



**Mennonite  
World Conference**

A Community of Anabaptist  
related Churches

**Congreso  
Mundial Menonita**

Una Comunidad de  
Iglesias Anabautistas

**Conférence  
Mennonite Mondiale**

Une Communauté  
d'Églises Anabaptistes

## Worship Resource

### **'One Lunch' Offering - 2014 World Fellowship Sunday**

The global Anabaptist family consists of 1.7 million baptized believers in 243 national conferences of churches in 83 countries. Of these, 72.5%, or 1.3 million adult believers are members of Mennonite World Conference. We have the privilege of being called to be a communion together, to fellowship, worship, serve and witness to our faith in Jesus Christ.

World Fellowship Sunday takes place a Sunday close to January 21, the date of the first adult baptism in Switzerland in 1525. On that Sunday we invite Anabaptist congregations around the world to take the time to pray for each other, to worship together in spirit using shared worship materials, and to fellowship together by connecting with other congregations across conferences and countries.

We also invite a special offering to be taken for Mennonite World Conference. One way to think about this offering is to invite each member of the congregation to contribute the cost of one lunch in their own community to help support the networks and resources of our global Anabaptist church family. Some people may want to give more than this, and should be welcome to do so. Others with more scarce resources might be encouraged to hear that the Executive Committee of the Mennonite World Conference, with members from every continent, is confident that most adults all around the world can give at least the equivalent of one lunch per year for the work of the global church.

Here are some ideas on how you might be able to make an offering like this work for your congregation. A congregational activity might help to draw attention to this special offering. Whichever approach you decide to use in your congregation will likely take advance planning and preparation with your members.

1. Plan for a time of shared fasting and praying for the global church during a mealtime before or after worship on World Fellowship Sunday. Include an offering for Mennonite World Conference during that time, and suggest that it include the cost of the meal that has not been eaten for each person.
2. Plan for a shared congregational meal together before or after worship on World Fellowship Sunday, with each family bringing food to share. A global theme or a sister church theme for the food might be interesting. Include an offering for Mennonite World Conference with the meal and suggest that it include the cost of at least one lunch for each person.
3. Plan for a second offering designated for Mennonite World Conference during the worship service on World Fellowship Sunday, with the suggested contribution being that of at least one lunch per person for everyone in the congregation.

Funds that are gathered through this special offering in each congregation can be sent directly to Mennonite World Conference using the various mechanisms shown on our website (<http://www.mwc-cmm.org/article/ways-give>). Or, these funds can be sent to your conference office, clearly marked as designated for Mennonite World Conference, and you can ask that the funds be passed on to MWC.