



The name International Community of Mennonite Brethren reminds us that we are a family which extends globally. It is also a reminder to all of us who hear Jesus calling us to reach out to all nations. Today we can live out more of this multinational fellowship that will go on in eternity.

ICOMB's goal is to create platforms to live out fellowship. This fellowship will shape our national and local churches to be more like Jesus.

director transition

David Wiebe, executive director 2011–2018, announced that he would retire at the end of June 2018 to make way for a new director. ICOMB's vision from the start was that the director would come from the Global South. God led Rudi Plett of Paraguay (assistant director 2016–2018) to say “yes” to the request that he consider this role. He began 1 July 2018 and is thankful to count on David's continued support.



latin american leaders meeting

Based on Rudi's early work of coaching leaders from the 8 Latin American conferences, ICOMB organized a regional meeting in Asuncion, Paraguay, July 2018, with at least 3 leaders from the 8 national churches. They gathered for personal encouragement and prayer and to reflect together on cultivating a fellowship that encourages, shares resources and helps shape our conferences.

The meeting included leaders from Venezuela and some other regions looking to work more

closely in ICOMB. We are looking forward to the outcome of this and future gatherings.

emerging conference plan

After the mission and prayer consultation in Thailand 2017, we identified almost 30 networks of churches all over the world that want to join our international community.

We identified “benchmarks” to help us know when a network is ready to become self-sustaining and join the ICOMB fellowship as full members. This plan builds detailed steps into the mission strategy map related to the transition from a mission project to ICOMB member. This design is new to our history, but we believe it will help us manage the transition better. In our past experience, the transition has been hard on the emerging church and has resulted in damaged relationships and stunted growth at times.



Multiply (MB Mission) assigned Vic Wiens to work in this area. We are happy that God is using the unique gifts Vic has to support both Multiply and ICOMB at half-time status.

global leadership training plan

This leadership training framework combines several core components: basic theology; the international Confession of Faith; and practical ministry basics. It's designed to be taught at a high school level by a wide variety of teachers from anywhere in our fellowship. (We estimate 1/4 of the 5,000 Mennonite Brethren pastors worldwide do not have high school education; more than 1/2 do not have Bible school training.) This framework complements “Theological Education by Extension” which is usually available by correspondence. Doug Heidebrecht leads development and implementation.

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