



2024 resource partner organizations



LMC is grateful for each resource partner organization that provides resources to LMC congregations.

Thank you LMC resource partner organizations!



EMM's strategic focus is to identify, equip, and send missional leaders to serve on multi-generational and multi-ethnic teams who invite people to follow Jesus as maturing, multiplying disciples and nurture transforming communities of worship.

We primarily focus on least-reached people groups of Central Asia, Central Europe, Southeast Asia, and West Africa, and refugees in Lancaster, Pa.

In 2022, we set a new strategic focus for our work through 2028. This strategic focus, the Kingdom Multiplication Vision, is something with which we are diligently engaging to see people come to know Jesus. This report serves as a way to update you on the progress we are making, and also to highlight the room for opportunity that we have together in our work of sharing Christ's transforming love with the world. You can see the entire update online at **[EMM.ORG/MESSENGER](https://www.emm.org/messenger)**.



CHRIST'S TRANSFORMING LOVE

In 2023, EMM staff worked to develop a new document that highlights our mission, vision, values, and much more. We introduced this document at our 2023 fall banquets. If you'd like to read this document, you can view it online at **[EMM.ORG/CTL](https://www.emm.org/ctl)** or pick up a copy at our office or from any EMM event.

EMM had 150 team members in 25 countries in 2023

5 countries/regions within shaded areas not named for security concerns

73 long-term team members

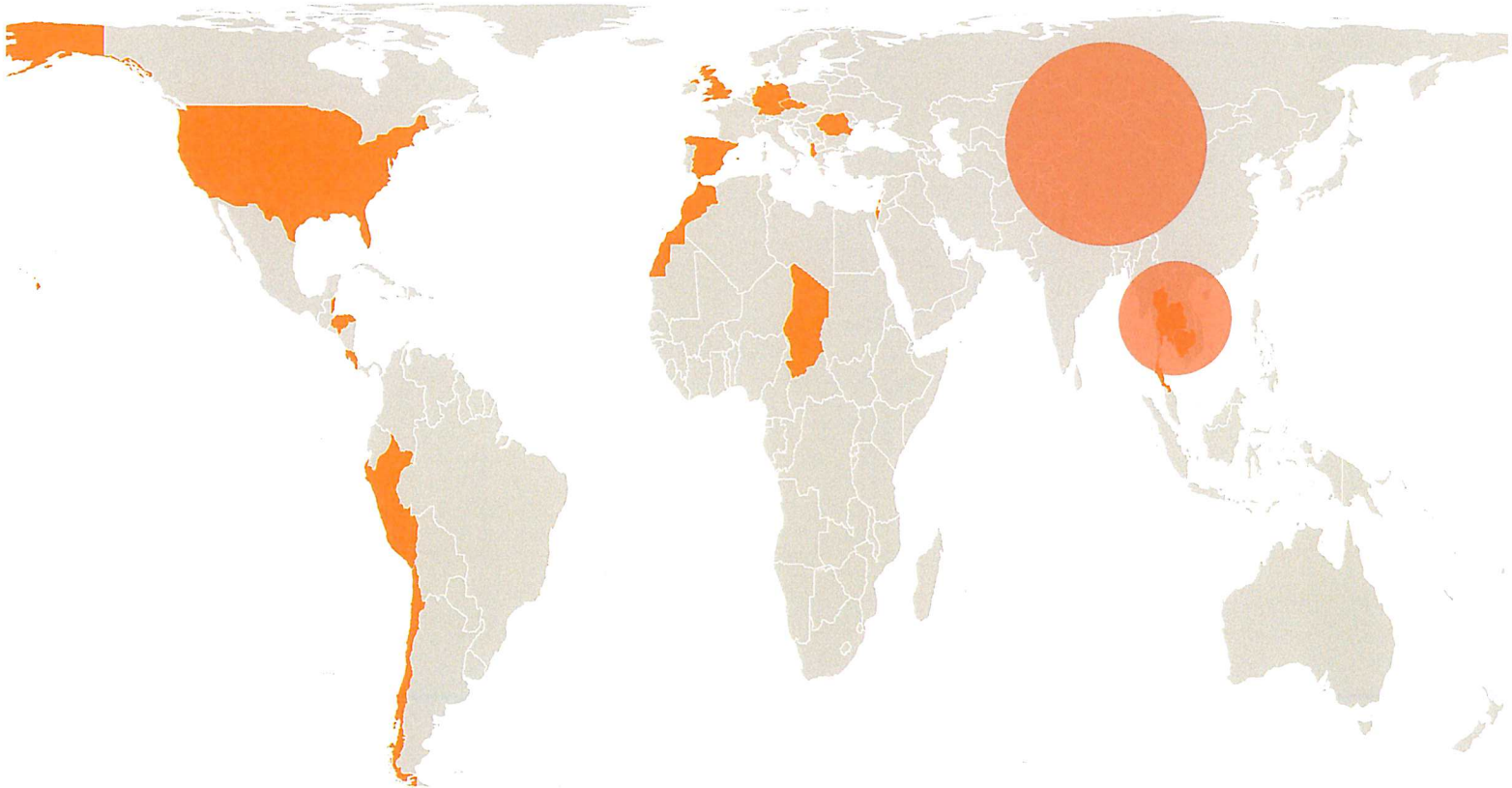
18 short-term team members

59 Kingdom Team participants

305 Missionary Support Team members

31 Staff members

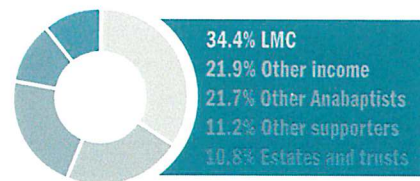
13 Board members (who served at any point in 2023)



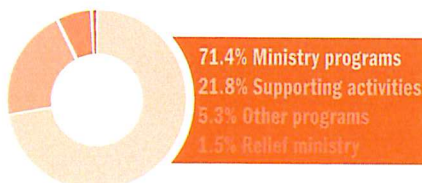
FINANCES 2023

We are grateful for the generous giving from congregations and individuals during 2023. If you would like a copy of the final audited report, please contact us. As we continue into 2024, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you and your congregation can continue to support the Impact Fund. You can support the Impact Fund at [EMM.ORG/GIVE](https://emm.org/give).

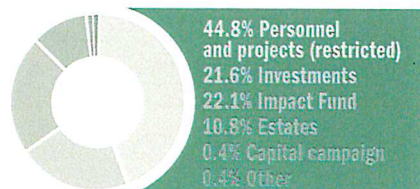
INCOME BY SOURCE: \$6,331,544



EXPENSES BY FUNCTION: \$5,913,691



INCOME BY TYPE: \$6,331,544



OPERATING FUND BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$4,290,760
Short-term investments	\$2,595,848
Receivables	\$6,484,635
Capital campaign pledges	\$53,775
Prepaid expenses	\$106,956
Interest in MASP reserve	\$145,510
Pension assets	\$184,973
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	\$3,767,861
Total assets	\$17,630,318

Liabilities and net assets

Deferred revenue	\$2,952
Payables	\$264,501
Funds in custody	\$2,577,364
Designated net assets	\$1,339,677
Undesignated net assets	\$13,445,824
Total liabilities and net assets	\$17,630,318

Due to rounding, figures may not equal the totals shown.

Celebrating 50 years in 2025!

Join the Hebrew people on their journey with God. From the eastern gate of the courtyard to the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies, a multimedia presentation immerses you in an ancient world.

The Biblical Tabernacle Experience is now available in Spanish, Chinese, and English, and is perfect for groups!

Biblical Tabernacle Experience
at the Mennonite Life Visitors Center
2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602
717.299.0954 | mennonitelife.org/biblical-tabernacle
Open Tuesday through Saturday
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Biblical Tabernacle Experience





Mennonite Life

Bring your questions about Lancaster County history and family genealogy to the Mennonite Life library, or browse virtual research resources from your own computer by visiting mennonitelife.org/research.

At the 1719 Museum, explore Lancaster County's earliest stories through tours of the 1719 Herr House and Lancaster Longhouse.

Mennonite Life

2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602

717.393.9745 | mennonitelife.org

Open Tuesday through Friday

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1719 Museum

1849 Hans Herr Drive, Willow Street, PA 17584

717.464.4438 | 1719museum.org

Open Friday & Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



1719
museum
Mennonite Life



FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT 2024



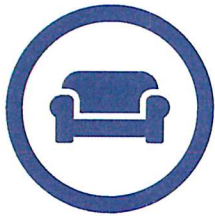
Impacting the World with Capabilities

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



Residential Services

▶ *75 Individuals served*



Supported Living

▶ *1 Individual served*



Friendship Heart Gallery & Studio

▶ *75 Individuals served*



Spiritual Nurture

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



Impacting Our Community

We believe that community is built when we generously share our time, talent and treasure together. This underlying part of our culture compels residents and team members to continuously look for ways we can partner with our community and make a difference, right here in Lancaster County.

**559
Team
Members**

Team members make a difference in their neighborhoods.



**28
Sponsored
Children**

Residents and team members sponsor Kenyan children through Missions of Hope International.



**\$50,000
Nonprofit
Donations**

Garden Spot supports local nonprofits through cash and in-kind donations to CrossNet Ministries, ELANCO Public Library, and more.



**1539
Meals**

Resident and team member donations fund a free monthly community meal.



**\$26,000+
Donated Items
to Make-A-Difference**

A monthly material goods collection goes to local nonprofits like Water Street Mission, New Holland Early Learning Center, and more.



**\$1,721,000
Annual
Taxes**

The largest taxpayer in ELANCO School District.



**240lbs
Fresh Lettuce
Donated**
Lettuce from the aeroponics greenhouse goes to a local food pantry.



\$26,250

Garden Spot Fire Rescue
Along with an annual donation, Garden Spot Village partners closely with GSFR to train volunteers in our facilities.



**585lbs
Food Donated
to PowerPacks
Lancaster**

Garden Spot's culinary team donates near-date re-heatable meals and items from the Chef's Table that were prepped but not plated for serving.



**GARDEN SPOT
VILLAGE**



5357 Little Cove Rd
Mercersburg PA 17236
717-328-3055

Franklin District Report 2024

Celebrating 58 years of service! We send greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Institutions, Agencies, Churches and people of the Franklin District of LMC. The purpose of Cove Valley Christian Youth Camp is to provide a place and the opportunity for Christian teaching and fellowship along with wholesome and guided recreation in a spiritual atmosphere.

This summer was the fourth highest summer since 1992 with 408 campers. Franklin District sent 67 campers or 16%. The theme this summer was "Soar,Run,Walk". The good news is 23 made new commitments to Christ and started their new life at the camp. Other campers recommitted or made some other commitments to Christ (95). So many lives are changed at camp. It is a privilege to be a part of it.

Guest groups make up an important part of the ministry. God has brought new groups and new opportunities along so that His camp is being used to glorify Him. We depend on our guest group income to supply 10-12% of our summer camp support. A highlight was hosting Trail Life USA's regional ManCamp. Over 200 men and boys learned more about becoming a true Man of God.

Our adult retreats were a success this year. Brian Emery spoke at the Golden Age Retreat. It is always a wonderful week of encouragement and fellowship. Jeremy Miller from Rosedale Bible College ministered to the many families that came. It was great to see young families encouraging one another and see all the children that God is raising up for the next generation.

God has blessed us with a fine staff. Lynn Hanson worked this summer as the Program Assistant, Amy Frey is equally amazing in her 5th year as Food Service Director, Sarah Eshleman is helping out as Food Service Assistant, Paul Frey has kept the camp in great shape for 22 years as Maintenance Director and Eric Roth completed his 14th summer doing a fantastic job as Program Director. Darlene Shaffer has faithfully worked as our Housekeeper for 8 years in a part time capacity. I (Allen) completed my 28th year at the camp.

Moss Spring Campground has been added to the camp to allow for those who enjoy camping and would like to do so in a family friendly atmosphere. The campground currently has 12 sites with full hookups and a number of primitive sites. Private bathrooms with showers and a pavilion make an inviting area to have to meals or celebrate a special event.

The Board of Directors continues to seek God's guidance in making decisions for the camp. Jon Rotz, Charles Dean, Chad Wadel, Stephanie Smith and Peter Frey make up the Executive Committee. Other board members are Royce Eby, Evan Dean, Hans Lehman, Delton Lehman, Scott Sollenberger and Devin Horst. One position is still open.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

In His Hands,
Allen R Eshleman
Camp Director
Cove Valley Christian Youth Camp

Ready...Set... Grow!



**"MDS volunteers are my village—
heaven sent."**

That's how Nicole Gillespie (pictured top left) described the loving hands that built a new home for her family in Crisfield, Maryland, a small town that experienced repeated flooding.

In 2023, MDS volunteers not only got people like Nicole home—they made them safer. With updated construction plans that meet a gold standard for severe weather endurance, MDS made great strides in disaster mitigation.

That means, as Nicole's husband Eddie put it: "When we walked in that door, when they gave us the key to that house, I could finally rest."

MDS also nurtured a vibrant group of youth volunteers, bringing an intergenerational wave of response across the US and Canada.

Joel Amstutz, a youth volunteer in Dawson Springs, Kentucky, reflected: "As MDS led us through each day, our faith was able to grow as we worked and talked with each other."

Volunteering changed countless lives and moved countless hearts toward a deeper commitment to service.

For all those volunteers who taught or learned construction skills, for those who prayed and worked together, for those who gave hours, days, and weeks of their time—**THANK YOU!**



7,290 volunteers
across Canada and the U.S.
gave their time, skills
and compassion to build
95 new homes,
complete
402 repairs,
finish
274 cleanups,
and build
7 new bridges
for households who
experienced a disaster.

This volunteer labor is a value of
**\$13.63 million USD/
\$18.54 million CAD***

All statistics from 8/1/2022 through 7/31/2023.
*Labor value based on a volunteer rate of \$31.80 USD/
hour. (www.independentsector.org)

MDS volunteers served
53,583 days
helping
805 households
recover from disaster.



Respond. Rebuild. Restore.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

www.mds.org

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mdscanada@mds.org



Menonite Children's Choir OF LANCASTER



Celebrating 25 years of singing!

On June 9, MCCL choirs and an alumni choir performed a 25th Anniversary concert, "Sing! 'til the Power of the Lord Come Down" in the High Fine Arts Center of Lancaster Menonite School. During the celebration, current board members shared MCCL's history and expressed a continued envisioning of expanding staff and increasing choir accessibility for more children and youth. In addition, Patricia Strong Myers, founding director, reflected on her initial call to start a children's choir.

Former directors, Patricia Strong Myers, Darlene Hein and Jonathan Shoff with current directors, Rosemary Siegrist Blessing, Sarah Wingard, and Galen Kauffman directed and accompanied the choirs. The choirs were joined by guest artists on guitar, violin, cello, keyboard, drums, and piano. The evening culminated in current singers and alumni singing a glorious rendition of "Praise His Holy Name" by Keith Hampton, an MCCL favorite that has been sung every other year since 2001.

2023-2024 CHOIR YEAR

More than 150 singers in kindergarten through grade 12 participated in MCCL auditioned choirs and non-performing classes throughout our 25th anniversary season.



45

congregations



55

schools



12

denominations



5

local counties



340+

hours of rehearsals, retreats, and at home practice



10+

concerts shared with the community during our Christmas and spring concert series and local tour days



7

languages sung in our Christmas and spring concert series (English, German, Hebrew, Latin, Polish, Spanish, and Yoruba)



3

days of summer tour to Philadelphia (middle school) & New York City (high school) & days of "Music & More" summer camp (elementary)

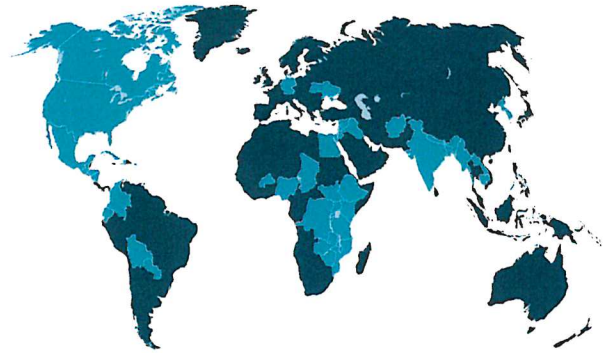
MCCL honors music as a gift from God by creating exceptional choral music, fostering community, and nurturing character. We equip children and youth for a lifetime of worship and service to the church and community through Christ-centered repertoire that both affirms Anabaptist beliefs and reflects the musical diversity of the church around the world and across time

Visit www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org or email mccl@lancastermennonite.org for more information.

2024 report for LMC

MCC U.S. and MCC East Coast

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45 countries
353 partners
452 projects

In communities torn by violence and conflict, people like Melanie Mafinga, right, live out Christ's call to peace with dedication, courage and persistence.

Mafinga lives in Kikwit in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo). She helps to mediate and resolve conflicts and prevent violence through Women Situation Rooms (WSR), an effort MCC supports through the Communauté des Eglises de Frères Mennonites au Congo, or the Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo, and Communauté Mennonite au Congo, or Mennonite Church of Congo.



MCC USAir picture photo/Justin Makeangara

"It is the word of God. Peace comes from God himself," she says, explaining why she gives her own time for this work.

DR Congo has faced decades of bloodshed caused by warring armed groups. "Big conflicts happen because problems at the grassroots level are not solved," says Jacob Sankara, MCC peacebuilding coordinator in DR Congo.

Mafinga is one of 50 women from the Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo who have taken multiple trainings from MCC staff since 2019. Those 50 have trained 155 others, including men. In early 2024, MCC was supporting 67 WSR groups in DR Congo with 3,602 members.

This is one example of the hope and help that your support and prayers bring in 45 countries around the world.

Thank you for partnering with us to meet needs in the face of conflict, to pray and to work for a world where the peace of Christ can rule in our hearts and our communities.

In appreciation,
Ann Graber Hershberger, *MCC U.S. executive director*
Hyacinth Stevens, *MCC East Coast executive director*

MCC's 2024 guiding Scripture

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

MCC and LMC connections

- In July, MCC hosted a Spanish-language peace camp for young adults in South Florida. The camp explored peace and justice through the lens of migration, and the biblical mandate of hospitality.
- In August, MCC invited churches, groups and individuals to pack thousands of school kits for children around the world. Thank you for your participation!
- MCC thanks Karl McKinney for completing nearly five years of service on the MCC U.S. board and is excited to welcome Felixa V. de Kunkle to the MCC East Coast board in fall 2024.
- Thank you for your work with MCC relief sales, material resources centers and much more.

“The gift of peace invites us to respond as Christ's body, amplifying our peace witness.”

-Hyacinth Stevens

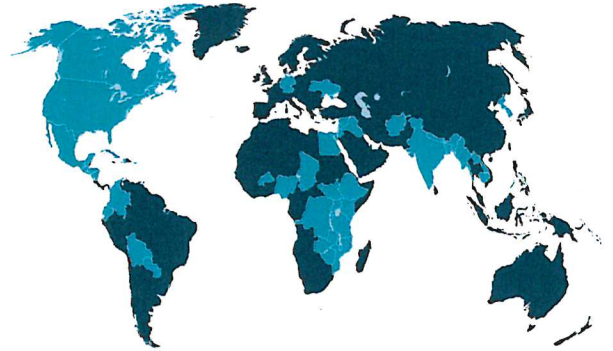
For families caught in conflict or displaced from their homes in Ukraine, colorful comforters provide needed winter warmth and remind people that they are not alone in their suffering. From April 2023 through March 2024, MCC provided 40,760 comforters, 57,600 hygiene kits, 16,800 relief kits and 36,000 pounds of canned meat to partners in Ukraine.

Photo courtesy of Association of Mennonite Brethren Churches of Ukraine



Informe 2024 para LMC

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45
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proyectos

En comunidades desgarradas por la violencia y conflictos, personas como Melanie Mafinga, a la derecha, viven el llamado de Cristo a la paz con dedicación, valentía y persistencia. Mafinga vive en Kikwit, en la República Democrática del Congo (RD Congo). Ella ayuda a mediar y resolver conflictos y a prevenir la violencia a través de las Salas de Situación para Mujeres (WSR, por sus siglas en inglés). WSR, un esfuerzo que el CCM apoya a través de la Communauté des Eglises de Frères Mennonites au Congo, o Iglesia de los Hermanos Menonitas del Congo, y la Communauté Mennonite au Congo, o Iglesia Menonita del Congo.



CCM/Fairpicture foto/Justin Makangara

"Es la palabra de Dios. La paz viene de Dios mismo", afirma, explicando por qué dedica su tiempo a esta labor.

La RD del Congo se enfrenta desde hace décadas a un derramamiento de sangre causado por grupos armados beligerantes. "Los grandes conflictos surgen porque no se resuelven los problemas de base", afirma Jacob Sankara, coordinador de consolidación de la paz del CCM en la RD del Congo.

Mafinga es una de las 50 mujeres de la Iglesia de los Hermanos Menonitas del Congo que han recibido múltiples capacitaciones del personal del CCM desde 2019. Esas 50 han capacitado a otros 155, incluidos hombres. A principios de 2024, el CCM estaba apoyando a 67 grupos de WSR en la RD del Congo con 3,602 miembros.

Este es un ejemplo de la esperanza y la ayuda que su apoyo y oraciones traen a 45 países de todo el mundo.

Gracias por asociarse con nosotros para satisfacer las necesidades frente a los conflictos, para orar y trabajar por un mundo donde la paz de Cristo pueda reinar en nuestros corazones y en nuestras comunidades.

*En agradecimiento,
Ann Graber Hershberger, directora ejecutiva de MCC U.S.
Hyacinth Stevens, directora ejecutiva de MCC East Coast*

Escritura guía del CCM 2024
Que gobierne en sus corazones la paz de Cristo, a la cual fueron llamados en un solo cuerpo. Y sean agradecidos.
Colosenses 3:15 (NVI)

Conexiones del CCM y LMC

- En julio, el CCM organizó un campamento de paz en español para jóvenes adultos en el sur de Florida. El campamento exploró la paz y la justicia a través del tema de migración y el mandato bíblico de hospitalidad.
- En agosto, el CCM invitó a iglesias, grupos e individuos a empacar miles de kits escolares para niños en todo el mundo. ¡Gracias por su participación!
- El CCM le agradece a Karl McKinney por completar casi cinco años de servicio en la junta directiva de MCC U.S. y se complace en darle la bienvenida a Felixa V. de Kunkle a la junta directiva de MCC East Coast en el otoño de 2024.
- Gracias por su trabajo con las ventas para ayuda humanitaria del CCM, los centros de recursos materiales y mucho más.

“ El regalo de la paz nos invita a responder como el cuerpo de Cristo, amplificando nuestro testimonio de paz.”

-Hyacinth Stevens

Para familias atrapadas en conflictos o desplazadas de sus hogares en Ucrania, los edredones de colores proporcionan el calor invernal necesario y le recuerdan a las personas que no están solos en su sufrimiento. Desde abril de 2023 hasta marzo de 2024, el CCM proporcionó 40.760 edredones, 57.600 kits de higiene, 16.800 kits de ayuda y 36.000 libras de carne enlatada a sus socios en Ucrania.

Foto cortesía de la Asociación de Iglesias de los Hermanos Menonitas de Ucrania.





The Potter's House

ADDICTION RECOVERY & DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

This has been a year of change for the Potter's House. After 28 years of excellent leadership, Lloyd Hoover has retired and Robert Schoonover has been named Executive Director. Rob Weatherholtz and Steve Steel are now sharing the leadership of the men's program and Jeannette Scott and Janelle Horst are giving leadership to The Potter's House of Ruth. We are looking forward to a great year in 2024-25 under this great leadership team.

We are seeing significant growth in our students through the implementation of the Trauma Healing Ministry and Gospel Process helping them to get to the roots of addiction and finding freedom from their captivity and a new knowledge of their destiny in Christ.

10 total graduates

31% of total intakes from LCP/SCI

■ 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.



Robert Schoonover



Jeannette Scott



Janelle Horst



Pray with us for our students as they seek to overcome the throes of addiction.



Support the joy of supporting this life transforming ministry with others.



Empower this work by your donation toward the operating fund.



Join our team as a volunteer and help provide a safe space for addiction recovery and discipleship.



Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Partnership:
Helping Bangladeshis cope with **the largest mass poisoning in human history** (according to the World Health Organization)

We are a group of MCC Bangladesh alumni who are partnering with mission organization SIM Bangladesh to help the rural poor in the southern part of the country deal with the highest levels of arsenic in their drinking water found in the world.

MCC now works primarily in the far northwest of the country, where arsenic is not a significant problem; so they do not have a current arsenic-related project.

They are, however, very encouraging of our partnership with SIM Bangladesh, as they know the ongoing severity of the crisis. We keep them updated with project progress.

There is a lot of hope for this crisis. This is a problem with a solution! Safe, uncontaminated water is the solution. We are partnering with SIM Bangladesh to provide that! We have raised funds so far for a first expansion of SIM Bangladesh's arsenic project, which has operated successfully for over 20 years, but only in a small area. Education sessions, water testing, and filter distribution started in the expansion area late summer 2023, and the first mobile medical clinics were held in the new area earlier this year. This expansion will help and save thousands more lives.

Examples of what donated money does (US dollars):

- Annual screening for 10 patients: \$25
- Kit to test 50 wells: \$70
- Household filters for 10 households: \$200 (each filter lasts 5 years or more)
- Project worker monthly salary: \$300

You can find more information at www.arsenicbangladesh.com or by calling Bill or Carole Schumacher (614-638-4218 for Bill, 614-638-3021 for Carole).

Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/arsenicbangladesh) and/or Instagram ([Instagram.com/arsenicbangladesh](https://instagram.com/arsenicbangladesh))

Donations can be made directly through SIM USA (for tax deductibility; funds will be allocated to SIM Bangladesh).

- Make a check out to SIM USA, write *project #098335 Bangladesh arsenic* on the memo line, and mail to: SIM USA, 14830 Choate Circle, Charlotte, NC 28273-9105
- Or, to donate online, go to <https://www.simusa.org/give>; be sure to designate your donation for *Arsenic Awareness & Alleviation Program - Bangladesh*



RIGOR. DISCIPLESHIP. AFFORDABILITY. BOSTON.

90%



Recent grads who are **likely** or **very likely** to recommend Sattler to friends and family.

THIRD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

13 Bachelors of Science

8 Bachelors of Arts

11 Certificates of Biblical & Religious Studies

ENTRUSTMENT TUITION



Starting January 2024, our full-time students pay **zero tuition**, in exchange for **kingdom service** and **financial gratitude**.

SINCE INCEPTION:

163 Students Enrolled

62 Bachelors' Degrees Given

100% of students who completed our Biblical Studies program reported feeling **extremely well** or **very well** equipped to defend biblical truth and the Christian faith through respectful and substantive discussion.

CURRENT STUDENTS' HOME COUNTRIES:



80% Our students who report an improvement in their **fervecy** and **consistency** in time with God.



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LMC MISSION

A Spirit-led movement to:

- ▶ Make disciples of Jesus,
- ▶ Mobilize every member as a missionary,
- ▶ Multiply faith communities locally and beyond!

FROM THE BISHOP ELDER TEAM

Jesus said, "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'" Matthew 6:9,10 (NIV).

Our theme this past year has been "The Kingdom where Jesus is King!" As members of the Kingdom where Jesus is King, we are invited to know and be about our Master's business. Jesus has called us friends, no longer servants and as such, we have been commanded to love as He loves.

As we meet with people and congregations inquiring about affiliation, the theme that emerges repeatedly is the shared desire and longing to be part of Spirit-led movement where Jesus is Lord of absolutely everything!

As a Bishop Elder Team, we have a sense of expectancy, anticipation and gratitude for how God has been teaching us to be a movement of Jesus followers who are led by His Holy Spirit. Please pray with us that God's Name is hallowed among us, that His kingdom is manifest and that His will is done.

26
Districts

291
Congregations

481
Active
Credentialed
Leaders

11
Worship
Languages
within LMC

21
Resource partner
organizations

31
STEP Students



2024 HIGHLIGHTS

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Collaboration with EMM on the RadiX Discipleship Training Platform.

Newly Credentialed Leaders Orientation and Training.

Classes offered by William Higgins, Anabaptist Identity Coach.

Prayer Groups.

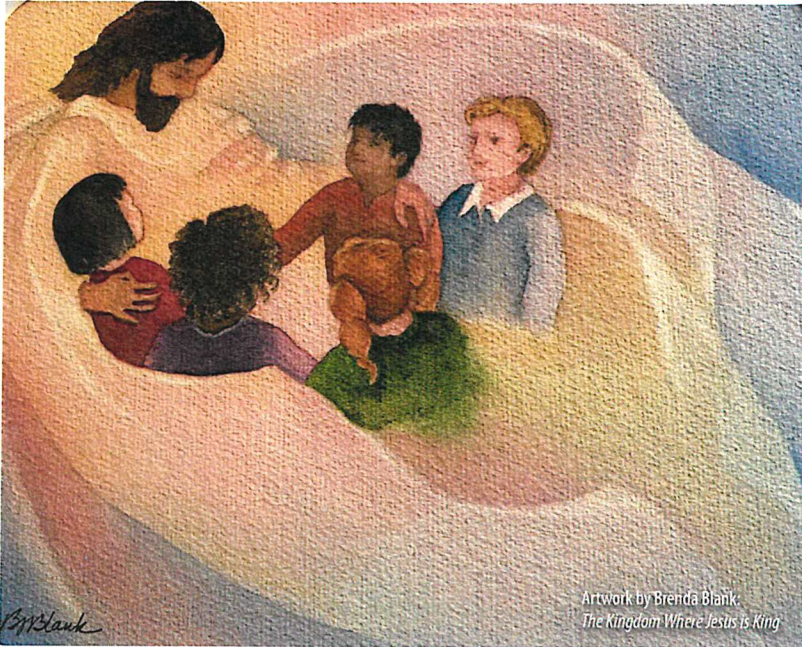
STEP – 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

STEP: Study, Transform, Engage, Prepare.
Celebrating 20 years and over 165 graduates.



LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLIES

LMC hosted a Spring and Fall Leadership Assembly for all LMC leaders. A resource partner expo was also hosted in conjunction with the fall assembly. These one-day gatherings are open to anyone and are free of charge.



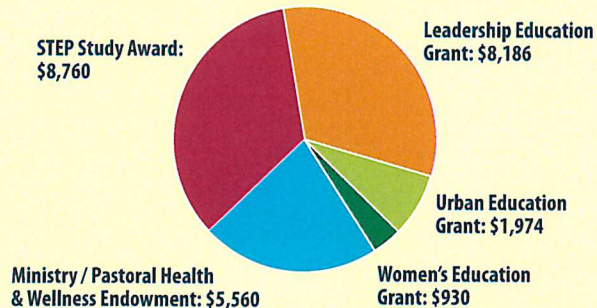
UPDATES FROM THE BISHOP BOARD & CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- ▶ Hosting international guests and global delegate visits.
- ▶ Ongoing conversations, credentialing and meetings with churches inquiring about affiliation with LMC.
- ▶ Decision to pause Celebration of Church Life in 2024 and invite districts to host their own gathering in 2025. The next Celebration of Church Life will take place in 2026.
- ▶ Ongoing and fruitful collaboration with EMM in a variety of areas.
- ▶ Work with Movement Leaders Collective for coaching and training in understanding what it means for LMC to become a movement.
- ▶ Multiplication of the Credentialing Commission.
- ▶ Ongoing work on the LMC core values, governance, vision and identity.

LMC GRANTS

The **LMC Grants Committee** was thankful to award 33 students with \$16,833 in their educational journeys; 13 of these individuals are STEP students. In addition, 4 congregations received grants for ministry projects from the Ministry/Pastoral Health & Wellness Endowment. To learn more about LMC grants visit lmchurches.org/lmc-grants/.

The **Deacon Fund** assisted three congregations in need with \$5,000.



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

Mennonite World Conference

Annual report: 2023

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us."

Ephesians 2:13-14

Thank you! ¡Gracias! Merci !

In Jesus Christ, we are one family. Thanks be to God! Through your investments in the global church in 2023, we worked together as part of God's diverse and beloved family.

You enabled MWC to reach out to member churches facing significant challenges. Together we broke down dividing walls.

You participated in our common call to *follow Jesus, live out unity, and build peace* as part of a global Anabaptist family of faith. Your support helped to bring life to our witness. In a divided world, our fellowship together across barriers shows God's power.

Building bridges in God's kingdom – Ethiopia to India

"My journey with MWC keeps bringing out the best in me," says Tigist Tesfaye of Ethiopia. The secretary of the Deacons Commission was invited to India in 2023 to be the featured speaker at the Triennial All India Mennonite Women's Conference. She brought words of solidarity from Africa to Asia in sharing about her life of committed Christian service.

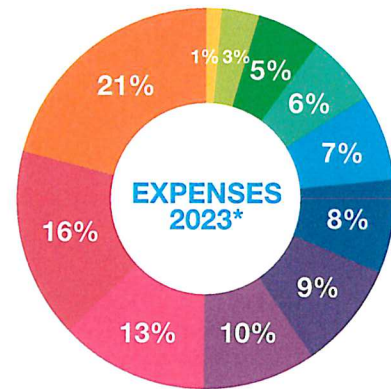
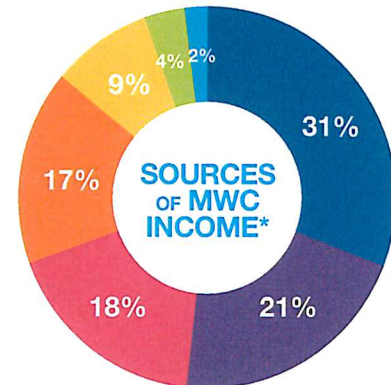
Tigist Tesfaye has been actively participating in MWC's global ministries for more than 15 years: In MWC, **following Jesus** together (Matthew 4) is at the centre of our call.

Deacons Commission secretary Tigist Tesfaye with Anabaptist-Mennonite church leader Sipra Biswas (General Council delegate for Bharatiya Jukta Christa Prachar Mandali (India United Missionary Church)) in India. Photo: Cynthia Peacock



429 205 Individuals
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TOTAL REVENUES
1 396 814



- Interchurch relations
- Governance
- Global gatherings
- Commissions
- Global Church Sharing Fund (GCSF)
- Global Anabaptist networks
- Regional representatives
- General secretariat
- Communications
- Development
- Administration & operations

*All amounts in US\$



Your investment in MWC's global mission...

- **empowers Anabaptist leaders:** through connecting and training, leaders of all ages deepen their capacities as we follow Jesus together;
- **strengthens Anabaptist congregations:** through resourcing and networking, faith communities thrive in **living out unity**;
- **fosters a vibrant global communion:** through community-building and barrier-crossing, Anabaptists **build peace** within our global family and beyond.

Become **part of God's bigger picture** by making a gift to MWC today!
Scan the QR code, donate now at mwc-cmm.org/donate or send your contribution to

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Baptized members of Mennonite World Conference member churches

TOTAL MEMBERS: 1 472 488

Africa 769 670 (53%)

Asia 354 428 (24%)

North America 224 407 (15%)

Latin America 107 197 (7%)

Europe 16 786 (1%)

Following Jesus, living out unity, building peace

Growing in Faithfulness

MWC develops resources to build up the worldwide Anabaptist family of faith.

In 2023, MWC's Faith & Life Commission published a study guide called *"Growing in Faithfulness: Living out our baptism."*

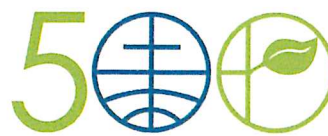
This resource provides a guide to the trilateral dialogue report on baptism, published after several years of collaborative work in the broader Christian community.

MWC leaders involved on this multi-year journey say: "We also sense a deep need among us as Anabaptists to recover why baptism matters and to rekindle its connection to discipleship".

The trilateral dialogue report and MWC study guide highlight convictions, learnings and challenges from this ecumenical dialogue on the meaning of baptism in our faith communities today.

MWC's mission includes relating to other Christian world communions. The baptism report represents diverse perspectives and practice from very different life experiences and church settings both within MWC and beyond.

MWC creates vibrant spaces for worship, dialogue, learning and prayer as together we are **living out unity**.



The courage to love

ZURICH 29 MAY 2025

Commemorate with us!



The courage to love: Anabaptism@500 – Looking forward to 2025

The courage displayed by our spiritual forebearers is also reflected by our Anabaptist sisters-and-brothers today. Facing severe situations, they encounter those challenges with courageous love. From Myanmar to Malawi and Uruguay to Ukraine, our diverse global faith community is stronger as we stand together in 60 countries.

2025 is a year of milestones for MWC and the global Anabaptist family of faith. Commemorate with us!

Be inspired by acts of courageous love and peace building across centuries.

Celebrate the diverse faces of Anabaptism today.

Pray for the courage to love as we live out God's renewal of the church today and into the future.

Together, in this Anabaptist stream of Christ's church, we are **building peace**.



MWC's Executive Committee at annual meetings:

Curitiba, Brazil, April 2024

Back (l-r): Sindah Ngulube (Africa), Samson Omondi (Africa),

Henk Stenvers (president), Wieteke van der Molen (Europe),

Doug Klassen (North America), Jürg Bräker (Europe), MZ Ichsanudin (Asia),

Francis Perez (Latin America), Sunoko Lin (treasurer)

Front: Lisa Carr-Pries (vice-president), César García (general secretary),

Amos Chin (Asia), Carlos García Martínez (Latin America),

Linda Dibble (North America)



Congreso Mundial Menonita
Una Comunidad de Iglesias Anabautistas

Congreso Mundial Menonita

Informe anual: 2023

“Pero ahora, unidos a Cristo Jesús por la sangre que él derramó, ustedes que antes estaban lejos están cerca. Cristo es nuestra paz. Él hizo de judíos y de no judíos un solo pueblo, destruyó el muro que los separaba y anuló en su propio cuerpo la enemistad que existía.”

Efesios 2:13-14 (DHH)

Thank you! ¡Gracias! Merci !

Por medio de Jesucristo, somos una sola familia. ¡Gracias a Dios! Mediante sus inversiones en la iglesia mundial en 2023, trabajamos juntos como parte de la familia amada y diversa de Dios.

Ustedes hicieron posible que el CMM llegara a las iglesias miembros que enfrentan desafíos importantes. Juntos derribamos las barreras divisorias.

Ustedes participaron en nuestro llamado común a *seguir a Jesús, vivir la unidad y construir la paz* como parte de la familia de fe anabautista mundial. Su apoyo ayudó a dar vida a nuestro testimonio. En un mundo dividido, nuestra fraternidad -que supera las barreras- muestra el poder de Dios.

Construir puentes en el reino de Dios: de Etiopía a la India

“El camino que recorrí en el CMM sigue despertando lo mejor de mí”, afirma Tigist Tesfaye, de Etiopía.

En 2023, la secretaria de la Comisión de Diáconos fue invitada a la India como oradora principal del Congreso Trienal de Mujeres Menonitas de toda la India. Ella expresó palabras de solidaridad de África a Asia al compartir sobre su vida de servicio cristiano comprometido.

Tigist Tesfaye ha participado activamente en los ministerios mundiales del CMM durante más de quince años.

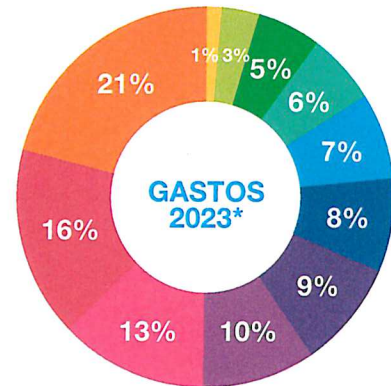
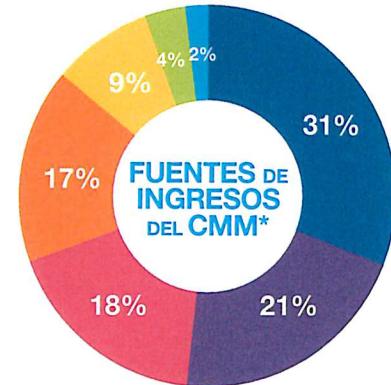
En el CMM, **seguir a Jesús juntos** (Mateo 4) está en el centro de nuestro llamado.

Tigist Tesfaye, secretaria de la Comisión de Diáconos, en India con Sipra Biswas, líder de la iglesia anabautista-menonita y delegada al Concilio General de Bharatiya Jukta Christa Prachar Mandalí (BJCPM – Iglesia Misionera Unida de la India). Foto: Cynthia Peacock



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- Secretaría General
- Comunicaciones
- Desarrollo
- Administración y operaciones

*Todos los montos en USD



Su inversión en la misión mundial del CMM...

- **empodera a los líderes anabautistas:** a través del vínculo y la capacitación, los líderes de todas las edades profundizan sus capacidades al **seguir a Jesús juntos**;
- **fortalece a las congregaciones anabautistas:** a través de la provisión de recursos y la creación de redes, las comunidades de fe prosperan al **vivir la unidad**;
- **fomenta una comunión mundial dinámica:** a través del desarrollo de comunidades y la superación de las barreras, los anabautistas **construyen la paz** dentro y fuera de nuestra familia mundial.

¡Sean parte de la visión más amplia de Dios haciendo hoy una donación al CMM! Escaneen el código QR, donen ahora en mwc-cmm.org/donate o envíen su contribución a:

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**Seguir a Jesús,
vivir la unidad,
construir la paz**

Crezcamos en fidelidad

El CMM desarrolla recursos para fortalecer la familia de fe anabautista mundial.

En 2023, la Comisión Fe y Vida del CMM publicó una guía de estudio llamada, *“Crezcamos en fidelidad: practiquemos nuestro bautismo”*.

Este recurso proporciona una guía para el informe del diálogo trilateral sobre el bautismo publicado después de varios años de trabajo colaborativo en la comunidad cristiana en su conjunto.

Los líderes del CMM que participaron de este recorrido de varios años expresaron: “Sentimos también una profunda necesidad entre nosotros como anabautistas de recuperar la importancia del bautismo y reavivar su vínculo con el discipulado”.

El informe del diálogo trilateral y la guía de estudio del CMM destacan las convicciones, los aprendizajes y los desafíos de este diálogo ecuménico respecto al significado del bautismo en nuestras comunidades de fe hoy en día.

La misión del CMM incluye relacionarse con otras comuniones cristianas mundiales. El informe de bautismo representa diversas perspectivas y prácticas de experiencias de vida y entornos eclesiales muy diferentes, tanto dentro como fuera del CMM.

El CMM crea espacios dinámicos para el culto, el diálogo, el aprendizaje y la oración en tanto que juntos **vivimos la unidad**.



**La valentía
de amar**

ZÚRICH 29 DE MAYO 2025

¡Conmemorar con nosotros!



La valentía de amar: anabautismo a los 500 años

La valentía mostrada por nuestros antepasados espirituales también se refleja actualmente en nuestros hermanos y hermanas anabautistas. Al abordar situaciones graves, enfrentan dichos desafíos con amor valiente. Desde Myanmar hasta Malawi y desde Uruguay hasta Ucrania, nuestra comunidad de fe mundial tan diversa es más fuerte al mantenernos unidos en sesenta países.

El 2025 es un año de hitos para el CMM y la familia de fe anabautista mundial. ¡Conmemoren con nosotros!

Inspírense con actos de amor valiente y construcción de la paz a lo largo de los siglos. Celebren las diversas facetas del anabautismo hoy día.

Oremos para que tengamos la valentía de amar al vivir plenamente la renovación de Dios de la iglesia en el presente y en el futuro.

Juntos, en esta corriente anabautista de la iglesia de Cristo, **seguimos a Jesús, vivimos la unidad y construimos la paz.**



Comité Ejecutivo del CMM en las reuniones anuales:

Curitiba, Brasil, abril de 2024

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