

# South Korea



While a tiny minority within the larger Korean Christian community, Mennonite churches in Korea relate to each other through the formation of Mennonite Church South Korea. Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park have been instrumental in the formation of this church body, while also church planting in Seoul.



Known as a peace-church pastor in a time where many Christians in Korea are eager to know more about biblical pacifism and conflict transformation, Bock Ki is called upon as a resource to the wider church on these topics. He, together with Korean partners, founded the Chuncheon Community Peace Centre, that provides restorative justice training for facilitators working with the education system and police service. He helped found the Korean Anabaptist Journal and Peace Plan P Journal. He has translated more than 30 books on Anabaptism and peace theology.

Sook Kyoung runs an after-school program, teaching English and peaceful education skills to children and youth.



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# Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission



Mennonite Church Canada joins with other Mennonite partners from Canada, USA, France, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Angola and Burkina Faso – through Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM).

AIMM also provides leadership training to Christ Salvation Mennonite Church in Sierra Leone and partners with the Anabaptist Network in South Africa (ANiSA) in its support of pastors and peace-and-justice dialogue.



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# DR Congo & Angola



Angolan, Congolese and North American teachers are part of the Leadership Coaching Network, building leaders through spiritual transformation for the Mennonite churches of Congo and Angola.

Former Witness worker Rudy Dirks helps resource the network, which offers a certificate program that includes bimonthly online meetings and annual in-person gatherings. Participants are organized into groups across Congo and Angola for mutual support and growth.



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# Burkina Faso



In partnership with African Inter-Mennonite Mission, Mennonite Church Canada began working in Burkina Faso in 1978, focusing on bringing the Word of God to people in their mother tongue.

Over the years, Mennonite Church Canada has sent workers to serve on linguistics and church-planting teams, and to help with leadership development. Currently, Mennonite ministries in the country come together through the Burkina Faso Partnership Council, which includes Mennonite churches and organizations from Burkina Faso, France, United States and Canada.

Together they provide seminars, theological training and scholarships for formal training to help raise up new leaders in the Église Evangelique Mennonite du Burkina Faso (Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso).



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# DR Congo



Mennonite Church Canada works together with other Mennonite organizations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, through Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) to support the Communauté Évangélique au Congo (Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo), Communauté Mennonite au Congo (Mennonite Church of Congo) and the Communauté des Églises des Frères Mennonites au Congo (Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo).

Congolese women leaders began an adult-literacy ministry in 2018 to help develop women in leadership for the church. More than 200 teachers have received training, and are already teaching more than 201,500 adults to read and write in the principal Congolese languages in their communities.



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# China



Despite increasing restrictions in China, Christians are growing and thriving in small communities of believers who welcome Anabaptist teaching as they face similar challenges to their ancestors in faith.

Pastor Y works as apostle and conference pastor to this group of church leaders. He visits leaders, coordinates Anabaptist resources and teaching and maintains connections to the larger Mennonite body. One Chinese leader has said, "You have deep roots in faith and Anabaptist teaching, we have the leaves of new growth and belief. We need each other to survive."





# Colombia



Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia (IMCOL, the Colombia Mennonite Church) is a conference of 20 churches. IMCOL's vision is to grow ministries out of its congregations and their commitments as they live out the Gospel in their contexts. As a partner with IMCOL, Mennonite Church Canada supplies grants for ministries, especially in the areas of leadership development, church planting and missions. The church operates a seminary, departments for church planting and missions and IMCOL's justice-and-peace centre, Justapaz. It also serves through its development and relief agency, Mencoldes.



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# Ethiopia



As one of the largest and fastest-growing denominations in Mennonite World Conference, Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia is increasing its capacity for leadership training by developing Meserete Kristos Seminary, to meet the higher education needs of students from its regional colleges.

Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong provide support at the seminary through course instruction, media and public relations work and student mentorship.



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# Japan



In partnership with the Tokyo Area Fellowship of Mennonite Churches (TAFMC), Mennonite Church Canada seeks to strengthen the Anabaptist church in Japan and Canada by growing leaders for the Anabaptist congregations in Japan, supporting Japanese Mennonite churches in Canada and developing Japanese language resources for faith and leadership development.

Gerald and Rie Neufeld act as catalysts in this relationship, facilitating communication and exchanges, and walking with TAFMC in its vision of repurposing the Tokyo Anabaptist Centre.



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# Myanmar



Myanmar Missions International is a registered religious organization in Myanmar with a vision for evangelism and church-planting among unreached tribal peoples and the majority Burmese population.

With more than 8,000 believers in some 50 congregations, MMI is in ongoing need of leadership training and support. Mennonite Church Eastern Canada began a relationship with MMI more than 10 years ago through the leadership of Chin Christian Church, in Kitchener, Ont.

Mennonite Church Canada supports regular leadership formation and training events, as well as the development needs of this emerging Anabaptist network of congregations.



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# Palestine / Israel



The Mennonite Church Canada Palestine and Israel Network (PIN), a volunteer association of working groups and individuals, was formed to promote a just peace in the Holy Land to fulfil a resolution passed at MC Canada Assembly in 2016.

Mennonite Church Canada International Witness partners with Bethlehem Bible College to walk with Palestinian Christians and to learn and grow together. Bethlehem Bible College exists to train people to serve Christ in the world, advocate a Palestinian Christian perspective and model Christ through community development. Support for their ministry enables their presence to serve the local and other Arabic-speaking congregations in the region.



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# Philippines



PeaceBuilders Community, Inc. (PBCI), was founded by Witness workers Lakan Sumulong and Lakambini Mapayapa (Dann and Joji Pantoja) on the island of Mindanao, Philippines, a known conflict zone. PBCI provides peace-and-justice training for Christian church leaders, Indigenous leaders and civil society organizations.



By 2030, PBCI's goal is to have an established Peace and Reconciliation team in each of the Philippines' 81 provinces. As part of PBCI's sustainable development initiative, Lakambini works as CEO of Coffee for Peace, a social enterprise that works directly with local coffee farmers to ensure a fair return for their product and responsible environmental practices.



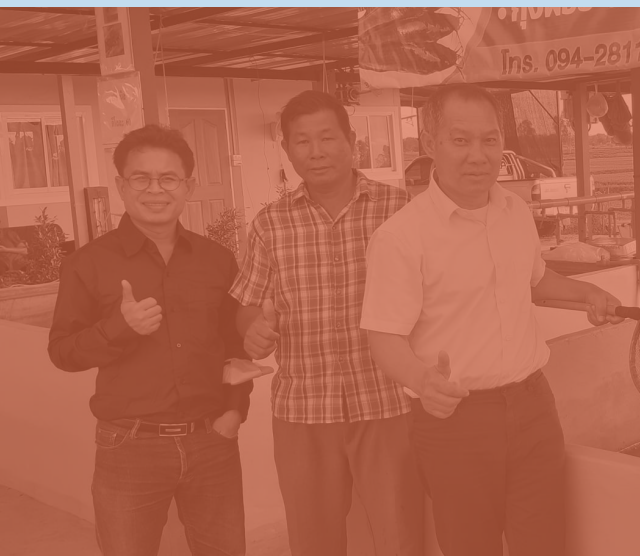
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# Thailand



Focused on building self-sufficient communities of Jesus-followers, Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong provide pastoral leadership to emerging Christian communities in northeastern Thailand. They develop income-generating ministries, including MennoShoes and agriculture businesses, in which Christian disciples make steady incomes and give back to their local congregations. These groups have become part of a network of Thai-led churches called Friends of Grace Church Association that invites newly formed congregations to work together to support each other as they bless the communities where they live.



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# Vietnam



Mennonite Church Canada works in partnership with the North American Vietnamese Evangelical Fellowship (NAVEF) to support a Bible school and training seminars for pastors and church leaders in the areas of church history, theology and biblical study. NAVEF also provides financial support and counsel for the church to develop effective and sustainable structures that serve the growing Mennonite Church in Vietnam.



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