Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission

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Report to Central District Conference

AIMM Annual Report

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission is an evangelical Anabaptist "family gathering" in which African, North American and European members are working together to become an answer to Jesus' prayer: "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven".

Organized as the **Congo Inland Mission in 1912**, AIMM currently works to plant and nurture churches, and encourage churches in mission, through authentic international mission partnerships in Benin, Burkina Faso, DR Congo, Botswana, and South Africa as well as North America.

To accomplish God's mission, we are committed to learning and working together in ways that promote fraternal relationships and mutual respect between equals, where each partner's gifts and talents are recognized, and where each partner gives and receives.



Left to right: Rev. Ngombe Kidinda, Rev. Sidonie Swana, Rev. Bercy Mundedi, Rev. Sandy Miller, (Silverwood Mennonite Church) Marceline Komuesa, and Nancy Myers (Kern Road Mennonite Church) at the Congo Mennonite Church women's federation meeting in Tshikapa, July 10-13, 2014

"More than anything else, put God's work first and do what God wants." Matt. 6:33

Central District Conference in Mission

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission celebrates the ways that we and Central District Conference have worked together to share the redeeming love of Jesus. We join in kingdom building efforts with our brothers and sisters who live and work as members of our African partner churches.

Central District Congregations have given strong support through financial contributions and by sending individuals on work teams, and relationship building trips over the past several years. The North Danvers Mennonite Church in Danvers, Illinois, the Silverwood Mennonite Church in Goshen, IN., and the women's ministries at Eighth Street Mennonite Church in Goshen, have given significant contributions to AIMM's general fund to help build a primary school in Bobo Dioulasso, a mission house on the Bateke Plateau, to bring a brother from South Africa to study at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and to provide agriculture training for pastors. Silverwood has also helped Congolese pastors attend a retreat for encouragement and renewal, given funds for repairs on the church at Nyanga, and sent travelers from their congregation for the 2012 AIMM Centennial celebrations in Congo. Silverwood Mennonite Women have supported the girls school at Nyanga and the Congo Mennonite Church youth camp. (see photo below) Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora, Ohio supports the water project which helps provide clean drinking water for villages in Congo. Thank you for your continued partnership in God's mission!

AIMM FAITH STATEMENT

*We believe the Bible to be the Word of God and the final authority for every Christian.

*We believe that Christian mission originates with God, who is fully revealed in Jesus.

*Christian life is possible only through a vital, personal relationship with Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by the local church.

*We identify with an Anabaptist understanding of scripture, which includes believer's baptism, local congregational fellowship, the renunciation of violence, and sharing Christ's love through evangelism, peacemaking and meeting human need.



Youth representing 9 of 11 church provinces gathered in Tshikapa for the 2014 Mennonite Church of Congo Youth Bible Camp 2014