

WDC Resource Commission 2024 Annual Report
Melissa Atchison, 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 Library Director.

Highlights from this past year include:

- Purchased the multi-media version of Vibrant Faith's "Familying the Faith" for the Resource Library.
- Approved a Mustard Seed Grant for the Summer Food 4 Kids program at First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro. 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.
- Working toward re-visioning WDC Youth Ministry.
- Discussing bringing The Colossian Forum's Wayfinder Training to WDC. WayFinder helps Christian leaders to think, act, and lead like Jesus, especially in the face of conflict.
- Applied for a Lilly Grant for the Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative.
- Began a project to create a database of Anabaptist video-recorded sermons to be made available to congregations.

Resource Commission Members are Norma Duerksen, First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS; Debbie Goossen, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE; Derek King, Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS; Stephen Wilcox, First Mennonite Church, Halstead, KS; and Melissa Atchison, Manhattan Mennonite Church, Manhattan, KS. Graciela Tijerina, Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, Newton, KS, was a member until mid-year.