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"...The one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. As it is written, 'He scattered everywhere; he gave to the needy; his righteousness remains forever.' The one who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop, which is righteousness." - 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 - Common English Bible

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Dear friend,

Thank you for your support of Western District Conference. In the midst of troubling times in our world I am grateful for the faithful witness of WDC members and congregations, and invite your participation in our shared work as a conference of Mennonite Church USA!

WDC recently concluded a Listening Process with 33 listening visits across the conference, learning from our congregations how we can better provide resources and connect congregations around common themes. One desire expressed by congregations is to more effectively nurture Anabaptist-Christian faith in children to sustain long-term commitment to faith practices. Towards that end, WDC's Kids Meet Christ program is off to a good start with resource events, grants and scholarships to support WDC congregations to reimagine worship to better engage children. Another follow-up to the Listening Process will be to offer periodic affinity group forums for congregational leaders, beginning with a mini-webinar on worship leader resources and music using the *Voices Together* hymnal.

This past year WDC also sponsored a church planting learning tour, celebrated a new church plant, promoted immigration justice resources, offered Mustard Seed grants to congregations for community outreach, provided safe church training, expanded digital resources in our Resource Library, initiated a two-year project to equip Hispanic congregations for pastoral transition in culturally relevant ways, and much more.

We look forward to continuing our mission of sustaining transformational ministers, resourcing missional congregations, and networking church planting partnerships in the year ahead. These priorities extend and support the ministries of local congregations, which are at the heart of WDC.

WDC is not an organization separate from congregations, but a network of congregations with a mission of empowering and equipping congregational ministry.

To strengthen and sustain financial resources to carry out this mission, **we're inviting every WDC member and friend to make regular, modest financial contributions to WDC, either through their congregation or directly to WDC.** This vision has three dimensions:

- *Rooted Giving* - The work of WDC is rooted in the priorities, values, community, and investments of each of our members.
- *Seeds of Sustenance* - With small, yet sustaining investments, we each "plant seeds" to ensure a healthy future for our conference and congregations
- *Together We Tend* -To thrive, it takes all of us tending to the future of our conference. We grow together!

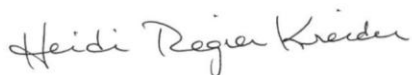
As a Mennonite community rooted in simplicity and mutual aid, we encourage regular investments and collective giving because these reflect our values: Shared ownership, long-term stewardship, and a commitment to the work we do together. When each of us invests faithfully, we build a conference that's not dependent on occasional bursts of generosity by some of us but, instead, is grounded in a regular rhythm of care by all of us.

Historically, WDC has relied on drawing from reserve funds to meet our annual budget each year which required periodic capital campaigns for replenishing reserve funds. However, with a total of 6,347 members and the annual budget of \$744,979 for the fiscal year beginning October 2025, contributions averaging \$120 per member per year (\$10 per month) would meet our entire budget without needing to draw on our reserve restricted funds!

We invite you to invest in WDC's current work and strengthen our financial foundation for the future in one or more of the following ways:

- Mail a check to Western District Conference at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS, 67117.
- Set up an **automated recurring gift** (quarterly, monthly, etc.) through your bank. .
- Donate online—also with an option for **automated recurring gifts**—using your credit card, PayPal, ApplePay by clicking the DONATE option of our website menu at <https://mennowdc.org>.
- Set up a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) as a tax efficient way to then make charitable distributions to WDC.
- Request a tax-advantageous Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA (*specifically limited by the IRS to donors over age 70 ½ years*).
- Establish a planned legacy gift through your will or trust, retirement fund, or life insurance policy.

We look forward to sharing in ministry together with you in the year ahead. May God who supplies seeds for planting also multiply a harvest of righteousness among and through us!



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