

2021 Faith Mennonite Church Charitable Giving Summary

December 2021

We continue to gain a clearer understanding of our budget operations, financial management procedures and charitable giving so, in the spirit of transparent communication and in the interest of sharing financial information with the Faith congregation, below appears a summary the 2021 charitable donations made by Faith Mennonite Church as duly approved by Church Council at the November 2021 business meeting.

Itemized Greater Mennonite Church Support: \$18,500

N.B. The sum of the itemized gifts that appear immediately below is made payable in one check to the Central Plains Mennonite Conference of the Mennonite Church USA for distribution to the designated organizations. This amount is slightly larger than past years due to some generous designated giving to both the Mennonite Central Committee and the Mennonite Disaster Service..

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY (AMBS): \$1,000

3003 Benham Ave
Elkhart IN 46517

- One of two MCUSA-sponsored seminaries in the United States “dedicated to providing theological training from an Anabaptist Mennonite perspective...AMBS serves the church as a learning community with an Anabaptist vision, educating followers of Jesus Christ to be leaders for God’s reconciling mission on the world.”

CENTRAL PLAINS MENNONITE CONFERENCE (Central Plains): \$8,500

Box 101
Freeman SD 57029 (Office Manager)
Box 352
Kalona IA 52247 (Staff Office)

- One of 16 conference groupings in the Mennonite Church USA, including Allegheny Mennonite, Atlantic Coast, Central District, Central Plains, Gulf States, Illinois Mennonite, Indiana-Michigan, Mosaic, Mountain States, New York, Ohio, Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest, South Central, Virginia and Western District. Central Plains serves 46 churches scattered over eight states—Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin—and its mission is “...to create settings for our congregations and partners to grow in holistic witness to God’s reconciling mission in the world by developing leadership, encouraging fellowship and promoting lifelong discipleship.”

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE U.S. (MCS): \$4,000

21 S 12th St
Box 500
Akron PA 17501

- "...a global, nonprofit organization that strives to share God's love and compassion for all through relief, development and peace...When responding to disasters we work with local groups to distribute resources in ways that minimize conflict. In our development work we plan with community and church groups to make sure the projects meet their needs. And we advocate for policies that will lead to a more peaceful world."

MENNONITE CHURCH USA (MCUSA): \$3,000

3145 Benham Ave

Ste #1

Elkhart IN 46517

718 N Main St

Newton KS 67114

- "...an Anabaptist, Christian denomination with roots in the Radical Reformation of 16th-century Europe. It is the largest Mennonite denomination in the United States with 16 conferences, approximately 530 congregations and 62,000 members."

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS): \$1,000

MDS Binational Office

583 Airport Rd

Lititz PA 17543

- "...a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches that responds in Christian love to those affected by disasters in Canada and the United States. While the main focus is on clean up, repair and rebuilding homes, this service touches lives and nurtures hope, faith and wholeness."

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK: \$1000

3145 Benham Ave

Ste #1

Elkhart IN 46517

718 N Main St

Newton KS 67114

- Mission work accomplished on global and national levels also providing support for individual Mennonite churches in areas such as leadership, discipleship, church planting and worship and peace and prayer resources.

Brethren Mennonite Council Support: \$500

N.B. Donation sent from Faith Mennonite as separate gift.

BRETHREN MENNONITE COUNCIL (BMC): \$500

Box 6300

Minneapolis MN 55406

- “The mission of BMC is to cultivate an inclusive church and society and to care for the Mennonite and Brethren lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied community.”

Faith Mennonite Church Missions & Service Commission Giving: \$6,500

N.B. Donations determined in December 2021 by Faith Mennonite Church Missions & Service Commission as directed by Faith Mennonite Church Council.

Direct Community Service: \$1,100

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES (CES): \$400

1900 11TH Ave

Minneapolis MN 55404

- “...a fully independent, expanded nonprofit with the largest Meals on Wheels program in the state. Based in the most ethnically diverse neighborhood in Minneapolis, CES staff and volunteers are on the frontlines of providing food, hope, and compassion to our multi-generational, multi-cultural, low-income clientele. We strive to serve our neighbors in need without distinction or test, with dignity and understanding.”

ST. STEPHEN’S, ENDING HOMELESSNESS: \$400

2309 Nicollet Ave

Minneapolis MN 55404

- Serves Hennepin County. Resources include Food Center & Food Shelf, Outreach & Shelter, Chemical & Mental Health Recovery, Housing and Community Resources (birth certificates, holiday drop-ins, handbooks of the streets, representative payee services, public showers and next step assessors).

SOUP FOR YOU!: \$300

Bethany Lutheran Church

2511 E Franklin Ave

Minneapolis MN 55406

- Respectful Seward neighborhood soup kitchen, operating on a shoestring out the basement of a century-old (church) that continues, “with the good support of The Village, to feed, nourish and comfort all that come to us.”

Social Justice Agencies: \$4,800

AGAPE PEACE CENTER: \$300

c/o First Presbyterian Church

300 E 2nd St

Duluth MN 55805

Contact: Ted Lewis

- “The Agape Peace Center grew out of two things that came together for me (Ted Lewis) in 2016: an office space in a church and a peace library that needed a home for the ‘post-digital age’...This has allowed the two main areas of my life work to synthesize together: my restorative justice peacemaking work and my passion for communicating the Bible in creative ways that speak to modern times.”

CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAMS (CPT): \$500

Box 6508

Chicago IL 60680

- “Christian Peacemaker Teams is an international organization set up to support teams of peace workers in conflict areas around the world. The organization uses these teams to achieve its aims of lower levels of violence, nonviolent direct action, human rights documentation and nonviolence training in direct action. CPT sums up their work as being ‘committed to reducing violence by getting in the way.’”

COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS, MINNESOTA (CAIR): \$300

2511 E Franklin Ave

Ste #100

Minneapolis MN 55406

- “The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), America's largest Islamic civil liberties and advocacy group has 35 offices and chapters nationwide and in Canada. Its mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding. The demand for our services has grown tremendously. From restrictions placed on Muslims to practice their religion, to profiling and discrimination stemming from a lack of understanding of Islam, the need for CAIR in Minnesota is great. The proof is reflected in the dramatic increase in civil rights cases by 250% from 2007 to 2013. CAIR-Minnesota strives to ensure that Muslims in Minnesota enjoy the same protections that all Americans have.”

DISMANTLING THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY COALITION: \$500

c/o Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference

Box 39038

Phoenix, AZ 85069

Contact: Kristi Zabriskie

- “The Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition is a group of Anabaptist leaders who work together to mobilize the church to dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. We proclaim an Anabaptist spirit of discipleship rooted in the call to love of neighbor, seeking right relationship and reconciliation through active non-violence.” A part of Faith’s work as a Repair Congregation, the Coalition helps white settlers to examine and repair their legacy of harm toward native people.

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION, USA (FOR): \$300

c/o Candace Lutt & Phil Stoltzfus
206 Orchard St N
Northfield, MN 55057

Contacts: Candace Lutt & Phil Stoltzfus

- “The United States Fellowship of Reconciliation was founded in 1915 by sixty-eight pacifists, including A. J. Muste, Jane Addams and Bishop Paul Jones, and claims to be the ‘largest, oldest interfaith peace and justice organization in the United States’...Its programs and projects involve domestic as well as international issues, and generally emphasize nonviolent alternatives to conflict and the rights of conscience.”

MAKOCE IKIKCUPI (“Makoce,” Land Recovery): \$1000

Box 21

Granite Falls, MN 56241

Contacts: Kristi Zabriskie & John Stoesz

- “A project of Reparative Justice on Dakota land in *Minisota Makoce* (Minnesota)...(that) seeks to bring some of our relatives home, re-establish our spiritual and physical relationship with our homeland, and ensure the ongoing existence of our People.”

MINNESOTA PEACEBUILDING LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: \$600

Box 3717

Minneapolis MN 55403

Contact: Donna Minter

- “...instigates, trains, and supports racially, sexually, culturally, ethnically, religiously, and economically diverse individuals and organizations to become trauma-informed, resilience-oriented, and restorative justice-focused empowering communities in Minnesota, the USA, and around the world.”

PUEBLOS DE LUCHA Y ESPERANZA (“Pueblos,” Peoples of Struggle & Hope): \$1,000

c/o Faith Mennonite Church

2720 E 22nd St

Minneapolis MN 55406

Contacts: Karla Arredondo, Roberta Malles

- “A Minnesota faith-based organization that organizes people in struggle to build leadership and collective power to change the structures and policies that oppress migrant peoples.”

SEWARD LONGFELLOW RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: \$300

2525 E Franklin Ave

Ste #150

Minneapolis MN 55406

- “...created by residents in the Seward and Longfellow neighborhoods ‘to build community by providing the opportunity to repair harm by involving the victim, offender, and community in solutions that promote healing, accountability, and reconciliation.’

Mennonite Service Work: \$300

CENTRAL STATES CHAPTER, THE MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE: \$300

121 E 30th St

North Newton KS 67117

- The regional chapter for the Mennonite Central Committee.

Environment: \$300

MINNESOTA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT (MNIPL): \$300

4407 E Lake St

Minneapolis MN 55406

- “...an interfaith community co-creating a just and sustainable world. We work in partnership with faith communities to build transformative *power* and bring the *lights* of people’s unique gifts to addressing the climate crisis. At MNIPL we work to build the interfaith climate movement in Minnesota by empowering faith communities across the state to take action that is authentic, effective, and energizing in their context.”

Summary:

Greater Mennonite Church Giving: \$18,500

Brethren Mennonite Council Gift: \$500

Missions & Service Directed Giving: \$6,500

Total: \$25,500

Respectfully submitted by John Hershey, Moderator, Faith Mennonite Church, December 9,
2021