

2020 REPORT TO US MENNONITE BRETHREN

The MHS Board of Directors approved new mission and vision statements at their zoom meeting held on March 18, 2020.

MHS Mission Statement

Anchored in Anabaptist values, MHS inspires and strengthens health and human service ministries to fulfill their missions.

MHS Vision Statement

MHS is the go-to leader for integrating faith and work in health and human services.

Our member network includes 78 organizations located in 16 states and Puerto Rico. Five Mennonite Brethren organizations – Fairview Fellowship Home and Village, Kings View Behavioral Health System, Lincoln Glen Manor, Palm Village and Parkside Homes – are affiliated with MHS.

Activities

- MHS members are experiencing the impact and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. MHS staff are focusing their attention to providing information and resources to all members on issues related to the pandemic and the economic challenges. The CARES Act, Payroll Protection Program has provided temporary support to many eligible members. MHS members serve the most vulnerable of our population and those are the persons most at risk for COVID-19.
- The 2020 Mennonite Health Assembly scheduled for March 18 – 21 in Greenville, SC, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Assembly is always an opportunity for MHS members and other persons interested in Anabaptist health and human services issues to learn together, network, and share values and education to advance their ministries and services. As a result, MHS is increasing virtual and electronic educational programs.
- The 2020 Executive Circle for MHS member CEOs started in March and continues through the fall of this year. Ten CEOs from across the United States are participating in this program which provides confidential space for leadership discernment and development.
- *Anabaptists and Their Values* is a video produced by MHS and Anabaptist Provider Group (APG) to briefly introduce the ways in which Anabaptist history and faith influences the mission, vision and guiding principles of our member organizations. The video's intended audience is employees of member organizations, but can also be suitable for a wider audience. Contact MHS for more information.
- MHS moved its physical office from the Everence Corporate Office building on North Main Street in Goshen, Indiana, to 109 E. Clinton St., Goshen. Changes in the needs of both organizations resulted in the decision to move office locations. MHS continues its Lancaster office in the Everence Federal Credit Union building.

- There were several staff transitions in our organization this year. Jeremy Kauffman joined MHS as a full-time consultant. Jeremy brings great depth in organizational and leadership experience. Chris Rahe supports MHS in public relations and communications, and Ally Lawton joined us as the Administrative Assistant. Mim Shirk is now serving as President for the Anabaptist Providers Group, an alliance of retirement communities in Pennsylvania.
- Executive recruitment is a growing service that we provide, as organizations realize the importance of choosing executive leaders who embrace the faith and values of our Anabaptist ministries. MHS Consulting also supports organizations with strategic planning, board and staff education, and affiliation or partnership initiatives.
- Again, this year we're offering a series of webinars. These are open to anyone who is interested in the topics. Visit <http://www.mhsonline.org/webinar-series> to learn more and to register.

For Thanksgiving and Prayer

- We are grateful for the wise counsel of our national board in guiding our work, with special appreciation for US Mennonite Brethren appointee and Board Chair, Valerie Rempel.
- For MHS members; health care providers, leadership and frontline caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic is putting high stress and strain on member organizations.
- Finding and keeping qualified and compassionate employees is a significant concern for MHS members across the country.

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