

## **Associate Conference Minister Review**

This year Central District Conference completed a three-year review of Matt Pritchard, Associate Conference Minister for Emerging Communities of Faith.

The review included feedback from pastors, leaders of emerging communities, and denominational partners who work with Matt across the conference. Respondents consistently expressed appreciation for Matt's relational leadership, his encouragement of emerging ministries, and his commitment to the mission and values of Central District Conference.

Leaders of emerging communities especially noted Matt's ability to build trust and walk alongside them as new expressions of church take shape. Many respondents also highlighted Matt's creativity, enthusiasm, and openness to new possibilities for ministry rooted in Mennonite commitments to peace, justice, and community.

At the same time, the review offered helpful insights into the evolving nature of this work. As emerging communities continue to grow across the conference, respondents noted opportunities to strengthen leadership structures, clarify pathways for developing new ministries, and ensure that a wide range of voices within the conference are heard and engaged in these conversations.

Participants in the review affirmed that supporting emerging communities of faith is an important part of the conference's calling in this season. Matt's ministry has helped nurture these communities and strengthen connections between emerging leaders and the wider life of Central District Conference.

Central District Conference is grateful for Matt's leadership and for the ways he continues to encourage leaders and communities exploring new expressions of faithful witness.

*Submitted by the Review Committee: Joel Miller (board and committee chair), Jan Luginbill (past board chair), Brian Bolton (Ministerial Committee), Brian Sauder (Missional Church Committee)*