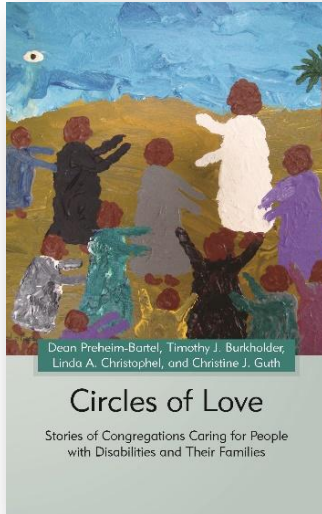




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ADNET Annual Report for 2014

The Mission of ADNet is to support Anabaptist congregations, families, and persons touched by disabilities to nurture inclusive communities of faith.

To that end, we are excited to have completed the manuscript for a **new book** called *Circles of Love: Stories of Congregations Caring for People with Disabilities and their Families*. It will be available in June, in time for purchase at the MC USA convention in Kansas City.

During the past year, we also shared in **19 educational events** across the church, including, for example, resourcing the fall education series focusing on mental health at Kern Road Mennonite in South Bend, IN.

A primary way we reach out to congregations is through **Connections Newsletter**, published three times a year, which contains stories and helpful ideas for effective congregational inclusion. We also provided over **160 consultations** with individuals or groups seeking direct support or other disability resources.

We are grateful for the **support of our donors**, individuals and congregations who contributed over \$29,000 last year; this needs to continue growing if we want to touch more people with this ministry. Grants from the Schowalter Foundation and the Fransen Family Foundation for our book project added another \$12,500, which, along with a distribution from our Endowment Fund and some fund raising activities brought our income for the year to \$55,767. Our expenses were \$50,805.

ADNet is largely a **volunteer organization**, with five Associates available to help congregations and individuals with disability issues; these include Deborah Ferber in Toronto, Ron Ropp in Normal, IL, Kathy Dickson in Bluffton, OH, Lora Nafziger in Goshen, IN, and Rebekah Flores in Elgin, IL. Christine Guth serves as Program Director, out of the Elkhart IN office, and is also available for presentations and workshops. We are currently looking for a new half-time Executive Director.

We are pleased to formally partner with the **Church of the Brethren**; Debbie Eisenbise represents them on our board. We also serve Brethren in Christ, Conservative Mennonite Conference, and Mennonite Brethren churches. Our official relationship to MC USA is through our membership in MHS Alliance.

Current ADNet board members include Jim Smith, Milt Stoltzfus, Vyron Schmidt, Linda Christophel, Gerald Meck, Keith Neuenschwander, and Debbie Eisenbise.

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