



Mennonite World Conference

A Community of Anabaptist
related Churches

Congreso Mundial Menonita

Una Comunidad de
Iglesias Anabautistas

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Une Communauté
d'Eglises Anabaptistes

Report to *Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches – 2020*

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) is called to be a communion of Anabaptist-related churches linked to one another in a worldwide community of faith for fellowship, worship, service and witness.

Giving Thanks:

- MWC is our Anabaptist global family with more than 1.4 million baptized believers in 107 national member churches, including CCMBC. Learn about our global Christ-centred faith community by [signing up](#) for the monthly online **MWC Info** newsletter, our bimonthly **Prayer Network** and the biannual **Courier/Correo/Courrier** magazine.
- In 2017 we began **Renewal** – a 10-year series of events that commemorates the beginnings of the Anabaptist movement. The 4th annual **Renewal** event planned for Columbia Bible College, Abbotsford, Canada, in March 2020, has been postponed to spring 2022.
- Learn how MWC pursued justice across barriers in the [2019 Highlight Video](#).

Getting Involved:

- Pray for and plan to attend: **MWC Global Assembly** in Semarang, Indonesia (July 6-11, 2021); and **Global Youth Summit** (age 18–30) in Salatiga, Indonesia (July 2-5, 2021). These events take place every six years; this will be the second time in Asia. Theme: *Following Jesus Together Across Barriers*. Read the latest [Assembly News](#).
- We are grateful for the CCMBC congregations that are joining Anabaptist churches around the globe in worship by participating in [Peace Sunday](#) and [Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday](#), and taking up a [One Lunch Offering](#) to support the ministry of our global Anabaptist church family. Thank you for your generous support of the MWC community through the CCMBC, from local churches and individual donors!



Worshippers at Holy Stadium, the Mennonite church in Semarang that will host Assembly 2021.

Prayers of Gratitude and Intercession

- Pray for the MWC leadership including global MB leaders **César García**, MWC General Secretary (Colombia); **Bill Braun**, Executive Committee (USA); **Francisca Ibanda**, West Africa Regional Representative (DR Congo); **Nzuzi Mukawa**, Faith and Life Commission (DR Congo); **José Rutilio Rivas Dominguez**, Mission Commission (Colombia); **Juan Silverio Verón Aquino**, Executive Committee (Paraguay); **David Wiebe**, Global Anabaptist Education Network (Canada); **Rafael Zaracho**, Mission Commission secretary (Paraguay).
- The COVID-19 Pandemic has served as a stark reminder that we are part of a global community. MWC is coordinating with more than a dozen mission agencies – including Multiply – for a collective and equitable response to the needs created by this pandemic among our brothers and sisters around the world. Please give to **Multiply** or to the [MWC Global Church Sharing Fund](#) and continue to pray.
- Barbara Nkala of Zimbabwe writes, “I really appreciate the drive to build meaningful relationships globally. It is through MWC that I have learned to appreciate that diversity provides a rich tapestry of perspective in God’s kingdom. I have seen more and more that we are one another’s keepers.”

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