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2024 CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

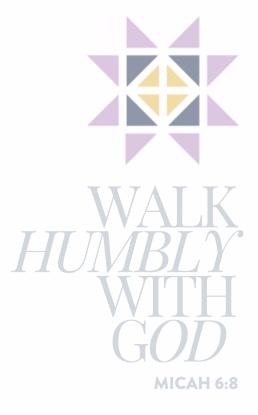
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# 2024 Assembly Docket

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# PATHWAY STEERING TEAM MEMBERS



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# PATHWAY FORWARD STEERING TEAM REPORT 2024

The significant work done this year was to:

1. Create a strategic plan- In alignment with our priorities, vision, and mission, we discerned and decided together a pathway which will guide us for the next three years in our work together as congregations, Conference-Related Ministries, Board, and staff.

2. Make a recommendation on affiliation- As requested by the delegates, our team discerned, crafted, and offered the board a recommendation on Mosaic's affiliation with Mennonite Church USA (MC USA).

We met regularly throughout the year. A smaller coordinating group met every other week, the whole team met monthly, and Grovider, our consulting group, met with us as needed for counsel and direction as they compiled and refined the information we contributed to the strategic plan. We asked Mosaic staff priority leads (missional, intercultural, and formational) and the Vibrant Mosaic grant writer to contribute to the content of the strategic plan, which the team reviewed and revised for half the year.

As part of the process, Grovider asked us to develop anchor statements and objectives for each of the core areas that were identified as focus points – Clarity and Identity, Relationship Building, Communication, Leadership Development, and Reconciliation. We were also asked to identify strategic activities to meet those objectives. These anchor statements were shared with the board in May as a check-in to confirm that we were on the right track. After the Board review and affirmation, they were shared with the larger Mosaic community.

As the strategic plan went back to the consultants for fine-tuning, the Pathway Team focused our attention on the recommendation for affiliation with MC USA. We met with Steve Kriss for a high-level view of our congregations, implications of the three possible recommendations – independence, continued commitment, or collaboration and partnership. We heard reports from staff, leaders, and reviewed some letters. We discerned together by sharing each of our own personal recommendations from our own areas of experience and influence. In our first round of discernment, we did not unanimously agree, so we agreed to take two additional weeks to consider the discussion, pray, and wait on the Lord. In our second meeting, we came to a consensus that the path to collaboration and partnership with MC USA was the recommendation that we would send to the board. With our recommendation, we included the rationale for our decision.

The recommendation for affiliation with MC USA and the strategic plan were presented to the board at their August Board meeting. Feedback from the delegate preparation meetings in September will help to shape the action the Conference Board will bring to the annual Assembly. A summary of the strategic plan will also be presented to the delegates as the Board's plan for the next three years (2025–2027).

We, the Pathway Steering Team, thank you for your prayers and fasting on our behalf. Although this was a difficult assignment, our team is grateful for the ways that we learned to listen carefully to one another, to agree and disagree in love, and see how the Spirit was at work in our times of discernment and decision-making. Each member of the team contributed in unique ways, and we needed everyone, as God surely knew ahead of time. If you have the opportunity, please take a moment to thank a member of the Pathway Steering Team for their time, energy, and faithfulness.

# **CONFERENCE BOARD MEMBERS**

**THE CONFERENCE BOARD** supervises the business of the conference, including conference committees. Through strategic planning, the Board ensures that the Conference maintains alignment with its vision and follows the Spirit's leading in all areas of growth and change.



ANGELA MOYER
WALTER

Moderator Ripple



**ROY WILLIAMS** 

Assistant Moderator
North Tampa Christian Fellowship



**CORY LONGACRE** 

Finance Committee Chair Souderton



KIRON MATETI

Member-at-large
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Member-at-large Zion



**EMMANUEL MWAIPOPO** 

Intercultural Committee Chair Nueva Vida Norristown New Life



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Member-at-large
International Worship Church



**JANET PANNING** 

Ministerial Committee Chair Plains



MAATI YVONNE PLATTS

Member-at-large
Nueva Vida Norristown New Life



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CRM Committee Chair
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Member-at-large
Deep Run West



STEPHEN KRISS

Executive Minister
Philadelphia Praise Center

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** works on behalf of the Board between meetings and reviews and grants approval for Missional Operations Grant proposals.



ANGELA MOYER WALTER

Moderator Ripple



**ROY WILLIAMS** 

Assistant Moderator North Tampa Christian Fellowship



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### **BOARD REPORT 2024**

2024 has been a year of significant discernment and prayer along with great joy and celebration. We have been intentional about listening well to one another, learning how to work together more interculturally, and holding fast to our vision and mission trusting the Spirit to guide us through polarizing times.

We celebrated receiving the Vibrant Mosaic program grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. and anticipate the fruit of its work in the coming years. We are grateful for the wise leadership of Marta Castillo (Associate Executive Minister), Danilo Sanchez (Leadership Minister for Intercultural Transformation), Jim Musselman (board member, executive committee), and Kiron Mateti (board member) and the other members of the Pathway Steering Team to create a strategic plan that will help us live more fully into our vision and mission. We are grateful to our Executive Minister, Stephen Kriss, Mosaic Conference staff, and all Conference committee members for their dedication and prayerful leadership in carrying out the ministries of Mosaic Mennonite Conference.

Amid many hardships and trials, we bear witness to the goodness of God, the love of Jesus, and the unifying power of the Holy Spirit. What a great God we serve! May we continue to walk humbly and faithfully in the ways that Christ leads us so that we continue to embody the reconciling love of Jesus in our broken and beautiful world.

### Below are several highlights from the Board and Executive Committee thus far in 2024:

- Discerned the Holy Spirit's guidance as we prayed scriptures, fasted, and listened together.
- Approved 2024-2025 Conference budget and 2023-2024 Financial Review.
- Continued Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) work with Carlos Romero in March and Emmanuel Mwaipopo (Intercultural Committee) in May.
- Supported and processed updates from the Pathway strategic planning work with Grovider consultants.
- Discerned global requests for partnership and membership.
- Visited Bethany Mennonite, Taftsville Mennonite, and Bethany Birches camp in Vermont in May 2024.
- Participated in learning session about discernment and decision-making with Noel Santiago (Leadership Minister for Missional Transformation) and Rose Bender Cook (Leadership Minister for Formation) using resources by Ruth Haley Barton: Pursuing God's Will Together and Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership.
- Approved Fall Conference Assembly theme and schedule: "Walking Humbly with God", Micah 6:8, with Dennis Edwards as speaker from his new book, *Humility Illuminated: The Biblical Path Back to Christian Character.*
- Approved Conference Committee minutes.
- Affirmed closing of Boyertown (PA) Mennonite to join 2/42 Community Church,
- Monitored the Vibrant Mosaic Lilly grant process and rollout.
- As of August, the Executive Committee approved seven missional operations grants and two church planting grants.
- Discerned recommendation for affiliation with MC USA from Pathway Steering Team.
- Participated in Roots of Justice antiracism analysis training in September along with Mosaic staff and committee members.
- Planned meaningful conversation and discernment with staff and Pathway Team for Assembly delegate preparation meetings at the end of September and our annual gathered Assembly in November.

# **MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE** is responsible for policies related to the calling, credentialing, training, and disciplining of credentialed leaders within Mosaic Mennonite Conference. The Ministerial Committee is responsible for approving and granting ministerial credentials in keeping with *A Shared Understanding of Ministerial Leadership* and its designations for the status of credentialed leaders.



Plains

JANET PANNING SHERRI BROKOPP **BINDER** Ripple



**TAMIRA GOOD** 



**MICHAEL HOWES** West Swamp

Swamp







**EFFIEM OBASI** Faith Chapel



**TOMAS RAMIREZ** Luz y Vida



**ANGELIA SUSANTO** Nations Worship Center



**JOSH MEYER** 

Souderton

MIKE SPINELLI Perkiomenville

MARTA CASTILLO

Norristown New Life

MOSAIC STAFF, NON-VOTING

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

subcommittee of the Ministerial Committee

**THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE** interviews and recommends persons for credentialing. The Ministerial Committee develops policies for the work of the Credentials Committee that reflect the standards of faith and practice for credentialed leaders in the Conference and act on recommendations from the Credentials Committee.



**MICHAEL HOWES** 

West Swamp COMMITTEE CHAIR



**LISA QUINONES** 

Garden Chapel



**ALDO SIAHAAN** Philadelphia Praise Center



**SONYA STAUFFER KURTZ** 

Zion



**KATHY TUTTLE** Lakeview

**ERTELL WHIGHAM** 

Norristown New Life



MARTA CASTILLO

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## MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Actions taken December 2023-September 2024 by the Ministerial Committee include:

#### RENEWED FOR A THREE-YEAR LICENSE TOWARD ORDINATION:

- Secundino Casas Martínez (Iglesia Menonita Shalom [Tampa, FL])
- Jaye Lindo (7 Ways Home Fellowship)
- Emmanuel Villatoro (Philadelphia [PA] Praise Center)
- Beth Davco (Wellspring Church of Skippack [PA])
- Angelia Susanto (Nations Worship Center [Philadelphia, PA])

#### APPROVED ORDINATION FOR:

- Secundino Casas Martínez (Iglesia Menonita Shalom [Tampa, FL])
- Brooke Martin (Salford [PA] & Mosaic Mennonite Conference)
- Nering Huete (Nueva Vida Norristown [PA] New Life)
- Melky Tirtasatputra (Whitehall [PA] Mennonite)
- Effiem Obasi (LA [CA] Faith Chapel)
- Emmanuel Villatoro (Philadelphia [PA] Praise Center)

#### APPROVED A THREE-YEAR LICENSE TOWARD ORDINATION FOR:

- Martin Ejiofor (LA [CA] Faith Chapel)
- Graciella Odelia (Nations Worship Center [Philadelphia, PA])

#### APPROVED WITHDRAWAL OF CREDENTIAL:

- Ryan Burgett (church planter in Florida)
- Sam Claudio, Jr. (Christ Fellowship [Allentown, PA])
- Marcos Acosta (Homestead [FL] Mennonite)
- Ángel Tamayo (Nueva Vida Norristown [PA] New Life)
- Mark Wenger (Franconia [PA] Mennonite)
- Charles Ness (Towamencin Mennonite)

#### APPROVED TRANSFER INTO MOSAIC CONFERENCE:

- James Ralph Retired (Perkiomenville [PA])
- Haroldo Nunes Ordained (Seguidores de Cristo [Sarasota, FL])
- Hunter Hess Ordained (Neffsville [PA])
- Eszter Bjorkman License towards Ordination (Neffsville [PA])
- Lydia de Jesús Transfer complete (Iglesia Menonita Luz y Verdad)

#### APPROVED FOR TRANSFER FROM MOSAIC CONFERENCE:

Maria Hosler Byler

#### ADJUSTED TO ACTIVE WITHOUT CHARGE:

- Franco Salvatori
- Tim Moyer

#### **OTHER PASTORAL TRANSITIONS:**

- Ben Walter active (Chaplain, Ripple Community, Inc.)
- Josh Meyer active (Leadership Minister, Mosaic Mennonite Conference)
- Eva Kratz retired (Franconia Mennonite, prison ministry)

### OTHER COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS YEAR:

- Conducted and processed a non-sexual misconduct investigation
  Giving and Receiving Council Review of document
- Oversight on Credentialed Leaders 2024 Renewal Process
- Discussion on Credentialing Process and need for an MLI alternative for pastors from other countries.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

THE CONFERENCE BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE (CBFC) provides leadership on fiscal matters pertaining to the Conference and its property and assets. The committee also develops a budget based on the vision of the Conference Assembly, for Conference Board approval.



**CORY LONGACRE** 

Souderton

**COMMITTEE CHAIR** 



**BARBARA RICE** 

Deep Run East



**SID RUTH** 

Souderton



JESSICA CLOPTON-ROBINSON

College Hill



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Philadelphia Praise Center



PATRICIA LUGO FIGUEROA

Centro de Alabanza



CHARLOTTE HUNSBERGER

Blooming Glen

RESOURCE PERSON



**CONRAD MARTIN** 

Blooming Glen

MOSAIC STAFF

## **FMC PROPERTIES DIRECTORS**

**FMC PROPERTIES** acts as a holding corporation for properties owned by Mosaic Mennonite Conference, and manages all of the property matters on behalf of the Conference Board through the CBFC.



GLENN NEMATH
Blooming Glen
President



BILL LONGACRE

Swamp Vice-President



**BRYAN HUNSBERGER** 

Souderton Secretary / Treasurer



**CORY LONGACRE** 

Souderton Finance Committee Rep.



**CONRAD MARTIN** 

Blooming Glen Mosaic Staff Person

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Executive Summary for 2023-24

#### **REVENUE:**

Mosaic Mennonite Conference's operating revenue comes from two main sources, conference congregations and rental income from the Conference-owned properties (the Souderton Shopping Center and the Indian Creek Road Farm), in the form of a subsidy to the Conference budget.

- Congregational giving \$337,418
- Subsidy from properties \$519,000
- All other revenue sources \$358,060

Note that estate gifts (included in other revenue) received by the Conference do not go into the operating budget, but into Ministry Resource investment funds, which are used mostly for Missional Operations Grants. \$26,617 in estate gifts was received last year. Other revenue also includes restricted contributions like those for New Missional Initiatives, as noted below. Investment gains or losses are also recorded as other revenue and this past year we experienced a gain of \$152,160 in our investments, for both the Conference and its properties.

#### **EXPENSES:**

Expenses are divided into two basic categories, program or ministry expenses and support services expenses. The industry standard for nonprofit organizations is a breakdown of 75%-25%, respectively, and this past year, the Conference was above the standard, at 86%-14%, respectively.

- Missional Operations Grants (MOGs) totaled \$85,315. Last year, 9 MOGs were disbursed to ministries and congregations of Mosaic Conference:
  - Alpha (NJ): to support their church transition period
  - o Eglise Solidarité et Harmonie (Philadelphia, PA): immigration ministry
  - North Tampa (FL): new roof and sign.
  - o Iglesia Evangelica Menonita Oración y Adoración (Philadelphia, PA): evangelism and outreach initiative.
  - International Worship Church (San Gabriel, CA): early childhood education partnership in West Kalimantan.
  - Nations Worship (Philadelphia, PA): youth pastor support
  - o Philadelphia (PA) Praise Center: new neighborhood initiative
  - Several congregations received assistance for their involvement in the Conference's Ambassadors Program.
  - Funds were also allocated for use in the Pathway Process.
- \$10,000 in church plant grants were given to Resplandece (Pembrooke Pines, FL) and Shores of Hope (West Palm Beach, FL).
- 22 leadership training scholarships totaling \$17,575 were distributed for leaders in Conference congregations.

 New Missional Initiatives totaled \$62,829. These activities received their own restricted funding, e.g. Bethany Birches Flood Relief, Pastoral Assistance Fund, Refugee Assistance Fund, Ambassadors Program Fund, Shalom Mutual Aid Fund, and Children's Ministry Workshop Fund.

Staff travel totaled \$75,141 (found in most expense departments). 56.1% of this expense went

to Leadership Ministers traveling in their leadership ministry roles.

• Staff time and benefits (including contracted workers, but not properties management) totaled \$747,531, which is allocated over most of the expense departments based on staff activities. This was 70.0% of the total operating expenses last year (which does not include funding for designated new missional initiatives).

#### THE WORM PROJECT:

In 2023, The Worm Project received \$272,786 in donations. They purchased \$175,825 in deworming medicine and had \$10,919 in administrative and overhead costs.

# CONFERENCE BOARD / FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### **PURPOSE:**

The CBFC is responsible for providing responsible leadership on fiscal matters pertaining to the conference and its property and assets. The committee also develops a budget based on the vision of the Conference Assembly, for Conference Board approval.

#### **2023-24 UPDATES/ACTIVITIES:**

The Conference Board Finance Committee (CBFC) spent considerable time over the past twelve months discussing issues such as:

- 1. examining the various investment funds of the conference and properties: Missional Operations Grant funds held with the Mennonite Foundation and FMC Properties Capital Reserve Fund investments held with SEI Investments & Everence Federal Credit Union;
- 2. ensuring the financial activities are in keeping with the vision and mission of the conference and ensuring the activities of the conference are within the budget established for the conference;
- 3. discussing the financial effects on various property-related issues; and
- 4. determining cash flow needs (amounts and timing) for both the conference and the properties, including future capital expenditure needs of the Souderton Center and Indian Creek Road farm and how to budget for this.

CBFC members routinely reviewed Mosaic Conference's financial reports, and provided reports to the Conference Board regularly, monitoring operating expenses with the budget and ensuring that adequate cash flow is maintained.

CBFC members spent a couple of meetings developing a budget for the current year in line with the vision and mission of the conference. They also looked at various trends of recent years for clues to the future.

The CBFC members are committed to ensuring that the conference staff are being good stewards of the assets and resources that have been entrusted to Mosaic Conference by the conference congregations and constituents—that they are being used appropriately and in alignment with the vision and mission of the conference. Mosaic Conference received a clean financial review report this past year, assisting us to maintain the funds and reports with good accounting practices. For the complete financial review report for the fiscal year 2023–2024, visit MosaicMennonites.org and look under "RESOURCES" then click on "Stewardship" and then click on "Congregational Treasurers Information" and click on the "Reviewed Financial Report" link.

#### MINISTERIAL RETIREMENT FUND SUB-COMMITTEE:

This committee, which is under the CBFC, met once to review the financial needs of those pastors and spouses who are eligible for assistance under the Ministerial Retirement Fund guidelines. In 2023-24, this fund provided assistance to one person. \$8,670 was distributed in retirement assistance this past year. The committee members are: Marvin Anders (Salford) and Conrad Martin (Blooming Glen).

# FRANCONIA MENNONITE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHARITIES

aka FMC Properties

#### **PURPOSE:**

FMC Properties acts as a holding corporation for properties owned by Mosaic Mennonite Conference and the properties board manages all of the property matters on behalf of the Conference Board through the CBFC.

At the end of this fiscal year, FMC Properties owned property, as follows: the Souderton Shopping Center, with tenants Care & Share Shoppes, Weaver, Reckner and Reinhart Dental Associates (Souderton office), and TriValley Primary Care (Indian Valley office); the Indian Creek Road farm, with tenants Living Hope Farm and Indian Creek Foundation (group home); Crossroad Community Center, "inherited" at the merger of Eastern District and Franconia Conferences; and two other church properties: Whitehall Mennonite Church and Bike & Sol (the former Peace Mennonite Church).

#### **2023-24 UPDATES/ACTIVITIES:**

FMC Properties directors discussed:

The Souderton Shopping Center: negotiated a short extension with another tenant; jetted the sewer lines, replaced a rear-entry doors and filled parking lot potholes, in additional to other projects; The Indian Creek Road farm: filled pot-holes in the lane, power-washed the group home walls, trimmed a tree at the farm house, in addition to other projects.

The directors continue to plan for the future of the Souderton Shopping Center.

## Mosaic Mennonite Conference & FMC Properties

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance Sheet

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Current Assets:								
Cash	\$	37,532	\$	204,862			\$	242,394
Cash Held for Others	\$	229,125	\$	204,002			\$	229,125
Accounts Receivable	\$	8,223	\$	376	\$	(5,517)	\$	3,082
Prepaid Expenses	\$	18,375	\$	60,306	١٣	(0,017)	\$	78,681
Total Current Assets	\$	293,255	\$	265,544	\$	(5,517)	\$	553,282
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Mosaic Property & Equipment	\$	109,497	\$ 2	2,821,853			\$	2,931,350
Other Assets:								
Investments	\$	1,556,868	\$	1,780,729			\$	3,337,597
Long Term Receivables	\$	118.043	\$	62,025	\$	(47,500)		132,568
Right of Use - Operating Lease	\$	610,033	\$	,	Ť	( , ,	\$	610,033
Church Buildings	\$	· <u>-</u>	\$	55,014			\$	55,014
Total Other Assets	\$ 2	2,284,944	\$	1,897,768	\$	(47,500)	\$	4,135,212
Total Assets		2,687,696		1,985,165	\$	(53,017)	\$	7,619,844
LIABILITIES & EQUITY								
Current Liabilities:								
Accounts Payable	\$	49,396	\$	55,386	\$	(5,517)	\$	99,265
Agency Funds	\$	207,386	\$	-			\$	207,386
Other Current Liabilities	\$	-	\$	-			\$	-
Total Current Liabilities	\$	256,782	\$	55,386	\$	(5,517)	\$	306,651
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Loans Payable	\$	47,500	\$	_	\$	(47,500)	\$	_
Operating Lease Liability	\$	578,696	\$	_	'	, , ,	\$	578,696
Total Long Term Liabilities	\$	626,196	\$	-	\$	(47,500)	\$	578,696
Total Liabilities	\$	882,978	\$	55,386	\$	(53,017)	\$	885,347
Equity:							\$	_
Unrestricted	\$	1,255,076	\$ 2	1,929,779			-	6,184,855
Temporary Restricted	\$	549,642	\$				\$	549,642
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**NOTE:** Reviewed Financial Reports are available at the Conference Center and at: <a href="https://mosaicmennonites.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/1-31-2024-Financial-Statement.pdf">https://mosaicmennonites.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/1-31-2024-Financial-Statement.pdf</a>

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

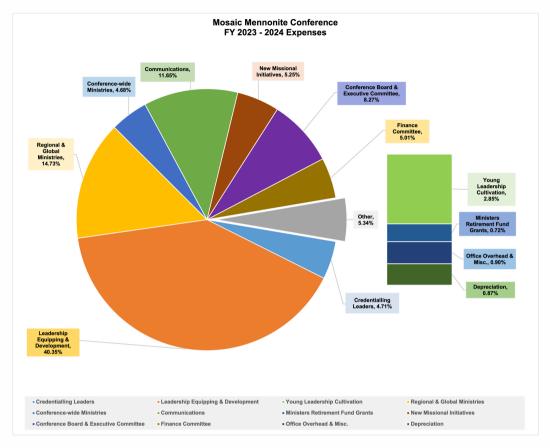
Income Statement

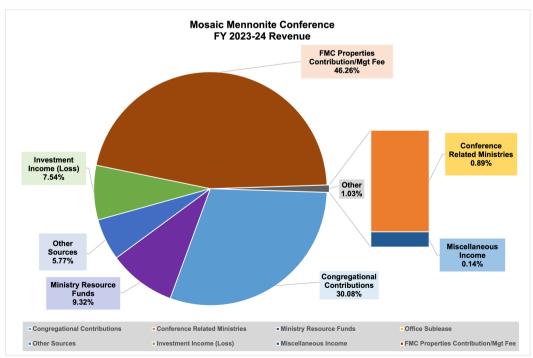
	2023-24 <sup>1</sup>	<b>2023-24</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>2022-23</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Actual	Budget	Actual
REVENUE			
Congregational Contributions	\$337,418	\$391,402	\$389,197
Conference Related Ministries	\$10,000	\$11,200	\$11,200
Ministry Resource Funds	\$104,574	\$97,218	\$126,530
Office Sublease	\$0	\$7,344	\$7,345
Other Sources	\$64,761	\$60,444	\$130,595
Investment Income (Loss)	\$84,549	\$150	-\$128,256
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,517	\$550	\$1,183
FMC Properties Contribution/Mgt Fee	\$519,000	\$519,000	\$484,992
Total Revenue, Gains & Other Support (Mosaic)	\$1,121,819	\$1,087,308	\$1,022,786
EXPENSES			
Program Services:			
Credentialling Leaders	\$56,280	\$64,831	\$59,706
Leadership Equipping & Development	\$482,588	\$454,723	\$559,908
Young Leadership Cultivation	\$34,049	\$40,714	\$26,359
Regional & Global Ministries	\$176,214	\$173,653	\$164,530
Conference-wide Ministries	\$55,957	\$53,631	\$45,323
Communications	\$139,366	\$127,357	\$119,762
Ministers Retirement Fund Grants	\$8,670	\$0	\$8,420
New Missional Initiatives	\$62,830	\$0	\$68,412
Total Program Services	\$1,015,954	\$914,909	\$1,052,420
Supporting Services:			
Conference Board & Executive Committee	\$98,909	\$88,891	\$95,323
Finance Committee	\$59,939	\$58,298	\$53,841
Office Overhead & Misc.	\$10,770	\$11,084	\$12,449
Depreciation	\$10,461	\$10,812	\$9,817
Total Supporting Services	\$180,079	\$169,085	\$171,430
Total Expenses and Losses (Mosaic)	\$1,196,033	\$1,083,994	\$1,223,850
Net Revenue over Expenses (Mosaic only)	-\$74,214	\$3,314	-\$201,064
Net Revenue over Expenses (FMC Properties only)	\$79,197	\$252	-\$92,423

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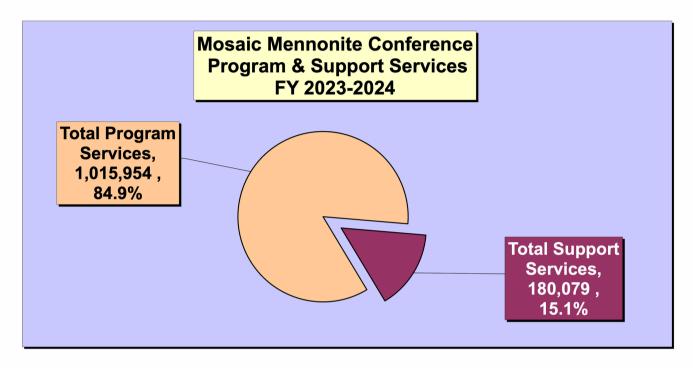
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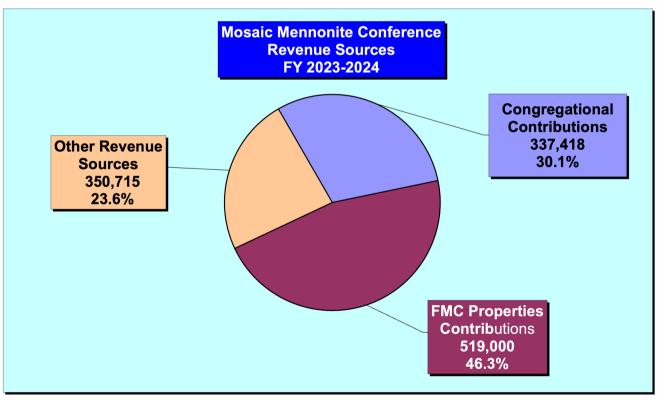
## **FINANCIAL GRAPHS**





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# **INTERCULTURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**THE INTERCULTURAL COMMITTEE** provides leadership in the areas of undoing racism, sexism, and cultural bias, and in facilitating and supporting mutual transformation in intercultural contexts.



**EMMANUEL MWAIPOPO** 

Nueva Vida Norristown New Life



SAMUEL CHARLES MARINA GAILANE

Bethel Worship and Teaching Center



Homestead



JOSUE GONZALEZ

Encuentro de Renovación





**WENDY KWONG** 

Souderton



Methacton



JORDAN LUTHER STEPHEN ZACHEUS

JKI Anugerah



**DANILO SANCHEZ** 

Ripple

**MOSAIC STAFF PERSON** 

# INTERCULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Intercultural Committee has worked hard to support the Intercultural staff team in their work. The staff continues to work on living out our Intercultural priority by holding conference events that build meaningful relationships, education, and equipping of leaders, and activities that address systemic issues within the conference. Their efforts build on the Intercultural Development Inventory work done by board and staff last summer that helps us walk through cultural differences and challenges.

In the spring, the Intercultural Committee had a conversation with Glen Guyton on best practices for intercultural transformation and systematic change. The Intercultural Committee supported and attended an Antiracism Analysis Training with Roots of Justice for Mosaic Board, Staff, and Committee members in September. Systemic change requires buy-in from key leaders of the organization. Intercultural work includes an antiracism component that helps us to work at mutual transformation. At the Renewing Nations and Generations annual gathering, the people of color within Mosaic gathered to be refreshed, network, and learn more about immigration.

Last summer, a White Caucus group was started for white people in Mosaic who desired to develop their intercultural capacity apart from People of Color. The White Caucus met quarterly to discuss their own biases, what they are learning through intercultural relationships, and shared resources.

The Intercultural Committee gained two new members this year, Marina Gailane from Homestead (FL) Mennonite Church and Samuel Charles from Bethel Worship and Teaching Center (Levittown, PA). We appreciate their giftedness and new perspectives. Both are newer to the conference and help us with our blind spots.

The intercultural work of the conference is not a sprint, but a marathon. By building and exercising our intercultural capacity, we will be able to endure the challenges of intercultural relationships. There may be times when we feel like giving up because it is too hard, but we press on to reach the end of the race and receive our heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us (Phil. 3:14). We remember that Christ is our peace and has broken down the dividing wall, so we are no longer strangers and foreigners, but part of the family of God together (Eph. 2).

May God continue to form us, strengthen us, and bless us.

Emmanuel Mwaipopo Intercultural Committee Chair

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** vets and discerns new Conference Board and Committee members. They ensure that those who fill these roles are balanced in terms of the gender, racial, cultural, geographic, and historic diversity of the Conference, reflect the diverse giftings represented in the Conference, and exhibit a high level of intercultural capacity.



**ROY WILLIAMS**North Tampa Christian Fellowship



MARCO GÜETE
Seguidores de Cristo



WENDY KWONG
Souderton



JANET PANNING
Plains

COMMITTEE CHAIR



LISA STENGER

Deep Run West



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MARTA CASTILLO
Nueva Vida Norristown New Life

MOSAIC STAFF PERSON

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR PERSONS WHO WOULD SERVE WELL ON MOSAIC'S COMMITTEES AND BOARD.



https://mosaicmennonites.org/nominating

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

#### **2023-24 UPDATES/ACTIVITIES:**

- At the beginning of the year, we identified Board and committee members' terms that were ending at the end of 2023 and if eligible, committee members contacted persons to see if they wanted to continue for an additional term.
- Committee chairpersons were asked about the gifts and skill sets needed on their committees so that each has a balanced and well-functioning committee.
- During this year, members were identified and confirmed for the Finance, Ministerial,
   Conference-Related Ministries, and Intercultural Committees, including people from Florida and
   California to help increase geographical, language, and cultural diversity.
- We continued to encourage anyone within Mosaic to submit nominations through the Mosaic website for individuals who have skills and gifts to share on a Mosaic committee.

We commit to inviting persons to our committees who are willing to serve, faithful, and gifted.

We are grateful for the many volunteer hours offered by members who share their gifts on behalf of the vision and mission of Mosaic Mennonite Conference.

Please continue to pray for those volunteering on our Mosaic committees, that they may have wisdom and joy in their offerings as they represent Christ, their congregations, and their own faith journeys for the benefit of the conference.

#### Roy Williams

Assistant Moderator & Nominating Committee Chair

# **CONFERENCE-RELATED MINISTRIES (CRM) COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**THE CRM COMMITTEE** provides relationship accompaniment to Conference Related Ministries (CRMs) providing conference presence and support through resourcing, visibility, and relationships as organizations continue in their ministries of providing care, hope, healing and resources to their communities.







**LINDY BACKUES** Philadelphia Praise Center



Bethany



**BRANDON BERGEY CHARLENE SMALLS** Ripple

COMMITTEE CHAIR



**MARGARET ZOOK** 

Salford

**MOSAIC STAFF PERSON** 

# CONFERENCE-RELATED MINISTRIES (CRM) COMMITTEE REPORT

The 27 Mosaic Conference-Related Ministries (CRMs) share God's healing and hope in local communities through nurture, care, witness, and discipling. CRMs are agencies, organizations, and ministries that extend the missional outreach of the Conference.

They are led by individual boards and are in unique, collaborative relationship with Mosaic Conference through shared Anabaptist foundational values.

The CRM Committee has affirmed those values as: Jesus as the center of our faith, community as the center of our lives, and reconciliation as the center of our work.

#### This year the CRM Committee welcomed a new member, Charlene Smalls.

- Pastor Smalls is one of four co-pastors of Ripple congregation (Allentown, PA).
- In 2020 Charlene became the first African American woman to be credentialed in Mosaic Conference.
- Pastor Charlene currently serves on the Board of CRM Ripple Community, Inc. (a Mosaic CRM).
- She chairs the Mosaic Faith and Life Committee; is on the Sistering Committee and on the Homeless Commission for the City of Allentown.

The Committee offers accompaniment to CRMs by providing a Conference presence and support through resourcing, visibility, and relationships. The Committee's members are: Chair: Dr. Herman Sagastume, Perkiomenville (PA) Mennonite; Lindy Backues, Philadelphia (PA) Praise Center, Brandon Bergey, Bethany (VT) Mennonite Church and Charlene Smalls, Ripple (PA). Margaret Zook, Salford (PA) Mennonite, serves as the Mosaic staff representative on the Committee.

#### **2023-24 UPDATES/ACTIVITIES:**

In 2023-24 the work of the Committee included:

Recommending The Worm Project to be welcomed as a Conference-Related Ministry.

- The Worm Project (TWP)'s mission is "to treat children infected with parasitic worms in the poorest countries around the world". In 2023, the TWP purchased and distributed deworming medicine to relieve the suffering of over 10 million children.
- The Worm Project was founded by Claude and Alice Good, who were missionaries in Mexico. TWP has been affiliated with Franconia Conference since its founding. The organization has grown and the Board, chaired by Gary Delp, has requested inclusion into a CRM relationship with Mosaic Conference.

Affirming continued staff contact and conversations with CRMs as they process challenges and opportunities in their communities. Through these meetings, CRM staff identified key interests and challenges, and as such, the CRM committee has discussed and encouraged:

- Building and maintaining meaningful CRM and congregational relationships
- Providing the Mosaic community with "glimpses" into CRM's work and sharing CRMs prayer requests in Mosaic News

- Through visits and table conversations, increasing connections among CRMs and beginning concrete thinking around new opportunities to serve our communities
- Understanding and acknowledging the expressed need for affiliation, partnerships, and resources beyond the individual organizations' capabilities.
- Providing individual support and resources during transitions.

Every person is an unrepeatable expression of God's creative grace. God can minister through anyone and often does so in and through the least, the little ones, the handicapped, the poor, the unimpressive.

- Henri Nouwen

# CONFERENCE-RELATED MINISTRIES (CRM) DIRECTORY



#### AMAHORO INTERNATIONAL

#### AMAHOROINTERNATIONAL.NET

Amahoro, led by George and Mukarabe Makinto, is a humanitarian organization that provides hope and community for Burundian refugees in Uganda.



#### BETHANY BIRCHES CAMP

#### BETHANYBIRCHES.ORG

Our core mission is to help young people to develop their relationship with God by providing them with a Christ-centered camping experience in a natural and nurturing environment.



#### BIKE & SOL

#### **BIKEANDSOL.COM**

Bike & Sol's mission is to build community by assisting people to enjoy the fun of bicycling through service, education, and spending time together.



#### CAMP MEN-O-LAN

#### MENOLAN.ORG

Camp Men-O-Lan exists to promote life change through Christ. The camp is located on 180 wooded acres in Upper Bucks County, PA. Camp facilities include, cabins, dorm style lodging, cottages, meeting rooms, and our dining hall.



#### **CARE & SHARE**

#### CAREANDSHARESHOPPES.ORG

The Care & Share Thrift Shoppe began in 1975 and is now comprised of 5 dierent shoppes in Souderton, PA and on eBay. It is part of the Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Shop Network, a bi-national group of shops who support the mission of Mennonite Central Committee.



#### THE CITY SCHOOL

#### CITYSCHOOL.ORG

The City School is a Pre-K to grade 12 Christian school in the heart of Philadelphia, PA. Serving over 350 students, the school is committed to education that crosses socio-economic and cultural boundaries to grow student leaders.



#### **COMMUNITY AT ROCKHILL**

#### COMMUNITYATROCKHILL.ORG

The Community at Rockhill, located in Bucks County, PA, is a Life Plan Community that oers multiple levels of care that prioritize independence and inspired living. The community builds lives of meaning and purpose, encouraging each other in intellectual and spiritual growth, physical wellness, and emotional well-being.



## CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CENTER

#### CROSSROADSPHILLY.ORG

Through children and youth programs, prison ministry, summer programs, and family programs (including food distribution, home repairs, and sewing classes), Crossroads Community Center evangelizes, disciples, and demonstrates the Gospel in word and deed to the people of the Fairhill community (of Philadelphia) and beyond.



#### DELVAL MEDA

#### MEDA.ORG

MEDA Delaware Valley is a local hub (chapter) for Mennonite Economic Development Associates, an international economic development organization that creates business solutions to poverty. The group meets regularly to network and discuss the intersection of faith and work.



#### DOCK MENNONITE ACADEMY

#### DOCKHS.ORG

Dock Academy o Ters students from early childhood through 12th grade an Anabaptist education that provides a balanced integration of faith and learning that teaches students to be confident thinkers who lead lives of purpose.



#### EASTERN PA MDS

#### MDS.MENNONITE.NET

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches that responds in Christian love to those affected by disasters in Canada and the United States. While the main focus is on clean up, repair, and rebuilding homes, this service touches lives and nurtures hope, faith, and wholeness.



#### FREDERICK LIVING

#### FREDERICKLIVING.ORG

Frederick Living is a close-knit not-for-profit continuing care retirement community located in Montgomery County in southeastern Pennsylvania.



# GERMANTOWN MENNONITE HISTORIC TRUST

#### MEETINGHOUSE.INFO

The mission of the Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust is to protect and maintain the 1770 Germantown Mennonite Meetinghouse, a significant symbol of the first permanent Mennonite settlement in North America, and to interpret and share the history, faith, and witness of Mennonites in Germantown from 1683 to the present.



#### **HEALTHY NIÑOS HONDURAS**

#### HEALTHYNINOS.ORG

Healthy Niños Honduras focuses on helping children with malnutrition and their families, specifically in the San Francisco de Yojoa, Cortes area of Honduras. Child Survival Programs include the Nutrition Center, deworming programs, medical & construction brigades, and community education.



#### INDIAN CREEK FOUNDATION

#### INDCREEK.ORG

For more than 40 years, Indian Creek Foundation has served Bucks- and Montgomery-area (PA) children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



#### LIBERTY MINISTRIES

#### LIBERTYMINISTRIES.US

Liberty Ministries exists to serve offenders in prison and ex-offenders in the community by showing God's love, providing practical assistance, and supporting biblical standards of justice.



#### LIVING BRANCHES

#### LIVINGBRANCHES.ORG

Living Branches is a not-for-profit system of retirement living and affordable housing communities dedicated to providing quality, lifeenriching services on three campuses in southeastern Pennsylvania. The organization employs more than 600 team members and offers a wide range of housing, support services, and engaging activities for more than 1,350 residents.



#### MCC MRC HARLEYSVILLE

#### MCC-HARLEYSVILLE.ORG

Material Resource Center (MRC) of Harleysville works alongside Mennonite Central Committee' (MCC) to share God's love to people su ering from poverty, oppression, disasters, and war through the provision of material resources like comforters and school and hygeine kits.



#### MENNONITE HISTORIANS OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (MHEP)

#### MENNONITE HERITAGE CENTER

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#### MIDIAN LEADERSHIP PROJECT

#### MIDIANPROJECT.COM

Midian Leadership Project seeks to develop community leaders through educational, family, and faith support, anchored in sports-related programming, for young people ages 10 to 25.



#### PEACEFUL LIVING

#### Peaceful Living

#### PEACEFULLIVING.ORG

Peaceful Living creates belonging for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities within a welcoming community. We provide services to nearly 200 people and their families through Residential Services, Day Programs, and Family Services in the Montgomery, Bucks, and Delaware counties of PA.



#### PEACE PROCLAMATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

#### PPMINTL.ORG

The primary purpose of Peace Proclamation Ministries International, Inc. (PPMI) is to help the people in India and the United States to experience a relationship with Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to see His true light, and to know the life He offers.



#### QUAKERTOWN CHRISTIAN **SCHOOL**

#### OUAKERTOWNCHRISTIAN.ORG

Quakertown Christian School equips students to be leaders through an exceptional education within a culture emphasizing Christ-like love, peacemaking, and service. For almost 70 years Quakertown Christian School has been partnering with families to provide young learners with the foundation they need to thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.



#### RIPPLE COMMUNITY INC

#### RIPPLECOMMUNITYINC.ORG

Established in 2015, Ripple Community Inc's programs serve over 150 Allentown residents, including people experiencing homelessness or housing instability, people who are socially isolated, people living with significant histories of trauma and mental illness, and the working poor. For our neighbors living with challenges like these, Ripple Community Inc is a source of friendship, support, and community.



#### SPRUCE LAKE RETREAT

#### SPRUCELAKE.ORG

Spruce Lake is a Christian retreat center and camp, located on over 888 acres in the Pocono Mountains. Through youth camps, Adventure Activity programs, family events, Outdoor Education programs, and church or conference retreats, persons can explore nature and deepen their faith at Spruce Lake.



#### ST. LUKE'S PENN FOUNDATION

#### PENNFOUNDATION.ORG

St. Luke's Penn Foundation strives to provide highquality, innovative, evidence-based mental health and addiction treatment and prevention programs to our community. With headquarters in Sellersville, PA, Penn Foundation serves more than 20,000 children, adolescents, and adults each year with integrated, holistic care.



#### TAPROOT GAP YEAR

#### TAPROOTGAPYEAR.COM

Taproot Gap Year is an adventure-packed journey of faith and identity exploration as young adults (ages 17-22) are guided through the process of deep cultural immersion and experiential learning in Philadelphia and Indonesia. Programs are either 4 months or 9 months in length.

# 2024 NEW CONGREGATIONS AND CONFERENCE-RELATED MINISTRIES

**NEW CONGREGATION** 

### **ARK OF CHRIST**

Ark of Christ Church, located near Anaheim, Los Angeles, California, aims to reach the lost for Jesus. Many of its members come from Indonesian backgrounds, and the church is focused on sharing the Gospel and making disciples. Services are held at 2 PM in English, offering a welcoming place for everyone to grow in faith and experience Christ's love.



**NEW CONGREGATION** 

### BETHEL WORSHIP AND BIBLE TEACHING CENTER

Bethel was born in the basement of the home of Pastor Samuel Charles three years ago. Formerly a copastor of Solidarité et Harmonie (Solidarity & Harmony) in Philadelphia, Charles prayed about whether he was called to start a new congregation. In January 2023, the immigrant families who had regularly gathered were able to move into a former church building for their worship service. In addition to Sunday worship, which often includes a fellowship meal, there is a Friday bible study that meets on Zoom. Worship is in Haitian Creole, and there is a thriving children's program in English. The church offers a place for recent immigrants to build networks, find jobs, and become more integrated into U.S. society. They hope to start an ESL program.



### RESPLANDECE MENNONITE CHURCH

Since November 2023, this hybrid congregation has gathered people on Zoom from Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Venezuela, Colombia, and beyond. Every Sunday, worship and reflection merge in connected, enriching experience. Some gather from the home of Josué González, in Pembroke Pines, Florida. The pastor, Manuel García, and his family worship from their home in Barranquilla, Colombia. They gather for prayer on Tuesday mornings and on Fridays, they organize the "Restored to Restore Seminar," an online evangelism event that reinforces its mission to build and strengthen the faith community. Isaiah 60:1, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you," reflects the spirit of Resplandece Mennonite. The church not only seeks to illuminate the path of its members but also to serve as a refuge of restoration and hope.



Pastor(s): Pastor Manuel García Noriega; Josué González WhatsApp: (+57) 305-4050324 Social Media: @ResplandeceMennoniteChurch (YouTube & Facebook) Location: Hybrid (Barranquilla, Colombia; Pembroke Pines, FL; and disbursed)

NEW CONFERENCE-RELATED MINISTRY

### THE WORM PROJECT

The Worm Project is a global initiative that strives to relieve the suffering of millions of children throughout the world through raising money to purchase and distribute de-worming medicine to those who need it most. For nearly 25 years, this all-volunteer ministry of Mosaic Conference has helped prevent malnutrition in children caused by parasitic worms. Roughly one-quarter of the world's children are at risk of being infected by parasitic worms, and the treatment is an effective, safe pill that costs less than three cents. Last year the ministry was able to treat over 10 million children. The ministry was founded by Franconia Conference missionary Claude Good and is now becoming independent as a Conference-Related Ministry of Mosaic Conference.



Contact: Gary Delp, Board President Email: <u>info@wormproject.org</u> Website: <u>wormproject.org</u> Location: Lansdale, PA

# FOR DELEGATE DISCERNMENT



"To affirm, with gratitude, the work and recommendation of the Pathway Steering Team to establish a robust partnership with Mennonite Church USA, and to bring recommended bylaw amendments for delegate discernment at the 2025 Mosaic Conference Assembly."

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# 2023 CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

November 4, 2023 Souderton (PA) Mennonite Church

### MORNING DELEGATE SESSION

Over 300 delegates gathered for the 2023 Mosaic Assembly. The morning session began with the introduction of the Conference Moderator, Angela Moyer Walter, and Assistant Moderator, Roy Williams. Roy Williams offered a prayer of blessing.

The introductions continued with the Ministerial Committee, Credentials Committee, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Conference Board, and Conference staff.

Jon Carlson, Moderator of Mennonite Church USA, brought greetings from the rest of the MC USA body, noting that something powerful happens when the people of God get together.

Leadership Minister Marco Güete announced a new Spanish-language ministry program that is a result of a partnership with Mennonite Education Agency and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Five students (50% of the program) are from Mosaic Conference.

Charlene Smalls moved to approve the 2022 Assembly minutes. Kevin Opett seconded that motion. People approved the minutes by a show of hands. No one opposed or abstained.

Mosaic Board member Gwen Groff introduced a reflection activity that encouraged each person to bring their full selves to the discussion. People shared aspects of their identities at their table groups.

Leadership Ministers Noel Santiago, Josh Meyer, and Aldo Siahaan led a time of communion. Communion, they pointed out, is not an object, but a sacred event.

Ken Burkholder, lead pastor at Souderton Mennonite Church, acknowledged the work of Souderton's staff in preparation for the Assembly and offered a blessing for the lunch meal.

### AFTERNOON DELEGATE SESSION

The Pathway Steering Team led the first portion of this session. Regina Valensia opened in prayer and Bronwyn Histand introduced the rest of the Team. Mark Reiff gave a summary of the team's work. The team explained that throughout the year it had held listening sessions within Mosaic and worked with Grovider, the outside consultant group.

The Pathway Steering Team reflected on their sense that Mosaic needs to ask, "Who are we?" before it asks, "How do we affiliate?" Danilo Sanchez and Brent Camilleri introduced the next table discussion. Groups discussed questions on sheets at the tables, and then 10 tables chosen at random reported back to the entire group.

Jim Musselman and Marta Castillo talked about the next steps for the Pathway process. Information collected from the table discussions will be received by the staff and board by December. Then there will be another process for the board and staff to understand that information. Marta encouraged everyone to pray with Scripture, to pray for the Pathway Steering Team, and to read *Mosaic News*.

Rose Bender Cook introduced herself as director of Mosaic Institute, which helps to equip pastors and lay leaders. Laura Alderfer shared about her experience of taking courses with the Institute, saying that she got to know different people and ideas and had good networking opportunities.

George and Mukarabe Makinto explained the work of Amahoro International, a Conference Related Ministry, and led the assembly in drumming for peace, based on the passage Ephesians 1:1-6. George distributed Scriptural phrases and rhythms among seven groups, and everyone drummed the scripture passage together.

Mosaic Moderator Angela Moyer Walter and Board member Emmanuel Mwaipopo explained the concluding business of the assembly. Table groups discussed proposed questions (Which Biblical stories or personal experiences shape your understanding of what it means to be a Spirit-led Mosaic Conference? Why?; What differences are you able to celebrate in your family/community and within Mosaic and which differences make you uneasy?; In what ways does having a relationship with Mennonite Church USA strengthen or challenge the ways your congregation/ministry witnesses to your community?) and responded on the table sheets. Seven tables were chosen at random to report back to the full group.

After a closing song written by George Makinto and Leadership Minister Emily Ralph Servant, and a benediction by Executive Minister Stephen Kriss, Mosaic Conference Assembly 2023 adjourned.

Minutes written and submitted by Eileen Kinch.

# **SCHEDULE** 2024 Conference Assembly

# WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD

### **MICAH 6:8**

9 AM PRegistration & Exhibit Hall opens

9:30 AM • Celebration Worship Service

11 AM • Exhibit Hall & Community Time

11:30 AM • Morning Delegate Session

12:30 PM Lunch & Exhibit Hall

There is no childcare during this time

2:00 PM • Afternoon Delegate Session