



2018 REPORT TO OHIO MENNONITE CONFERENCE

The mission of MHS is to strengthen and extend Anabaptist-affiliated health and human service organizations. These Ohio organizations belong to our growing network of 80 ministries:

- 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 welcomed 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.
- The annual Mennonite Health Assembly brings staff leaders and board members together for learning, worship and fellowship. The 2018 Assembly will be March 8 - 10 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Using story-telling, worship and visual arts, attendees will experience the characteristics of resilient Anabaptist organizations and gain practical governance and leadership skills.
- Generous donors are making it possible for trauma specialist Carolyn Holderread Heggen to offer training and support to our neighbors in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria.
- Around the Globe - 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 Thanksgiving and Prayer

- We continue to pray for the leaders of Sistema de Salud Menonita in Puerto Rico as they care for patients while many of their staff members live with damaged or destroyed homes.
- 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 will have a transition in leadership when Karen Lehman becomes CEO of MHS in May 2018.