

## 2018 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 \*
- Brementowne Manor, Tinley Park, Illinois
- Greencroft Communities, Goshen, Indiana \*
- Meadows Mennonite Community, Chenoa, Illinois
- Mennonite Home Communities, Bluffton, Ohio
- Goldenrod Communities, Goshen, Indiana
- Oaklawn, Goshen, Indiana \*
- Sunshine, Maumee, Ohio \*
- Swiss Village Retirement Community, Berne, Indiana

\*sponsored by MHS

### Activities

- The Values-based Leadership Program had 28 leaders in the 2017-2018 class. Participants gain self-awareness and an Anabaptist perspective on leadership. Registration for the 2018-2019 class is open at [www.vblp.org](http://www.vblp.org).
- The annual Mennonite Health Assembly met March 8 - 10 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Through storytelling, music, comedy and visual arts, attendees celebrated resilience and gained practical governance and leadership skills.
- We partner with China Christian Council for workshops and an Executive Residency Exchange program to support developing senior care services. MHS members in Pennsylvania hosted a group of Chinese leaders in October 2017 and more learning exchanges are planned for 2018.
- Karen Lehman will begin as President and CEO on May 1, 2018.

### For Thanksgiving and Prayer

- We pray for the leaders of Sistema de Salud Menonita in Puerto Rico as they reach out to provide medical care in communities devastated by Hurricane Maria. Volunteers are preparing to offer training on trauma response, with support from generous donors.
- Finding and keeping qualified and compassionate employees is a significant concern for MHS members across the country. A shortage of caregivers and health care workers is reaching a state of crisis in some communities.
- 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.