



**Western
District
Conference**

*An area conference of
Mennonite Church USA*

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WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE MINUTES

Of the One Hundred and Twenty Fourth
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Western District Conference
of
Mennonite Church USA

October 30-31, 2015
Bethel College, North Newton, KS

Western District Conference Annual Assembly Minutes – 10/31/15
Bethel College, North Newton KS

An opening worship time was led by Kay Schroeder and Byron Pellecer.

Richard welcomed and declared a quorum has been met and called the session to order at 8:40 a.m. He introduced additional people involved in the delegate sessions, including members of the Executive Board, the worshipful work team and Ervin Stutzman. Peter Goerzen, director of church relations at Bethel College, provided a welcome.

Richard led a covenant litany. Table members introduced themselves and completed their own table covenant.

Richard provided background on the Rainbow Mennonite Church at the 2014 Annual Assembly. The resolution was not acted upon, and the conference spent a year of discernment. Ruth Harder & Peggy Coriell from Rainbow Mennonite Church provided background on the resolution. Ruth expressed appreciation to the WDC Executive Board (EB) and the Discernment Task Force (DTF) for the thoughtful and caring handling of the resolution. She expressed thanks to fellow pastors, especially Brad Roth, who initiated a pastor's roundtable discussion of the theological aspects of the resolution. She provided some history of the Rainbow Mennonite Church, stating that the church has and continues to "seek the peace of the city where you have been sent" (from Jeremiah). Peggy stated the resolution had been vetted with WDC for more than a year, and Rainbow Mennonite appreciates the consideration. Affirmation of this resolution maintains the congregation's right for the pastor to or to not perform same sex marriages. The resolution speaks only to same sex marriages, no other issue.

Jim Schrag provided background on the Discernment Task Force. He stated the task force met 6 times. He referred delegates to the written report, and introduced members of the task force. He discussed the conference wide survey conducted in August-September 2014. Jim asked for a show of hands of delegates who participated in the survey. A large majority of delegates raised their hands.

Wendy Funk Schrag provided a summary of the conference wide survey, the 2014 Fall Reference Council and 2015 Spring Reference Council.

Richard provided information about the frequently asked questions document. He highlighted and gave some updates to several items including:

- Richard discussed the forbearance resolution that was passed at MC USA and the Membership Guidelines, which affirmed the current version of the document. Richard reminded that the Membership Guidelines continue to include the statement that pastors may not perform same sex marriages. He also discussed conference to conference peer review. Richard highlighted a recent post of FAQ on the MC USA website from Ervin Stutzman and read some portions from Ervin's FAQ. Ervin's FAQ stated that if both resolutions passed, it would require area conferences to work some things out on their own with consultation with the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC). Richard provided an overview of the CLC, which is approximately 70 people and he described the CLC as "an advisory board of elders."
- The MC Executive Board will continue to work with the CLC on area conferences that may be seen as "at variance." Unless the EB advises differently, "at variance" will be the term continuing to be used. The EB is receiving ongoing council from the CLC before taking any action steps against conferences that are seen as "at variance."
- Ervin Stutzman, in the FAQ, states that "at variance" can be viewed differently by conferences. Some will see the forbearance resolution as providing them more leeway. Other conferences are making steps to leave because they don't like conferences not being sanctioned when they are at variance.

- The role of the CLC, in Ervin’s FAQ, will be further defined. CLC members are deliberating their role with the wider church. The CLC will not engage in any peer reviews until after March 2016. It remains to be seen how the CLC will adapt to the new reality.
- Richard quoted from a report Ervin gave to the CLC meeting in October. Richard received permission from Ervin to quote from this document. Ervin notes that “adoption of the resolution would put the Western District at variance with our denominational stance as articulated by the Membership Guidelines (and A Shared Understanding of Church Leadership) but that, in the spirit of forbearance, the Executive Board will not pose any specific sanctions. In this case, as with the others noted above, the Executive Board welcomes a word from the CLC in some process of peer review.”
- Richard stated what he heard from the CLC meeting is that the group sees its primary function as praying for each other, seeking understanding, building trust, and humbly offering counsel when it is sought. Richard did not hear an interest in the CLC becoming a group who looks for punitive actions. Richard reminded that over 80% of our WDC members who completed our survey last year value our relationships with others across the denomination.
- What would adoption of the resolution mean in terms of conducting reviews of pastors? The Executive Board’s guidance is that the focus of the review would concentrate on whether the pastor acted with the affirmation of the congregation. It doesn’t mean that pastors are not expected to abide by a code of ethics on other sexual issues. MC USA is currently working on updating and strengthening the code of ethics for pastors.
- Richard highlighted the ballot, and said he will provide more information at the time of the vote.
- Richard clarified that the task force and EB recommendation to bring the resolution to the assembly does not mean that either group endorses the resolution.
- Richard invited Peggy Coriell to provide the motion for the resolution. Peggy stated Rainbow Mennonite has spent years discussing this issue, it is not a spur of the moment thing. **Peggy moved as follows: Now therefore, be it resolved that the Western District Conference of the Mennonite Church USA, out of respect for the responsibility and commitment “to seek to understand and interpret Scripture in harmony with Jesus Christ as we are led by the Holy Spirit in the church,” upholds the right of individual congregations to discern how homosexuality will be subject to Biblical interpretation, and be it further resolved that pastors, with the affirmation of their congregations, consistent with Mennonite polity, and without fear of censure, may officiate or refuse to officiate ceremonies that consecrate before God monogamous, life-long unions, regardless of the sexual orientation of those being united. Guy Smoker seconded.**

Peter Wintermote provided the credentials committee report: There are 53 churches and 4 church plants in WDC with 286 eligible votes. The # of delegates present is 173, representing 47 churches and church plants. The number of votes represented are 267. The number of churches and church plants not represented are 10. The number of votes not represented are 19.

Jaime Cazares led in a time of prayer. Richard provided instructions for table discussion time. Richard asked for two rounds of table time. The first time will focus on any questions of clarification needed on the resolution. The second round will focus on any comments people want to make about the resolution. People can pass if they wish. The worshipful work members will be wandering the hall, upholding the group in prayer. Tables can request a worshipful work member to pray with them.

Richard provide instructions for the open mic time. Anita served as time keeper.

Open mic time – questions of clarification:

- Tim Wiens, First Mennonite Church, Newton #17: Would like official confirmation on #5 on the FAQ, what would adoption mean for WDC policies and procedures? What about the resolution gives direction to the ministerial leadership commission requiring a review? Richard provided information on the pastoral review that would occur and the rationale for a review, which would focus on whether the congregation had affirmed the pastor's actions.
- Rachel Ringenberg Miller, Shalom Mennonite Church: #5 – If the congregation affirms the pastor to affirm a marriage, why would there be a note in the pastor's credentials stating such? Richard stated it would be a recognition of being at variance of Membership Guidelines of MC USA
- Nathan Koontz, FMC Hutchinson: Will the conference provide resources to congregations for discerning on the issue? What will be the criteria by which the MLC evaluates the discernment of the congregation? Richard replied the EB has not spoken to either of those questions. The MLB had no further response. Richard stated some guidelines could be developed.
- Linda Ewert, Alexanderwohl, - Regarding the ballot, why are there two options for yes and no? How will the vote be shared? Richard asked to delay the answer until we are going to vote. A second question was what does it mean to be at variance? How long would we be at variance? There seem to be two issues in the resolution, the same sex marriage issue and congregational autonomy. Richard replied he has no additional information to share other than what he shared this morning. He said unless the Membership Guidelines or the Confession of Faith would be changed, we would be at variance. Ervin confirmed. Richard confirmed that the resolution does include two components, a polity issue and the issue of same sex relationships.
- Adam Roth, BCMC – If the WDC is at variance, are the congregations or members of congregations at variance? Richard asked Ervin to address the question. Ervin said he would need time to think about that.
- Cathy Coon Bitikofer, Manhattan Mennonite – Pastors may either perform or refuse to perform same sex ceremonies with the affirmation of their congregations. If a congregation affirms but the pastor refuses, would that trigger a review? Richard referred the question to Kathy Neufeld Dunn, chair of MLC. She said they hadn't explored that option, so she was not sure what to say. Richard stated there may need some conflict management assistance.
- Wendy Miller, Peace Mennonite in Dallas – When a same sex couple is asking for marriage and there is supposed to be affirmation for congregation, are there resources for the churches? How would a ripple effect be monitored through the conference? Richard stated he has no clear answer, but we are already seeing ripple effects as congregations leave and may consider leaving depending on the adoption or no adoption of this resolution. The EB continues to discuss this and that whichever way this goes, there will be affects.
- Marv Zehr, Shalom Menn Church – Many of us have seen churches in MC USA and WDC leaving which raises anxiety on this issue. In congregations already declining, fear of losing members around this issue. Called on WDC to provide resources to help congregations to enter into dialogue on this issue. Difficult for pastors to know how to lead the dialogue.
- Marlene Aquino Liberal, KS – Does the resolution only apply to same sex ceremonies or do we expect to see licensed pastors who are in same sex relationships? Richard clarified this resolution only applies to

pastors performing same sex ceremonies. This resolution does not speak to pastors who are in same sex relationships.

- Terry Rediger, Turpin, OK – Question #8 on FAQ, feedback showed strong support for seeking greater majority. If resolution passes, it puts WDC at variance. He believes the resolution merits more support than just a simple majority. **Terry moved that the resolution require the percentage to be passed be 60%. Richard clarified this motion is a special rule which requires a second and is not debatable. This motion requires a two thirds passage. Sandra Martinez seconded. Ballots were distributed.**
- While the ballots were being counted, Richard invited additional comments on the resolution.
- Nancy Waltner, First Mennonite, Newton – Part of the table discussion was to have in the Confession of Faith, there is a variance in how we view divorce people. It is not unusual to be at variance with some aspects of church documents.
- Teague Chesed, Shalom Mennonite. Why is my spiritual integrity being determined by mostly straight people? It's hard to be talked about like I'm not here.
- Cindy Combs, First Mennonite, Newton – As our church has had conversation, it's been helpful, painful, and healing. I was able to get the courage to "out" my family. She provided some information about her personal experience. I believe that the God who loves me is the same God who loves them.
- Valerie Klaassen – we often only look at article 19 of the confession of faith. She says it's a great book, it talks about all people being disciples of Christ. Let us look at people in their discipleship, not just their sexuality.
- Tom Szambecki, Table 1 – related this issue to autism. I don't think God makes mistakes. As we have evolved as a culture, we understand that some people have labeled others without seeing their gifts. Asked the delegates to close their eyes while he read some terms. Asked them to think what comes to mind.
- Brad Roth, West Zion Mennonite – Thank you to Ruth for being gracious throughout process. Although we aren't accepting the whereas statements, by passing the resolution we are realizing the whereas statements may be leading us there. Shared how he views several of the whereas statements.
- Delon Martins, FMC, Hutchinson #13 – shared a statement from a member of his congregation.
- Stan Epp, FMC, Newton #2 – expressing his own thoughts. Difficult to know how to respond because it's such a personal and difficult issue. He shared a scripture on entering through the narrow gate. He expressed concern about justifying scripture instead of standing up for righteousness and morality.
- Tom Harder, Loraine Ave. Wichita #4 – He is confident that each church and person reads the Bible, prays, seek leading of Holy Spirit. Our church has come to the point that one of our missional priorities is to be a piece of welcome to people from LGBTQ community with full participation. A strength of the resolution allows us to follow our conscience without imposing that same requirement on other churches who have been led to other missional priorities.

Richard announced the motion to increase the percentage of vote to 60% in order to pass is as follows: Total votes: 258 – 126 yes, 132 no. The motion fails.

Carl Swartz – Loraine Ave., Wichita – not heard the voice of those affected most. Expressed appreciation for those personally impacted who spoke.

Jude McCulley - New Creation – has a degree in anthropology, we tend to discuss human sexuality like we know everything about it. Provided caution in how we think about sexuality.

Annette Voth, Zion Menn. #13 – Talking about variance as being an unfortunate thing, maybe variance is a good thing. Strongly supports the resolution but also wants to continue to hear voices of those who disagree in striving for humility.

Richard clarified that why, at the end of the process, there would be a note in the pastor's file. If the resolution is passed, the pastor would not be at variance with WDC policy but the notation would be made out of respect that the pastor would be at variance with the national body. Another conference should know, out of fairness.

Leon Heidebrecht, #8 – best and worst things about being here are hearing opinions other than your own. Every decision has consequences. After business today, the future changes. What unintended actions will result?

Guy Smoker, Southern Hills, Topeka #11 – personal response. Many against have it in their mind that it's a choice of lifestyle for everybody. If God does not make mistakes, he wants people to know it's not a choice for everyone. It's in our make up. It would be a mistake to vote against this resolution.

Michael Combs, FMC, Newton #22 – supports what Guy just said. Questions whether “lifestyle” applies to LGBTQ people. He has known 11 people that he can think of, not one of them would ever admit to having chosen a lifestyle but could tell horrendous stories about what it was like growing up with locker room jokes, etc. Very firmly and strongly on the side that, although we don't understand why people are the way they are, I choose to believe that God created us the way we are. If we fail to pass this, all of our churches should make signs that say we welcome ... except this kind of person.

Richard closed the discussion time. He thanked everyone for the respect shown, that the group has held the covenant together. No matter the result, we have been the church together. He thanked people for being cooperative with the time limit.

Richard explained everyone should have the number of ballots according to their number of votes. He provided instructions on why there are more options than a simple yes or no. This came as a request at the Spring Reference Council. This resolution touches on the ethical, theological questions of same sex covenanted relationships. The other is the question of polity, who makes those decisions. The resolution is aimed primarily at this question, and that the decision is made at the congregational level. The ballot allows people to make a statement about same sex marriage that might be different than what they think of the resolution in terms of church polity.

Eric led a time of hand motions and silence, to rest in the presence of God.

Richard instructed delegates to mark their ballots. Results will be reported when we reconvene for the afternoon.

June provided some announcements and instructions for lunch. She encouraged people to browse the exhibits.

The morning delegate session ended at 11:55 a.m.

The delegates were reassembled at 1:00 p.m.

Richard announced the vote on the Rainbow Mennonite resolution. A total of 155 votes under the first box in the Yes column (I support the resolution). A total of 30 in the second box in the yes column (I support the resolution, though I do not support same-sex marriage) for total of 185 yes votes. On the No column, 68 (I do not support the resolution) and 4 (I do not support the resolution, though I support same-sex marriage) for a total of 72 votes. **The resolution passed 185 to 72 at a 72% vote in favor of the resolution. Richard declared the resolution passes.**

Wendy Funk Schrag provided a summary of the minutes from the 2014 Annual Assembly. **Larry Dixon, motion to approve, Pauline Buller seconded motion. Motion carried.**

Brian Stucky, Gifts Discernment Committee, presented the ballot for nominations. Brian referred the delegates to the list of nominees for Executive Board, Committee and Commission positions. **Brian provided a motion to approve nominations ballot on behalf of the Gifts Discernment Committee. Adam Roth provided a second.** No additional nominations were accepted. Richard asked the delegates to vote on the full ballot as presented. The motion carried.

Keith Harder provided an update on the Corinthian Plan, a self-funded benefit plan sponsored by MC USA, its conferences and congregations. Keith stated that congregations can become part of the plan now without medical underwriting during open enrollment if they are not current members. Keith announced he will be ending his role with the Corinthian Plan soon.

Heidi Regier Kreider provided a State of the Conference report. Highlights of her report are as follows:

- Thanks to Clarence Rempel for support and orientation to her new role and to WDC staff who have welcomed Heidi.
- Heidi appreciates the mission statement of WDC and its priorities. She invited the delegates to read the mission statement with her.
- Heidi provided updates on the WDC core tasks:
- Sustaining transformational pastors: She recognized pastors serving in interim roles, those new to their positions, and those receiving ordination this past year.
- For resourcing healthy missional churches, Heidi provided the following highlights:
 - Heidi acknowledged Iglesia Menonita Nueva Jerusalem, Houston TX and Mennonite Indian Church, Seiling, OK (both closed due to inactivity). Burrton Mennonite Church, Burton KS (closed due to declining membership); Iglesia Menonita Mi Redentor, Dallas TX withdrew for theological differences, and First Mennonite in Clinton OK due to theological differences and transferred to the Mennonite Brethren denomination.
 - Heidi recognized the resignation of Marlene Bogard, and invited prayers for Marlene in her new role as executive director of Mennonite Women USA.
 - Anabaptist Faith Formation launch was held June 12-13, 2015.
 - Heidi encouraged people to check out The Gathering Place online, and the Anabaptist Faith Formation website.
 - WDC is advertising to fill two positions in the area of resourcing congregations including a ¾ time Associate Conference Minister and a ¼ time Resource Library Director.
- For networking Anabaptist church planting partnerships, Heidi said this area has seen significant transition this year.
 - Gilberto resigned, Howard Garver filled the role and WDC is again seeking a full time Associate Conference Minister to be located in Texas and to also oversee church planting across WDC. Heidi encouraged congregations to consider how they can partner with church planting.

Heidi concluded with gratefulness for the rich diversity of congregations that is WDC.

Phyllis Regier, business manager for WDC, presented the financial reports. The financial year runs from February 1 – January 31. The 2014 audit was completed on Oct. 1 and a report is available for anyone interested. Income for 2014/15 totaled \$517,110 from contributions, rent/refunds, personnel rebates, vision 2012, and the bequest fund. Expenses for 2014/15 totaled \$504,110, 91% of the budget. Surplus funds were designated for office equipment and conference car expenses.

2016/17 budget: Projected budget is \$577,050. Phyllis provided some highlights of breakdowns of department budgets for the upcoming year.

Motion to approve the 2016/17 budget made by the Stewardship Commission. Stan Epp provided a second. A time was allowed for questions. Motion was approved with no opposition.

Marv Zehr, chair of Church Planting Commission, provided a report. Marv provided highlights of the year's activities since the Commission was formed. He introduced members of the commission. The first year has been devoted to understanding the Commission's mission. Meetings were held monthly, including a two-day retreat. The commission primarily worked with Howard Garver, WDC associate conference minister. They reviewed agreements between new church plants and congregations. There are two different types of relationships. Currently, there are three active church plants: Aposento Alto in Wichita, KS; (2 – need info from Marv). Sandra Martinez provided more information about the church plant in Dallas. Camino de Santidad in Liberal, KS is maturing and preparing to join WDC. Grace Mennonite Fellowship in Gladwater, KS is transitioning down after five years. Karen and Steve Mascho will be relocating to Tulsa, OK. Karen shared about the activities of the past five years focusing on peacemaking and meeting basic needs of the community. The church also focused on bringing local churches together for projects. A prayer was led by a representative from Salina Mennonite Church to give thanks for the work of Grace Mennonite Fellowship. The commission is continuing to work and plan, even during the time without an Associate Conference Minister. They have a "Guide for Experiencing God's Mission in Your Life" available for church studies. Two congregations are currently doing the study.

Diana Schunn, resolutions committee, presented two resolutions of appreciation. Doug Penner, Kristen Swartley, and Diana are resolutions committee members.

Resolution 1: "Whereas Bethel College has warmly welcomed the Western District Conference, its staff, delegates, and congregational representatives, and whereas Bethel College has provided fine facilities and services for the wide range of meetings and activities leading up to and included in the Western District Conference annual assembly, and whereas Bethel College is and has been throughout its history a strong supporter of and partner with the Western District Conference: We do resolve to express our appreciation to Bethel College, its administration, faculty and staff for its significant support of the Western District Conference in its annual assembly." Diana moved, Dave Redmon provided the second. Motion carried.

Resolution 2: – "Whereas the staff of the Western District has in the last year been faced with significant challenges related to leadership transitions and in the face of those challenges has given of their time and energy in extraordinary ways, we do resolve to express our appreciation to the Western District Conference staff for their generosity of spirit and labor in a time of special conference need." Diana moved, Dorothy Nickel Friesen provided the second. Motion approved by standing and applause.

June Thomsen provided some announcements. Next year's assembly will be July 29-30, 2016 at Bethel College.

A benediction was provided by the worshipful work team.

Richard declared the meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm.

Western District Conference 2016 Budget

Income

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| 1 Contributions | 380,600 | 7 Restricted Funds - Historical | 500 |
| 2 Church Plant contributions | 72,000 | 8 Restricted Funds - Resource | 5,200 |
| 3 Personnel Rebates | 25,000 | 9 Restricted Funds - Scholarships | 2,500 |
| 4 Rent Income | 3,250 | 10 Restricted Funds - Interest | 1,000 |
| 5 Refunds | 12,000 | 11 Agri-Urban Contribution | 10,000 |
| 6 Restricted Funds - Church Plants | 20,000 | 12 Income From Bequest Fund | 40,000 |
| | | 13 Interest/Market Adjustment | 5,000 |
| | | Total Income | 577,050 |

Expenses

Executive Board

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| 1 Executive - Staffing | 57,000 |
| 2 Executive - Staff Travel | 2,000 |
| 3 Executive - Office Exp | 3,000 |
| 4 Executive - Board Exp | 2,000 |
| 5 Executive - MCUSA Delegates | 3,000 |
| 6 Executive - Reference Council | 500 |
| 7 Executive - Camp Subsidy | 2,000 |
| Executive Total | 69,500 |

Resource Commission

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| 1 Resource - Staff | 101,500 |
| 2 Resource - Staff Travel | 1,500 |
| 3 Resource - Office Exp | 8,000 |
| 4 Resource - Commission Exp | 500 |
| 5 Resource - Mennonite Archives | 3,000 |
| 6 Resource - Library | 7,700 |
| 7 Resource - Music & Worship | 350 |
| 8 Resource - Youth | 2,000 |
| Resource Total | 124,550 |

Leadership Commission

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| 1 Leader - Staffing | 120,500 |
| 2 Leader - Ministerial Travel | 7,000 |
| 3 Leader - Office Expense | 15,000 |
| 4 Leader - Commission Exp | 2,000 |
| 5 Leader - Ministerial Credential | 1,000 |
| 6 Leader - Seminary Scholarships | 5,000 |
| 8 Leader - Meetings & workshops | 1,000 |
| Leadership Total | 151,500 |

Stewardship Commission

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| 1 Steward - Staff | 46,500 |
| 2 Steward - Travel | 1,000 |
| 3 Steward - Office Exp | 8,000 |
| 4 Steward - Commission | 500 |
| 5 Steward - Communications | 7,000 |
| 6 Steward - Insurance | 9,000 |
| 7 Steward - Audit | 7,000 |
| Stewardship Total | 79,000 |

Church Planting Commission

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| 1 Church Planting - Staff | 71,500 |
| 2 Church Planting - Travel | 5,000 |
| 3 Church Planting - Office Exp | 3,000 |
| 4 Church Planting - Commission | 1,000 |
| 5 Church Planting - Plant Support | 72,000 |
| Church Planting Total | 152,500 |

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| Total Expenses | 577,050 |
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2015 ELECTION RESULTS

Executive Board: Norma Duerksen, Kristen Swartley
Church Planting Commission: Veronica Robles, Lee Suderman
Gifts Discernment Committee: Ryan Koch, Jane McNair
Ministerial Leadership Commission: Peter Goerzen, Brad Roth
Resource Commission: Katherine Goerzen, Ann Hiebert
Stewardship Commission: Leanna Ediger, Stephen Hochstetler

CERTIFIED DELEGATES AT 2015 CONFERENCE

KANSAS

1. **Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel:** Peter Emery, Linda Ewert, Brian Stucky, Tim Voth (478 members, 16 votes)
2. **Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton:** Brent Dungan, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Lou Gomez, Norma Johnson, John Kliewer, Judy Kliewer, Sondra Koontz, Helen Nachtigal, Lois Preheim, Ron Preheim, Vern Preheim, Adam Robb, Jill Robb, Jim Robb, Dale Schrag, John Tyson, Susan Wheeler, Heather Esau Zenger (539 members, 18 votes)
3. **Buhler Mennonite Church, Buhler:** Bonnie Danner, Bob Friesen, Sara Janzen, Randy Sawatzky (331 members, 12 votes)
4. **Calvary Mennonite Church, Liberal:** No delegates present. (26 members, 1 vote)
5. **Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge:** Brett Gillmore, Katie Gillmore, Marla Gillmore, Jay Goering, Linda Goering, Derek King, Jeff Koller, Lee Suderman, (420 members, 14 votes)
6. **Faith Mennonite Church, Newton:** Grace Bartel, Harlan Bartel, Bob Neufeld, Darlene Powers, Arlys Schwabauer, Rachel Siemens, James Stucky (187 members, 7 votes)
7. **First Mennonite Church, Halstead:** Brian Harmon, Lois Loflin, Alan Mueller (240 members, 8 votes)
8. **First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro:** Judy Harder, Keith Harder, Susan Jantzen (279 members, 10 votes)
9. **First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson:** Pauline Buller, Star Gipson, Lorene Graber, Nathan Koontz, Delon Martens, LaVerle Schrag, Cheryl Warkentin, Tanya Ramer Wenger (250 members, 9 votes)
10. **First Mennonite Church, McPherson:** Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Dayle Toews (60 members, 2 votes)
11. **First Mennonite Church, Newton:** Cindy Combs, Michael Combs, Stan Epp, Anita Kehr, Jim Schrag, Wendy Schrag, Joel Schroeder, Nancy Waltner, Kathy Wiens, Tim Wiens (294 members, 10 votes)
12. **First Mennonite Church, Ransom:** Eldon Epp (30 members, 1 vote)
13. **First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge:** Laura Goerzen, Steve Kaufman, Randy Stucky (167 members, 6 votes)
14. **Goessel Mennonite Church, Goessel:** No delegates present. (163 members, 6 votes)
15. **Gospel Fellowship, Montezuma:** No delegates present. (25 members, 1 vote)
16. **Grace Hill Mennonite Church, Whitewater:** Kendall Claassen, Ed Harms, Roberta Harms, Valerie Klaassen, Rita Patterson, Diana Schunn, Jeff Toews, Pauline Toews (234 members, 8 votes)
17. **Hanston Mennonite Church, Hanston:** Elise Garetto (20 members, 1 vote)
18. **Hoffnungsaus Mennonite Church, Inman:** Rosemary Balzer, Orlin Martens, Weldon Martens (205 members, 7 votes)
19. **Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita:** Brenda Glanzer Lilliston, Dave Stevens, Chris Teufel, Karen Zehr (238 members, 8 votes)
20. (Church Plant) **Iglesia Camino de Santidad, Liberal:** Marlene Aquino (70 members, 1 vote)
21. **Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, Newton:** Miguel Alatoree, Jaime Cazares (45 members, 2 votes)
22. (Church Plant) **Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto, Wichita:** Byron Pellecer (16 members, 1 vote)
23. **Inman Mennonite Church, Inman:** Leon Heidebrecht, Dave Moore (117 members, 4 votes)
24. **Kingman Mennonite Church, Kingman:** Harold Forcum, David Roth (98 members, 4 votes)
25. **Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita:** Linda Doll, Judy Ebersole, Linda Gebert, Lois Harder, Tom Harder, Sylvia Schmidt, Dwayne Schrag, Karl Swartz, Myra Swartz (402 members, 14 votes) (1 of the 14 votes was not represented)

26. **Manhattan Mennonite Church, Manhattan:** Melissa Atchison, Cathy Coon Bitikofer, Janet McGillivray, Dave Redmon (106 members, 4 votes)
27. **Mennonite Church of the Servant, Wichita:** John Stoesz (26 members, 1 vote)
28. **New Creation Fellowship, Newton:** Jude McCulley, Audrey Ratzlaff, Jennie Wintermote (72 members, 3 votes)
29. **Peace Mennonite Church, Lawrence:** Roger Martin, Andrea Zuercher (40 members, 2 votes)
30. **Rainbow Mennonite Church, Kansas City:** Peggy Coriell, Ruth Harder, Clif Hostetler, Karen Goering Hostetler, Renee Reimer, Laura Schmidt, Scott Weast (259 members, 9 votes)
31. **Salina Mennonite Church, Salina:** Christina Litwiller, Lois Newcomer (63 members, 3 votes)
32. **Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton:** Teague Chesed, Sara Dick, Becky Kindy, Rachel Ringenberg Miller, Johann Reimer, Tom Szambecki, Marv Zehr (200 members, 7 votes)
33. **Southern Hills Mennonite Church, Topeka:** Larry Dixon, Raylene Penner, Guy Smoker, Carolyn Voth (111 members, 4 votes)
34. **Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton:** Phyllis Goertzen, Katherine Goerzen, Peter Goerzen, Rosie Jantz, Phil Schmidt, Ron Schroeder (310 members, 11 votes)
35. **Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro:** Norma Duerksen, Arlene Hett, (52 members, 2 votes)
36. **West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge:** Karen Loganbill, Brad Roth, Geneva Wedel (196 members, 7 votes)
37. **Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing:** Rosie Epp, Joe Friesen, Lois Friesen, Becky Nickel, Raymond Reimer, Annette Voth (158 members, 6 votes)

NEBRASKA

1. **Beatrice Mennonite Church, Beatrice:** Jen Amor, Tim Amor (133 members, 5 votes)
2. **First Mennonite Church, Beatrice:** Jim Ensz, Merlin Friesen, Brett Klingenberg, Jerome Reimer (231 members, 8 votes)

OKLAHOMA

1. **Greenfield Mennonite Church, Carnegie:** No delegates present. (8 members, 1 vote)
2. **Joy Mennonite Church, Oklahoma City:** Kristen Swartley (30 members, 1 vote)
3. **Koinonia Mennonite Church, Clinton:** No delegates present (23 members, 1 vote)
4. **Turpin Mennonite Church, Turpin:** Leanna Ediger, Jerilee Rediger, Terry Rediger (78 members, 3 votes)

TEXAS

1. **Austin Mennonite Church, Austin:** Michael Shirk (50 members, 2 votes)
2. **Chin Emmanuel Church, Houston, TX:** Simon Tlumang (230 members, 8 votes)
3. (Church Plant) **Grace Mennonite Fellowship, Gladewater:** Carmen Armstrong (10 members, 1 vote)
4. **Hope Fellowship, Waco:** No delegates present. (18 members, 1 vote)
5. **Houston Mennonite Church, Houston:** Nathanael Vlachos (65 members, 3 votes)
6. (Church Plant) **Iglesia Cristiana Menonita Camino Nuevo, Dallas, TX:** Antonio Caceros (0 members, 1 vote)
7. **Iglesia Cristiana Menonita Monte Horeb, Dallas:** Sandra Martinez, Adam Sawyer (42 members, 2 votes)
8. **Iglesia Menonita Casa de Dios, Garland:** No delegates present. (25 members, 1 vote)
9. **Iglesia Menonita Casa del Alfarero, Pasadena:** No delegates present. (60 members, 2 votes)
10. **Iglesia Menonita Comunidad de Esperanza, Dallas:** No delegates present. (42 members, 2 votes)
11. **Iglesia Menonita Comunidad de Vida, San Antonio:** Blanca Vargas (15 members, 1 vote)
12. **Iglesia Menonita Luz del Evangelio, Dallas:** Susy Caceros (225 members, 8 votes)
13. **Peace Mennonite Church, Dallas:** Ryan Koch, Ed Miller, Wendy Miller (88 members, 3 votes)
14. **San Antonio Mennonite Church, San Antonio:** No delegates present (48 members, 2 votes)