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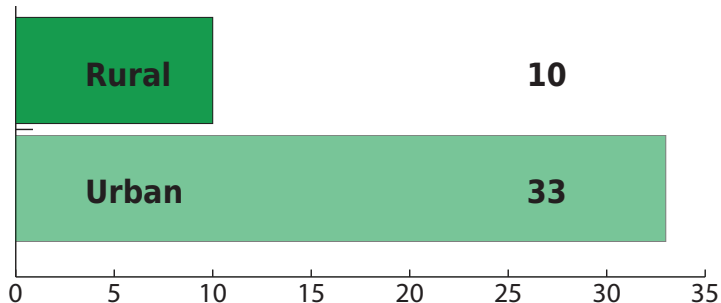
Central District Conference at a glance

Doug Luginbill, conference minister, shared the information in this issue with the CDC Leadership Council at their semi-annual meeting in September. "We continue to shift, change, grow and welcome," he said.

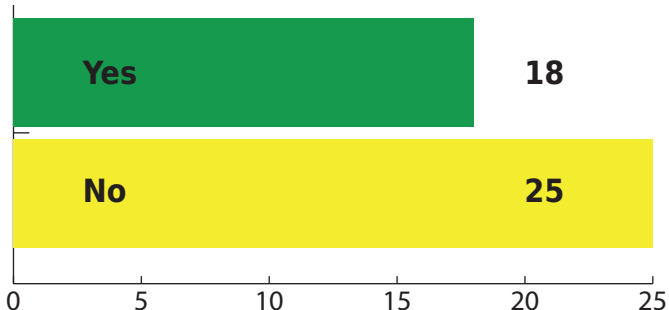
These charts provide an overview of the 43 congregations that are part of the conference. As Doug reviewed these charts, he noted several facets of the conference's congregations:

- The majority today are urban; 40-50 years ago, the ratio would have been reversed.
- CDC may have a higher percentage of congregations in the Supportive Communities Network than other Mennonite Church USA conferences.
- CDC may have a lower number of congregations that reflect diverse racial and ethnic membership than other MC USA conferences.

Location of congregations

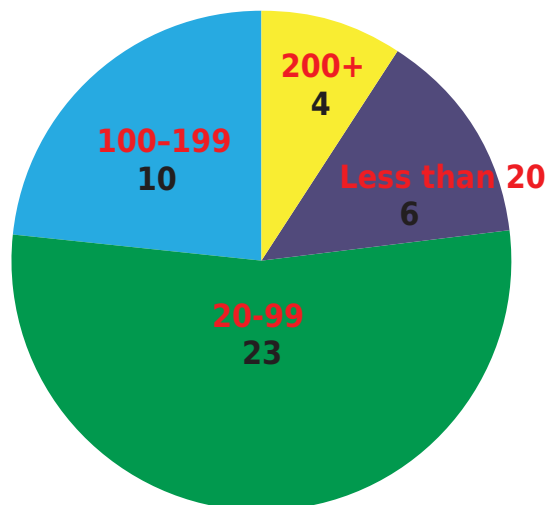


Members of Supportive Communities Network

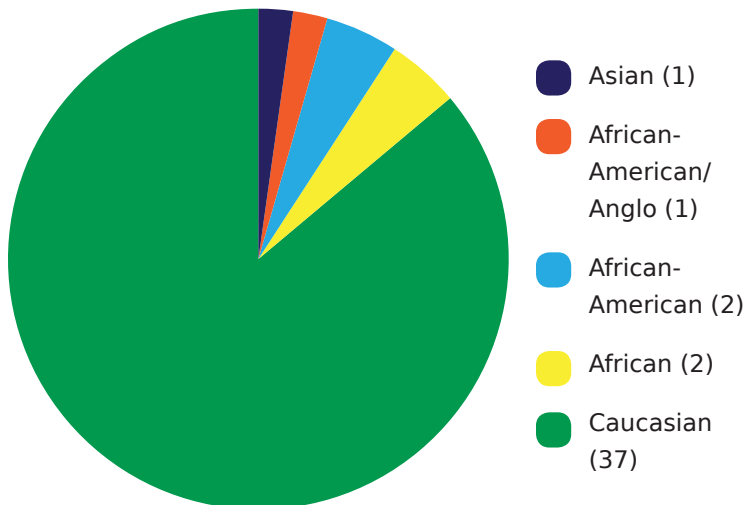


Membership size of congregations

Total CDC membership: 3714



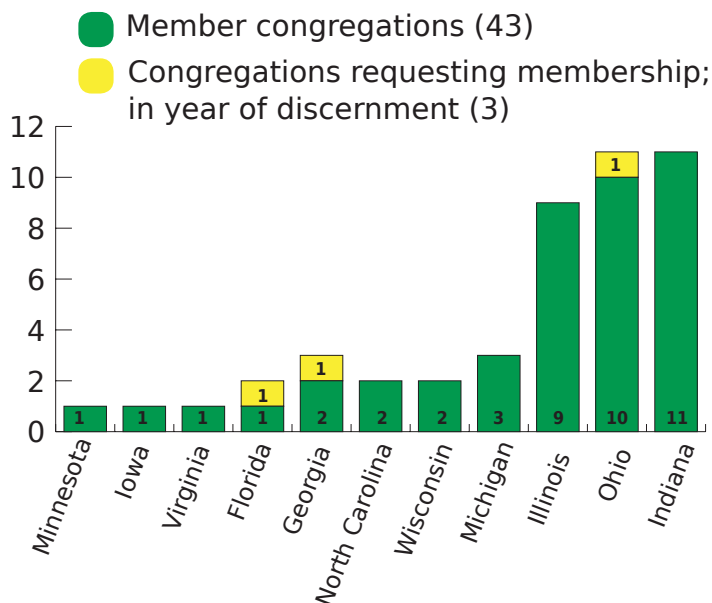
Predominant ethnicity and race in CDC congregations



Theme for 2018-2019: Come walk with us ... to God knows where!

CDC geography

Member congregations by state



CDC's mission statement

The mission of Central District Conference is to know Christ's abundant love in who we are and how we live, and to answer God's persistent call to share that love with one another and the world by:

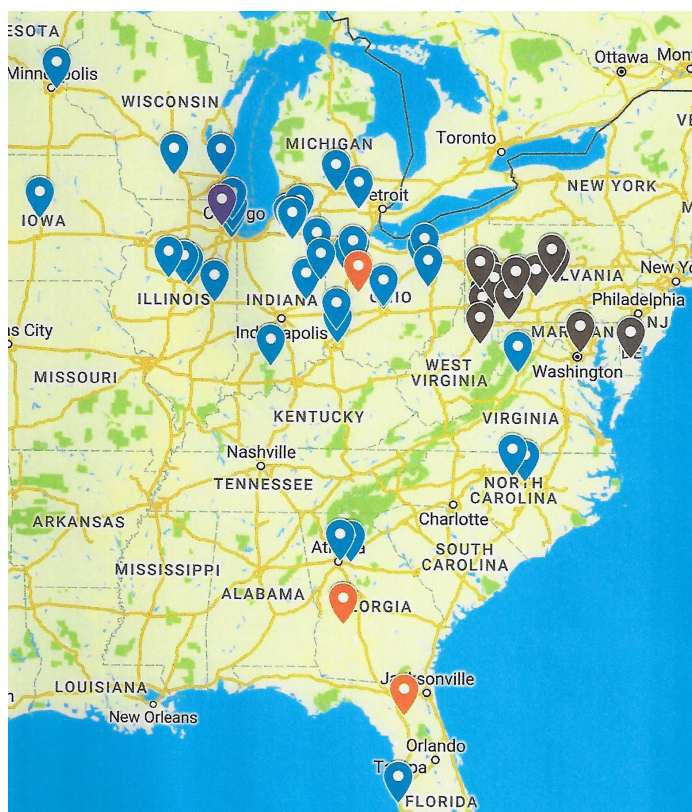
- Promoting a Christ-like community of hospitality where all are welcome and where grace-filled relationships flourish, and patience and generosity are practiced.
- Calling and nurturing wise, dynamic and compassionate Anabaptist leadership.
- Supporting missional partnerships that make God's reign visible and fostering ministries of evangelism, peace, healing and hope.

This mission was reaffirmed by the CDC Board at the September 22, 2018, meeting.

Central District Conference 2019 Regional Gatherings:

CDC Central: January 26, Goshen, Ind.
 CDC West: February 9, Chicago, Ill.
 CDC East: March 9, Sugar Creek, Ohio
 CDC South: March 23, Atlanta, Ga.

Central District Conference Annual Meeting:
 Milwaukee, Wisc., June 20-22, 2019.



● Blue and purple:
 Current CDC congregations: 41

● Orange:
 Congregations requesting CDC membership (3)

● Gray:
 Allegheny Mennonite Conference congregations (12)
Note: For the last year and a half, CDC and Allegheny have considered a closer working relationship or affiliation. AMC has decided to continue as an independent conference, but CDC members are encouraged to visit AMC congregations and benefit from their programs, such as the annual Spring Seminar featuring Rebecca Barrett-Fox, April 8-11, at Laurelville Retreat Center.

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