

## Investing in God's Kingdom



### Moderator's Report

For Delegate Assembly September 15, 2012

Fall is here and time to think about our annual budget. I encourage you to consider your work as delegates and the work of NYMC as investing in God's Kingdom. As single congregations we make one kind of impact in our communities. Together, as a regional body we can make an even greater impact for God's Kingdom.

At our spring Delegate Assembly we created an Outreach and Church Planting Fund that will allow us to work in new ways in our conference. Funds from the former Harris Hill congregation will begin our outreach. We rejoice in the faithful giving of that congregation that helped make the creation of this fund possible. Check out the application form on [nymennonite.org](http://nymennonite.org) and think about outreach possibilities in YOUR area.

We continue to support leadership development through our Leadership Education fund. I encourage you to invite people to apply to use this scholarship fund. We want to be in the business of preparing new people to join in God's Kingdom work.

Some members of Coordinating Council and I are trying to visit all of our congregations in the coming year or so. It is useful for us to see you all in your natural habitat! I hope to join you some Sunday morning in the not so distant future.

The Coordinating Council and I continue to work on nuts and bolts of conference administration throughout the year as we meet every other month. A big thank you to our behind the scenes workers – John Buckwalter (bookkeeper), Dale Beebee (budget committee), Tadelech Matewos (prayer coordinator), Duane Davis (newsletter editor) and Kirk House (congregational news editor) for all their contributions!

As we enter a new fiscal year, I ask that you encourage your congregations to continue to support the work of the conference financially. I also encourage you to take back information about resources and connections available through NYMC. Working and praying together as a conference, we make a bigger impact when we invest in God's kingdom together!

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