

Current 2020 Contributions

Money amounts given in 2020 are listed in red at end of each paragraph along with the percentage of the amount we give to outside entities, equaling \$9,2000 in total contributions.

***MC-USA**—Mennonite Church USA is an Anabaptist denomination with roots in the Radical Reformation of 16th-century Europe. From its beginnings in mostly German-speaking parts of Europe, the Mennonite Church today is growing rapidly in many parts of the world. Mennonite Church USA was formed in 2002 by the merger of the General Conference Mennonite Church and the Mennonite Church. Mennonite Church USA has more than 62,000 adult members in about 565 congregations and 17 area conferences. It is the largest of numerous Mennonite groups in the United States. Some of the church wide agencies include: Everence (Stewardship Agency), MHS Alliance (Supporting Health and Human Service Ministries), MennoMedia (Publishing/Media), Mennonite Education Agency, Mennonite Mission Network. **\$1,984.00 / 21.6%**
Cite: www.mennoniteusa.org/about-us/who-are-the-mennonites

***MC-USA Justice Fund**--In the midst of significant social unrest in the United States, Mennonite Church USA has launched the Justice Fund to support MC USA congregations that are actively involved in dismantling racism, addressing police brutality, reimagining policing or combating poverty. “Many congregations are already working in these areas but have limited budgets,” says Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA. “The Justice Fund allows us to come together and support this important ongoing work through the practice of mutual aid.” The Justice Fund will use donations to provide grants for MC USA congregations that are engaging in their communities to dismantle racism and to build peace. Congregations also may use these funds for seed money to begin working in these areas. Cite: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-launches-new-justice-fund> **\$240 / 2.6%**

***WDC**—Western District Conference is one of 21 area conferences that make up Mennonite Church USA. The conference provides credentialing, training, and even some funding for pastors. The WDC resource library makes a variety of resources available to churches, and the conference staff are available as resources for a variety of issues that come up in the life of the church. In addition, WDC supports new church plants across the region, facilitates working groups on justice issues such as immigration and death penalty abolition, and plans a conference gathering each summer. **\$2,377.00 / 25.8%**

***Camp Mennoscah**—This camp is no longer under the WDC umbrella. It is now a stand-alone organization. Many of our PMC youth attend each summer—receiving spiritual nurturing while experiencing the gift of God’s creation. **\$0.00**

***MCC**—Mennonite Central Committee is a relief, service, and peace agency representing fifteen Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and Amish bodies in North America. The U.S. headquarters are in Akron, Pennsylvania, the Canadian in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It was formed in 1920, and offered an alternative for members of historic peace churches in the Civilian Public Service (CPS) program for young people. This program transitioned into Voluntary Service—a program in which people donated a year to service and witness to work and share their religious conviction. Ten Thousand Villages is under the umbrella of MCC, promoting the fair-trade sale of crafts/products from around the world. **\$756.00 / 8.2%**

***AMBS**—Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN, forthrightly embraces Jesus’ call to “follow me” by educating leaders for God’s reconciling mission in the world. Our work in [graduate](#) and [lifelong](#) Anabaptist theological education is rooted in the saving power of the life, death, resurrection and ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ, the Word of God. **\$433.00 / 4.7%**

*MDS—Mennonite Disaster Service is a volunteer network through which various groups within the Anabaptist tradition assist people affected by disasters in North America.^[3] The organization was founded in 1950 and was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 1993.

The MDS currently involves more than 3,000 members of the Mennonite, Amish and Brethren in Christ churches (BIC). The primary focus of the service is cleanup, repair, and the rebuilding of homes. The work of the group supplements the disaster relief provided by the Red Cross. The Mennonite Disaster Service also works closely with Mennonite Central Committee. \$433.00 / 4.7%

*SCN—The Supportive Communities Network, part of Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests (BMC), has grown to include 100 Mennonite and Church of the Brethren Communities. In order to hold the SCN designation, a congregation must undertake a deliberate process of education and discernment, develop a welcoming statement that includes sexual orientation and gender identity, and be public about its affirmation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer church members. **Peace Mennonite Church joined this organization in June, 2001. \$109.00 / 1.2%**

*JOIN HANDS—This Mennonite organization was established in 1985 and was formally known as “TenthMan”. It helps Mennonite congregations around the world purchase or build their first meeting place. “We believe that Mennonite churches with building programs might have an open heart towards new churches trying to secure their first meetinghouse.” The program encourages congregations with completed “new spaces” to give 10% of the new building project monies to other congregations as a grant contribution. \$2,125.00 for 2019, \$250 for 2020 / 2.7%

Initially, this was a one-time gift in 2019. The amount carried over into the 2020 budget at this high amount. The Coordinating Committee revised the budgeted amount for 2020 for Join Hands to \$250.00 and used the additional budgeted money to increase giving to Just Food, Lawrence Ministerial Emergency Fund, and to help during the Covid-19 pandemic. We also used \$240 to contribute to the newly formed MC USA’s Justice Fund (see paragraph above).

*JUSTICE MATTERS—Justice Matters is an Interfaith organization made up of twenty-three diverse religious congregations in the Lawrence, Kansas region. It came together to move toward a city where justice rolls down like a mighty river. It works toward this vision as an expression of our faith and values of love, relationship, and justice. It lifts up these “neighborly” values in contrast to a culture dominated by the pursuit of material consumption and individualism. The way Justice Matters works can be described in five steps: (1) collectively listening to the concerns and vision for our city among its many residents, (2) voting to select priorities, (3) researching the underlying problems we face and solutions that work, (4) creating the public will to improve our city at system-wide levels through the power of organized people, and (5) monitoring results to ensure the improvements are realized. \$659.00 / 7.2%

*LINK—Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen, Inc (LINK, Inc.) provides home-cooked, nutritious meals in a safe and welcoming environment for families, the homeless, hungry, lonely, physically or mentally disabled, and low-income individuals at no cost. Peace Mennonite Church, along with First Baptist Church, provides casseroles and volunteers for LINK on the first Sunday of each month. \$325.00 / 3.5%

*JUST FOOD—Just Food is the food bank in Douglas County, supplying 29 partner agencies with pantry staples, frozen meat and fresh produce as well as bread. Just Food also specializes in direct client service through programs like Just Grow, Just Cook and Cooking Healthy Futures. Just Food and its partners play a key role in fighting hunger in our community by increasing the availability of a variety of foods and helping to reduce waste and discarded food. \$600.00 / 6.5% Just Food was added in 2020 to the list of contributions.

*HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—The goal of Lawrence Habitat for Humanity, formed in 1989, is to provide simple, decent, affordable housing for low to moderate income families in Douglas and Jefferson Counties. It believes in a homeownership process that empowers families to create ongoing change in their lives. It is a Christian-based organization that offers a hand up, not a hand-out. The journey our homeowners take is a long

process that begins with hundreds of hours of [sweat equity](#) and continues throughout their no-interest mortgage. **\$404.00 / 4.4%**

*LAWRENCE MINISTERIAL EMERGENCY—This fund is administered by the Lawrence Interfaith Alliance, a group of local faith leaders. The Emergency Fund provides grants to families who secure new housing following a period of time where they have been homeless. The Emergency Fund works with the city's Homeless Outreach Team in identifying those people who have been evicted and qualify for the grant. **\$130.00 / 1.4%**

*FAMILY PROMISE—This organization serves families with children who are experiencing homelessness in Lawrence and Douglas County by utilizing the hospitality of local faith communities, and working closely with their guests to help them achieve long-term, sustainable independence. They also have programs in Prevention - Crisis and Shelter as well as Stabilization. **\$500.00 / 5.4%**

Total Contributions for 2020: \$9,200.00

Ways to Think About Our Contributions

We strive to share our monetary resources by tithing. Currently, our giving to organizations outside of PMC is at 9.25% of our income. Our goal is 10% of our budget.

Mennonite/Regional/National/International	Non-Mennonite/Local
MC USA	Justice Matters
WDC	LINK
MCC	Family Promise
MDS	Just Food
SCN	Habitat for Humanity
Join Hands	Lawrence Ministerial Emergency
AMBS	
MC USA Justice Fund	