

Phil Rosenberger is being recommended to the Delegates to serve up to a two-year term as Chair of the Network Leadership Team. He has served on the leadership team as Network Chair-elect since 2020. Phil comes to us from Farmington, New Mexico where he has been the pastor of Light of Life Mennonite Church since 2006.

Phil grew up on a dairy farm in eastern Pennsylvania. Upon graduation from high school, he assumed the responsibility for running and managing the family farm where they milked about 45 cows and grew corn, wheat and hay on about 180 acres.

Phil received Christ as his personal Savior at the age of about 7 and was baptized into membership at Swamp Mennonite Church in Quakertown, PA. There he served as a Sunday School teacher, song leader, youth leader, and later, on the board of elders. But it wasn't until Phil was in his early thirties that a life crisis forced him to re-evaluate everything he thought he knew about life and about God. He questioned God; he got mad at God; he challenged God. And to his amazement, God showed up, and God proved himself in dramatic and unmistakable ways. As a result of that dark valley experience, Phil developed a real living relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and God began to mold him into the man He wanted him to be.

In the mid 80's Phil sold the dairy business and began attending college. Over the next eight years Phil worked several jobs during the day while attending college at night. In 1992 he graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, PA with a bachelor's degree in engineering and he settled into a career in the precast concrete industry.



In 2002 Phil returned to the classroom – this time at Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, PA. When he graduated seminary in 2005 with an MDiv, he answered God's call and moved to New Mexico where he began his pastoral ministry at Light of Life Mennonite Church. Since the pastoral position at Light of Life is only a half-time assignment, Phil continues to work another part-time job in the engineering field at GEOMAT Inc. of Farmington, New Mexico where he is a designer, construction inspector and project manager.

Phil is accompanied in ministry by his faithful wife, Pat. Pat grew up in the rainforest of Brazil as the daughter of missionaries. She is a registered nurse and works as the high school nurse in Aztec, New Mexico. Pat and Phil have seven grown children and seven grandchildren.