

2022 has been full of exciting work and meaningful connections as the work of Mennonite Men continues to benefit our communities and congregations. Our three programs—JoinTrees, JoinMen, and JoinHands—continue to thrive as we invite men to grow, give and serve as followers of Jesus.

To learn more about our work, download resources, or contribute to our programs, visit mennonitemen.org.

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Mennonite Men

Engaging men to grow, give and serve.

JoinTrees

Planting Trees to restore the earth



JoinTrees is our campaign to plant one million trees by 2030. This campaign targets climate change—an existential threat to life on our planet. By increasing tree and forest cover with this JoinTrees campaign, our goals are to help: (1) mitigate global warming, (2) serve climate justice, and (3) support vulnerable communities.

Our vision is a healthy, thriving planet where God's abundant life of shalom is enjoyed by all from generation to generation.

We recently reached the milestone of our first 100,000 trees planted! We are grateful for the

strong support of this creation care and climate action campaign. Of the 100,287 trees planted, 75,385 were in Central America, 20,902 in North America, and 4,000 in Africa. Our largest project this year was in Baja Verapaz, Guatemala where local communities and families planted 35,385 trees in agroforestry projects.

Our board recently approved seven JoinTrees grant proposals for planting 52,819 more trees. Projects include 20,367 trees in Guatemala, 20,000 in Mexico, 1,400 at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan, 2,852 at East Goshen Mennonite Church, and 8,200 on Mennonite properties in Goshen, Indiana.

Learn more and contribute to this program at mennonitemen.org/jointrees

JoinHands

Sharing resources for new church buildings



JoinHands is our program for giving and grantmaking. Through our JoinHands Mennonite Church Building Program, we provide grants to help new congregations acquire their first church building. Mennonite Men has given over 2.3 million dollars to new congregations for this purpose.

We invite individuals and congregations to give to JoinHands. We especially ask churches pursuing building projects to give as a way of sharing resources and serving “fair balance” with congregations in need.

Our next JoinHands grant will assist Ripple Church, a Mennonite congregation of Mosaic Mennonite Conference, to purchase an existing building for their meeting place and community center in Allentown, Pennsylvania. This congregation is active in offering neighborhood ministries for children, youth, meal service, and providing a place of belonging. Church leaders state, “Purchasing this building will allow the church to continue into the future and provide a safe location downtown for many people who are not welcomed in other areas of the city.”

For more details about this program, visit mennonitemen.org/joinhands.

JoinMen

Gathering men and promoting their growth



JoinMen provides retreats and resources from an Anabaptist perspective to promote healthy masculinity, Christian formation and community. We desire that all men find a place of belonging among men who are strong, loving and wise as we follow Jesus in building God's shalom.

Retreats provide opportunities for men to gather together and engage issues in community. More than an event, these experiences are also meant to encourage participants to be part of an ongoing men's group and growth process. A full list of

retreat themes we offer can be found at mennonitemen.org/joinmen.

Fewer retreats in the last year has given us the opportunity to complete a new book with Herald Press titled *Living that Matters: Honest Conversations for Men of Faith*. This practical handbook is a guide to help individuals and groups engage in honest conversations on what matters most for men—with a focus on following Jesus, forming community, and building peace. These short reflections help individuals and groups deepen relationships with one another and with God as we seek to live into God's shalom. Look for the book's release by Herald Press in early 2023.

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