

Allegheny Mennonite Conference – Spending Plan Narrative – July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Putting together the hopes and concerns shared by delegates at and following the Fall 2017 AMC delegate meeting, the staffing needs for maintaining and growing AMC, and the realities of a rapidly dwindling reserve pool, Leadership Council is presenting what we feel is a realistic, yet hopeful 2018-2019 Spending Plan for AMC. A narrative of this plan and the corresponding line-item budget sheet follow.

Our Plan for Ministry

- A. We provide support and connection for AMC congregations and pastors: \$59,700
--We gather as a conference for worship, sharing stories of local ministries, and fellowship.
--The conference minister assists congregations in pastor search and other transition needs, credentialing, and continued training.
--Our pastors meet together for mutual accountability and support.
- B. We nurture children and youth in their faith journeys: \$33,700
--The Conference Minister for Children and Youth plans and directs gatherings where children and youth learn and fellowship with other youth in faith formation activities, including Summer Camp, Sno-Camp, and Fall-o-wers Retreat.
--Church leaders are formed by taking part in Youth Cabinet, where planning, Biblical study, and mentor relationships happen.
- C. We are discerning together the future of AMC and the denomination \$38,300
--The Conference Minister is working to raise our conference's profile by giving voice to our new vision in AMC. Attendance at (bi)national conference ministers' meetings and various regional and national meetings for networking and advocacy have been a primary focus.
--The Affiliation Task Force is working to discern what a Central District Conference/Allegheny Mennonite Conference affiliation might look like.

Additional Hopes

- A. We participate in shaping the future of MCUSA \$4,300
--We give voice to MC USA's future when we send AMC representatives to participate in discussions with representatives from other Mennonite bodies at Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) and the national Mennonite convention.
- B. We participate in the future of MC USA by sharing our financial resources \$5,100
- C. We share the work of AMC through the Conference News \$900