**Resource Commission**

**Christina Litwiller, Chair**

The Resource Commission empowers Western District Conference congregations as they witness to Jesus Christ in the Anabaptist/Mennonite tradition, connect with God’s mission in the world and provide faith formation resources for all ages. We encourage use of the Conference Resource Library and support and promote training events for congregations and their leaders.  We work closely with Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Associate Conference Minister, and Jennie Wintermote, Resource Librarian.

Highlights from this past year include:

* Helped sponsor Hesston College’s Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series “Growing More Like Jesus from the Outside In: Transforming Heart and Mind” held February 1-3, 2019.
* Planned and led a teacher training event at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church. We could lead similar events in other locations if congregations request them.
* Provided two scholarships for people who participated in the MCC Borderlands Tour May 6-11. Allocated additional money for people participating in the “Welcoming Immigrants in 2019” training session during the Mennonite USA convention.
* Provided funds to the Israel Palestine Task Force for the production of a newsletter distributed to all WDC congregations.
* Awarded Mustard Seed Grants to four congregations to share the good news of Jesus in new and creative ways. Additional $250 grants are available.
* Provided money to cover the expenses of two WDC Step Up participants at MennoCon19.

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