

# Western District Conference 2017 Budget Narrative



The Western District Staff, along with our Executive Board and four Commissions, work to provide resources for our churches, assist churches with pastoral leadership, provide scholarships and continuing education for our leaders, support new churches and invest in youth ministry through the support of congregational youth pastors and leaders.

**In 2017, \$460,600 is needed from member churches to carry on the work of the Conference ministry.**

“My role is to care for WDC as a whole body by focusing on God’s purposes, promoting our priorities and nurturing leaders. I support and counsel pastors, connect them with training and financial resources, assist congregations in pastoral search processes, coordinate WDC staff, and build relationships within Mennonite Church USA.”



Heidi Regier Kreider  
Conference Minister

“My heart rejoices when inviting congregations, leaders and pastors to be alert to God’s activity in their locations that may signal emerging groups. Understanding and creating new congregations is an essential and natural activity of healthy churches. I enjoy serving and advocating for intercultural transformation, undoing racism and Hispanic ministries.”



Byron Pellecer  
Associate Conference Minister in Texas

“My call is to support pastors and congregations as they seek to be the vital people of God sharing the good news in this time and place. I offer spiritual and material resources to Christian Education volunteers, pastors, congregations in transition, or as part of Annual Assembly planning for the broader conference. I pray that WDC pastors and congregations receive what they need to move forward in hope and faith.”



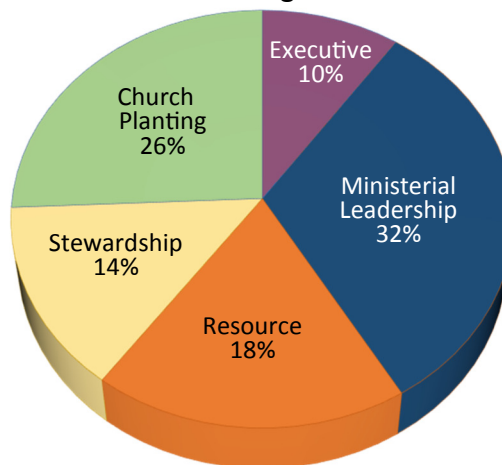
Kathy Nuefeld Dunn  
Associate Conference Minister in Kansas

“My job is to relate one-on-one with church youth pastors and leaders of both conferences (WDC & SCC). In addition to providing spiritual companionship, I help our youth workers develop new ways to support each other in the forming of faithful disciples among youth.”



Dwight Regier  
Youth Ministry Network Team Leader

## WDC 2017 Budget Divisions



“I am passionate about connecting congregations and individuals with print and DVD resources to help them grow in their Anabaptist/Mennonite faith. I provide suggestions for personal growth as well as ideas for children's stories, adult groups, pastors and more. I also mail resources to churches at a distance!”



Jennie Wintermote  
Resource Library Director

## Ways you can partner with Western District’s ministry

The success of this budget depends on our churches support. If our congregations would contribute \$50 per member or \$100 per attendee, our delegate-adopted budget would be fully funded. We understand that this is not possible for some congregations; however, we have many congregations that can and do give more as mutual aid for their sister congregations. We commend those congregations who have dramatically 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.

When congregations keep the Western District Conference line item the same year after year, it means a gradual reduction in the services we can offer due to inflation. We have been creative in providing services through grants, consultants, volunteers, and part-time employees. We will continue to be diligent in stretching our revenues to provide strong support to our pastors and congregations.

**We are committed to serving our churches and pursuing God's redeeming mission in the world.**