



Central District Conference Everence Activity with Central District Churches in 2018

Everence values the significant partnership we have with Central District conference and your congregations. Below are some of the ways this partnership happened in 2018.

Scholarship winners

Noah Yoder	\$750	Madison Mennonite Church, Madison, Wisconsin
Joseph Stoltzfus	\$750	Open Table Mennonite Fellowship, Goshen, Indiana
Cade Fisher	\$750	Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana

Sharing Fund

The Sharing Fund grant program is a testimony of the local and larger community of faith coming together to address the financial hardships within the community. The amount below reflects the portion from the Sharing Fund. The congregations' portion would more than double that amount. Thanks for being the Christ-like light in responding to the benevolence needs in your communities.

2018 amount	\$29,852
Number of grants	69
Churches receiving grants	20

Number of churches with stewardship advocates 24

Number of Everence members 1,287

Participation in Pastors Financial Assistance Program

Over the past three years, more than 15 Central District pastors have participated in the Everence Pastors Financial Assistance Program, funded by the Lilly Foundation. This includes participation in one of the following benefits:

- Grants to assist pastors with debt burdens
- Financial educational events that include a learning and social (fun) component
- Subsidy toward the cost of the first-year Everence comprehensive financial plan

A reminder to those who were unable to participate, Everence has been awarded another Lilly Endowment grant of \$1 million. You now have another opportunity to participate in 2019-2021. Contact an Everence stewardship consultant to learn how.