

2020 REPORT TO WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The MHS Board of Directors approved new mission and vision statements at their zoom meeting held on March 18, 2020.

MHS Mission Statement

Anchored in Anabaptist values, MHS inspires and strengthens health and human service ministries to fulfill their missions.

MHS Vision Statement

MHS is the go-to leader for integrating faith and work in health and human services.

The following MHS members have ties to Western District Conference:

- Bethesda Home, Goessel, Kansas
- Mennonite Friendship Communities, South Hutchinson, Kansas
- Prairie View, Newton, Kansas
- Bluestem Communities - Kidron Bethel Village, N. Newton and Schowalter Villa, Hesston, Kansas

Activities

- MHS members are experiencing the impact and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. MHS staff are focusing their attention to providing information and resources to all members on issues related to the pandemic and the economic challenges. The CARES Act, Payroll Protection Program has provided temporary support to many eligible members. MHS members serve the most vulnerable of our population and those are the persons most at risk for COVID-19. The pandemic is putting high stress and strain on the frontline employees of member organizations. We ask for continued prayers for the leaders, caregivers and front-line health care workers during this very difficult time.
- The 2020 Mennonite Health Assembly scheduled for March 18 – 21 in Greenville, SC, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Assembly is always an opportunity for MHS members and other persons interested in Anabaptist health and human services issues to learn together, network, and share values and education to advance their ministries and services. As a result, MHS is increasing virtual and electronic educational programs.
- The 2020 Executive Circle for MHS member CEOs started in March and continues through the fall of this year. Ten CEOs from across the United States are participating in this program which provides confidential space for leadership discernment and development.
- Again, this year we're offering a series of webinars. These are open to anyone who is interested in the topics. Visit <http://www.mhsonline.org/webinar-series> to learn more and to register.

For Thanksgiving and Prayer

- For MHS members; health care providers and frontline caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Finding and keeping qualified and compassionate employees is a significant concern for MHS members across the country.
- We are grateful for the wisdom of the dozens of volunteer board members who are trustees of the missions of our member organizations.

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