

In 2007 the delegates of Mennonite Church USA mandated “...*the development and implementation of a plan whereby all congregations of Mennonite church USA participate together in an arrangement that covers all our pastors with basic health insurance.*” This was expanded to include all eligible congregational and conference staff.

As Director of The Corinthian Plan my reflection is that we are doing well in fulfilling our mission, while there is still have more work to do.

The Corinthian Plan (TCP) is in its’ tenth year and has become established in the life of many congregations. While the national health coverage market continues in flux TCP is in strong and steady shape, financially and administratively.

This allows us opportunity to work at keeping costs down. We also know congregations and individuals face challenges, for example, around premium increases and prescription costs. TCP’s subsidy program supports congregations in paying their premium as one way to address this, but these are all questions of access.

TCP encourages wellness and wellbeing for its’ participants as one of our core Christian values. For participants our Wellness Incentive is one specific way we follow through on this. (If you are a participant take advantage of this.) We also work with others in the denomination on wellbeing resources.

Thanks to Indiana-Michigan for its’ participation! Currently 16 congregations participate in TCP with health coverage. Another 12 congregations participate by waiving health or do not have an eligible employee. One congregation from IN-MI is on subsidy.

The Corinthian Plan is overseen by MC USA’s Church Benefits Board, including persons from IN-MI: Ken Hochstetler, Steve Garboden, Mark King, and Dave Weaver (Chair). Others on the board are Yvonne Sieber (Hesston, KS), Marcy Engle (Harrisonburg, VA), Marlin Groff (Lancaster, PA), and Byron Pellecer (Wichita, KS).

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