

FMC MISSION PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

During the past three years we've been working with seven partnerships. We have enjoyed three staff partnerships with other ministries formalized by written agreements: Global Disciples Training Network (Jorge Rodriguez is training young leaders in Latin America), Monte Maria Church (Bob and Bonnie Stevenson serving in senior leadership in Mexico), and Good Shepherd Community Church (Allan Yoder served FMC as leadership development coach in Mexico, now available on a contractual basis).

A cooperative partnership has been established between FMC and the leadership of the Monte Maria congregation. FMC has provided teachers for their quarterly School of Ministry, and has also facilitated several inspirational group visits to Monte Maria in recent years for our own learning and spiritual growth. This congregation has adopted the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective* as its theological ground.

Kirk and Marilyn Hanger returned to the U.S. from Mexico City in August 2003. They have passed the direction of their young church in La Paz to local leadership who commissioned them to plant a church in the greater Washington, D.C. area. FMC is facilitating a mission partnership involving Kirk, La Paz, Blooming Glen, and this new congregation called New Hope Fellowship.

For three years FMC has partnered with three neighboring Mennonite Conferences (Atlantic Coast, Franklin, and Eastern District) to provide a mission planning resource (Percept) to our member congregations and related ministries.

FMC is partnering with Mennonite World Conference to provide a Sabbatical Exchange for Church Leaders from the global South and North. The MWC – FMC Sabbatical Exchange is a joint venture that will provide a setting for mutual learning and global gift sharing.

In 2004 FMC joined the Philadelphia Urban Ministry Partnership (P.U.M.P.) which envisions revitalized Anabaptist congregations and new entrepreneurial ministries in the metropolitan Philadelphia area via key leadership from Ertell Whigham.

In the past two years FMC has engaged in partnership discussions with Grace Assembly (Haiti), GKMI (Indonesia), CIEAMM (Mexico), MAMA Project, Rock Community Church, Agros, and BranchCreek Community Church.

CONGREGATIONAL INVOLVEMENT. FMC has also helped to facilitate several partnerships at the congregational level. We have empowered, for example, a mission partnership between Perkiomenville Mennonite and a congregation in Chile. We have also helped connect Lakeview congregation with a Brethren in Christ church in Zimbabwe ... also through Perkiomenville. It is envisioned that FMC member congregations will participate in many intercultural partnerships, through various mission agencies like the Mennonite Mission Network, as well as direct church-to-church relationships.