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### **Mennonite Education Agency Launches Search for Next Executive Director**

(Mennonite Education Agency) – After serving at the helm of Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) since its formation in 2002, Carlos Romero completed his tenure as executive director in July 2019. Tom Stuckey has served as interim executive director since that time. At its meeting in October 2020, the MEA board of directors approved the formation of a search committee to seek Romero’s successor.

The search committee is gathering information from constituents about the qualifications they desire for the next MEA executive director. An electronic survey may be requested by contacting Jolene VonGunten at [jolenev@mennoniteeducation.org](mailto:jolenev@mennoniteeducation.org). An agency profile and job description can be found at the MEA website: [www.mennoniteeducation.org/Resources/News](http://www.mennoniteeducation.org/Resources/News).

Constituents are also invited to offer names of persons the search committee might invite to consider this role. Basic contact and context information will be appreciated. Please email the search committee at [jolenev@mennoniteeducation.org](mailto:jolenev@mennoniteeducation.org).

In addition to providing feedback and names, the search committee requests ongoing prayer to guide this discernment process.

The ten-member search committee is being led by Dick Thomas, chair of the MEA board of directors, retired superintendent of Lancaster Mennonite School, and former moderator of Atlantic Coast Conference and Mennonite Church USA. Other members of the committee are Addie Banks, MEA board member, pastor, and founder and executive director of The Groundswell Group; Carol Roth, moderator of the Racial Ethnic Council; Conrad Swartzentruber, superintendent of Dock Mennonite Academy and chair of the Mennonite Schools Council; Joe Manickam, president of Hesston College and representative of the Mennonite Higher Education Association; Jolene VonGunten, MEA executive assistant and committee resource staff; Jon Carlson, pastor at Forest Hills Mennonite Church and Mennonite Church USA executive board member; Lisa Heinz, MEA senior director and CFO; and Marco Güete, director of MEA’s Hispanic Ministries Education programs for MEA. Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, is an ex-officio member of the search committee.

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA), headquartered in Elkhart, Indiana, partners with Anabaptist-Mennonite schools and programs to provide resources, networking and support to school administrators, faculty and staff. As an agency of Mennonite Church USA, MEA ties church and school together in a complementary and cooperative way to ensure students receive a quality Anabaptist-Mennonite education. [mennoniteeducation.org](http://mennoniteeducation.org)

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