

## 2017 REPORT TO CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The mission of MHS is to strengthen and extend Anabaptist-affiliated health and human service organizations. The following members have ties to Central District Conference:

- Anabaptist Disabilities Network, Elkhart, Indiana
- Adriel, West Liberty, Ohio (sponsored by MHS)
- Brementowne Manor, Tinley Park, Illinois
- Greencroft Communities, Goshen, Indiana (sponsored by MHS)
- Meadows Mennonite Community, Chenoa, Illinois
- Mennonite Home Communities, Bluffton, Ohio
- MDC Goldenrod, Goshen, Indiana
- Oaklawn, Goshen, Indiana (sponsored by MHS)
- Sunshine, Maumee, Ohio (sponsored by MHS)
- Swiss Village Retirement Community, Berne, Indiana

### Activities

- The Values-based Leadership Program, a collaborative of eight Mennonite groups, had 29 leaders in the 2016-2017 class, including pastors Brian Bolton of Shalom Mennonite Congregation and Michael Crosby of First Mennonite, Champaign-Urbana. Participants gain self-awareness and an Anabaptist perspective on their leadership.
- The 2017 Mennonite Health Assembly met in Jacksonville, Florida along with the Education Leaders Gathering. In addition to keynote speakers and workshops, an all-boards meeting facilitated by Mennonite Church USA executive leadership introduced plans for the Future Church Summit this summer in Orlando.



- ValuedLeadership.org is a website framed around themes of Character, Collaboration, Culture and Change to help leaders explore what it means to be an Anabaptist organization today. Webinars and resources on the website are free and available to anyone who is interested.

- Around the Globe - We partner with China Christian Council for workshops and an Executive Residency Exchange program to support developing senior care services. Subscribe to our news bulletin by contacting [Emily@mhsonline.org](mailto:Emily@mhsonline.org).

### For Thanksgiving and Prayer

- We recognize the significant contribution of hundreds of volunteer board members and staff leadership who carry out the missions of the organizations listed above.
- We are grateful for the wise counsel of our national board, including board chair Laurie Nafziger, President/CEO of Oaklawn and a member of Eighth Street Mennonite Church.
- There is uncertainty about the future of Medicaid and Medicare, critical programs that help pay for care and services for vulnerable people in our communities.