

Mary Etta Reinhart Retirement

In June 2014, Mary Etta began as the Director of Witness and Outreach, launching her long tenure serving the District in many important and impactful ways. Her role expanded in 2019 when she took over responsibilities for both the Witness and Outreach Commission and the Nurture Commission following the resignation of the Director of Nurture, which meant she was engaged in the various ministries these commissions provide.

Her relational and organizational skills, along with a joyful spirit, enabled her to work in various groups and settings as she modeled what it means to have a servant's heart. More than simply helping to plan and facilitate many events, such as Women's Retreats, Intercultural Gatherings, Older Adult Ministries, and much more (which she did very well), Mary Etta loved to participate and engage in building and fostering relationships across the district.



An ordained minister, Mary Etta received her training and education through TRIM, a program of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. She eventually became the current TRIM Coordinator, serving newly called ministers as they begin their journey in ministry. In addition, several congregations have been blessed to have Mary Etta serve as their Interim Pastor, including Shippensburg (Southern PA), Swatara Hill, Paxton (twice), Florin, and Mechanic Grove. The work of our Interim Pastors is vital to the life of our congregations, and Mary Etta brought her caring heart and stability to these congregations walking through transitions.

When needed, she has had the opportunity to officiate licensing, ordination, and pastoral installation services, as well as work closely with pastoral search committees. This was especially important during the District's transition between District Executives, which allowed congregations and pastors to continue to move forward with these significant moments in the life of the church.

We are very grateful for Mary Etta's commitment to Jesus Christ and the church, which of course means her commitment to serving all of us for so many years. Her presence around the District Staff table and the commissions will be missed, yet we celebrate with her in this new day and pray God's blessing upon her and her family.

-Pete Kontra