

*Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.*

– Proverbs 16:3 (NRSV)

# Invest in what lasts

## Everence 2020 report

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### Strong church partnerships a vital part of Everence mission

Everence® works closely with churches and their members, as we have since our organization started as Mennonite Mutual Aid in 1945.

We're celebrating our 75th anniversary in 2020 – three-quarters of a century of helping brothers and sisters in Christ “build up the common life” through decisions about their money and other resources.

We look forward to many more years of helping your church members create and implement plans tailored to their needs and their goals to share with others.

We value our connections and will continue to serve the faith community as partners in stewardship throughout 2020 and beyond.

### Pastoral Financial Wellness Program extends its reach



Everence expanded our Pastoral Financial Wellness Program in 2019 to credentialed and active

pastors from more than 30 affiliated Anabaptist and like-minded denominations and church networks.

A second \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. – through its National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders – helped make widening the program possible.

“Hopefully, through our expanded program, we can help more pastors find a healthy financial balance so they can continue following their calling in the ministry,” said Beryl Jantzi, D.Min., Everence Stewardship Education Director.

The program includes direct financial assistance grants, financial education events and subsidies for financial planning. More details are available at [everence.com/pastoral-financial-wellness](http://everence.com/pastoral-financial-wellness).

### Is church management software right for you?

A new resource from Everence can help you decide whether your church needs church management software for organizing and automating certain tasks.

Hundreds of options are available to help churches with:

- Membership management.
- Contributions/donor management.

- Accounting.
- Event/facilities management.
- Communications and outreach.
- Volunteer management.

Everence doesn't endorse any specific software in our new guide, *Church information management systems*, but we do identify some of the possibilities. Consider it a starting point for exploring your options.

Visit [everence.com/resources/church-finance-manual](http://everence.com/resources/church-finance-manual) and look under “additional resources” to download your own copy.

### Take advantage of new webinars for churches



Everence is offering your church new educational webinars in 2020.

They are designed as an easy-to-share stewardship education resource for pastors and others in your church.

Talk to your Everence stewardship consultant to make sure you're on the mailing list for invitations to these webinars.