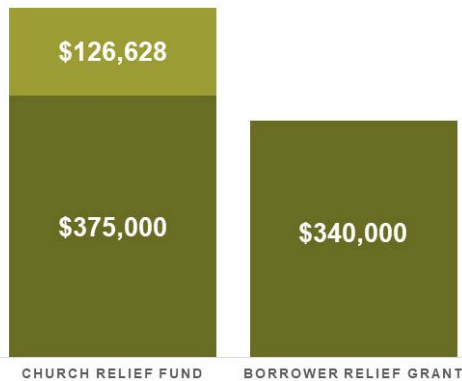




In 2019 MB Foundation focused on the theme "Strengthening the Local Church" based on Acts 9:31 and inspired by the vision of USMB. It was a record-setting year as we experienced unprecedented growth for the second year in a row. The focus and growth prepared us for what was needed in 2020. This year our theme is "Taking Hold of Real Life". An appropriate reminder of what is important during a crisis. I invite you to take a closer look at what it meant for us to store up treasure as a good foundation so we could take hold of real life. *Jon C. Wiebe, President & CEO*

### RESPONDING TO COVID-19

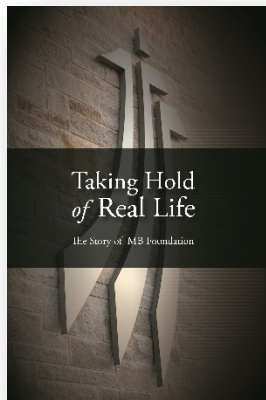
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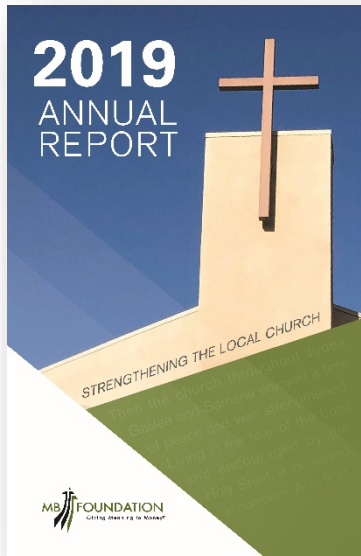
**Responding to COVID-19** – In May of 2020, MB Foundation announced grants over \$700,000 for the benefit of the Mennonite Brethren church family. Over \$340,000 was distributed back to borrowers in the form of a Borrower Relief Grant, equaling approximately one month’s interest, to every church, organization and home loan borrower. Contributions were given toward the COVID-19 Church Relief Fund in the amount of \$375,000. This fund was established to provide support for MB churches so they could maintain financial stability and continue to meet the needs of congregants. It was a privilege to partner with the MB constituency and watch the relief fund grow to over \$500,000!

#### Other Means of Assistance:

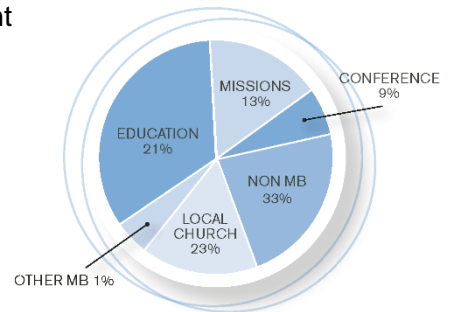
- Loan Modification - payment relief was offered to all borrowers negatively impacted by the pandemic. 20% of our borrowers took advantage of this offer.
- Online giving option provided for churches.



**Taking Hold of Real Life** – MB Foundation will release a book of its history this fall. 2020 is the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of MB Foundation but our roots are in the actions of 1880, making us 140 years old! *Taking Hold of Real Life* is the story of MB Foundation and how biblical principles of financial stewardship have been involved in the gathering, management and distribution of resources for Christ and His kingdom for more than a century. It holds stories of inspiration and encouragement, telling the story of generosity in the US Mennonite Brethren family. For more information go to [www.mbfoundation.com/historybook](http://www.mbfoundation.com/historybook).



**Assets Reach \$251 Million** - With a second year in a row of strong growth, assets increased by 22% and reached a year-end total of \$251 million in 2019. As a steward of resources for donors and investors, MB Foundation was able to provide funding through the loan program for churches, organizations and individuals. We facilitated the disbursement of more than \$4.7 million to 344 charities, with over \$1 million going to local MB churches. Our annual gift to USMB was \$180,000 to strengthen their work within the MB church family.



For a complete report go to [www.mbfoundation.com/2019annualreport](http://www.mbfoundation.com/2019annualreport).



**Church Building Projects** – We are excited to be partnering with Peoples Church in Fresno, CA on their \$22 million campus expansion project. The project will add kids' ministry space and a new entrance for their worship facility. Thank you to our 782 investors who make capital available for our loan program through Investment Certificates. Go to [www.mbfoundation.com/loanprojects](http://www.mbfoundation.com/loanprojects) to learn more about this and other loan projects.



**Celebrate Gathering** – Celebrate 2019 held in Omaha, NE was attended by 221 boomers, builders and empty nesters from 36 MB churches across the nation. The theme, *Living with Purpose*, explored ways attendees could serve in their churches and communities.



**New Office Location in Fresno, CA** – Our offices have moved to Starpoint Towers, located at 6th and Shaw. Bruce Porter began serving as Planned Giving Advisor the beginning of 2019. Our new Church Relations Director, Marlin Hiett, will join the Fresno staff in September 2020. The expanded office allows us to better serve the west coast churches.