

2026 Report to Central District Conference

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AQORD Mission

Our mission is to inspire, strengthen, and advance the effectiveness of values-aligned health and human service organizations.

AQORD is a network of 105 Anabaptist and Quaker health and human services ministries located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. AQORD has members in the following states where CDC congregations are located:

- Indiana
- Illinois
- Michigan
- Ohio
- Florida
- Virginia

Activities

- As of January 1, 2026, the associations of MHS and FSA merged to form one organization, taking on the name AQORD. This merger brings together both Anabaptist and Quaker non-profit health and human service member organizations, creating greater value for the whole of membership.
- The 2026 annual conference will be held March 24 – 26 in Indianapolis, IN. This conference is hosted in conjunction with four sister associations. For more information and to register, please [visit the AQORD website](#).
- AQORD provides monthly webinars on a variety of topics. The 2026 themes include leadership & governance, culture & employee engagement, and industry trends. All upcoming webinars can be found [here](#) on the AQORD website.
- AQORD members continue to utilize our tools and resources to support their ministries. For a breakdown of member services, please [visit our website](#).
- [AQORD Consulting](#) continues to serve AQORD members and nonmembers in the health and human services arena, primarily providing resources in governance, executive search, executive coaching, interim placement, and strategic planning and positioning.
- AQORD leadership, along with member CEOs, is willing to provide education and information on a variety of topics such as behavior/mental health, developmental disabilities, planning for retirement, governance, and leadership.
- The AQORD Board of Directors and AQORD Staff continue to advance diversity, equity, justice, and inclusion initiatives.

For Reflection and Prayer

- Continued prayer for AQORD members facing significant funding concerns and instability due to government funding requirements and changes. Many AQORD member organizations serve vulnerable populations across the country.
- We are grateful for the financial gifts, gifts in kind, prayer, and volunteer support to AQORD member organizations.