



2019 Annual Report to Conference

Mennonite Men is the men’s organization of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. Our mission: *Engaging men to grow, give and serve as followers of Jesus.* Our two programs, *JoinHands* and *JoinMen*, served this mission in several ways in the last year.

JoinHands: Grants for New Churches

Through your donations to JoinHands, Mennonite Men has granted over 2 million dollars to assist new congregations to acquire their first church building.



The most recent grants went to two church projects in Africa. One went to this church in Dodoma, Tanzania (pictured above). This building will serve as a meeting house for a congregation and peace center in the Tanzania Mennonite Church. The second grant went to a church with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission in Cradock, South Africa for a meeting house and community center.

Eden Life Church in Kansas City, Missouri (pictured below), a member of South Central Conference will



receive the next grant. This new church plant is serving immigrant populations from Ethiopia and South Sudan.

These congregations are scheduled to receive grants:

- A Congolese Mennonite church in Oregon.
- A Hispanic Mennonite church in Pennsylvania.
- A Haitian Mennonite church in Florida.

The church is growing rapidly in these racial-ethnic congregations. We join God’s work among them and share with these immigrant populations.

JoinMen: Retreats and Resources for Men

Responding to men behaving badly in our culture, we focused this year’s retreats on healthy masculinity. This is also the subject of our new book, *Peaceful at Heart: Embracing Healthy Masculinity.* This in-depth exploration of masculinity is written from an Anabaptist perspective and published by Institute of Mennonite Studies and Wipf & Stock.

Another new development was the first annual immersion experience. During a week-long wilderness adventure in Taos, New Mexico men explored ways to live as followers of Jesus in a world where our lifestyles impact people and the planet.



Join Us: Individual and Congregational Support

Mennonite Men needs \$150,000 to fund grants for the church building projects described above and share with these growing immigrant congregations. Please consider how you and your congregations can partner with us.

To learn more, support our work, download resources, or schedule a retreat, visit MennoniteMen.org.

Together in Christ,
Steve Thomas, U.S. Coordinator