

Mark Landes is being recommended to serve up to a three-year term as Treasurer and member of the Financial Resource Team. Mark grew up in West Liberty, Ohio, in a small Mennonite community. He enjoyed playing sports, working, and spending time with friends and family. He graduated from Goshen College in 1999 with a degree in business administration. After college, he began working in commercial banking with JPMorgan Chase. He primarily worked with mid to large size manufacturing businesses in Northern IN.

In 2005, he transferred with JPMorgan from Goshen, IN to Denver, CO. There he began working with hospitals, colleges, universities, and other health-related and non-profit businesses. Mark and DeeDee Martin, who had met at Goshen College, were married in 2006. They became very active with their church in Littleton, CO – Belleview Community Church. Mark served as treasurer and on leadership, and they were also involved with the youth group. This was a pivotal time in their lives as they met life-long friends, deepened their faith as young adults, were exposed to the inner workings of the church, and began to grow their family. Kason (now 12) and Taylor (now 10) were both born in Colorado.

In 2013, they moved to Hesston, KS seeking a smaller community to raise their children and also to reconnect with the Mennonite church. Their third child, Kellen (now 7) was born soon after they moved to Kansas. Mark became the VP Finance/CFO at Hesston College. DeeDee also worked in a variety of roles at the college, including head volleyball coach. The experience at Hesston College from 2013-2019 was rewarding in many ways. For the first time in his professional career, Mark was part of a small non-profit organization guided by a Christ-Centered mission.



Feeling led toward a family experience overseas, Mark and DeeDee stepped down from their jobs at Hesston College in 2019 and moved to Colombia, South America with their three children. Serving through Mennonite Mission Network, they worked closely with a Mennonite school and church in La Mesa, a small town in Colombia. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to serve as a family and expose their children to a bigger world outside of small-town Kansas. They had planned to stay for a year; however, the global pandemic brought them home a couple of months early in March 2020.

Upon return, Mark began working in banking again, accepting a position as market president of Citizens State Bank in Hesston (small community bank). DeeDee works as a nurse in the local school system. Mark and DeeDee are active members of Whitestone Mennonite Church. Mark enjoys spending time doing anything outdoors, coaching his kids' activities (baseball, basketball, soccer) and traveling with his family. Service in the church has always been important to Mark and DeeDee and is something they want to model for their children.