkinson's Support Group meets the third Monday of each month from March through November. For more information, call 717.509.5494. No Longer Alone Family Support



Group, now supported by Landis Communities, provides a place for those who have a loved one living with mental illness to learn and share their experiences. Meets the fourth Sunday of every month, 3-5 pm. Call Landis Communities at 717.381.3500.

Landis Communities and Friends LifeCare have collaborated to offer flexible and comprehensive long-term care plans, including expert care coordination and home care services, to those living in Lancaster and Lebanon County, PA. A Continuing Care at Home (CCaH) membership is a unique approach to aging in place that gives you the peace of mind in knowing where care will come from, how it will be arranged, and how it will be paid for if and when your health changes. It is an affordable alternative or supplement to long-term care insurance. For more information see [friendslifecare.org/landis](http://friendslifecare.org/landis).



Landis at Home can help with packing/unpacking belongings, seasonal needs such as closet changeovers, indoor/outdoor décor and flower bed assistance, downsizing or decluttering needs, home organization, and cleaning out accommodations once vacated. Please call Landis at Home at 717-509-5800 for more information.



# Landis at HOME

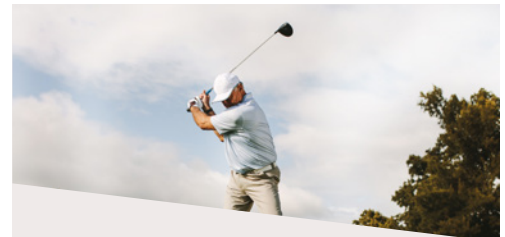
Thrive at home with Landis At Home! Call 717.509.5800 or visit [LandisAtHome.org](http://LandisAtHome.org).

**SPEAKER'S RESOURCE LISTING** provides resources for people available for church and community groups on a variety of topics. For more information, contact Larry Guengerich at 717.381.3526 or [lguengerich@landis.org](mailto:lguengerich@landis.org).



**Landis**  
Adult Day Services

**ENRICHING EACH  
DAY TOGETHER!**  
Call 717.581.3939 or visit  
[LandisAdultDay.org](http://LandisAdultDay.org)



**Landis Adult Day Services  
BENEFIT GOLF OUTING**

• JUNE 4, 2020 •

*\*Subject to COVID-19 regulations*

*For more information,  
call 717.509.5490 or  
visit [LandisAdultDay.org](http://LandisAdultDay.org).*



There are lifelong learning opportunities for all who are age 55+ at Pathways Institute. Visit <http://bit.ly/LancasterPathways>.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Landis Homes **FELLOWSHIP DAY** is set for September 11. More details surrounding activities and times to come. For more information see [LandisHomes.org](http://LandisHomes.org).







# FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY

## ANNUAL REPORT 2020



### *Impacting the World with Capabilities*

Friendship Community is a Christian ministry cultivating capabilities of Individuals with Intellectual Disability and Autism in south central Pennsylvania since 1972.



#### **Residential Services**

► *101 Individuals served*



#### **Home Based Services**

► *20 Individuals served*



#### **Lifesharing Program**

► *1 Individual served*



#### **Friendship Heart Gallery & Studio**

► *24 Individuals served (virtually)*



#### **Meaningful Day Academy**

► *Temporarily Closed*



#### **Spiritual Nurture**

► *All Individuals and Team Members impacted by the love of Christ!*





*Commit your work to the  
Lord, and your plans will  
be established.*

– Proverbs 16:3 (NRSV)

# Invest in what lasts

## Everence 2021 report

LMC

Celebration of Church Life

March 20, 2021

### **Strong church partnerships a vital part of Everence mission**

Everence Financial® works closely with churches and their members, as we have since our organization started as Mennonite Mutual Aid in 1945.

We started our year-long 75th anniversary observance in July 2020 – somewhat differently than planned because of safety precautions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While adapting to changes related to the pandemic, Everence holds true to our commitment to help our brothers and sisters in Christ “build up the common life” through decisions about their money and other resources.

We’ll continue serving the faith community as partners in stewardship throughout 2021 and beyond.

### **Sharing Fund is part of special pandemic response**

The Everence Sharing Fund has distributed millions of dollars to our partner congregations over the years, and we added COVID-19 relief to the mix in 2020.



Everence doubled the amount of eligible Sharing Fund grant money available to congregations with Everence stewardship advocates for a large portion of last year.

In addition to the Sharing Fund, Everence joined with Mennonite Disaster Service and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. to establish the COVID-19 Congregational Relief Fund, providing grants to help racially and ethnically diverse churches facing financial crises because of the pandemic.

### **Broaden your knowledge with informative webinars**

Webinars are a convenient way to learn, and they became even more useful when the COVID-19 pandemic kept many of us in our homes.

Even as we hope that gathering in person for seminars or workshops becomes more common again, webinars can inform you anytime you’re ready, day or night.

So grab your favorite digital device and head to [everence.com](https://everence.com), where you can find webinars on stewardship education and other topics – several available in Spanish – designed to help pastors, church leaders and the people who attend your church.

And we introduce new live webinars periodically to help you and your

church, so talk to your Everence stewardship consultant to make sure you’re on the mailing list for invitations.

### **You can support your church by using the My Neighbor card**

The MyNeighbor credit card from Everence Federal Credit Union has helped people generate money for their favorite nonprofits since the card was launched in the spring of 2017.

Members use the MyNeighbor MasterCard the same way they’d use any credit card, and Everence donates 1.5% of each transaction total to the charity the cardholder chooses from thousands of possibilities, including churches.



“The MyNeighbor card gives people a simple and effective way to support the charities dear to their hearts,” said Kent Hartzler, President and CEO of Everence Federal Credit Union.

Visit [everence.com/myneighbor](https://everence.com/myneighbor) for details.



*"Pon en manos del SEÑOR  
todas tus obras, y tus proyectos  
se cumplirán".*

– Proverbios 16.3 (NVI)

# Invierta en lo que perdura

## Informe de Everence del 2021

LMC

Celebración de la vida

20 de marzo de 2021

### Las sociedades fuertes con las iglesias son una parte vital de la misión de Everence

Everence Financial® trabaja de cerca con iglesias y sus miembros, tal como lo hemos hecho desde el inicio de nuestra organización como Mennonite Mutual Aid en 1945.

Comenzamos con los festejos por nuestro 75° aniversario en julio del 2020, algo un poco distinto a lo que habíamos planificado, debido a las precauciones de seguridad relacionadas con la pandemia de la COVID-19.

Mientras nos adaptamos a los cambios vinculados a la pandemia, desde Everence nos aferramos a nuestro compromiso de ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo a "construir la vida en común" mediante decisiones sobre su dinero y otros recursos.

Seguiremos sirviendo a la comunidad de fe como socios en la mayordomía a lo largo del 2021 y más allá.

### El Fondo Compartido es parte de la respuesta especial a la pandemia



A través de los años, el Fondo Compartido de Everence (Sharing Fund) ha repartido millones de dólares a nuestras congregaciones socias, y en el 2020 añadimos al paquete una asistencia por la COVID-19.

Durante gran parte del año pasado, Everence duplicó el monto de dinero disponible para subvenciones del Fondo Compartido a través de promotores de mayordomía de la organización.

Además de brindar el Fondo Compartido, Everence se unió al Servicio Menonita ante Desastres y al Comité Central Menonita de EE. UU. para instaurar el Fondo de Asistencia Congregacional por la COVID-19, otorgando subvenciones a fin de ayudar a iglesias con diversidad racial y étnica que afrontan crisis financieras a raíz de la pandemia.

### Amplíe su conocimiento con seminarios web informativos

Los seminarios web son un modo práctico de aprender. Se han vuelto más útiles aún en estos tiempos, en que la pandemia de la COVID-19 nos mantuvo a muchos en nuestros hogares.

Si bien esperamos que encontrarnos en persona para los seminarios o talleres vuelva a ser algo común, los seminarios web pueden brindarle información en cualquier momento en que usted esté listo, ya sea de día o de noche.

Por eso, agarre el dispositivo digital que más le guste y vaya a everence.com, donde encontrará seminarios web sobre educación en mayordomía y otros temas, muchos de ellos disponibles en español y diseñados para ayudar a los pastores, los líderes de la iglesia y las personas que asisten a su iglesia.

Incorporamos nuevos seminarios web de manera periódica para ayudarlo a usted y a su iglesia. Hable

con su consultor de mayordomía de Everence y asegúrese de que figura en la lista de contactos para el envío de las invitaciones.

### Usted puede apoyar a su iglesia usando su tarjeta My Neighbor

Desde su lanzamiento en la primavera del 2017, la tarjeta de crédito MyNeighbor de Everence Federal Credit Union ha ayudado a la gente a generar dinero para sus organizaciones sin fines de lucro preferidas.

Los miembros utilizan la tarjeta MyNeighbor MasterCard del mismo modo en que usarían cualquier otra tarjeta de crédito, y Everence dona el 1.5% del total de cada transacción



a la organización benéfica que el titular de la tarjeta elige entre miles de posibilidades, incluyendo iglesias.

"La tarjeta MyNeighbor les brinda a las personas una forma simple y eficaz de apoyar a las organizaciones de beneficencia que aprecian", dijo Kent Hartzler, presidente y director ejecutivo de Everence Federal Credit Union.

Visite [everence.com/myneighbor](https://everence.com/myneighbor) para obtener mayor información.







# IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY



**GARDEN SPOT**  
VILLAGE

## 2020 AT A GLANCE

In many ways, 2020 was a year where everything stopped. But, Garden Spot Village residents and team members continued to find abundant opportunities to live with purpose and serve in community. They generously donated teddy bears to the New Holland Police Department, children's books to Lancaster County Prison and hygiene items to Lancaster Refugee Center & Community School. When March rolled around and the community meal was re-imagined, residents and team members pivoted, generously continuing to fund and prepare a to-go meal for their neighbors. Here are just a few of the ways we supported our community in 2020.

[www.gardenspotvillage.org](http://www.gardenspotvillage.org)

**\$30,150**  
**Cash Contributions to Other Non-Profits**  
Including CrossNet Ministries, ELANCO Public Library, Fulton Theatre and Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society.



**3,634**

**Free Meals Served**

at Garden Spot's monthly community event at CrossNet Youth Ministries.



**100<sub>LBS</sub>**

**of Fresh Produce Donated**

to the local food pantry from our aeroponic greenhouse.



**100**

**Face Masks Donated** to New Holland Elementary School. Each face mask was hand-sewn with love for the students. An additional 70 masks were requested in January 2021.



**\$1,461,000**

**Per Year in Local Taxes—**

the largest taxpayer in ELANCO School District.



**\$20,000**

**to Garden Spot Fire Rescue**



**\$29,500+\***

**Donated items thru Making-A-Difference**

3,051 items like toothbrushes, teddy bears, clothing, winter coats, hats, scarves, backpacks and food through our monthly collection to benefit local non-profits like Lancaster Refugee Center & Community School, Lancaster County Prison, Water Street Ministries, New Holland Food Bank and more.



**549**

**Team Members Live and Serve in our broader community,**  
impacting the lives of people around them.



# LANCASTER MENNONITE

## Lancaster Mennonite School 2021 Report for LMC Celebration of Church Life

### Unusual Academic Year

Lancaster Mennonite is almost two thirds of the way into an unusual academic year and we are grateful that 70% of our high school students meet for in-person instruction daily. The remaining 30% are either hybrid or remote instruction students. Elementary and middle school students are in-person daily. Dedicated LM faculty are creatively meeting the challenges of delivering education remotely, hybrid or in-person. The pandemic has taught us about our



ability to be flexible and offer education, faith and care across virtual and creative outdoor or distanced activities.

### PreK-12th Grade Campus Unification

On February 12, the LM Board and Administration announced that our 3 campuses (Lancaster, Locust Grove, and New Danville) will unite into one campus at the Lincoln Highway site. With renovations to the elementary, middle and high school we will have educational environments that offer state-of-the-art facilities and outdoor experiential learning. We are excited about the opportunities and efficiencies and the next year offers a time of



transition, preparation and prayer as we invite faculty and staff and families to envision programming.



Our theme this year is Seek Well-Being from Jeremiah 29. Given the challenges of the pandemic and our desire to be well in our community, we felt the importance of caring for self, friends and neighbors during this time.

Blessings,  
*Dr. Pam Tieszen, LM Superintendent*



## Resources for faith formation and leadership development

### Academic programs

AMBS serves the church as a learning community with an Anabaptist vision, educating followers of Jesus Christ to be leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world. Our programs integrate academics, spiritual formation and practice. Join us — whether in person or at a distance — and deepen your understanding of Scripture, faith and Anabaptist theology!

- **Study at a distance**
  - **Master of Divinity Connect** (online and hybrid courses)
  - **Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism** (fully online)
  - **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies** (fully or partially online; customizable)
- **Study on campus**
  - **Master of Divinity Campus**
  - **Master of Arts in Christian Formation**
  - **Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies**
  - **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies**  
[ambs.edu/academics](https://ambs.edu/academics)
- **Financial aid:** AMBS offers generous need-based financial aid, matching grants and scholarships to help make your education affordable. [ambs.edu/financialaid](https://ambs.edu/financialaid)
- **Want to explore seminary study?** Take an online, campus or hybrid class, even if you're not yet admitted to AMBS, and your first class is 50% off! Check out our upcoming offerings: [ambs.edu/onecourse](https://ambs.edu/onecourse)
- **Experience AMBS:** Talk with students, faculty and staff and learn what AMBS has to offer! [ambs.edu/visit](https://ambs.edu/visit)

### Center for Faith Formation and Culture

- **!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth:** Students in grades 10–12 can explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and listen for God's call through a summer congregational internship and a Group Experience. Participants receive a \$1,000 stipend. Tap a shoulder! [ambs.edu/explore](https://ambs.edu/explore)

### AMBS student from LMC

- **MDiv Connect:** Anne Hess (Oxford Circle)

### AMBS statistics

- In the fall of 2020, 128 graduate students were enrolled at AMBS — 92 as admitted students and 36 as guest students or auditors. Eighty-two were from the U.S., nine were Canadian, and 37 were international students.
- The nondegree Journey Missional Leadership Development Program has 24 students in Canada, the U.S. and Southeast Asia.
- The 2020 graduating class comprised nine women and six men from five countries on three continents.

*We thank God for your support and ask for your prayers as we prepare leaders for ministry!*

### Lifelong learning

AMBS's Church Leadership Center offers various nondegree options for you to continue your education and strengthen your leadership skills:

- **Online short courses:** Join the forum discussions in these six-week online courses:
  - Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology
  - Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible
  - Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?
  - Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication
  - A Worship Leader's Intro to *Voices Together*[ambs.edu/shortcourses](https://ambs.edu/shortcourses)
- **Pastors and Leaders 2022** (Feb. 21–24)  
[ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders](https://ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders)
- **Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program:** This two-and-a-half-year nondegree program offers mentor-mentee partnerships, distance-learning opportunities and community support. [ambs.edu/journey](https://ambs.edu/journey)
- **Spiritual Direction Seminars:** Cultivate your ministry of spiritual direction. [ambs.edu/seminars](https://ambs.edu/seminars)
- **Invite AMBS!** Faculty and staff are available to interact with you via videoconference on topics such as trauma-informed caregiving, intercultural competence, undoing racism, leadership for God's reconciling mission, and more. [ambs.edu/invite](https://ambs.edu/invite)





## MCC and LMC connections

- LMC congregations benefit from the services of the **New York Mennonite Immigration Program (NYMIP)**, a program of MCC and the New York City Council of Mennonite Churches (NYCCMC) that provides education, resources and direct immigration services in New York City. To learn more, contact [NYProgram@mcc.org](mailto:NYProgram@mcc.org).
- MCC provided **food relief, masks and hand sanitizer** to LMC congregations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- MCC, through the work of Hyacinth Stevens, partnered with LMC to offer **Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) trainings** for staff and leadership.

Women from Sinisingi village, Odisha state, **India**, are adapting well to COVID-19 precautions by maintaining appropriate social distancing and wearing face masks while waiting to get drinking water in April 2020. MCC's partner Institute of Social Action and Research Activities (ISARA) installed a spring water harvest system in communities in Odisha state in 2014 using nearly 3,000 meters of piping. Later in 2018, communities had taken initiative to set up a water collection tank with a fixed tap system for easy access to the water. The water is mainly used for irrigation purposes, but communities also purify it with chlorine tablets before using the water for cooking and drinking. (ISARA photo/Jajati Pandit)



On April 16, 2020, staff and volunteers of MCC partner Heart2Heart in southern **Florida** sorted canned meat and hygiene kits for distribution to older adults in their community. (Heart2Heart photo/Stefany Gallo)

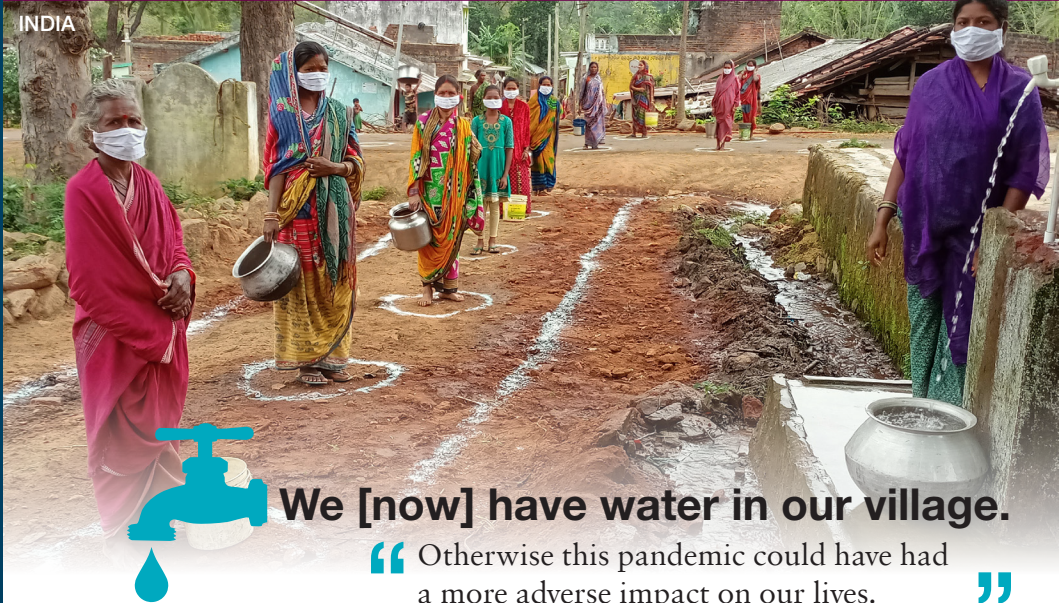


FLORIDA

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. —Psalm 46:1 (NRSV)*



INDIA



**We [now] have water in our village.**

“Otherwise this pandemic could have had a more adverse impact on our lives.”

—Padma Pradhan

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches and our work is built on the foundational support of the church. Over the decades and still today, MCC gathers people across differences to work together to share God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ. Some have been MCC volunteers internationally, some have related to MCC Thrift shops, some have been active in MCC relief sales, some have volunteered at MCC material resources centers, some have made financial gifts to MCC's work.

As we read in 1 Corinthians 12:4 (NRSV), “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.” That variety of gifts in the church has been blessing communities around the world in the name of Christ through MCC's ministries for more than 100 years. And those gifts have life breathed into them by God's Spirit—the one Spirit

which binds all of God's children together.

Whether in Miami or India, the desire of God's heart is that all may experience the abundant life which Jesus claimed as his reason for coming to earth—so that all of God's children may live lives of dignity in thriving communities.

Thank you for following God's call on your life to bless a hurting world in partnership with MCC. Thank you for being part of MCC's century-old story and part of the MCC family.

With thanksgiving,

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*executive director*

Bruce Campbell-Janz, MCC East Coast

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Karl McKinney, MCC U.S. board

*member*

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Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, shares God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation.





## Conexiones entre el CCM y LMC

- Las congregaciones de LMC se benefician de los servicios del **Programa de Inmigración Menonita de Nueva York (NYMIP)**, un programa del CCM y del Consejo de Iglesias Menonitas de la Ciudad de Nueva York (NYCCMC) que proporciona educación, recursos y servicios directos de inmigración en la ciudad de Nueva York. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con NYProgram@mcc.org.
- El CCM proporcionó **ayuda alimentaria, mascarillas y desinfectante de manos** a las congregaciones de LMC en respuesta a la pandemia de COVID-19.
- El CCM, a través del trabajo de Hyacinth Stevens, se asoció con LMC para ofrecer **cursos de formación del Inventario de Desarrollo Intercultural (IDI)** para el personal y los líderes.

Mujeres del pueblo Sinisingi en la aldea de Odisha, **India**, se están adaptando bien a las precauciones de COVID-19 manteniendo el distanciamiento social apropiado y usando mascarillas o cubre bocas mientras están en espera por agua potable en abril de 2020. El socio del CCM, Institute of Social Action and Research Activities (ISARA), instaló un sistema de agua de manantial en comunidades del estado de Odisha en 2014, utilizando casi 3.000 metros de tuberías. Luego en 2018, las comunidades tomaron la iniciativa de establecer un tanque de recolección de agua con un sistema con un grifo fijo para facilitar fácil acceso al agua. El agua se utiliza principalmente para la irrigación, pero comunidades también pueden purificarlo con tabletas de cloro antes de usar el agua para cocinar y tomar. (Foto de ISARA/Jajati Pandif)



El 16 de abril de 2020, los empleados y voluntarios del socio del CCM Heart2Heart en el sur de **Florida** ordenó carne enlatada y paquetes de higiene para ser distribuidos a adultos mayores en su comunidad. (Foto de Heart2Heart/Stefany Gallo)



FLORIDA

*Dios es nuestro amparo y nuestra fortaleza, nuestra ayuda segura en momentos de angustia. –Salmo 46:1 (NVI)*



**[Ahora] tenemos agua en nuestro pueblo.**

*“De lo contrario, la pandemia podría haber tenido un impacto más adverso en nuestras vidas.”*

–Padma Pradhan

El Comité Central Menonita (CCM) es un ministerio mundial de las iglesias anabautistas y nuestro trabajo se basa en el apoyo fundamental de la iglesia. A través de las décadas y aún hoy, el CCM reúne personas de diferentes trasfondos para trabajar juntos para compartir el amor y la compasión de Dios por todo en el nombre de Cristo. Algunos han sido voluntarios del CCM a nivel internacional, algunos han relacionado con las tiendas de segunda mano del CCM, algunas han estado activos en las ventas de ayuda del CCM, algunos se han ofrecido como voluntarios en los Centros de Recursos Materiales del CCM y algunos han hecho contribuciones financieras al trabajo del CCM.

Como leemos en 1 Corintios 12:4, “Ahora bien, hay diversos dones, pero un mismo Espíritu.” Esa variedad de dones en la iglesia ha estado bendiciendo comunidades alrededor del mundo en el nombre de Cristo a través de los ministerios del CCM por más

de 100 años. Y esos dones tienen un respiro de vida por el Espíritu de Dios – el único Espíritu que une a todos los hijos de Dios.

Ya sea en Miami o India, el deseo del corazón de Dios es que todos puedan experimentar la vida abundante que Jesús reclamó como su razón para venir, para que todos los hijos e hijas de Dios puedan vivir dignamente en comunidades prósperas.

Gracias por seguir el llamado de Dios en su vida para bendecir a un mundo herido en colaboración con el CCM. Gracias por ser parte de los cien años de historia del CCM y parte de la familia CCM.

Con agradecimiento,  
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El Comité Central Menonita (CCM), un ministerio mundial de las iglesias anabautistas, comparte el amor de Dios y compasión por todos en el nombre de Cristo respondiendo a las necesidades humanas básicas y trabajando por la paz y la justicia. El CCM tiene la visión de que comunidades alrededor del mundo vivan en relación correcta con Dios, entre ellas mismas y con la creación.





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Each Tuesday evening, over 100 children and youth from the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (MCCL) fill the parking lots of Blossom Hill Mennonite Church and Neffsville Mennonite Church with joyful song. Despite the pandemic, **these young singers are driven by the power of music, community, and faith to carry on our mission of glorifying Jesus Christ through excellent choral music.**



MCCL's staff and board creatively reimagined our choral 2020-2021 season in light of COVID-19. Committed to excellent and safe choral training, we rewrote curriculum, decreased choir sizes, moved rehearsals outside, added music staff, condensed the season, and designed singing masks. (An amazing grandparent volunteer sewed more than 100 masks!)

The resulting experience has been extraordinary - **beauty amidst trials!** In November, singers shared a one-of-a-kind outdoor concert on the Lancaster Mennonite School turf field for family and friends. To accompany prerecorded audio tracks of their own voices, singers performed West African drumming, body percussion, and



sign language—examples of the innovation shaping every detail of their season. Artistic director Rosemary Blessing reflects, "The pandemic is opening doors for creativity in holistic musical growth. This rewritten COVID-19 season curriculum is empowering singers, in deeper ways, to be stronger independent musicians when we return to traditional choral rehearsals." To

view the fall concert showcase, visit [www.mennonitechilrenschoir.org/mccl-news-blog/](http://www.mennonitechilrenschoir.org/mccl-news-blog/). This spring, singers will create upcycled percussion instruments and learn tone chimes, salsa dance steps, and solfège hand signs, as they continue to grow as singers. They will again accompany their recorded voices with these new music skills during live outdoor performances on May 15 and 16 (locations and times TBD).

Since 1998, MCCL has provided excellent choral training and now serves singers from approximately 40 congregations, 30 schools, and 10 religious denominations, performing music from across time and around the world, often in other languages. During a typical season, the choir presents two local concert series, tours nationally or internationally, and participates in local service projects. This year more than ever, MCCL celebrates the opportunity to sing together and share music with the community. Soli Deo Gloria!



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*... training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing.*





**OUR MISSION** | The Potter's House is a safe place for men and women to recover from addiction, to experience Christ centered discipleship, and embrace their God given destiny for their lives.

## MEN'S PROGRAM

In this past year, despite the many social challenges, **The Potter's House**, along with your prayers and support, provided residential care for over 29 men, phone counsel to over 25 families, referred over 10 families to intervention services and support, and facilitated several prison inmate interviews resulting in entrance to our program...from captivity to destiny! Thank you so very much for your ongoing love and support! - *Joel Jakubowski*

## WOMEN'S PROGRAM

**The Potter's House of Ruth** has completed renovations on the new women's house, and successfully opened its doors in June of 2020, despite Covid's grasp on the county. We have provided services to 6 women during this time and have our first young lady starting the vocational phase of the program. All of this occurred due to the favor of the Lord and the help from those of you who have been called to partner with this program--serving women struggling with addiction issues in a faith-based, family style discipleship environment. Thank you for your support! - *Angie Jakubowski*

## STAFF CHANGES

In 2020, The Potter's House welcomed 2 new staff members and transitioned a position. **Joel Jakubowski** joined the team as our Men's Ministry Director. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position. **Angie Jakubowski** joined the team at House of Ruth as our Women's Ministry Director. She is excited to use her life experiences and knowledge to this new area of ministry. **Lanny Millette** transitioned into the role of Director of Donor Relations. He uses his love for the ministry and people to build and strengthen partnerships in support of the ministry.



**Joel Jakubowski**



**Angie Jakubowski**



**Lanny Millette**

*We are available to come and share at churches and events.*