

**WDC Resource Commission 2023 Annual Report**  
**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 offer support and guidance to the library and librarian, as well as several task forces and committees. We work closely with Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Associate Conference Minister, and Jennie Wintermote, Resource Librarian.

Highlights from this past year include:

- Purchased Vibrant Faith Masterclass Season Passes for 2022 and 2023 and offered access to anyone in Western District Conference.
- Hosted a webinar on *Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women Who Prepared the Way* by Joanna Harader.
- Used feedback from 2022 WDC Annual Assembly table groups to guide our work.
- Facilitated a faith formation survey for congregations to share what materials they are using, what programming they have in place, what questions they have, and what resources they would like to have.
- Set aside funds for Mustard Seed Grants. Congregations can receive up to \$500 to use to share the good news of Jesus in their communities. This is seed money for creative ideas for connecting with neighbors, so relationships can be strengthened, and the reconciling love of God can be shared.
- Continued to explore ways to advocate for translation into Spanish of resources produced by MennoMedia and MC USA.

**Resource Commission Members are** Christina Litwiller, Salina Mennonite Church, Salina, KS; Graciela Tijerina, Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, Newton, KS; Derek King, Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS; Melissa Atchison, Manhattan Mennonite Church, Manhattan, KS; Stephen Wilcox, First Mennonite Church, Halstead, KS; and Debbie Goossen, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE