

2018 REPORT TO FRANCONIA/EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCES

The mission of MHS is to strengthen and extend Anabaptist-affiliated health and human service organizations. The following organizations belong to our network of 80 ministries and serve the communities surrounding Franconia and Eastern District Conference congregations:

- Advanced Living
- Bridge of Hope
- The Community at Rockhill, part of Grace Inspired Ministries since 2017
- Frederick Living (nationally sponsored by MHS since 2016)
- Indian Creek Foundation
- Living Branches (Dock Woods, Souderton Mennonite Homes, Dock Meadows)
- Peaceful Living (nationally sponsored by MHS since 2002)
- Penn Foundation

Activities

- The Values-based Leadership Program had 28 leaders in the 2017-2018 class. Participants gain self-awareness and an Anabaptist perspective on leadership. Registration for the 2018-2019 class is open at www.vblp.org.
- The annual Mennonite Health Assembly met March 8 - 10 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Through storytelling, music, comedy and visual arts, attendees celebrated resilience and gained practical governance and leadership skills. Next year's Assembly will be Feb. 28 – March 2 in Wichita with a theme of living out Anabaptist values with joy.
- We partner with China Christian Council for an Executive Residency Exchange program to support developing senior care services. Two former executives of MHS members in Pennsylvania – Keith Stuckey and Joe Swartz - served in China for a month in spring 2018.
- We are supporting mental health trauma training in Puerto Rico, with contributions from generous donors.
- Three years ago, we agreed with Eastern District Conference and Frederick Living to transfer sponsorship of Frederick to MHS. During a review in August, all parties agreed that the arrangement is working well and meeting the goal of sustaining Frederick's commitment to Mennonite identity and a culture that lives out Anabaptist values.

For Thanksgiving and Prayer

- Low unemployment in many communities means that finding and keeping qualified and compassionate employees is a significant concern for MHS members across the country.
- We are grateful for the wise counsel of our national board, including Ed Brubaker, Lansdale, elected by our members, and Ertell Whigham, Norristown, appointed by Mennonite Church USA.