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Franconia Mennonite Conference: The Future to Which We are Being Called

WHAT

Building on the storied legacies of our Jewish, Christian and specifically Anabaptist roots; informed by the pursuit of a Biblical all-nations identity (Gen 12:1-3, Acts 2, Rev 7:9-10); and drawing wisely and generously on our considerable resources (Ex 18:24-27, Gen 1:26-27, Luke 12:16-21 & 48b, Eph 4:11-12) that include gifted leaders, creative ideas, diverse experiences and significant financial assets; we will focus on a cradle-to-grave, intercultural leadership discipling vision (Luke 10:1-11, Mt 28:18-20, II Tim 2:1-2) that boldly yet winsomely witnesses to a Gospel of grace, justice and reconciliation in Jesus Christ (Eph 2:8-9, Luke 4:18-21, II Cor 5:17-20).

WHY

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

WHO

Everyone has a part. For FMC, the role is one of *Equipping leaders to Empower others to Embrace God's mission.*

WHEN

Everyday; viewing the Bible from an Anabaptist perspective, we believe in Jesus Christ who was born, lived, died, was raised up and will one day return; and who taught us about the kingdom of God that has implications for us today, everyday, and forever.

WHERE

Everywhere God is active, and since God so loved the whole world, this means: Personally, Interculturally, Locally, Regionally, Denominationally, Globally, Ecumenically.

HOW

Discerning a 10-year Horizon, that inspires a 5-year Vision, by using a 3-year (rolling) Ministry Plan, that informs the next year's Priorities and today's To-Do-List.

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