



## 2020 REPORT TO INDIANA MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

The MHS Board of Directors approved new mission and vision statements at their zoom meeting held on March 18, 2020.

### **MHS Mission Statement**

*Anchored in Anabaptist values, MHS inspires and strengthens health and human service ministries to fulfill their missions.*

### **MHS Vision Statement**

*MHS is the go-to leader for integrating faith and work in health and human services.*

The following members have ties to Indiana-Michigan Conference:

- Anabaptist Disabilities Network (Elkhart, IN)
- Bridge of Hope (Exton, PA / Mishawaka, IN)
- Center for Healing and Hope (Goshen, IN)
- Greencroft Communities (Greencroft Goshen and Greencroft Middlebury, IN)
- Oaklawn\* (Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties, IN)
- Thurston Woods Village (Sturgis, MI)

### **Activities**

- At the writing of this report, MHS members are experiencing the first reported cases of COVID-19. MHS staff are focusing their attention to providing information and resources to all members on issues related to the pandemic and the economic challenges. The CARES Act provisions are being evaluated. MHS members serve the most vulnerable of our population and those are the persons most at risk for COVID-19. The pandemic is putting high stress and strain on the frontline employees of member organizations. We ask for continued prayers for the leaders, caregivers and front-line health care workers during this very difficult time.
- The 2020 Mennonite Health Assembly scheduled for March 18 – 21 in Greenville, SC, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Assembly is always an opportunity for MHS members and other persons interested in Anabaptist health and human services issues to learn together, network, and share values and education to advance their ministries and services. We look forward to the March 11-13, 2021, Assembly in Indianapolis!
- MHS remains deeply invested in the Values-based Leadership Program. Visit <http://www.vblp.org/>, or contact MHS for additional information. The 2019-2020 class completed their last session in February. Participants in the program range from MHS member leaders, denominational and church agency leaders, church pastors, and private or other business leaders.
- The 2020 Executive Circle for MHS member CEOs started in March and continues through the fall of this year. Ten CEOs from across the United States are participating in this program which provides confidential space for leadership discernment and development.
- Again this year we're offering a series of webinars. These are open to anyone who is interested in the topics; coming up April 23 we have a seminar titled Board and senior

leadership responsibilities in fundraising. Visit <http://www.mhsonline.org/webinar-series> to learn more and to register.

### **For Thanksgiving and Prayer**

- For MHS members; health care providers and frontline caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Finding and keeping qualified and compassionate employees is a significant concern for MHS members across the country.
- We are grateful for the wisdom of the dozens of volunteer board members who are trustees of the missions of our member organizations.

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