

## ***Missional Church Committee***



Members: Emily Hedrick (relocated, mid-year), Karla Minter, chair, Kiva Nice-Webb, Mark Rupp, Valerie Showalter, Tim Stair, Matthew Yoder  
Staff member: Emma Hartman

The Missional Church Committee meets regularly, using in-person and video conference calls. Our tasks and identified initiatives are as follows. This committee will...

### **❖ Encourage use of denominational and conference resources, nurturing congregations in developing and mobilizing their missional potential.**

#### *Racial, Ethnic and Religious Reconciliation focus/task group*

\*\*“In 2018, the Missional Church Committee of Central District Conference (CDC) charged a task group to develop provocations for fostering the ongoing work of racial, ethnic and religious reconciliation within the conference. This group was appointed and met during 2019 and submitted Provocations and a Resource List in early 2020.” (Executive Summary)

\*\*Three Provocations for Ongoing Work Toward Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Reconciliation (attached)

\*\*Resource List for Ongoing Work Toward Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Reconciliation within Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA (attached)

*Encouraged the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) for CDC Leadership Council to begin conversation around anti-racism, assess one’s approach to difference, and as a framework for finding anti-racism resources from the Anabaptist perspective. The April 4 half-day IDI retreat was postponed until fall due to COVID-19 restrictions for in-person meetings.*

#### *Growing Communities of Faith and Peace*

\*\*Welcomed exploration of CDC membership with Grand Rapids Mennonite Fellowship. Doug Luginbill and Karla Minter visited with the congregation March 1, 2020.

\*\*Received updates from Doug Luginbill from individuals with interests and vision for creating new communities of faith within CDC.

*MennoCon19, “Journey Forward: Peacemaking,” Matthew Yoder attending.*

### **❖ Be alert to congregational needs and special interests, linking congregations to appropriate resources and to other congregations with similar interests.**

#### *We received and approved two Reign of God Grants*

\*\*\$2500 dollars to First Mennonite Church, Urbana, IL and Chicago Community Church, Chicago, IL for Ted & Co. production, “I’d like to buy an enemy.”

\*\*\$2500 dollars to Assembly, Eighth Street and Silverwood Mennonite Churches, Goshen, IN for a Youth Creation Care Summit, pending the rescheduling of the event from June 2020, due to COVID-19 limitations, to a time within the next 12 months.

### **❖ Encourage missional partnerships.**

Encouraged participation in the *SEMILLA Learning Tour*, Jan 16-26, 2020, with eight people participating from CDC.

*Submitted by Karla Minter*