

MLT Announcement regarding Dan Miller
September 8, 2020

Dan Miller, our Indiana-Michigan Mennonite (IMMC) conference pastor, recently informed the Missional Leadership Team (MLT) that he will end his employment with our conference when his current term concludes in June 2021. We are grateful for the many years Dan has faithfully served.

Dan's earnest listening and passion for the church has led the conference through a period of many transitions. When he began as conference pastor in January 2009, IMMC was in the process of implementing a new operational structure. Throughout this time a significant number of member congregations chose to disaffiliate with IMMC and Mennonite Church USA. This resulted in various staffing level configurations to which Dan provided leadership, including four different job descriptions for Dan himself.

IMMC also welcomed new congregations under Dan's leadership, adopted a new visioning statement, stabilized our financial reality, and placed greater emphasis in developing our intercultural competence...all of which positions our conference well for the future. Overall, IMMC has benefited from Dan's steady care and faithful persistence in tending the life of the conference. The MLT will support Dan's continued leadership over the next ten months and work with him for a good transition, including a chance for all of us to celebrate his ministry with us.

The MLT hopes to identify a new conference pastor by Summer 2021. Throughout the 2020 Fall the MLT will work on two key aspects of this transition. First, we will review and receive counsel from across the conference regarding the conference pastor job description and candidate profile with the intention of posting the updated job description in December 2020 and starting to receive applications. Second, we will identify a search committee who will begin their work no later than January 2021.

We invite your prayers for the MLT and all who will be involved in this transition process, as well as for our next conference pastor. We also invite your prayers for Dan as he continues to lead us, and also begins to imagine his next steps.

Please stay tuned for related announcements over the next weeks and months, and feel free to reach out to any member of the MLT should you have any questions or comments.

- Bob Yoder, IMMC Moderator, on behalf of MLT