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Annual Gathering 2015 Cost Sharing Grant Application

Annual Gathering 2015 brings together healthcare workers from around the world for fellowship, inspiration, learning, worship, and networking. In the spirit of this year's theme, "Walking Together for Healthy Communities," MHF encourages all persons interested in healthcare work and ministries, whether students, professionals, or retirees to come and share in this event.

In order to make the event affordable for all, and in the tradition of mutual aid, MHF offers small grants to subsidize participation in Annual Gathering 2015. MHF members who are able are invited to contribute to this fund.

Guidelines for Annual Gathering grants:

- Applicants should be **members OR meet the membership guidelines** for Menonite Healthcare Fellowship: be part of a healthcare-related discipline, embrace Anabaptist values, and support the mission of MHF.
- Applicants are expected to **attend the entire conference** from July 19-21, 2015.
- **Preference** will be given to students, volunteers, and persons from outside of North America for whom cost is a barrier to participation in the Annual Gathering.
- Applicants will **fill out this form** indicating why participation in this event is important or will be helpful to them.
- Grants are contingent on the availability of funds through special donations.
- **For assistance beyond the waiver of the registration fee** of \$100, please answer the additional questions and submit one reference form.

Applicant Information

Name: _____ | Student | Volunteer | Other

Healthcare profession: _____

Address: _____

Phone (or voice app): _____ E-mail: _____

Share a one-paragraph summary of your study or work in the healthcare field. (Unless you indicate otherwise, this may be shared with other attendees of Annual Gathering at MHF's discretion.)

Please answer additional questions on the next page.

How does your faith affect your professional life?

Why is attending the MHF Annual Gathering important to you? What do you hope to gain from the experience?

What skills and experience do you have that you would be willing to share, if needed, to help make Annual Gathering 2015 a beneficial experience for others?

- ___ Translation to and from English -- indicate language(s): _____
- ___ Writing (such as session summaries, reporting, article for Mennonite Health Journal, etc.)
- ___ Assisting with administrative tasks on site
- ___ Social media (Facebook, Twitter, blogging, etc.)
- ___ Facilitating a round-table discussion. Topic: _____
- ___ Leading a morning prayer time

What would make it possible for you to attend the Annual Gathering?

- ___ Waiver of registration fee (\$75-180 value) *If you are applying **only** for this waiver, you do not need to fill out the rest of this form.*
- ___ **Accommodations subsidy** (toward the cost of meals, lodging, and travel)
- ___ **Other** _____

For accommodations subsidy, please answer the questions below and submit one reference who will verify your interest and need on the attached form. This could be a pastor, mentor, or healthcare colleague. Have that person send a letter to MHF, PO Box 918, Goshen, IN 46527-0918 USA or to info@mennohealth.org.

Are you willing to share a hotel room with others of the same gender? _____

Are you attending MWC Global Assembly following the Annual Gathering? _____

If so, what are your preferred lodging arrangements for that period of time?

- ___ Stay at the Sheraton for the entire week.
- ___ I plan to seek a local home in which to stay for the Global Assembly

Travel arrangements to come to Harrisburg:

- Traveling with others? _____
- Method of travel: ___ Plane ___ Train ___ Car ___ Other
- Approximate travel cost

Other considerations: