

Sing praises to God

Everence 2015 report

Allegheny Mennonite Conference



Everence and congregations: a healthy partnership

I have sought a sense of call when it comes to key decisions, and the summer of 2014 was the right time to answer the call to join Everence. My new role combines my financial services vocation with my deep interest in church and community service.

A major priority for me is spending time with church leaders and members to hear about their experiences with Everence and how we can strengthen our relationship further. Everence values the connections we have made with our church friends over the last 70 years, and we look forward to continuing to serve the Anabaptist community as partners in stewardship.

*Kenneth D. Hochstetler
President and CEO*

Hochstetler took helm at Everence last summer

Kenneth D. Hochstetler joined Everence in September 2014, becoming President and CEO following the retirement of Larry D. Miller. Ken and his wife, Sue, moved to Goshen, Ind., from southeastern Pennsylvania, where Ken was Senior Executive Vice President at Univest Corporation (and chief executive of several subsidiaries), which provides banking, trust, financial planning, investment, foundation and insurance services.

Ken is a Goshen native who earned a bachelor's degree in business and computer science from Goshen College and a master's degree in business administration from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

Sharing Fund helps in many ways



The Sharing Fund is a way for churches and Everence to work together to ease financial burdens for people in need. The fund – which distributed about \$925,000 in 2014 – helps people with everyday expenses and special needs, matching congregational contributions. It also helps church members share their skills with the wider community. Volunteers at one church provide free oil changes (pictured) for single moms and widows, aided by a Sharing Fund grant. The Sharing Fund makes a difference for thousands of people every year.

*Seven times a day I
praise you ...*

Psalm 119:164



New financial planning service

A new comprehensive financial planning service from Everence offers a tailored strategy to help people shape their financial paths in ways that fit their dreams, goals and values.

The service includes meeting with a qualified financial planner and access to powerful online software, Vine Vision 360, which helps people organize and track their finances and progress. Our planners walk members through seven branches of their financial lives – cash flow, protection, investment, retirement, tax, estate planning and charitable giving. Learn more at everence.com/financial-planning.

Video commentaries keep tabs on markets

The health of financial markets has a big impact on the U.S. economy, so even if you don't directly invest in stocks or bonds, it makes sense to keep an eye on the markets.

We recently made it easier – just visit everence.com, where you'll now find a monthly market commentary video from Chad Horning, CFA, Everence Chief Investment Officer. Chad covers a different topic every month, such as inflation, fixed-income returns and some of the things serious investors look for as they consider which direction the markets might take – and why.

Asset management and generosity made easy

Being generous may be easier than you think. Everence Asset Management services help people increase their capacity for charitable giving through planned gifts, retirement security and investment services.

Through professionally managed portfolios, access to faith-rooted

investment selection and a personal relationship with a financial advisor – you can grow your ability to make a profound impact on the people and ideas you care about. We'll help you simplify your finances into a streamlined strategy so that you can spend time on what matters to you.

Appreciating God's goodness



All the days of my life is a new curriculum from Everence designed for Sunday school classes or small groups. Lessons draw from Psalm 23:6: *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life*. The curriculum also connects with a series of paintings by artist Thomas Cole called "Voyage of Life."

Lessons help us reflect on the past, focus on the present and prepare for the future. Learn more at everence.com/stewardship-education.

Financial education for women introduced

Spending, saving, debt, investing, charitable giving – these issues affect all of us, but sometimes affect women differently. Considering that women, on average, live longer than men, roughly 80 to 90 percent of women will be solely responsible for their finances at some point.

Everence has developed a new presentation focused on women and money, to help women prepare for potential financial

challenges. Call (800) 348-7468 or talk with your local Everence representative to learn more.

Targeting creation care

Everence has engaged companies on environmental and sustainability concerns for more than 10 years. But since 2013, we've made shareholder advocacy on creation care a top priority. We've increased efforts to impact energy and related companies as scientific reports document a growing threat to our earth.

Our efforts seek development of emissions reduction plans, transparent political funding/lobbying and examination of carbon asset risk. We hope that our work will persuade companies to redirect dollars toward renewable energy sources.

Using this card helps charitable groups

Everence Federal Credit Union donated \$14,000 from its Rebate for Missions™ program to global agencies MEDA and Mennonite World Conference in 2014. Rebate for Missions™ is supported by the credit union's 10 percent tithe of income generated when people use their Everence Visa credit cards.

Credit union branches also distribute grants in their own communities. Since the program started in 1995, the credit union has awarded more than \$360,000 to churches, missions and relief organizations. Learn more at everence.com/banking.