

## MDT Year-End Report

The Ministry Development Team (MDT) continued to work hard on what it had started last year. Last year MDT dreamed up the Year of Mission and set it in motion. This year, we followed through with the details and continued the momentum. This activity was due in large part to the efforts of Alysa Short, Jacob Dodson, Jason Rissler and Kevin Kanagy. (After Kevin Kanagy moved to Pennsylvania to serve as a pastor for a church in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Shawn Hilliard joined this planning group.) The primary focus of the Year of Mission has been bringing Alan and Debra Hirsch to Ohio Conference in conjunction with our Annual Conference Assembly. We also changed the focus and structure of our cluster meetings to regional gatherings. MDT is looking past the Hirsch conference to ensure that the Year of Mission is not just a one-year focus. Our hope would be that being missional gets into the DNA of Ohio Conference and that our Year of Mission has been just the start of that process.

For each of the past five years, the MDT has received applications for grant monies (from accumulated surplus funds) and decided on the amount each applicant receives. Here are the recipients of this year's grants:

- Connexus – Conflict management center of Holmes and Wayne Counties – \$2,000
- Huber – Multi-purpose Building Renovation – \$4,000
- Lighthouse – After-school peace curriculum – \$2,500
- MennoMedia – New hymnal project – \$1,000
- Salem, Waldron – Welcome area – \$3,614
- Salem, Wooster – New playground set – \$2,000
- Toledo – Guns into Garden Tools – \$1,500
- Wayne County Five-Church Missionary Competency Development – \$5,000

Thanks to everyone that gave time, energy and finances to make the Ministry Development Team work within Ohio Conference possible!

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