

Annual Report

February 1, 2013 - January 31, 2014

ADNet's Vision: Faith communities are transformed when individuals with disabilities and their God-given gifts and experiences enjoy full inclusion in the Body of Christ.

ADNet's Mission: Supporting Anabaptist congregations, families, and persons touched by disabilities to nurture inclusive communities.

With Your Help here are some Accomplishments we achieved:

- ❖ Hired a new executive director on a half-time basis.
- ❖ Launched a new Congregational Partnership, assisted two congregations in appointing congregational disabilities advocates with one entering a congregational partnership.
- ❖ Representatives from ADNet shared in 29 educational events across the church, provided direct support to people touched by disabilities and contributed numerous articles for publication.
- ❖ Combined *Connections* newsletter and *ADNotes* in 6 publications (3 hard copy and 3 electronic).
- ❖ Maintained ADNet's extensive website providing resources to thousands of visitors.
- ❖ Attended Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) conferences in Great Lakes region and national MC USA assembly in Phoenix.
- ❖ Received a Schowalter Foundation grant and began a new book of Supportive Care stories.
- ❖ Secured long term office space/supporting technologies in MC USA office complex Elkhart IN.
- ❖ Signed on two new Field Associates (Deborah Ferber and Ron Ropp).
- ❖ Formed an initial partnership with Church of the Brethren (CoB) Congregational Life Ministries.
- ❖ Celebrated 10 years of existence as an organization in support of disabilities ministries.
- ❖ Christine Guth received the 2013 Christian Service Award from Bethesda Lutheran Communities in recognition of her work, including ecumenical outreach.

A Glimpse into Next Year:

- ❖ Complete manuscript and publish Supportive Care Stories book.
- ❖ Invite congregational partnerships with more of the MC USA and CoB congregations in the Michiana area and beyond including appointment of congregational disabilities advocates.
- ❖ Develop webinars to offer across the churches.
- ❖ Explore a disabilities resolution for Mennonite Church USA.
- ❖ Establish a congregational disabilities advocate network.
- ❖ Strengthen our Field Associates network.

Advocates: Seventeen congregational disabilities advocates were serving at year-end.

Professional Relationships: Membership in **Mennonite Health Services Alliance** and a member network of **Pathways to Promise**, an interfaith mental health organization.

Denominational connections: Member of MHS Alliance, an agency of Mennonite Church USA. Formal partnership with Church of the Brethren. Also serve Brethren in Christ, Conservative Mennonite Conference, and Mennonite Brethren Churches.

ADNet Board: Jim Smith (Pres.), Milt Stoltzfus (V.P.), Vyron Schmidt (Treas.), Sue Cassel, Becky Gascho, Gerald Meck, Keith Neuenschwander. **Staff:** Timothy Burkholder Executive Director; Christine Guth, Program Director. **Field Associates:** Sue Cassel, Kathy Dickson, Deborah Ferber, Lora Carter Nafziger, Ron Ropp. **Financial volunteers:** Robert Guth, IRS tax preparer; Rollin Handrich, bookkeeper.

Allegheny Mennonite Conference connections

- Akron Mennonite Church has had a Congregational Disabilities Advocate in place for several years. Marilyn Langeman faithfully serves in this role.
- Gerry Meck of Akron Mennonite Church serves on the ADNet Board of Directors.

Fiscal year ending January 31, 2014

ADNet Balance Sheet

As of 1/31/14

Assets

Cash and savings	\$19,325.21
Investment Fund	<u>\$153,169.19</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$172,494.40</u>

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities	\$(779.65)
Opening Fund Balance	\$177,547.15
Excess for the year	\$(11,643.22)
Unrealized Gains and Losses	\$5,810.82
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$171,714.75</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$172,494.40</u>

