

Here are some of the ways MC USA Executive Board and staff served conferences, congregations and communities in 2021-2023:

Seventy-five BIPOC leaders from across the denomination gathered for MC USA's annual <u>Hope for the Future</u> conference in Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 3-5, 2023. The event centered on the theme from the Book of Esther, "Such a Time as This: Collective Trauma and Hope." The conference had an intergenerational focus and included a gala to honor seven community elders and their legacies.



The <u>Justice Fund</u> provided resources to MC USA congregations working to combat poverty, dismantle racism, address immigration reform or reimagine policing. MC USA awarded more than 20 Justice Fund grants to congregations.

MC USA <u>partnered with RAWtools</u>, an organization that transforms donated guns into garden tools and art. When an MC USA congregation donates a gun, RAWtools turns parts of it into art, which is sold at auction to benefit the MC USA Justice Fund.

MC USA responded to the actions and work of the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly by engaging constituents in two "Learn, Pray, Join" educational initiatives. <u>"Welcoming EveryBODY</u>" celebrated the gifts of people with disabilities, and <u>"Mass Incarceration"</u> examined the injustices in our criminal legal system.



MC USA Executive Board and staff nurtured global connections by participating in Mennonite World Conference and attending the 2022 assembly in Indonesia. MC USA Moderator Linda Dibble <u>was affirmed</u> as a North American representative on MWC's Executive Committee and Denominational Minister of Racial/Ethnic

Engagement Sue Park-Har was appointed to the Deacon's Commission.

MC USA partnered with Mennonite Central Committee to launch the <u>Peaceful Option for Careers and Training (POTC)</u>, formerly AMEN, an initiative to connect young people with volunteer advisors who can help them find non-military career, service and training opportunities.

MC USA launched <u>"Diversity: God's Design,"</u> a new, multimedia study that calls young adults to celebrate their unique gifts and the intentional diversity of God's creation. The Women in Leadership project launched <u>"Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy."</u>





"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

Our Mission

The mission of the MC USA Executive Board is to equip and empower leaders to share with others the gift of God's peace and transformative love.

Our Vision

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Our Renewed Commitments

- Follow Jesus
- Witness to God's peace
- Experience transformation



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