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Note: Underlined words indicate active links.



Mission Network highlights

Global Partnerships

Africa/Europe

» **Belgium:** <u>Read this article</u> about the reconciliation program at Holy Trinity in Brussels.



- » **Two families** began terms in 2022 in Calais, France, and N'Djamena, Chad.
- » <u>Sibonokuhle Ncube</u> began working Jan. 17 as Regional Director for Africa and Europe, along with <u>Steve Wiebe-Johnson</u>.

Asia/Middle East

» South Korea: <u>Read this article</u> about the book, "Our Peacebuilding Story,"



by international service associates <u>Jae Young Lee</u> and Karen Spicher, and this <u>article</u>, which reflects the important efforts of our brothers and sisters in doing peacebuilding work.

» Thailand: Jonah and Memee Yang, from Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Lauderdale, Minnesota, are spending the year preparing to serve in Thailand.

Latin America

- » <u>Merienda Menonita</u> moved to a new stage, with multiple hosts along with <u>Peter Wigginton</u>. <u>Anabaptist World</u> continues to promote this Spanish podcast from Latin America.
- » Andean Regional Seminary: The <u>Seminario Biblico Menonita</u> <u>de Colombia (SBMC)</u>, with Mission Network support, is in dialogue with church and theological education leaders in the Andean region to

develop into a regional seminary, and with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) for Masters level Anabaptist theological education in Spanish.

» The new Anabaptist Spanish Healthy Boundaries materials were released and are available in the digital library: <u>La confianza</u> <u>sagrada: Límites saludables para</u> <u>el liderazgo en las iglesias</u>. While much of the Anabaptist curriculum is new, the materials also include exercises adapted with permission from FaithTrust Institute.



North America

- » Long-term service: We are actively working to create opportunities for international volunteers to serve as long-term North American workers.
- » Youth Venture includes trips to Indonesia and Benin.
- » We added two <u>SOOP</u> hosting locations this past year: Amigo Centre in Michigan and Open-Door Mennonite Church in Mississippi.
- » Just Peace Pilgrimages are an emerging initiative in the United States. These tours invite people to listen and learn, while visiting places of historical and contemporary significance, challenging them to reflect on how faith calls us all to stand in solidarity against injustice.



Service statistics

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2222 participants served in short-term service programs in 2022. This includes <u>SOOP</u>, Youth Venture, Short Term Groups, and Just Peace Pilgrimages.

Constituent Engagement

» Churches and conferences: Representatives have been attending annual conference gatherings to meet with conference staff and pastors/missional leaders and promote and invite

34 participants began longer-term service assignments with <u>Mennonite Voluntary</u> <u>Service</u> (MVS) and <u>Service</u> <u>Adventure</u> for the 2022-2023 program year.

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people/families are

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international service

<u>DELEGATE ASSEMBLY REPO</u>

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participation and partnership with Mission Network.

» Youth: Representatives have been reaching out to high schools, colleges and youth groups to recruit for 2023-24 <u>MVS</u> and <u>Service Adventure</u>.

Training and Resources

- » Last year, <u>Mauricio Chenlo, Joe</u> <u>Sawatzky</u> and <u>Henok Mekonin</u> provided leadership for two <u>Sent</u> <u>cohorts</u> — U.S. and Tanzania/ South Africa — and <u>Pacificadores</u>, an online course was launched in February for 13 participants in Colombia, Ecuador, Chile and Peru.
- » Joe Sawatzky continues liaising with the AMBS Global Leadership

<u>Prayer partners</u> (429

Join the network of prayer! You can request a copy of our Mission Mosaic by going to our website or by emailing Prayer@ MennoniteMission.net. This is a good way to pray for Mission Network workers and participants.

Collaborative and teaching two courses during the school year.

- » AMBS invited Training and Resources director Joani Miller to join the program advisory council for Practical Leadership Training.
- » Ann Jacobs led a worship workshop at Lee Heights Community Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and spoke at Open Door Women's Conference in Jackson, Mississippi.





Marketing and Communication

- » We have focused on peace and justice, through Stir Up Peace, nonviolent direct action instructional modules.
- » The reboot of the MissionWary Podcast has promoted Mission Network's innovative approach to mission work.
- » We have been collaborating with Anabaptist World to offer more international stories with broad appeal.
- » New and established social media accounts have seen new life through increased interactions and followers.
- » Mission Network's website is being redesigned and is scheduled to launch in the summer of 2023.
- SHARED communicators VOICES to help improve their cultural (()) competency.

by a growing

number of

campaign.

» We developed marketing and

communications plan and execution

for new Just Peace Pilgrimage, while

heavily promoting service programs

with social media, video and story

» The popular Shared Voices style

guide has been updated to include

an international clossary of terms.

The style guide has been referenced

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- » The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team was formed in April 2022 and has created a charter, with goals for our agency to work better at addressing antiracism in our structure and system.
- » An anti-racism endowment fund has been established to specifically fund Mission Network anti-racism initiatives and the efforts made to dismantle racism by Mission Network partner organizations that are run by people of color.

Development

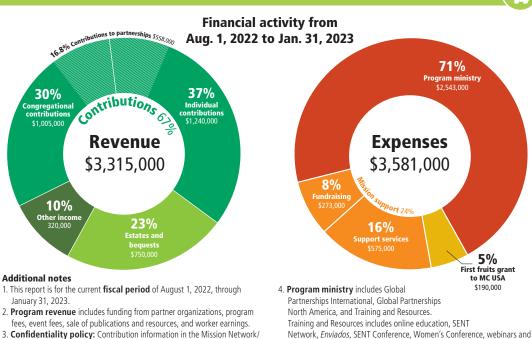
- » Peace/Dove Pin campaign, Fall 2022-spring 2023: The purpose of this campaignurpose was to inspire individuals to wear the pins and engage in active peacebuilding in communities.
- » Pass Along Peace campaign, Spring 2023: This campaign was specific to Mission Network service alumni and friends and included a matching gift.

Aug. 1, 2022–Jan. 31, 2023 fiscal year financials

The Aug. 1, 2022–Jan. 31,

2023, financial report showed \$3,315,000 raised, with \$1,005,000 in congregational and \$1,240,000 in individual contributions. We anticipate a total of at least \$3.7 million in congregational and individual contributions and \$1.4 million in estates and bequests, totaling at least \$5.1 million for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Mission Network continues to manage resources responsibly, as we anticipate economic challenges in the domestic and global economies. We are adjusting our spending, as needed, and continuing to find creative ways to reduce expenses while applying prudent investment strategies to increase positive returns. We are currently planning the next fiscal year's budget and will continue to be good stewards with the gifts given to us by faithful donors to God's mission.

Click here for a copy of Mission Network's Beyond annual report.



Pacificadores

Mennonite Church USA database will not be shared. Address information may be shared with other Mennonite Church USA agencies.

5. Other income includes investment income, program income and grants.



Mennonite Mission Network staff and workers thank you for your ongoing support. Your partnership, through prayers, gifts and participation, makes it possible for us to partner with current and new churches, organizations and individuals around the world. We envision every congregation and all parts of the church fully engaged in mission and sharing all of Christ with all of creation. We draw hope from the word of God in Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold strong to the confession of our hope, never wavering, since the One who promised it to us is faithful" (VOICE). Thus, let our faith in God be unshakeable, and may we move forward together, trusting in God's promises. Blessings,



Thank you for your continued partnership in God's mission!

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