

# Congregational Support for the 2018 Western District Conference Budget



Western District Conference values our relationship with our member churches and is committed to maintaining that relationship and providing needed services. Western District Conference needs the financial support of its church members to continue to resource your congregation. We seek to play a vital role in your spiritual life and growth. Our conference is your connection to other WDC congregations and to the greater Mennonite church.

*"The FMC congregation is very grateful for the help of the WDC Associate Conference Minister and the monetary assistance provided by a WDC grant which we used to partially offset our expense of engaging an outside facilitator to aid our congregation in a visioning process. In addition, we have benefited from the Conference Minister's counsel during our Pastor's sabbatical, and we anticipate the wisdom of the Associate Conference Minister during our upcoming transition."*  
**Kelly Linnens, Chair of the Vision Council of First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS**

*"WDC helped to facilitate a smooth and stress-free pastoral transition to an interim period. The Conference Minister always responded to our questions and concerns in a timely manner . . . Thank you for WDC's help during our transition."*  
**Orlin Martens, chairperson of Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman, KS**

*"WDC's support has been vital in meeting God's call to ministry, not only for the financial support that we receive to plant churches, but also for the spiritual, logistical and equipment support provided by the conference through its staff who strive to support pastors so we can develop the work of God."*  
**Antonio Caceros, Church Planter/Pastor of Iglesia Cristiana Menonita Camino Nuevo, Dallas, TX**

This year marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Western District Conference. The interests that brought the churches of Western District together in 1892 are the important concerns of the conference today. Education, missions, pastoral leadership and churches working together continue to be WDC priorities. When our churches work together to provide aid and inspiration to each other we all benefit by building strong thriving congregations.

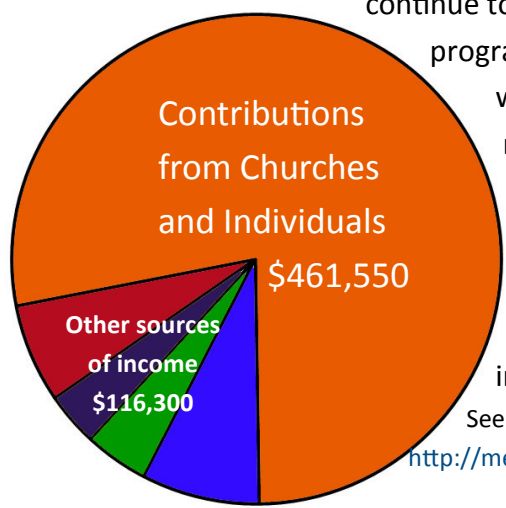
## \$461,550 is needed from WDC Churches in 2018

The pie chart illustrates that contributions from churches and individuals are the vast majority of WDC's income. When we receive the same amount of contributions from churches every year as our costs continue to rise, we will be forced to make more cuts to our

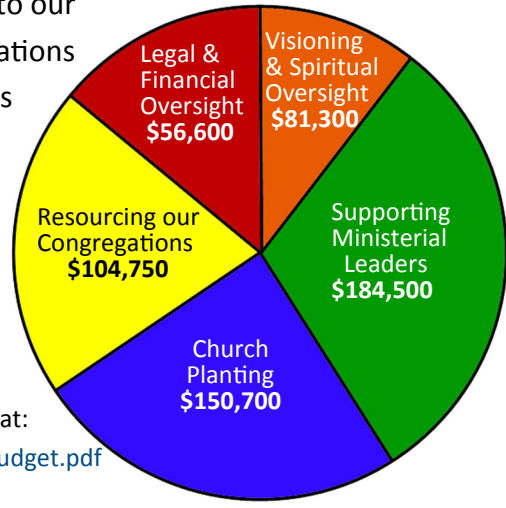
programs and staff. We commend those congregations who have increased their giving to WDC. This mutual aid guarantees that we can provide services to all our congregations and we all benefit from these connections.

The 2018 spending plan will need a 5% increase in giving from churches and individuals to fund our planned ministries.

See total line item 2018 WDC budget and budget notes at: <http://mennowdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2018-Budget.pdf>



2018 Projected Income



2018 Projected Expenses

**Because of your giving, our mission and ministry are made possible.**