



## 2021 Report to Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA

*Give strength to your people, God! Bless your people with peace! Psalm 29:11*

Here are some of the ways Mennonite Church USA worked to #BringThePeace of Christ to our conferences, congregations and communities amid the challenges of 2020.

### Our Mission

The mission of Mennonite Church USA Executive Board is to equip and empower leaders to share with others the gift of God's peace and transformative love.

### Our Vision

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.



Dismantling racism was a key focus in 2020 that included a webinar series on race, change and the church, a resource [portal](#) and access to affordable antiracism training for congregations.

MC USA created [several new funds](#) to engage the church in its racial justice work. The Justice Fund assists MC USA congregations working in their communities to address racism, police brutality and poverty. The Grace Fund supports Hispanic congregations and ministries impacted by COVID-19 and natural disasters.



Leaders of color gathered in January 2020 for MC USA's annual [Hope for the Future](#) meeting in Dallas, Texas, to discuss ways to press forward for peace and justice throughout the church.



MC USA urged and equipped congregations to deepen understanding and engagement around climate justice and immigration justice through two ["Learn, Pray, Join" initiatives](#).

The MC USA Executive Board initiated an [eight-step process to gather feedback](#) on a recommendation from the Board-appointed advisory group to retire the denomination's Membership Guidelines.



The [Women in Leadership ministry](#) held its 2020 Women Doing Theology conference online, with a series of webinars that focused on the wisdom and experiences of church elders on dismantling patriarchy and race and intersectionality.

MC USA faith formation leaders gathered in January 2020 for the joint [Pastors and Leaders/Deep Faith Conference](#) at AMBS. The conference focused on "Shaping Faith in a Digital Culture."

MC USA launched a [redesigned website](#) with expanded content, robust search capability and easy navigation. The website now also includes Anabaptist Faith Formation, a collaborative collection of online faith formation resources.



[MC USA Archives](#) provided users with single-point access to an online database of 14 Anabaptist partners by collaborating with the Mennonite Archive Information Database.

MC USA and Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency launched [MenoTicias](#), the new denominational Spanish-language digital newsletter.



Subscribe to [PeaceMail](#), MC USA's weekly digital news magazine. With the official retiring of *The Mennonite* magazine, MC USA Communications developed PeaceMail to offer the only source for all the denomination's news and blogs.



Experience the excitement of [MennoCon21](#), July 6-10, 2021 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Visit the convention website at [convention.mennoniteusa.org/](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/)