



**Central
District
Conference**
A conference of
Mennonite Church USA

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***Knowing
Christ's love...
Answering
God's Call***

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Dear brothers and sisters of Americus Mennonite Fellowship,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord of the church. Over the past couple of months I have been in conversation with Brian Kilheffer via phone calls and emails. These conversations were about your congregational discernment regarding conference affiliation.

In early February 2018 I received, via postal mail, a letter from Brian requesting to begin a discernment process regarding your desire to affiliate with Central District Conference (CDC). I have also been in contact with Lee Miller, Conference Administrator of Southeast Mennonite Conference. He has acknowledged and is supportive of your process. At the February 15, 2018 meeting of the CDC Board of Directors, your letter was reviewed and your request to begin the discernment process toward joining CDC was approved.

We recognize the importance of being connected with other congregations for support and accountability. We understand the purpose of joining together as congregations, the purpose of being a conference, is to provide encouragement and mutuality between congregations. We also recognize the importance of clear communication and the tending of relationships between both the sending and receiving conferences of MC USA and the congregation discerning reaffiliation.

Below are steps that we believe will help foster good process and relationships as we discern together the Spirit's leading.

1. Please refer to and follow the membership guidelines from MC USA regarding changing conferences. A copy is enclosed.
2. We invite you to consider the CDC membership criteria affirmed by delegates in June 2010. These criteria, which are enclosed, include the requirements established in our constitution. Please provide a written response indicating your understanding and support of the membership criteria prior to our Annual Meeting, June 21-23, 2018.
3. Our President of the board, Arman Habegger, and I would like to visit with you sometime this spring. I am planning to worship with you on Sunday, March 11. Arman may join me but is uncertain of his schedule at this point.

4. We invite you to attend our CDC Annual Meeting at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN on June 21-23, 2018. At the meeting you will be introduced to the delegates. Arman Habegger, CDC President, will contact Brian in the coming weeks to talk more about this.
5. Throughout the year, you are invited to participate fully in CDC activities and events, receive our publications, interact with our members and leadership as we continue to discern together God's leading toward possible membership.
6. Assuming continued interest by both Americus Mennonite Fellowship and Central District Conference, the delegates at our June 2019 Annual Meeting would vote on membership.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or other CDC leadership when questions arise. May God's grace, wisdom and peace be with you during this season of discernment.

In Christ's love,



Doug Luginbill, Conference Minister



Arman Habegger, CDC President