

# Mission association holds annual meeting

*by Glen Miller for MMHA*

The Mennonite Mission Health Association (MMHA) kicked off its meetings in Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 20-21, 2006, by recognizing nurse educator and administrator Katie Penner for her career of service to the people of Belgian Congo/Zaire/Congo. Dr. David Wiebe, a member of Mennonite Medical Association, was also recognized for his long-term and continuing service to the people of Jadcherla, India.

Attendees at this public meeting heard reports from Congo and India, where MMHA has ongoing involvement with health-care ministries. Keynote speaker Willie Reimer, director of Food Disaster Material Resources for Mennonite Central Committee Canada, gave an excellent reminder of why we should continue to partner with other organizations with his talk on "Does aid really help?".

The MMHA Board accepted the following proposals:

1. Finalize new partnerships in Zimbabwe with the Mtshabezi Mission Hospital (a Brethren in Christ ministry) and in central Congo with the Tshikaji Health Zone.
2. Extend general membership to health-care professionals worldwide.

3. Approve administrative restructuring to meet the needs of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ communities.

4. Continue the Visiting Health-Care Professional Program to India and the active Medicine Credit Program in Congo.

5. Approve bilingual MMHA Web site, [mennonitemha.org/](http://mennonitemha.org/).

The Mennonite Mission Health Association is an association of health-care professionals who "serve God by providing resources and services to Mennonite health-care facilities in low resource countries."

The MMHA office is located in Winnipeg and can be accessed at [paulsfd@mts.net](mailto:paulsfd@mts.net). MMHA is a registered charity in Canada and the United States.

MMHA's purpose includes raising funds for both capital development and operational support of qualifying institutions and organizations; providing management and health-care consulting services to the chosen projects; and supporting the projects with itinerant development, management and health-care professional human resources as needed.

For more about David Wiebe's work in India, see the April-June 2006 issue of MHJ (page 19).