



## MENNONITE CHURCH USA 2025 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY



# Your Ministries. Your Finances.

### MINISTRY PARTNER REPORT



*"People plan  
their path, but  
the Lord secures  
their steps."*

– Proverbs 16:9 (CEB)

In 2025, as Everence® marks 80 years of service, we give thanks for the journey we've shared with Mennonite Church USA – shaped by Anabaptist values and guided by God's enduring faithfulness.

This year also marks the 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist movement, a milestone that calls us to reflect on the faith, courage and community-rooted vision of our spiritual ancestors. As part of that legacy, Everence continues to help people live out their faith through everyday financial decisions that reflect generosity, stewardship and mutual support.

Our refreshed mission statement reflects this ongoing journey: **Together, we empower financial well-being for faith-inspired living.** This mission is not new in spirit, but a renewed expression of our long-standing commitment to serve congregations, leaders and members – encouraging faithful stewardship, building community and helping people align their financial decisions with their values.

### GROWING WITH PURPOSE

In 2024, Everence reached \$7.7 billion in assets under management – an encouraging sign of the continued trust placed in us by our members and clients. More than a financial marker, this growth reflects a shared desire to integrate faith and values into financial life. At Everence, growth is a tool, not a goal – enabling us to serve more people and communities in meaningful ways.

### BUILDING STRONG STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

At Everence, we understand Christian stewardship as a call to align all we are and have with God's purposes. Through the **Stewardship Partners** program, we support churches in developing stewardship ministries that meet both congregational and personal financial needs. In 2025, 448 MC USA congregations are participating. With faith-based resources and guidance, we equip leaders to foster financial practices that reflect Christian values – encouraging both financial well-being and spiritual growth. Learn more at [everence.com/partners](https://everence.com/partners).

### CARING FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Faith communities play a vital role in times of hardship. When hurricanes struck the Southeast, Everence members, clients and staff gave \$93,924 through **Everence Helps: Hurricane Relief**. With matching funds from Everence resources, total aid reached \$200,000. And in response to wildfires in California, Everence launched a **Wildfire Assistance Grants** program, offering up to \$75,000 in aid to Anabaptist-related families and congregations.

Through the **Sharing Fund**, Everence partners with churches to provide direct support to individuals and families facing financial need. In 2024, Everence awarded \$990,000 in Sharing Fund grants – matched by \$1.2 million from congregations – to assist over 1,000 families. This included 885 grants, totaling \$481,414, in partnership with 232 MC USA churches. Learn more at [everence.com/sharing-fund](https://everence.com/sharing-fund).



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## IMPACT THROUGH GENEROSITY

Everence members continue to demonstrate the power of shared generosity. In 2024, **charitable gifts** made through the Everence Foundation directed more than \$100 million to over 4,300 churches and nonprofits – supporting ministries and initiatives that strengthen education, faith communities, and local neighborhoods.

## HONORING 500 YEARS OF ANABAPTIST WITNESS

As the Anabaptist community marks 500 years of faithful witness in 2025, Everence is honored to support this historic moment. Through sponsorship support, Everence is contributing to:

- **MennoMedia's Anabaptism at 500 project**, including the creation of the Anabaptist Community Bible and other faith formation resources.
- The **Mennonite World Conference's 500th anniversary celebration in Zurich, Switzerland**, commemorating the global Anabaptist movement's roots and future.

These partnerships reflect our ongoing commitment to equipping the church – past, present, and future – for faith-inspired living and stewardship.

## BOOSTING CHURCH MINISTRIES WITH MYNEIGHBOR

The **MyNeighbor** credit card, offered by Everence Federal Credit Union, allows individuals to support their church or favorite nonprofit with each purchase. For every transaction, 1.50% is donated to the cardholder's selected 501(c)(3) organization – such as your congregation. Each January, Everence distributes those funds directly to the designated organizations. There's no cost to the recipient, and no administrative work required. In 2024, the program generated over \$537,000 for 608 nonprofits, schools, and churches, demonstrating how ordinary spending can contribute to meaningful ministry. More information is available at [everence.com/myneighbor](https://everence.com/myneighbor).

## STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS FOR PASTORS AND CHURCHES

Everence supports the financial well-being of MC USA pastors, staff, and congregations through programs that promote long-term stewardship and care. These include administering the **Mennonite Retirement Trust** for pastor and church staff retirement savings, **The Corinthian Plan** for pastor and church staff health coverage, **Jubileo Ministerial** retirement support for Spanish-speaking pastors, and the **Pastor Salary Guidelines** for fair and faith-informed compensation planning.

In addition, our **Pastoral Financial Wellness Program**, supported by Lilly Endowment Inc., offers grants, education and planning support. Since 2016, the program has provided 389 grants totaling \$2.09 million, 126 events reaching over 3,600 participants, and 324 planning subsidies – helping pastors navigate financial challenges and sustain their ministry with confidence.

## WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH AND STEWARDSHIP

For 80 years, Everence has journeyed with Mennonite Church USA – encouraging faithful stewardship as an expression of discipleship and community. Together, we've helped individuals, leaders and congregations align their financial decisions with their faith and values.

We remain committed to empowering faith-inspired living through stewardship – partnering with you and your congregations in generosity, service and shared purpose.