2017 REPORT TO OHIO MENNONITE CONFERENCE

Our mission is to strengthen and extend Mennonite-affiliated health and human services organizations. Within Ohio Mennonite Conference, nine organizations are members of MHS.

- Adriel* (West Liberty)
- Fairlawn (Archbold)
- Harmony Village (Columbiana)
- Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio (Bluffton)
- OrrVilla (Orrville)
- Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center (Archbold)
- SpringHaven* (Mt. Eaton and Rittman)
- Sunshine* (Maumee)
- Walnut Hills (Walnut Creek), an affiliate of Greencroft Communities*

*sponsored by MHS

Activities

- The Values-based Leadership Program, a collaborative of eight Mennonite groups, welcomed 29 leaders at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Participants gain self-awareness and an Anabaptist perspective on developing their own skills and those of the people they lead.

  - ValuedLeadership.org is a website framed around four Cs 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 are partnering with China Christian Council for workshops and an Executive Residency Exchange program to support development of senior care services. An international committee is developing a Global Anabaptist Health Network.

Affirmations

- We recognized the significant contribution of volunteer board members and staff leadership who carry out the missions of each of the organizations listed above.
- We are grateful for the wise counsel of our national board, which includes Betty Holland, CEO at Sunshine, who serves as a member-elected representative.

Concerns

- There is a significant need for values-grounded staff for health and human service fields. Finding and keeping good employees is a big concern for MHS member organizations.
- With a new administration in Washington D.C., there is uncertainty about the future of Medicaid and Medicare, both critical funding sources for vulnerable people in our country.

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