

Missional Church Committee

Members: Xaris Martinez (Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship), Karla Minter, Chair (Open Table Mennonite Fellowship), Kiva Nice-Webb (Chicago Community Mennonite Church), Matthew Pritchard (Atlanta Mennonite Church), Mark Rupp (Columbus Mennonite Church), Valerie Showalter (Madison Mennonite Church), Tim Stair (Hively Avenue Mennonite Church), Emma Hartman, CDC Administrator, ex officio (Faith Mennonite Church)



All six committee meetings, regional gatherings, and two Leadership Council meetings were held on-line. At the conclusion of Matthew Yoder's term, we welcomed Matthew Pritchard to the committee. The Conference's two-year theme, Tending Transformation, shaped the naming and work of our two task groups.

Tending Transformation: Racial, Ethnic, Religious (RER) Reconciliation task group members Xaris, Kiva, Valerie and Emma engaged in integrative work:

- Turning anti-racism reports into narratives to share with the wider CDC community;
- Ensuring there are questions in the sacred listening tour that elicit information about racial, ethnic, and religious work the congregations are already doing, tried to do or would like to do;
- Seeking ways to amplify and support the work of Inclusive Pastors group in anticipation of the MC USA special delegate session in Kansas City;
- Considering ways to welcome and introduce new communities of faith to available grants and existing RER work of the conference while also highlighting the RER work already being done as part of the introduction/welcoming process to the conference.

Tending Transformation: Growing Communities of Faith and Peace task group members Karla, Matthew, Mark, Tim and Emma engaged in collaborative, generative work:

- Affirming an emerging communities of faith fund with the CDC Board of Directors;
- Contributing to the "Emerging Communities of Faith Grant, Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA" application form and process;
- Participating in the peer support group for emerging communities of faith, facilitated by Doug; Tim Stair, representing the task group on a support team created by Doug to specifically walk alongside the Charlotte, NC emerging community of faith;
- Providing feedback and revisions to the new position description for "CDC Associate Conference Minister for Emerging Communities of Faith;"
- Referring to the existing "Supporting New and Developing Communities of Faith" for precedence and practice in guiding the conference's current work.
- Submitting "Tending Transformation: New and Emerging Communities of Faith" by Karla, and "Emerging faith communities help my faith emerge" by Tim, for the November CDC *Reporter*.

The committee reviewed Reign of God grant applications and approved a \$500 dollar grant to Raleigh Mennonite Church for attendance at an anti-racism curriculum workshop offered by the Durham-based nonprofit, "we-are" (Working to Extend Anti-Racism Education).

The committee appointed Valerie Showalter to the conference minister search committee for the new position of Associate Conference Minister for Emerging Communities of Faith.

Submitted by Karla Minter