

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY

GIVING GUIDE

Supporting the Ministry Work of Mennonite Church USA

This guide is to help you align giving to MC USA with your faith and values. We believe in the biblical principles of reaping and sowing. Giving, while being a very practical exercise in helping to cover the ministry, staffing and other overhead to run our denomination, is also a spiritual practice that not only blesses others but the giver as well.

**"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:21**



Here's what your support helps us do

- **Connect to the global Anabaptist community.** We represent MC USA members as part of the General Council of Mennonite World Conference and connect to Anabaptist faith communities around the world. We also work closely with Mennonite Church Canada in regard to faith confessions and ministerial credentialing.
- **Connect to be the larger faith community.** From Christian Churches Together to Bridgefolk, we regularly engage in dialogue with other faith traditions to learn, grow and share.
- **Preserve Anabaptist Mennonite history.** The work of our archives ensures that both Anabaptists and non-Anabaptists can access the stories that are forever a part of who we are.
- **Collaborate with all parts of MC USA for the good of the whole.** The Executive Board brings together our conference leaders, program agencies and entities to prioritize the use of resources and development programs that strengthen our work and witness.
- **Respond to national issues on behalf of our church.** From gun violence and war protests to issues of immigration, our national body can make statements, address policy and mobilize the denomination in ways that the local church cannot.
- **Create forums to connect members of MC USA.** Our national convention and delegate assembly are our primary churchwide gatherings, but there are many more gatherings hosted by the agencies of MC USA.



Mark 12:41- 44

"He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'"

Your generosity allows us to continue the good work of MC USA as we live out our mission:

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ, 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.

It is crucial that our constituents support the work of the Journey Forward as MC USA seeks to do relevant ministry in the 21st century. Our agencies and members organizations are working to:

FOLLOW JESUS.

We value the Scriptures, and guided by the Spirit, we commit ourselves to live faithfully as Jesus' disciples.

WITNESS TO GOD'S PEACE.

We are called to extend God's holistic peace, proclaiming Christ's redemption for the world with our lives. We bear witness to this gift of peace by rejecting violence and resisting injustice in all forms and in all places.

HELP OUR COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCE TRANSFORMATION.

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As members of Mennonite Church USA, let us Journey Forward together to provide relevant ministry in the 21st century and live into our Renewed Commitments to follow Jesus, witness to God's peace and help our communities experience transformation.

We invite you to join us on the journey by donating to the area you feel led to support.

General Ministry Support

General Ministry Support directs donations to where they are needed most, strengthening our denomination, which in turn, supports area conferences, congregations, and members.

Women in Leadership

Women in Leadership works to empower women in ministry by raising awareness across the church about the multifaceted expressions of patriarchy within the body of Christ and challenges us to think critically about how we practice our faith.

Justice Fund

Launched amid significant social unrest in the United States, the Justice Fund provides a way for individuals and congregations to support MC USA churches that are actively involved in dismantling racism, addressing police brutality, reimagining policing in our society or combating poverty.

Climate Justice Ministry

This new initiative provides a way for us to live out our commitment to care for God's creation amid current realities and the impact of environmental issues.

Safe Church

Safe Church assists faith communities in abuse awareness, prevention and response. This ministry works to empower and equip faith communities to be proactive in keeping children, youth and vulnerable adults safe from abuse.



Anabaptist Faith Formation

MC USA cultivates youth development through enriching resources and engaging events, nurturing strong faith foundations and community connections. Our biennial convention invites youth to make or strengthen a commitment to Christ.

Peace and Justice

Our work is to strengthen and equip people across the church to follow Jesus' way of nonviolence and be peacemakers in our homes, congregations and communities.

MC USA Historical Archives

The Mennonite Church USA Archives seeks to inspire people worldwide to follow Christ by engaging them with the historical record of Mennonite Christian discipleship.

Church Planting Sharing Fund

MC USA partners with Mennonite Mission Network to create and nurture missional peace churches. We support new churches by providing training, equipping, assessments and coaching.

Racial/Ethnic Leadership Program

The Racial/Ethnic Leadership Program develops leadership and empowers local ministries and leaders.

Please make checks payable to Mennonite Church USA noting EB in the memo line and where you would like your donation to go.

You can also give online at: mennoniteusa.org/give

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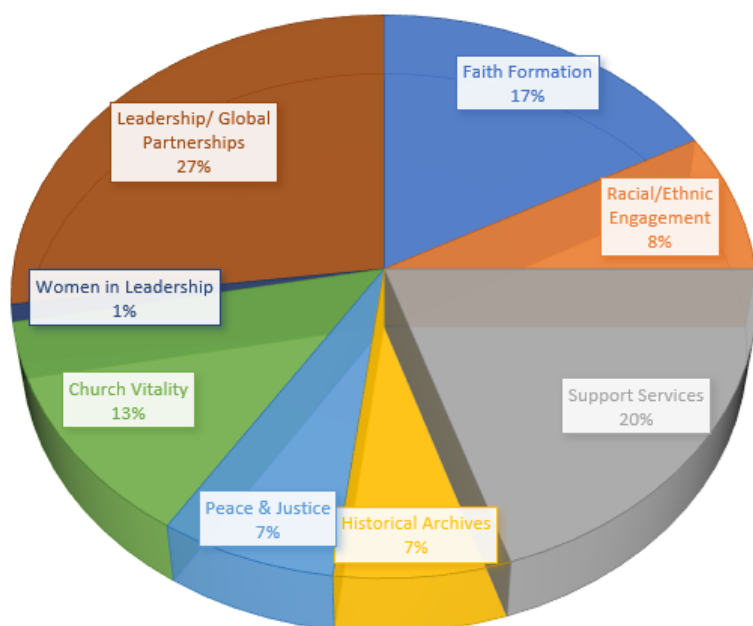
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Commonly asked questions...

Who supports the work of the Executive Board?

The Executive Board relies primarily on the generosity of conferences, congregations and individuals to provide its annual financial support. The three program agencies of MC USA (MennoMedia, Mennonite Education Agency and Mennonite Mission Network) and two ministry partners (Everence and MHS Association) provide the remaining 40%.

How is the budget spent?



If everyone does their part, a little goes a long way.
Here is a suggested model for giving:

Conferences
5-7%

of your annual budget to support the work of MC USA. Conferences could commit to give a minimum of \$5,000 per year to the work of the MC USA Executive Board.

Congregations
3-5%

of your annual budget to support the work of MC USA Executive Board.

Individuals

Consider an annual donation of \$100-500. It's a meaningful way to partner in our work.

If you value the collective work of MC USA, we ask that you donate today to help us Journey Forward as a relevant and Spirit-led peace church, helping to share the good news locally and across the globe.

We encourage our members and conferences to give to the work that they most care about.

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