

Beyond



Finding
purpose
through
service



A journey of reflection

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The Mujeres Anabautistas Haciendo Teología desde América Latina (Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America, MTAL) celebrated

its 20th anniversary with a workshop in El Salvador in April 2024. Thirty women leaders from Central America, Mexico and Puerto Rico attended the event, themed “Women in Movement: Purpose and Meaning in the Cycles of Sarah’s Life.” This followed online celebrations and local events throughout Latin America.



Service opens a path to purpose

By Jane Morrow

“... Not looking to your own interests but each of you [looking] to the interests of the others.” — Philippians 2:4 (NIV)



Service — whether through volunteering, community initiatives or spontaneous acts of kindness — serves as a transformative force in society and individual lives.

It has been a powerful alternative to military draft, providing an avenue for young people to serve their country or community without compromising their Christian beliefs and ethical considerations.

Service offers unique opportunities for self-discovery, guiding individuals in finding their true passion and purpose. For those with Christian beliefs, service is a meaningful way to live out Jesus’s teachings, reflecting his compassion, humility and love for others.

By participating in service programs, we learn to appreciate diversity, develop empathy, and understand the importance and benefits of collaboration.

Many individuals, especially young adults, find themselves uncertain about their career paths or life goals as they reach the end of high school or college. By stepping outside the boundaries of conventional schooling and professional tracks,

service offers a time to discover one’s gifts and interests in real-world settings. This exposure can be pivotal in finding and pursuing a genuine passion.

In addition, service experiences can refine important life skills like communication, teamwork, and leadership. A person working with other volunteers, for instance, learns project management and people skills that are valued in almost every field. This type of learning, rooted in practical, often challenging situations, is enduring.

In a world where individualism often dominates, service can help people feel connected to something larger than themselves. Contributing to the common good helps break down barriers between people of different backgrounds, giving individuals the experience of solidarity, in pursuit of shared goals.

Unlike in many jobs, where individuals feel disconnected from a larger purpose, service shows the tangible impact of one’s efforts. This feedback loop brings meaning and satisfaction, encouraging lifelong involvement in the community.

Service shapes stronger congregations and communities into a more compassionate, cohesive whole. In a world facing immense challenges, environmental and social, the act of service serves as a beacon for hope, resilience, and genuine human connection. ■

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COVER: Salima Ahmat M’bangta (front right) hosts a community health meeting in Ambetewa, a village near N’Djamena, Chad, along with Christy Harrison (front left). Harrison, who resides in N’Djamena with her husband, Peter Sensenig, and children, is supported by Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network. She is a nurse-midwife at Guinebor Hospital. Sensenig contributes to the *Faculté de Théologie Évangélique Shalom* (FATES, Evangelical University of Chad). Photo by Peter Sensenig.





Service inspires lifelong vocation — if we let it

By Marisa Smucker

In my thirties, I started to think more deeply about the word “vocation.” This word resonated with me at that time, because I had not found a career or occupation with which I could firmly identify, such as being a teacher, a medical professional, a musician, an artist, a lawyer or anything of the sort.

It was during this time that I was introduced to the book *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*, by Parker J. Palmer. I was drawn to the idea of a deep sense of calling that was broader than the concept of a career or occupation. Palmer pulled from the Quaker tradition to describe vocation as learning the essence of one’s nature, to “...listen to life telling me who I am.” Letting our own

lives speak to us also invites us to let God, our Creator, speak to us. It is God who formed us in our mother’s womb and knows us intimately (Psalm 139), and God desires that our uniqueness and calling be lived out in every part of our lives.

As I take time to reflect further on vocation, I can

see, too, how my year in voluntary service also helped me grow toward an understanding of vocation. After graduating from college, I decided to participate in the Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) Urban Leadership Service Experience. The aim of this program was for participants to learn about and serve

in Pittsburgh. This year of service provided space and opportunities for me to learn more about myself that went beyond the definition of a career. I learned about who I was living in this new setting, working in predominantly African American neighborhoods, participating fully in an urban Mennonite congregation, and encountering Pittsburgh’s diverse communities. This experience led me toward a journey in ministry.

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In working at Mission Network for almost ten years, I have met many others who have talked about their voluntary service experience having similar effect. Vocation is lifelong, permeating every part of our lives, influencing the way we live in our workplace, communities, families, and faith journey. It is God’s calling for us, threading its way through our loom of life. If we take time to reflect, we can see the thread in our colorful tapestry, always there, a reminder of our calling and connection to God’s work. ■

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Passion for service gave life new perspective

By Travis Duerksen



It was the summer of 1966, and Arlin and Maretta Buller were trying to plan ahead. They knew they wanted to get married. They knew they both wanted to continue their respective teaching careers. They also knew that Arlin needed to complete two years of military or government-approved voluntary service in the coming years. What they didn't expect was a phone call, just fifty hours before their wedding ceremony, that would immediately bind all their plans together.



Arlin and Maretta Buller served in Mennonite Voluntary Service as teachers for Frontier Boys Village in Colorado, 1966-68.

The call was from Mennonite Board of Missions (MBM, a predecessor agency of Mennonite Mission Network). Arlin and Maretta had been accepted for voluntary service as special education teachers at Frontier Boys Village outside of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The previous teachers were leaving by the end of the summer, and the fall semester was just a few weeks away. How soon could they start?

"[W]e had an abbreviated honeymoon," recalled Maretta. "By midweek we were home; wrote all our

'thank you's' from the reception, packed up all the things we wanted to store and what we wanted to take with us, and the next Sunday, we were in Kansas on our way to Colorado for our volunteer assignment."

Established in 1960 as a ministry of Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Frontier Boys Village was a rehabilitation program for adolescent boys who had been classified as 'delinquent' by Colorado's juvenile justice system. The camp was transferred to the MBM Health and Welfare Committee in 1965, which brought hundreds of voluntary service participants like Arlin and Maretta to serve with the program as teachers, facilitators and staff. The camp operated until 1978, when the property was sold, and the funds were used to found the Frontier Village Foundation (FVF).

Maretta's assigned role was teaching the elementary-aged boys, and Arlin taught the middle and high school ages, as well as shop and craft. Their teachings focused on strengthening subjects and skills on which were often significantly behind the age levels of the students, usually stemming from an unaddressed emotional or learning issue, an unstable home life — or as was often the case — a combination of all three.

Arlin explained that the boys who had been labeled by the state as 'delinquent' and sent to Frontier Boys Village were just like other students he taught throughout his career in public schools, but their circumstances had made their lives particularly difficult, .

"They're no different than anybody else's children. They're the ones that got caught," he said.

The day-to-day work of teaching troubled children was stressful and rewarding in equal measure. The Bullers enjoyed success stories; boys who improved and grew through their classes, and they witnessed others who continued to struggle. Sometimes these stories were woven together. Years after their service, Maretta read a published letter to the editor of local newspaper detailing the conditions incarcerated people were enduring in a nearby prison. The author, she realized, was a former student at Frontier Boys Village, who

was now writing on behalf of his fellow inmates from inside the prison. He had been elected to represent the group because of his skills in reading and writing.

After their two-year service term was completed, the Bullers went straight into graduate school, and then continued their careers as teachers.

When Arlin returned to a public school classroom after his service term, he found that his approach to teaching had fundamentally changed. The kids who acted out, who needed more attention or a different style of teaching weren't delinquent. Instead, they had "turned into average kids" who just needed a different approach to being taught.

"Those two years of working with kids who had been 'caught' gave me some impact with the kids that hadn't been 'caught,'" he said. "My perspective of my classroom was shaped by my experience with Frontier Boys village. And I would say, [it] enhanced my abilities."

The couple acknowledged that their service experience was equally formative and difficult. Marett summed up the sentiment though a phrase her father had used in describing his experience in Civilian Public Service (CPS) "The experience was worth a million dollars," she said. "But I wouldn't give you a quarter to do it again."

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Like the thousands of other conscientious objectors in the middle of the century, the motivation for Arlin and Marett's service participation was seeking an alternative to the U.S. government's military draft. While Arlin knew that, as a teacher, he was not a prime draftee, he still had his two-year government service requirement "hanging over his shoulders" as he and Marett worked to plan out a future together. Finding a service option on their own timeline removed that future variable, and neatly answered the question of where the couple — who had been teaching in separate states before they were married — would live for the immediate future.

While the cause for their service may have been a governmental requirement, the couple's passion for the service they engaged in came from a much more personal place.



Marett Buller helps a student during a class period at Frontier Boys Village.



A Frontier Boys Village student and Arlin Buller work together on a bookshelf. In addition to teaching middle and high school, Arlin led shop and craft classes.

Marett had been one of the two children at a CPS camp that her father served in as the business manager. Her grandfather had been one of the 'seagoing cowboys' that volunteered after World War II to tend to the cattle on boats from the U.S. bound for war-ravaged Europe to replenish livestock herds. Arlin had heard stories and seen the yellowed photos of great uncles who had been detained during World War I because of their refusal to participate in military training. His father had been drafted during WWII but failed his physical.

"[Our] passion for service came from the stories we had heard as kids growing up," Arlin said. Understanding how those stories connected to their families' understanding of Jesus' call to resist violence helped shape their decision to serve, even if they were too young to grasp the entire picture.

"I didn't know the story like I know it now," Arlin said. "But knowing part of the story helped shape my thinking. I think knowing the story is very, very important." ■

MVS = community commitment

By Travis Duerkson

Years before becoming a pastor in San Francisco, Joanna Lawrence Shenk was immersed in seminary studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in Elkhart, Indiana. In 2008, as a 20-something full-time student, living with her parents, she realized she needed to move out.

Instead of finding an apartment, Joanna joined the Elkhart Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit as an associate. While she didn't have a formal service placement, she participated in the community life of the unit, sharing chores, activities and cooking duties.

"It was really an opportunity to start forming my adult self," she said.

Joanna and her housemates became deeply involved in the surrounding community, pondering their role in the neighborhood. "It was both this commitment to each other in the household, and also [asking] what does it mean to be in this neighborhood at this time?"

This commitment was tested during the Great Recession. The economic crisis brought widespread unemployment and home foreclosures to communities across the country, including Elkhart. One of Joanna's housemates, a community organizer at his MVS placement, launched "neighborhood project Saturdays." Each Saturday, MVSers and community members helped neighbors with a home project — sometimes for pay, often as volunteers. For Joanna and the other Elkhart MVSers, "[it] was a real example of what it means to be community outside of one's little, individual home," she said.

Amid the recession's fallout, numerous foreclosed homes in the surrounding neighborhood now stood empty, foreclosed due to owners defaulting on their mortgages. These homes were being sold through tax sales: auctions that sold houses to recoup the back taxes that were owed, often well below what the



Every Wednesday, the 2008-09 Elkhart, Indiana, MVS unit opened their unit house to the neighborhood to host a community supper. For Joanna Lawrence Shenk (back left, wearing a pink shirt and passing food), this experience was a formative part of her time with the MVS unit and helped shape her approach to building community.

property itself was worth. Some of the MVSers, along with community members, discovered that by pooling their individually meager resources, they could become joint homeowners — a prospect that just a couple of years prior, felt out of reach. They eventually helped some neighbors who were struggling to

afford rent or who had previously lost homes navigate the complexities of tax sales to purchase housing and remain in the neighborhood.

In the following years, AMBS and MVS alumni continued to work with community members on initiatives that focused on

the neighborhood including an organic CSA farm, a community arts initiative, and a history and storytelling project. Joanna's time in MVS shaped her perspective, fostering a commitment to community across racial and class divides.

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Today, Joanna's community is in San Francisco, where she is the coordinator for the San Francisco

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MVS unit and a pastor at First Mennonite Church of San Francisco (FMCSF). She manages unit logistics and supports participants while fostering connections between the church and the unit.

FMCSF and the San Francisco MVS unit were both established in the mid-1970s: the church grew from an intentional community/church plant, while the MVS unit relocated from Stockton, California. The two have grown and blossomed together, with MVS participants contributing to church life through worship groups, committees and retreats. Some stay in the city post-service, joining the congregation despite rising living costs.

Reflecting on her own MVS experience, Joanna emphasized the significance of mentorship from older community members who supported and guided her unit participants. “That was really empowering as a 20-something, to have those relationships with older

adults who encouraged us to keep going deeper with what we were doing,” she said.

Now, Joanna strives to model that mentorship, helping young adults discover who they want to be while fostering accountable relationships in community. The process, she acknowledged, is challenging but worthwhile.

“It’s a lot of work,” she admitted. “But like most meaningful things, there can be a big return. We want to keep putting in the time, energy and care because this program shapes not only the participants but also our community. The questions, skills and curiosity they bring impact who we are as well.”

Joanna sees MVS as a vital program for young adults wrestling with what it means to live out their faith. It’s also integral to the life of FMCSF, enriching the congregation as it continues to grow alongside each new generation of MVSers. ■



“I’m passionate about faith formation and I think Mennonite Mission Network, at the end of the day, they provide fantastic opportunities, especially for our young people to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.”

board member Rachel Gerber
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Joanna Lawrence Shenk (far right) with the current San Francisco MVS participants Conrad Liechty, Sav Roth Walter and Ana Esperanza Neufeld Weaver, along the coast of California.

A call for peace

By Shawna Hurst



As a young person trying to find my place in the church, I am grateful to be a part of a community that chooses not to sit on the sidelines as our neighbors suffer, but instead uses their voices, actions, and even their fabric, to call for peace as Jesus would have. Participating in the Mennonite Action protest was a structured and supported way for me to take my first steps joining in public demonstrations of that call to peace.

There were three groups protesting Gaza. The red group was for the people going into the Rotunda who would likely be arrested. The yellow group was the small group of people going into the Rotunda who would be taking photos, streaming live video and probably would not be arrested. The last group was the biggest — the green group. This group was outside and had a permit to be there so they would not be arrested.

I chose to participate in the green group, which held an outdoor peace vigil across from the Capitol building. We sang songs, listened to a variety of people share, and prayed. The grief and anger over the reason for the protest was obvious, but at the same time, there was so much love and energy from everyone. When the red group was being led out of the building after getting arrested, we all ran over to the edge of the lawn



Photo by Steve Pavey

In January 2024, the Colorado Springs Service Adventure unit traveled to Washington, D.C. to join Mennonites from across the country in calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. Left to right: Travis Clarke (unit co-leader), Sam Pluta and Shawna Hurst.

but it was still a lot to take in. Being surrounded by familiar hymns and prayers was so encouraging and I can only imagine how much it would have calmed me, if I were on the other side of the street with my wrists held in zip ties. When people started cheering and clapping, it hit me that I am so grateful to be a part of this community that is not scared to raise our voices and actually be heard.

I was just starting to hear about Mennonite Action when our Service Adventure unit decided that we were going to try to go to D.C. Being in Service Adventure provided me with the perfect opportunity to get involved, because our community from Beth-El Mennonite Church (Colorado Springs) and New Creation Fellowship Church (my home church from Kansas) financially supported us and allowed us to easily find housing and provided us with other resources in D.C. I have always looked up to people in my life who take action and participate in public protests because it is not easy and can be uncomfortable. I was grateful to have so much support getting involved. ■



"Mennonite Mission Network really believes it's important to go where the people are, where the churches are."

board member George Thompson
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to support them by singing, cheering and praying. This moment stuck with me the most, how we were supporting each other the way we strived to support our suffering neighbors in Gaza.

To see people you know being led out in handcuffs was an emotional moment. I knew that they were okay and that this was a good thing, because it would be bringing attention to our demands for a ceasefire,

The future is bright for Service Adventure and MVS

By Zachary Headings



Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service are year-long service programs where young adults live in intentional community and serve with local non-profit organizations.

In August, Mennonite Mission Network began the 2024-25 young adult programs with two Service Adventure units and three Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) units and at least three participants in each location. That may not seem like much cause for celebration, but during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the units only had two participants. Some had none.

Fuller units benefit everyone involved, from host congregations to participants, because community — a core principle of these programs — is more fully realized. Additionally, fuller units help ensure financial sustainability, giving supporting congregations and Mission Network the flexibility to provide continued financial support.

The future for MVS and Service Adventure looks bright. The “COVID bump” — as Mission Network staff refer to the drop in participants during the pandemic — has passed, and these programs are gaining strength.

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“It feels as though we are gaining momentum after crawling out of the initial years of the pandemic,” said Michael Oyer, HR Placement Coordinator

at Mission Network. Oyer, who works closely with Service Adventure and MVS applicants, was a Service Adventure unit leader in Anchorage, Alaska from 2019-22.

Service Adventure leaders and the local leaders for MVS, some of whom are new in their roles this year, provide valuable support for participants. “There is great energy around our new unit leaders and the



Photo courtesy of Patrick Webb

Tucson MVS participant Patrick Webb volunteers with CHRP (Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona) in Tucson, Arizona.

experience and thoughtfulness they bring to the position,” Oyer said. “I am excited to see them grow into what is such a crucial role within this program.”

Mission Network is thankful to the people and congregations who have supported MVS and Service Adventure units in the past and those who will support



them in the future.

These programs are often thought of as “gap years.” Service Adventure typically serves as a transition year between high school and next steps, whether that be college or a career. MVS similarly offers a break between college and joining the workforce. But the impact of these programs goes far beyond a single year. “Despite a lot of unknowns that come with stepping out in faith and moving to a new place, taking on new daily challenges, and meeting all new people, the transformative power of the shared experience [of Service Adventure or MVS] is unique,” Oyer said.

Oyer has seen first-hand the personal growth that occurs in young people when they com-

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mit to these programs — programs that society may not value. “Through serving others and living intentionally in a new place, one’s ability to care for and serve others expands beyond the initial year of service,” Oyer said.

As a church, it is our responsibility to sustain this momentum and energy. The best way to do this, Oyer said, is to tell stories of service, encouraging those who have participated in programs like Service Adventure and MVS to share their experiences. “[This might entail] setting aside Sunday school times to discuss service, while also relating service back to our faith and the biblical importance that comes with the concept,” Oyer said. “Storytelling and sharing our own experiences serving is a great start to continuing this momentum forward. ■

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International worker’s commitment to peacebuilding forged through service experience

Laurel Woodward-Breckbill’s desire to align her work with her values has returned her to Mennonite Mission Network for the third time.

By Travis Duerksen

In August 2024, Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill became co-directors of the Paris (France) Mennonite Center (PMC). They are serving through Mennonite Mission Network to join in writing the newest chapter in the center’s storied half-century history as a missional, Anabaptist presence in secular Europe.

Ben is a pastor, most recently at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, Kansas, and specializes in theology, education and inter-religious dialog. Laurel is an experienced restorative justice practitioner, peacebuilder, nonprofit administrator and host.

Their placement is built on a foundation of existing experience with Mission Network. The couple first served as Mission Network workers in 2016, when they were sent by the agency to Belfast, Northern Ireland, to work in mediation and peacebuilding for a year. During that time, Laurel was studying conflict resolution and reconciliation for her master’s degree — following a passion that she had kindled in college and then put into real-world practice through a year of Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) in Alamosa, Colorado, 2013-14.

“I am still doing the type of work [today] that I was doing in MVS, so it did make a big impression on me, and it really motivated me to continue doing that work,” Laurel reflected. Coming out of college, she



Photo provided

The 2013-14 MVS Alamosa unit from left: Anna Woelk, Emma Regier, Laurel Woodward, Heather Driedger and Roxanne Reimer. Right: Laurel and Ben with their children Auden and Ludo.



Photo provided

knew she was drawn to the idea of restorative justice and community building, but “didn’t know the full potential of that type of work.”

Laurel’s service placement as a project coordinator with the Center for Restorative Programs transformed her curiosity into a calling. While there, she helped establish a juvenile diversion program for youth navigating the court system and worked in the area schools, leading peer mediation training and other programs to build conflict resolution and leadership skills.

“I loved my placement,” she said. “I really felt like I learned a lot about the local Alamosa community in a very short amount of time.”

Laurel acknowledged that her opportunity to test drive a vocation and engage in a supportive faith community isn’t possible for everyone. Her experience was a testament to both the support of her family and home congregation, as well as her financial privilege to not require an income for a year. While her service term was positive, she also knew people whose volunteer experiences were challenging, or even painful, depending on the location, community, or organization they served with.

“Life can be difficult in different ways for different people,” she said. That sentiment has stuck with her, well beyond the context of service.

Part of what has drawn Laurel back to service with

Mission Network again (and again) is her “drive to work in ways that align with my values ... to foster community and dialog around how we can make our local communities stronger and vibrant and healthy.”

Through her MVS experience, Laurel learned to critically examine what living in community with others can look like. A person can build community in a way that feels easy and comfortable, or they can do it in a way that may feel uncomfortable and vulnerable.

“If it’s easy to build community, then you’re probably not doing it right,” Laurel said. “It’s a good challenge for me to stay engaged with the people that I’m around, even if it’s a little uncomfortable.” ■

“We learn more about what it means to follow Jesus as more people from different cultures come to know him and live out discipleship in their context.”

board member Aaron Kaufman
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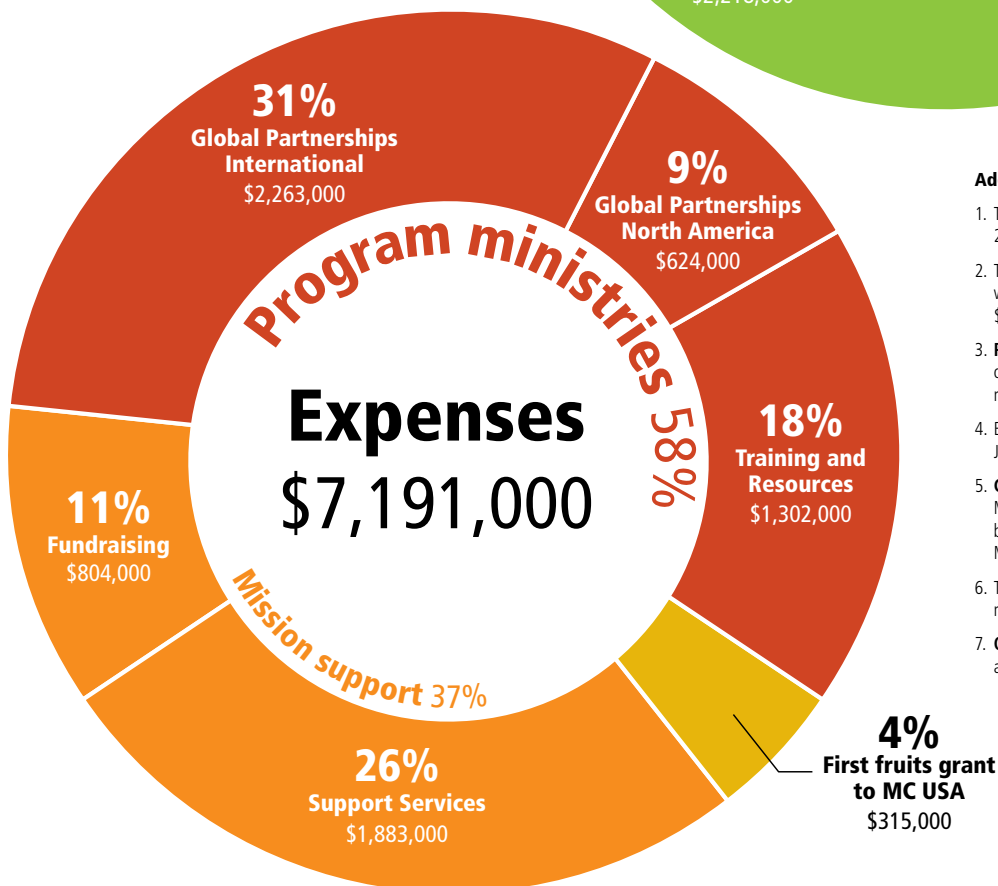
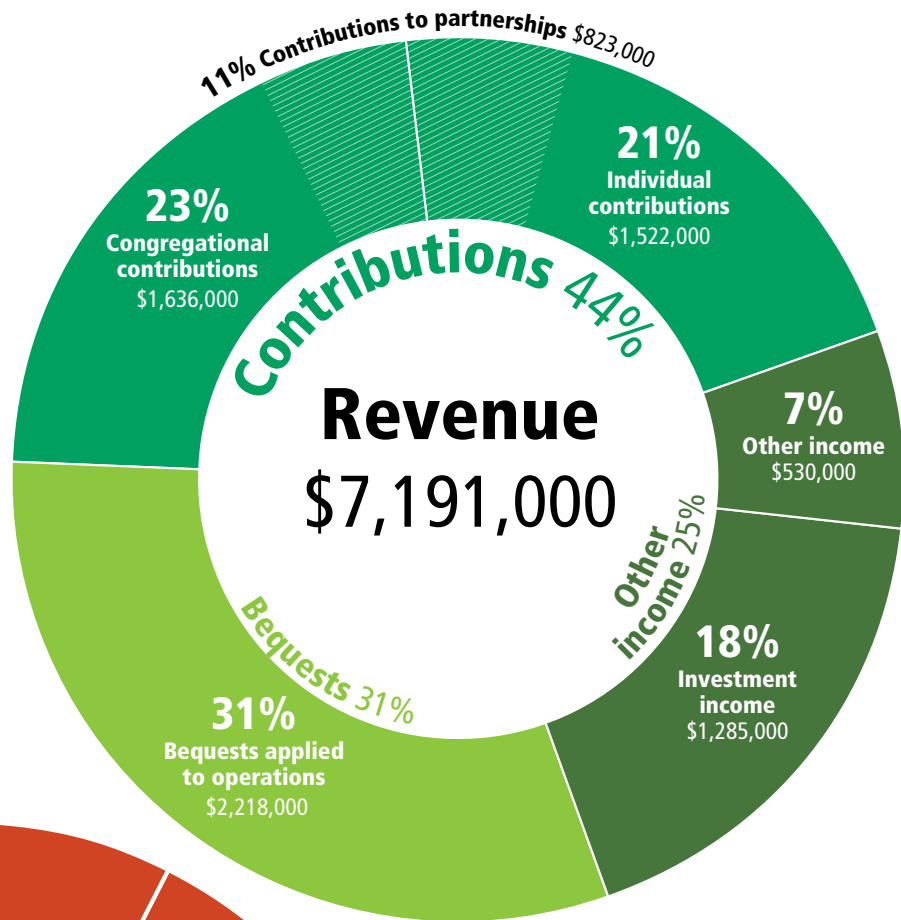
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Youth Venture participant Shyane Strader and Project Manager Agoussin Hippolyte, plant seedlings in the garden at *La Casa Grande* in Benin. Photo by Matthew Peterson

Ministry



Additional notes

1. This report is for the unaudited **fiscal year** period of Aug. 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024.
2. The total **value of bequests** received during this fiscal year was \$1,544,573. Bequest funds used in this fiscal year were \$2,218,000.
3. **Program revenue** includes funding from partner organizations, program fees, event fees, sale of publications and resources, and worker earnings.
4. Estimated cash and investments held as operating reserves as of July 31, 2024, totaled \$5,198,000.
5. **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
6. Transfer of Elkhart building assets to Mennonite Church USA resulted in a loss of \$4,698,093.96, not noted in this chart.
7. **Other income** includes investment income, program income and grants.

Giving

Mennonite Church USA congregations (Aug. 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024)

Allegheny Mennonite Conference		Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference		Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference	
\$13,650	Six congregations contributed this total.	\$213,490	21 congregations contributed this total.	\$40,129	12 congregations contributed this total.
Atlantic Coast Conference		Mosaic Mennonite Conference		Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference	
\$82,695	11 congregations contributed this total.	\$197,856	16 congregations contributed this total.	\$14,612	Six congregations contributed this total.
Central District Conference		Mountain States Mennonite Conference		South Central Mennonite Conference	
\$128,496 *	29 congregations contributed this total.	\$36,173	Seven congregations contributed this total.	\$26,975	Three congregations contributed this total.
Central Plains Mennonite Conference		New York Mennonite Conference		Virginia Mennonite Conference	
\$220,467	26 congregations contributed this total.	\$15,090	Three congregations contributed this total.	\$119,054	16 congregations contributed this total.
Illinois Mennonite Conference		Ohio Mennonite Conference		Western District Conference	
\$56,602 *	16 congregations contributed this total.	\$192,658 *	24 congregations contributed this total.	\$153,103	26 congregations contributed this total.

All Mennonite Church USA congregations

\$1,486,604 * 219 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

\$188,941 42 congregations contributed to this total.

Giving

Businesses / Estates / Foundations / Organizations

Businesses \$14,775

Twila and Craig Eickhorst — Carlock, Illinois
Everence — Goshen, Indiana
Greencroft Manor IV Inc — Goshen, Indiana
HRM Enterprises Inc — Hartsville, Ohio
K&S Operations, LLC — Cedar Falls, Iowa
Ledges 1 Owners Association — Waverly, Iowa
Lehman Insurance Agency Inc — Ephrata, Pennsylvania
Nuway Construction Corporation — Goshen, Indiana
Texas Instruments Foundation — Dallas, Texas

Estates \$1,550,773

Ferne Alderfer Estate — Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Marie Becker Estate — Goshen, Kansas
Marie G. Beechy Estate — Bluffton, Ohio
Curtis and Esther Bergey Estate — Telford, Pennsylvania
Maribel V. Beyler Estate — Goshen, Indiana
Mahlon Bontrager Estate — Goshen, Indiana
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Zelma I. Kauffman Estate — Elwood, Illinois
Robert Liechty Estate — Indianapolis, Indiana
John R. Martin Estate — Rockingham, Virginia
Lester J. and Martha Miller Estate — Haven, Kansas
Olive Miller Estate — Goshen, Indiana
Violet Miller Estate — Lake Jackson, Texas
Mildred Moyer Estate — Souderton, Pennsylvania
Ora Yoder Endowment Fund — Goshen, Indiana
William D. Pletcher Estate — Goshen, Indiana
Opal Ripley Estate — Hesston, Kansas
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Stanley Weaver Estate — Peoria, Arizona
Anita E. Whisler Estate — Cary, North Carolina
Sadie B. Whisler Estate — Cary, North Carolina
Gordon R. Yoder Estate — Elkhart, Indiana
Janet E. Yoder Estate — Goshen, Indiana
Henry Zehr Estate — Goshen, Indiana
Pearl A. Zehr Estate — Brewerton, New York
William M. and Edith Zehr Charitable Trust — Hutchinson, Kansas
Melvin Zimmerman Estate — Strasburg, Pennsylvania

Foundations \$197,436

Central Indiana Community Foundation — Indianapolis, Indiana
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2024 service participants

SOOP

SOOPer Kathy Springer and Lourdes Fuentes Villanueva make 100 plus tamales for Sunday meal at church during Springer's SOOP assignment at Sparrows Way in San Antonio, Texas.

Mennonite Voluntary Service

Alamosa, Colorado

Emily Keefer, Stallings, North Carolina, Lombard (Illinois) Mennonite Church, serving with Center for Restorative Programs

Joshua Kennell, Newton, Kansas, First Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas, serving with Center for Restorative Programs

San Francisco, California

Conrad Liechty, Goshen, Indiana, Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, serving with Urban Sprouts

Savannah Walter, Chicago, Illinois, Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster (Pennsylvania), serving with Community Music Center

Ana Esperanza Neufeld Weaver, Bluffton, Ohio, First

Mennonite Church, Bluffton, Ohio, serving with Mission Graduates

Tucson, Arizona

Schylar Entz, Newton, Kansas, First Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas, serving with Literacy Connects

Zing Bawi Ken, Wheaton, Illinois, Bethel Senthang Baptist Church, Villa Park, Illinois, serving with Iskashitaa Refugee Network

Hannah Lehman, Huntington, Indiana, Manchester Church of the Brethren, North Manchester, Indiana, serving with Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona

Patrick Webb, Warsaw, Indiana, serving with Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona

Service Adventure

Anchorage, Alaska

Samir Knego, Bay Area, California, Chapel Hill (North Carolina) Mennonite Fellowship, serving as unit leader

Samuel Landis, Croghan, New York, Lowville (New York) Mennonite Church, serving with Habitat for Humanity

Briana Nyveldt, Bainbridge, Pennsylvania, The Alliance Church of Elizabethtown (Pennsylvania), serving with Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

Armando Perez, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, Unitarian Church of Underwood, Minnesota, serving with Downtown Hope Center

Aviva Setiawan, Goshen, Indiana, Open Table Mennonite Fellowship, Goshen, Indiana, serving with Hope Community Resources, Inc.

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Leigha and Christian Stoltzfus, Harrisonburg, Virginia, East Goshen Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, serving as unit leaders

Elisabeth Daudey, Halle (Saale), Germany, *Evangeliumsgemeinde* (Free Church), Germany, serving with Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality Network)

Alea Sagert, Garz, Germany, EFG Stralsund (Baptisten), Germany, serving with Our House Inc.

Sadie Sherman, Mt. Rainier, Maryland, Hyattsville (Maryland) Mennonite Church, serving with Our House Inc.

Hannah Smith, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Catholic Cathedral, West Roxbury, Massachusetts, serving with Greccio Housing

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Leon Bauman and Char Yutzy, Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Atlanta, Georgia

Ken and Nancy Beachy, Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, Oregon, served in Glendale, Arizona

Glenda and Willard Bergey, Blooming Glen (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona

Jane and Marion Beyeler, Orrville (Ohio) Mennonite Church, served in San Antonio, Texas

Jeanne and Mark Birky, Hopedale (Illinois) Mennonite



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Mennonite Voluntary Service — San Francisco, California
Sav Roth Walter, Ana Esperanza Neufeld Weaver and Milo Jones

Church, served in San Antonio, Texas

John and Laurel Buckwalter, Sojourners Mennonite Fellowship, Belfast, New York, served in Gotha, Florida

Brenda Buller, River Oaks Community Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Glendale, Arizona

Anne Meyer Byler, Benton Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Adam and Jennifer Cobb and family, Lockport Mennonite Church, Stryker, Ohio, served in Lincoln City, Oregon

Kelly Foster, Reba Place Church, Evanston, Illinois, served in Gotha, Florida

Gene and Judy Gascho, Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, Oregon, served in Glendale, Arizona

James and Lila Gascho, Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Glendale, Arizona

Rachel and Stephen Good, Harvest Community Church,

Goshen, Indiana, served in Americus, Georgia

Joel and Susan Grasse, New Heights Church, Bentonville, Arkansas, served in Gotha, Florida

Barbara Grimsley, Reba Place Church, Evanston, Illinois, served in Gotha, Florida

Dorothy and Melvin Hathaway, Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Kidron, Ohio, served in Glendale, Arizona

Gwen and Timothy Hersherberger, East Goshen Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Tucson, Arizona

Barbara and Marlin Hershey, East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, served in Brooksville, Florida

James and Mary Hostetter, Willow Street (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served in Calais, France

Kathy Howell and Barbara West, Corvallis (Oregon) Mennonite Fellowship, served in Calais, France

Joyce Hunsberger, Perkaspie (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served in Calais, France

Frankie Huxman and Roy Unruh, Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas, served in Shipshewana, Indiana

Joy Kauffman King and Titus King, Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Tucson, Arizona

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

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

John and Judy Kliewer, Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, Kansas, served in Tucson, Arizona

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

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

Ray and Sharon Kuhns, Chambersburg (Pennsylvania)



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SOOP — Paxton Ministries

SOOPers Derold and Peggy Waltner volunteered at Paxton Ministries in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Mennonite Church, served in Gotha, Florida

LeRoy and Sherry Mast, Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Meridian, Mississippi

Alice and Trent Metcalf, Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Kidron, Ohio, served in Glendale, Arizona

Byron and Ellen Miller, Cedar Falls Mennonite Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa, served in Tucson, Arizona

Darlene Miller, Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, served in Glendale, Arizona

Gordon and Susan Miller, Lyndside Mennonite Church, Lyndhurst, Virginia, served in Kykotsmovi, Arizona

Janice and Lynn Miller, Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, Oregon, served in Glendale, Kykotsmovi, Arizona

Larry and Maxine Miller, Macon, Mississippi, served in Shipshewana, Indiana

Kyleigh Morgan, South Charleston, Ohio,

served in Kykotsmovi, Arizona

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

Sue Richard, West Goshen Church of the Brethren, Goshen, Indiana, served in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

James and Linda Rufenacht, West Clinton Mennonite Church, Wauseon, Ohio, served in Tucson, Arizona

Jason and Talitha Sannes-Venhuizen, Lake Region Mennonite Church, Callaway, Minnesota, served in Americus, Georgia

Ethel and Gerald Shank, Akron (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served in Tucson, Arizona

Kathy and Keith Springer, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana, Urbana, Illinois, served in San Antonio, Texas

Sandra Stegman, Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold, Ohio, served in Baltimore, Maryland
Morgan Stickney, Southgate Baptist

Church, Springfield, Ohio, served in Kykotsmovi, Arizona

George and Ruth Stoltzfus, Crossroads United Brethren Church, Charlotte, Michigan, served in Gotha, Florida and Sturgis, Michigan

Marge and Will Swartzendruber, Salem Mennonite Church, Shickley, Nebraska, served in Tucson, Arizona

Carolyn and Enos Tice, Springs (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served in Kykotsmovi, Arizona; Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania; Elkhart, Indiana; Jackson, Mississippi; Divide, Colorado

Robert Walson, First Mennonite Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, served in Tucson, Arizona

Derold and Peggy Waltner, Salem Mennonite Church, Freeman, South Dakota, served in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Grace and Nelson Weber, Akron (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church,



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Service Adventure — Colorado Springs, Colorado

*Christian and *Leigha Stoltzfus, with daughter, Naomi; Hannah Smith; Sadie Sherman; Elisabeth Daudey and Alea Sage *Unit leaders



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Just Peace Pilgrimage — Christ at the Border

In June, an Assembly Mennonite Church youth group joined Eddie Canales, founder of the South Texas Human Rights Center, to fill water stations where migrating people can find a drink in the South Texas desert.

served in Jackson, Mississippi

Curtis and Sherry Wenger, Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, Goshen, Indiana, served in Lincoln City, Oregon

Recinda and Timothy Widmer, Washington (Iowa) Mennonite Church, served in Tucson, Arizona

Dale and Lois Wolgemuth, White Oak Church of the Brethren, Manheim, Pennsylvania, served in Oliver, British Columbia

Just Peace Pilgrimage

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RACIAL JUSTICE

Civil Rights Pilgrimage #1

Trip facilitators: Arloa Bontrager and Joani Miller

Group from: Central Plains Mennonite Conference

David Bucklin
Joyce Bucklin
Carol Detweiler
Jareya Harder
Kathleen Harder
Maryann Harder
Adam Harder

Nussbaum
Susan Janzen
Karen Martens
Zimmerly
Becky Widmer
Jon Widmer

Civil Rights Pilgrimage #2

Trip facilitators: Arloa Bontrager and Jim Buller

Group from: New Holland (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church

Jenn Esbenschade
Wade Esbenschade
Bryan Hower
Brenda Hurst
Ray Hurst
Susan Martin
Timothy Martin
Dawn Ranck-Hower

Civil Rights Pilgrimage #3

Trip facilitators: Arloa Bontrager and Joani Miller.

Group from: Central District Conference

Martin Gunawan, driver
Jeff Boehr
Jo Ann Borntrager
Milton Borntrager
Karl Everitt
Ted Gossard
Nicholas King
Doug Luginbill
Rob Vander Giessen-Reitsma

Civil Rights Pilgrimage #4

Trip facilitators: Arloa Bontrager and Joani Miller

Jason Ault, First Christian Church, Wellington, Kansas

Elizabeth Eby, Immanuel Mennonite Harrisonburg, Virginia

Karen Horsman, St. Peter's United Church of Christ South Bend, Indiana

Caitlin Lancot, Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, Goshen, Indiana

Wil LaVeist, C3 Hampton, Virginia

Dwight Mueller, First Mennonite Church, Halstead, Kansas

Justin Odom, Williamsburg Mennonite Church Williamsburg, Virginia

Civil Rights Pilgrimage #5

Trip facilitators: Arloa Bontrager and Joani Miller

Group from: Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church
Mary Blosser
Tom Blosser
Julie Hart
Philip Hart
Barbara A Lehman
Daniel W Lehman
Ivan Mast
Mary Catherine Mast
Fred Suter
Marlene Suter

CHRIST AT THE BORDER

Christ at the Border Pilgrimage #1

Trip facilitators: Ana Alicia Hinojosa and Arloa Bontrager

Group from: Maplewood Mennonite Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Michele Bollman
Denise Jensen
Russell Jensen
Ruth Liechty
Claude Schrock
Barbara Thuma

Christ at the Border Pilgrimage #2

Trip facilitators: Ana Alicia Hinojosa and Joani Miller

Group from: Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana.

Eliza Herber
Gaige Hochstetler
Leah Hochstetler
Wendel Landes
Stephen Lowe
Isaya Magatti
Shemaya Magatti
Layton Rothshank
Quinn Shreiner
Landes
Adam Siemens-Rhodes
Anna Yoder Schlabach

Christ at the Border Pilgrimage #3

Trip facilitators: Ana Alicia Hinojosa and Marcella Hershberger.

Group from: Belmont Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana.

Adrienne Chupp
David Chupp
Morgan Chupp
Milo Dutkiewicz
Simon Dutkiewicz
Andrew Gingerich
Lawson Kauffman
Benjamin Kio
Elijah Kio
Katherine

Rheinheimer
Jack Sawatzky
Noah Schrock
Kris Shenk
Lydia Shoemaker
Bennett Short
Mandy Yoder
Caitlin Yoder Rupp



Photo by Bryan Hower

Just Peace Pilgrimage — Civil Rights

Members of New Holland Mennonite Church speak with Leroy Clemmons, a long-time resident, while touring Philadelphia, Mississippi, where three civil rights workers were murdered in 1964, giving rise to the 1988 film "Mississippi Burning."

Youth Venture

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Benin

Matthew Peterson, Midway Mennonite Church, Columbiana, Ohio, group leader

Onnestee Lynn Adams, Open Prairie United Church of Christ, Princeton, Illinois

Jedidiah Wake McCallister, New Millennium Church, Little Rock, Arkansas

Neva Peterson, Midway Mennonite Church, Columbiana, Ohio

Shyane Strader, First Mennonite Church of Canton (Ohio)

South Korea

Bizayehu Bomberger, Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, group leader

Joanna Spiker, Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Kidron, Ohio, group leader

Andrew Huu Hoang, Goshen, Indiana

Erica S Hunsberger, First Mennonite Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

Ian Hunsberger, First Mennonite Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

Tommy Nguyen, Goshen, Indiana

Eunjin Kim, South Korea, Korea Anabaptist Center

Hannah Kim, South Korea, Korea Anabaptist Center

International workers

Margrit Kipfer Barrón and Freddy Barrón

began another three-year term in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, August 2024, in Christian education and pastoral support. Their home churches are *Alltaufergemeinde Emmental (Langnau)*, Switzerland and *Iglesia Menonita Sinaí*, Santa Cruz, Bolivia

Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton began another two-year term in Quito, Ecuador September 2023. They are working as partnership ministry coordinators. Their home church is Shalom Mennonite Church, Indianapolis, Indiana and *Iglesia Kairos*, Santa Cruz.

Anicka Fast began a three-year term February 2024 living in the Netherlands, serving globally as a specialist in

church history and misology. Anicka's home church is Hochma in Montreal, Quebec.

Alfonsina Finger and José Oyanguren began another three-year term in Castelli, Argentina August 2023. They serve with Indigenous churches and communities in the Argentine Chaco. They are sent by *Iglesia Menonita Bragado*, Argentina.

Robin Gingerich began another two-year term in Klaipėda, Lithuania May 2024. She is serving as department chair/MA TESOL program director/associate professor at LCC International University. Her home church is First Mennonite Church of Iowa City, Iowa.

Joseph and Rachel Givens began another two-year term in Calais, France September 2024. They accompany volunteers at the Maria Skobtsova House for Migrants and the wider Calais volunteer community. Their home church is Third Way Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig began a two-year term in Chad August 2024. They are

jointly appointed with Eastern Mennonite Missions. Christy is serving as a nurse/midwife, and Peter as a Christian-Muslim Specialist. Their home church is Oxford Circle Mennonite Church, Philadelphia

is serving as the JCS finance and IT director and as a member of the three-member executive director team giving leadership to JCS. Her church membership is with San Antonio (Texas) Mennonite Church.

Her home church is Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill began a two-year term in Paris, France, August



Photo courtesy of Martin's Creek Mennonite Church

Mongolia Mission Partnership

Laura Schlabach, a long-term international worker, shared her insights on God's work in Mongolia with the Mongolia Mission Partnership group in Ohio during a summer visit.

Matthew and Toni Krabill began a one-year term in Accra, Ghana March 2024. They continue their work in providing Anabaptist theological education in Francophone regions. Matthew serves as academic programs coordinator at The Sannah Institute in Accra, Ghana. Matthew and Toni will work as regional Anabaptist theologians and connect with regional MMN partners. Their home church is Wholistic Community Missionary Church, Pasadena, California.

Austin Roberts began a one-year term in Northern Ireland, July 2024. Austin is serving as a missionary in Youth With A Mission Rostrevor. His home church is Hively Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana.

Laura Schlabach began another two-year term in Mongolia December 2023. She

Barb Thuma began a two-month term in Benin September 2024. She gave in-service training for teachers and/or for house parents and assisted with teaching English. Her home church is Maplewood Mennonite Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Maria Thuma began a two-month term in Benin September 2024. She gave in-service training for teachers and/or for house parents and assisted with teaching English and Spanish. Her home church is Fairlawn Chapel, Archbold, Ohio.

Kate Widmer began another two-year term in Montbéliard, France December 2023. She is serving with the *La Prairie* Mennonite Church in various church ministries such as the bookstore, coffee shop, sewing group, children's ministries and the ministry of presence in her neighborhood.

2024. They are serving as the directors of the Paris Mennonite Center. Their home church is Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas.

Jonah and Memee Yang began a three-year term September 2023 traveling to Thailand twice each year. AMBS and MC Canada Witness are partners as Jonah translates the AMBS Journey program into Hmong and teaches a cohort of students. Memee works with equipping and empowering women through Sister Care and Compassionate Care seminars along with local partners Hmong District 20 and Friends of Grace. Their home church is Emmanuel Mennonite Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.



Photo by Sunju Moon

Youth Venture — South Korea

The Youth Venture South Korea group explored the Military Demarcation Line on Ganghwa Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, during a peace tour. They also viewed North Korea from a lookout where there is a mailbox for letters to separated families in North Korea.

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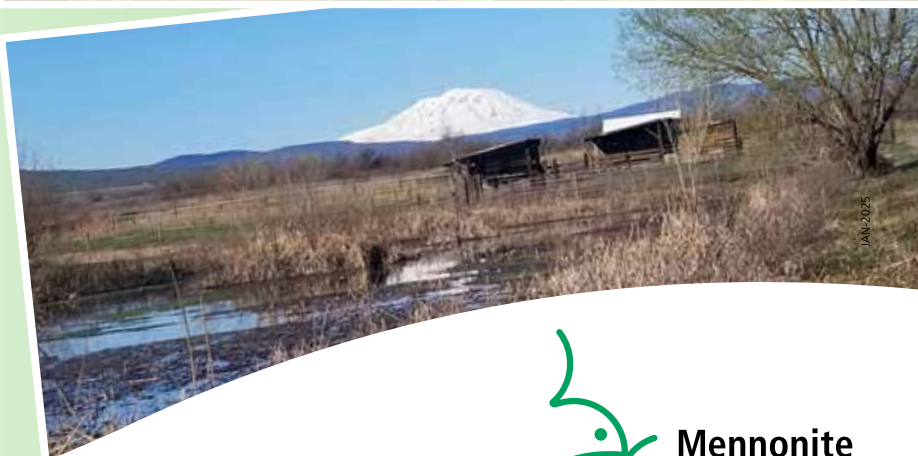
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