

## Annual Report of Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet) Fiscal Year: February 1, 2007 - January 31, 2008

**The mission of Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet)** is to provide encouragement and resources to congregations, families, and persons with disabilities as they identify and embrace their God-given gifts and abilities in ministry to each other and to the larger church.

**ADNet had a positive year of activities and growth in 2007!** ADNet had a display in **five area conferences**, the **national Mennonite Church USA convention** in San Jose, California, and five other national or regional gatherings. **Eleven congregations** hosted ADNet speakers for sermons or Sunday school classes. ADNet personnel also presented workshops in four conferences, several seminary classes, and an event sponsored by a disabilities service provider in Virginia.

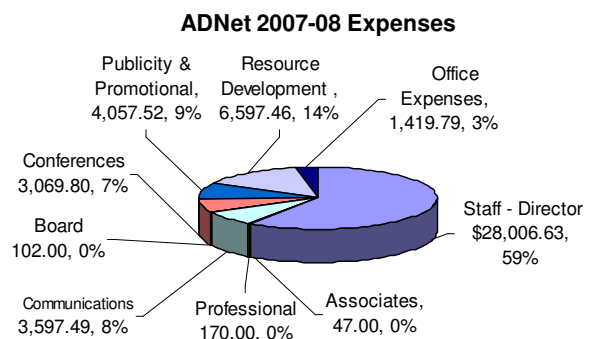
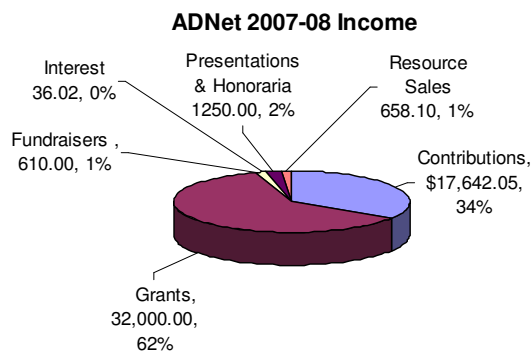
**ADNet's highlight of the year** was the launch of the **Congregational Accessibility Network (CAN)** at San Jose 2007 in July. The congregations who have completed the survey have already provided valuable feedback that is spurring the development of supplementary tools in the coming year.

**The Associates Program** experienced additional success as Rebecca Fast, a student at Goshen College, was named an Associate for Learning Disabilities. Christine Guth, graduated from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in May and was named to a volunteer staff position called a "Program Associate."

The end of the fiscal year on January 31, 2008 also marks the end of the **"Build a Haystack" Funding Campaign** that was launched in the fall of 2006 in an effort to raise \$90,000. Although the ambitious goal was not reached, the overall financial picture is the most positive yet for ADNet. (See the chart below.) More important learnings from the campaign led to securing further training and expertise in cultivating new major donors for the future.

**Income: \$52,196.17**

**Expenses: \$47,067.69**



**A new effort at Board development** resulted in two new Board members appointed by the end of the year. Kevin Sauder of Archbold, Ohio, began his term with the October 2007 meeting and Sharon Beyer of Norristown, Pennsylvania was elected to a three-year term beginning February 1, 2008. The Board also created a Fundraising Committee and increased the Director's time from .5 to .6 FTE.

ADNet Board: Jim Smith (Pres.), John Heyerly (V.P.), Randy De Pry (Sec.), Milt Stoltzfus (Treas.), Karen Bender (outgoing), Sharon Beyer (incoming), Kevin Sauder, and Wilfred Martens. Advisory Committee: Ruth Detweiler, Mary Graber, Linford King, and Dean Preheim-Bartel, Staff: Paul D. Leichty, Executive Director; Christine Guth, Program Associate; Rebecca Fast, Associate, and Phyllis Smith, Volunteer Office Assistant and coordinator of additional project volunteers.