

## 2023 REPORT TO WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

### *MHS Association Mission Statement*

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

### *MHS Association Vision Statement*

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

### *The following members have ties to Western District Conference:*

- Bethesda Home, Goessel, Kansas
- Bluestem Communities North Newton, KS  
(Includes Kidron Bethel North Newton, KS  
& Schowalter Village, Hesston, KS)
- Parkside Homes Inc. Hillsboro, KS
- Mennonite Friendship Communities, South  
Hutchinson, Kansas
- Prairie View, Newton, KS

## Activities

- The 2023 Mennonite Health Assembly was held Tuesday, March 7 – Thursday, March 9, in Denver, CO. Over 120 people attended the conference and appreciated the keynote speakers and sessions that were presented. The Assembly is open to all persons interested in governance, leadership, and organizational improvement presented through our Anabaptist faith and values.
- Mennonite Health Services (MHS) Alliance made the decision to transition to MHS Association, a better representation of the organization. MHS Association is a national organization of Anabaptist health and human service organizations. MHS Association works to inspire and strengthen member ministries by integrating faith and work, providing leadership development and best practices in board governance, faith-grounded strategic business tools, and access to a national network of Anabaptist organizations.
- The MHS Board of Directors and MHS Staff continue to advance diversity, equity, justice, and inclusion initiatives and have recently completed a Racial Equity Audit of the Association.
- MHS Association provides monthly webinars on a variety of topics. These webinars are free and open to anyone that is interested [in the topic](#).
- For more information on MHS Association member services, [please view our ongoing member benefits video series](#).
- MHS Consulting continues to serve MHS Association members and nonmembers in the health and human services arena; primarily providing resources in governance, executive search, executive coaching, interim placement, strategic planning, and positioning, and operational, financial, and market assessments.

## For Thanksgiving and Prayer

- Continued prayer for staffing retention and recruitment. Finding and keeping qualified and compassionate employees is a significant concern for MHS Association member organizations and the vulnerable populations they serve across the country.
- We are grateful for the financial gifts, gifts in kind, prayer, and volunteer support to our member organizations.