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The proposed process included naming a Pathway Steering Team made up of 6-12 members, including a mix of Board, staff, and Mosaic Conference members who bring a strong commitment to Mosaic's missional, formational, and intercultural priorities and our shared vision. Nominations were invited and gathered from across the Conference in December and January.

"I'm amazed and grateful for the breadth and depth of skills and giftings in this group," said Mosaic Moderator Angela Moyer Walter. "I'm grateful for their love and dedication for the Church and their willingness to say 'yes' to this work when they could share their gifts in many other places. I'm eager to see the wisdom that emerges from this group and this process."

The Steering Team will contribute to the strategic planning process outlined by the Board within the two-year Pathway timeline, along with an outside consulting firm. Since December, the Board received proposals from numerous consulting options who fit Mosaic's specific needs of experience. After reviewing these proposals and interviews, the Board has agreed on partnering with Grovider, a consulting firm based in Center City Philadelphia.

The Board, Steering Team, and consulting firm will at times be working independently, but also together, within the two-year timeline proposed in the Pathway Document. The Steering Team will be working diligently in the next eight months to bring their first presentation of their activity to 2023 Annual Assembly to be held on November 4 at Souderton (PA) Mennonite Church.

Meet the Pathway Steering Team...



(1) Aldo Colon (Iglesia Luz y Vida, Orlando, FL), (2) Brandon Bergey (Bethany Birches Camp, Plymouth, VT and Bethany Mennonite Church, Bridgewater Corners, VT), (3) Brent Camilleri (Deep Run East Mennonite Church, Perkasio, PA), (4) Danilo Sanchez (Mosaic staff; Ripple, Allentown, PA), (5) Kiron Mateti (Mosaic Board member; Plains Mennonite Church, Hatfield, PA), (6) Cherokee Webb (Faith Chapel, Los Angeles, CA), (7) Mark Reiff (Doylestown (PA) Mennonite Church), (8) Regina Valensia (Philadelphia (PA) Praise Center), (9) Bronwyn Histan (Blooming Glen (PA) Mennonite Church), (10) Jim Musselman (Mosaic Board member; Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton, PA), (11) Jenny Fujita (Upper Milford Mennonite Church, Zionsville, PA), and (12) Marta Castillo (Mosaic staff; Nueva Vida Norristown (PA) New Life Mennonite Church).



[Read more about each Steering Team member here](#)

Steering Team Update

APRIL 10, 2023 | BY MARTA CASTILLO

We have met as a larger team, as well as in a smaller coordinating group every other week. We have also met with Grovider, our consultants, and will continue to meet with them once a month to sort out our roles and purposes and how we will collaborate as teams.

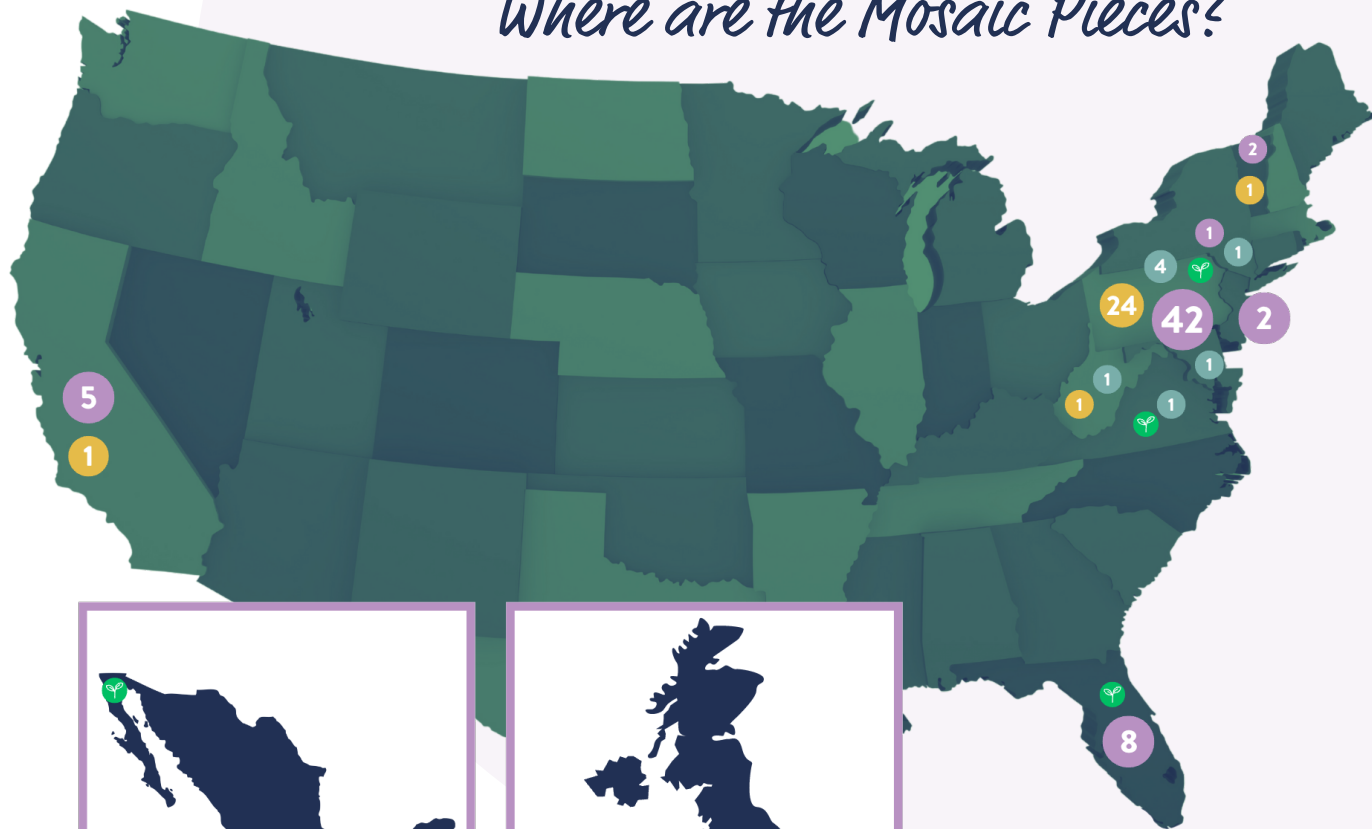
Currently, our Pathway Steering Team is seeking to frame questions for information gathering, name key Scriptures, and create an interactive and relational framework for respectful, joyful, and honest conversations around the hopes, dreams, and challenges that we have for each of these priorities: missional, intercultural and formational.

We invite you to send us forward-looking hopes, dreams, questions, Scriptures, and thoughts related to our Mosaic missional, intercultural, and formational priorities to pathwayprocesssteeringcommittee@mosaicmennonites.org.



[Read the full update here](#)

Where are the Mosaic Pieces?



MEXICO



UNITED KINGDOM

- CONGREGATION
- CONFERENCE RELATED MINISTRY (CRM)
- PARTNERS IN MISSION
- CHURCH PLANT

Numbers within circles represent the number of congregations or organizations in that geographic area

Save the Dates!



VIRTUAL SERVICE

Conference-wide Pentecost Worship Service

JUNE 11, 2023 | 7:30 PM ET / 4:30 PM PT

Save the date for our annual conference-wide Pentecost worship service. This year's theme is "Waiting Against the Odds" from Psalm 27:13-14. Watch live on Mosaic's Facebook page / YouTube channel.



IN-PERSON GATHERING

Mosaic Conference Assembly 2023

NOVEMBER 4, 2023 | 9:30 AM - 4 PM ET

Save the date for our annual Conference Assembly that will be held on November 4, 2023 from 9:30am to 4pm at Souderton (PA) Mennonite Church. This year's theme is "Emet" from Psalms 116 & 117. More information to come!

conference board updates



Emmanuel Mwaipopo joined the Mosaic Conference Board in January 2023.

Along with his role on the Mosaic Board, Emmanuel will serve as Chair of the Intercultural Committee. Emmanuel attends Nueva Vida Norristown (PA) New Life Mennonite Church, where he now serves as an elder. Emmanuel is a software engineer and works for Comcast. He and his wife care for four children.



At the March 2023 board meeting, Mosaic Conference board named **Lucy Hannanto Parsono** as a board member.

Lucy Hannanto Parsono is an elder at International Worship Center in San Gabriel, CA. She and her husband, Alfred, live in Hacienda Heights, CA. She is the first Mosaic board member from California. Lucy is filling the vacated board role of Kris Wint.



The Kingdom Work of Committees

WE'VE ALL HEARD THE PHRASE, “The church is not a building; it is the people.” In a similar fashion, Mosaic Mennonite Conference is not simply the executive minister, the board, or the staff, but rather the people of the conference working together to further the Kingdom of God. One way this is manifest is in the working committees, which are composed of faithful, discerning, creative, and collaborative volunteers from all parts of the conference.

We are grateful for those who have said yes to serving on the following four committees. They are always hard at work, meeting together to process information, write reports, and make decisions under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and existing guidelines and policies.



CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2023 THEME

EMET

Powerful Kindness, Faithful Truth

HOW CAN ALL THE PEOPLES of the earth praise God together? Last year's assembly theme revolved around the Hebrew word *chesed*: God's overflowing, constant, steadfast, and faithful love for us. It includes an outpouring of undeserved favor and kindness that comes from the generosity of the giver and not the deeds of the receiver.

In the Hebrew Bible, the word *chesed* is often paired with the Hebrew word *emet*. *Emet* is multifaceted and most frequently translated as truth or faithfulness.


These two attributes of God—kindness and truth— often accompany one another. God's kindness is powerful, and God's truth is constant and reliable.

Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise the Lord, all you people of the earth. For God's kindness for us is powerful; the Lord's truth endures forever.


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 **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is where it all begins, since they vet and discern new members for the Conference Board and other committees, based on nominations from others within the conference. Nominations are made via an [online form](#) or at Assembly with written forms.

This year we welcome Roy Williams (College Hill) as the chair of the Nominating Committee in his role as Moderator Elect. We also welcome Wendy Kwong (Souderton) to the Nominating Committee.

 **THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE** interviews and recommends individuals for credentialing. This committee has the privilege of hearing the stories, beliefs, and callings of the pastors coming into the Conference with requests for licensing and transfers, in addition to those who are being ordained. They write reports and recommendations from interviews and other paperwork that are sent to the Ministerial Committee for approval.

This year we welcome Lisa Quiñones (Garden Chapel), Sonya Stauffer Kurtz (Zion), Drane Reynolds (Homestead), and Kathy Tuttle (Lakeview) to the Credentials Committee.

 **THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE** makes decisions on ministry credentials and policies that promote the support, health, and training of credentialed leaders and promote safe church practices for congregations.

This year we welcome Mike Spinelli (Perkiomenville), Tomas Ramirez (Luz y Vida) and Rose Bender Cook (Whitehall) to the Ministerial Committee.

 **THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** provides leadership on fiscal matters and develops the budget based on the vision of the Conference.

This year we welcome Ryan Ferguson (Philadelphia Praise Center) and Jessica Clopton-Robinson (College Hill) to the Finance Committee.

 [See a full list of committees and members here](#)

As we discern a pathway forward for Mosaic Conference, the 2023 Assembly will explore how God's faithful truth is woven into the fabric of our relationships. How can our truth-telling be interwoven with gracious kindness so that *chesed* and *emet* are embodied in us? Can we acknowledge our fraught past while allowing undeserved favor to move us into new possibilities together?

Jesus, the image of God, is the only one capable of fully living both *chesed* and *emet*. May we choose to extend powerful kindness and faithful truth to each other as we walk together in our broken and beautiful world.

 [Read the full article here](#)