

Title: Denominational Minister/Director for Education

FTE: 0.5

Reports to: MC USA Associate Executive Director of Church Vitality

Location: Elkhart office or dispersed

Purpose

The person in this role will oversee education-related ministries within MC USA with attention paid to developing new educational ministries, expanding existing ministries, as well as building and strengthening relationships with educational partners.

Responsibilities

- Execute MC USA's commitments to connected higher education institutes as laid out in current Statement of Arrangements.
- Develop partnership with Mennonite Schools Network.
- Develop relationships with Mennonite educational institutions from EC High school.
- Strengthen and tend relationship with and ministry of Mennonite Early Childhood Network (MECN).
- Provide leadership for the creation of educational resources, including development of online programs to strengthen church leadership (webinars, online courses, Mennonite Learning Network, etc.).
- Collaborate with Mennonite higher education faculty, staff, and institutions to support and develop Anabaptist-Mennonite educational opportunities.
- Build ministry in support of Mennonite educators in public and private non-Mennonite education spaces.
- Coordinate with MennoMedia in the creation and distribution of home-based faith formation resources.
- Work with Area Conferences of MC USA, to connect conference and congregational needs with educational resources.
- Coordinate with MC USA communications team to ensure education related content is promoted/communicated through all MC USA channels.
- Assemble and collaborate with the Educational Resource Team (ERT) on new and on-going initiative ideas.
- Publicize the BIPOC Scholarship and coordinate the process of recipient selection decisions.

Networking

• Advocate for education interests at denominational gatherings.

- Network with agencies, educators, camps, conferences and churches to discern needs and promote educational offerings.
- Build relationships with and encourage the development of leadership and training opportunities for under-served groups.

Qualifications

- Anabaptist/Mennonite follower of Jesus.
- Member or regular attender of a Mennonite Church USA congregation.
- Education:
 - o Required: Master's degree in education or related field
 - o Preferred: terminal degree in Education or related field.
 - o Helpful: Some course work in Bible and theology
- Well-ground in Anabaptist/Mennonite history and theology.
- Work experience in formal educational environments (teacher or administrator in private or public-school setting).
- Ability to self-start and to work as part of a team.
- The ability to thrive while multi-tasking and the stress of multiple deadlines.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Fluency in Spanish is a plus.
- If credentialed, credentials must be in good standing with no history of misconduct.

Technical skills

- Competent in using online content creation tools, including video editing and audio recording.
- Familiarity with AI tools
- Excellent online communication skills utilizing Teams and Zoom for meetings and educational content delivery

Additional required training (must be completed within first 8 months of hire)

- Anti-Racism Training
- Healthy Boundaries/Abuse Prevention