

A Case Statement for Support for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference

For 100 years, Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference (IMMC) has sought to be a community of congregations **centered** on Jesus, **guided** by the Holy Spirit, and **engaging** the world God loves through **actions** of grace, love and peace. Confessing Jesus Christ as Lord unites the church across cultural, ethnic, racial, denominational and every other human-made boundary that separates people from each other. The 2018 *Renewing a Vision* statement invites congregations to enact shared spiritual practices to help us keep Christ as our center even in the midst of differences.

As a community of congregations, IMMC seeks to:

- Cultivate connections with each other for mutual strengthening, sharing, understanding and encouragement.
- Provide opportunities for leadership growth and biblically grounded spiritual development.
- Grow in capacity for God-centered worship, Christ-like love, and reaching out to neighbors in Spirit-led witness and service, joyfully discovering and joining in God's work in our world.

Equipping, resourcing, training and supporting pastors and congregations

The work of IMMC benefits pastors and congregations. As a broader faith community knit together by a shared mission, the conference is able to do what we could not do as single congregations or individuals.

Valuable resources provided by IMMC include:

- Support and accountability for pastors through leadership training, continuing education grants, mentoring, congregational coaches, and area pastor gatherings.
- Credentialing pastors and providing guidance during pastoral transitions.
- Holding delegate gatherings and Annual Sessions to bring us together for dialogue, prayer, worship and renewal.
- Capital grants available to congregations for expenses related to building purchases, renovations and additions.

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How will your support help the conference community?

IMMC relies on congregations and individuals to carry out the mission and live into the vision of the conference community as outlined above. This is God's work, and it is exciting indeed!

Won't you join in these ways?

Prayer

Commit to pray for conference leaders, and use the monthly prayer memo from the prayer team to hold our community of congregations up to God.

Congregational Advocate

Periodically share about conference activities in your congregation.

Volunteer

Consider serving by using your gifts to fill the many volunteer leadership roles available in our conference. Encourage others to volunteer their gifts.

Delegate

Become a delegate from your congregation to conference gatherings. Serving in this way is a wonderful opportunity to learn more and be inspired by all the congregations in IMMC.

Share your financial gifts

- **Individual giving**
 - Missional Seeds Giving Club: Offers individuals a planned way to participate financially in the mission of IMMC. Sharing through the giving club undergirds the ongoing operation of the conference.
 - Leadership Training Fund: An endowed fund from which earnings are used to support leadership training through modest tuition grants and occasional leadership events.
- **Planned and estate giving** (discuss with a financial advisor)
 - Charitable Trusts, Gift Annuities
 - Give through your IRA
 - Name IMMC as a beneficiary in your will
 - Appreciated Investments
- **Congregational giving**



This ministry is made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit and with your support! Through your prayers, actions and financial gifts, the conference equips congregations to grow together as a community of grace, joy and peace. As we faithfully bear witness to God's healing and hope, God's love flows through us to our neighbors and the world.