

Mennonite Men approves grants to six churches

Mennonite Men, the men's organization of Mennonite Church USA, approved six *JoinHands* church building grants totaling \$167,312 at its March board meeting and requests contributions for these projects.

Two grants assist Mennonite churches overseas and four grants fund projects of growing racial-ethnic congregations of MC USA. The photo shows a Tanzania Mennonite Church meeting house and peace building center in Dodoma, Tanzania in need of a roof.



The next *JoinHands* grants include:

Dodoma Iringa Road Congregation, Dodoma, Tanzania

A congregation of Tanzania Mennonite Church.

Project: \$36,560 to complete construction of meeting house and Peace Building Center

Need: \$7,312 for *JoinHands* grant

Grace Community Church, Cradock, South Africa

A partner congregation with Mennonite Mission Network and Africa Inter Mennonite Mission

Project: \$60,000 to build future meeting house and community center

Need: \$10,000 for *JoinHands* grant

Unity Pentecostal Church of God, Homestead, FL

A Haitian Mennonite congregation in Southeast Conference

Project: Unknown amount to locate and purchased an existing building

Need: \$40,000 for *JoinHands* grant

The International Bethel City Church, Portland, OR

A multicultural (primarily Congolese) Mennonite congregation in Pacific Northwest Conference

Project: \$650,000 to purchase existing church building

Need: \$40,000 for *JoinHands* grant

Eden Life Church, Kansas City, MO

An Ethiopian and Sudanese Mennonite congregation in South Central Mennonite Conference

Project: \$150,000 to purchase an existing church building

Need: \$30,000 for *JoinHands* grant

Centro de Alabanza, Philadelphia, PA

A Hispanic Mennonite congregation in Franconia Conference

Project: \$340,000 to purchase existing church building

Need: \$40,000 for *JoinHands* grant

Assembly Mennonite Church of Goshen, Indiana made a major contribution of \$60,000 toward these projects from the tithe fund of its building program—modeling what Mennonite Men invites churches to consider as they invest in their facility projects.

Through the generosity of its contributors, Mennonite Men has given 2 million dollars to new churches to acquire their first meeting house. To contribute to these grants or learn more, visit MennoniteMen.org.