



**Central
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**KNOWING CHRIST'S LOVE
ANSWERING GOD'S CALL**

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Finding the right people to do the work of CDC

Mim Shirk has been on the CDC's gifts discernment committee since 2010, ending her second term in 2015. Below, she shares about what the committee does and what her involvement has meant to her.

What does the gift discernment committee do exactly?

We take a look at the position openings for each committee or board needs, determine what profile/characteristics are needed and generate names of people who might fill the roles. Then we divide up the contacts.

How often does the gift discernment committee meet?

We meet 3 to 5 times depending on how many positions we have to fill.

Why is the work of the gift discernment committee important to CDC?

The various committees and boards are a big part of how the conference carries out its work. It is important to choose people who support the conference and who are able to see the bigger picture. It is also important to choose people who will support the work of staff.

Why did you chose to be a part of the gifts discernment committee?

I like to be of service, I want to contribute to the conference, and I have a pretty good understanding of the work of committees and boards so this was a good place for me to plug in.

What have you gained or experienced in your years with the gift discernment committee?

I have come to appreciate the CDC staff and all they do to stay in touch with various congregations. They really care about being inclusive.

The Central District Conference gifts discernment committee consists of:

**Mim Shirk
Evie Bertsche
Steve Hartman-Keiser
Joyce Schumacher
Lawrence Matthews
Jim Mohr**

Together, they do the work assigned to the gifts discernment committee:

- *The committee shall make a studied effort to maintain a proper continuity in the overall organization of the Conference in its various aspects and at the same time to effect a reasonable rotation of personnel. Two successive terms for elected positions is the usual maximum. No one shall be elected to more than one standing committee at the same time.*
- *The committee shall prepare a slate of available positions for presentation to delegates at the annual meeting after it has been approved by the Board of Directors.*
- *The committee shall assist the Board of Directors and other committees as requested to make appointments, both within the conference and for denominational roles.*

Celebrating Carlock MC's first 100 years

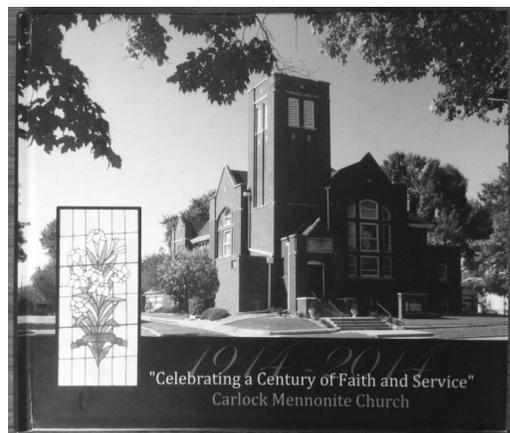
In celebration of its first 100 years, the Carlock Mennonite Church community has created a memory book, commemorating its history and activities to this point, but also a focus on the vibrancy of the church currently.

“Although the Memory Book does include a short history and photographs of the past 100 years,” said Stan Otto, a member of the Carlock Memory Book committee, “the primary focus is about our current membership that carries on the heritage of the Carlock Mennonite Church.

“In many respects,” he said, “it is like a high school year-book celebrating through pictures the current organizations, activities and outreach of our church family. The core of this volume consists of the memories each of our members shared about their life in the church as well as those remembrances of both current and past ministers.”

Carlock Mennonite Church was chartered on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1914 and currently includes about 80 members.

Carlock's primary 100th anniversary celebration was Palm Sunday weekend on April 12 and 13, 2014. The congregation will continue celebrating during its Harvest Mission Festival this fall, which includes a Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 23. During the Christmas season, the memory



The cover of Carlock Mennonite Church's 100th Anniversary Memory Book

book committee is planning for a 100th anniversary ornament being designed for the occasion.

The memory book committee at Carlock consisted of Lori Amberg, Lee Holtz, Joyce Kath, Gary Keith, Nancy Keith, Annie Schwoerer, Nancy Staulcup, Suzi Waller and Stan Otto, who all volunteered their time and talents to complete the project.

Help a young person experience the Global Youth Summit with CDC grant

Know of a young adult interested in leading in the church?

CDC is offering a \$500 grant to six young adults, ages 18-30, to attend the Global Youth Summit at Messiah College July 17 through 19, just prior to the Mennonite World Conference Assembly.

The summit is described as “*an oasis for young leaders of the church.*” This year, the theme of the event is “*Called to Share: My Gifts, Our Gifts.*” Information and registration is here: www.mwc-cmm.org/gys

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