

2022 MMI GRANTEE RENEWAL CONFERENCE GRANTEE HIGHLIGHTS PANEL PROFILES

Sister Elizabeth Greim, D.C. - Bakhita Community - FACILITATOR

Mary Kay Meeks - Face to Face

Eric Boerdner - Community Missions



**Sister Elizabeth Greim, D.C. - Director
Bakhita Community at St. Francis de Sales - Utica, NY**

Sister Elizabeth Greim grew up in Boston, MA. She received her Masters in Education from Suffolk University. In 1996 she entered The Daughters of Charity. Her ministries have combined her experience in social services and her skills as an educator through work with men, women and children experiencing homelessness, hunger, illness and other situations of poverty and vulnerability. She has been on mission in Richmond VA, Baltimore MD, Macon GA and Little Rock AR.

Sr Elizabeth returned to her roots in the northeast in 2017. She was sent to Utica, NY where she and her sisters are neighbors to and assist in the resettlement of refugees from many different countries. The development of the Bakhita Community at St Francis de Sales has grown out of the desire to be welcoming neighbors.

Recently Sr Elizabeth was reassigned to a new mission. She will be involved in the formation of the newest members of the Daughters of Charity. She currently resides at the Seminary of the Daughters in Charity in St Louis, Mo.



**Mary Kay Meeks - Executive Director
Face to Face - Philadelphia, PA**

Mary Kay Meeks-Hank has been the Executive Director of Face to Face in Germantown since 2009. She came to Face to Face in January 2007 in anticipation of the founder's retirement. Mary Kay holds an undergraduate degree in sociology from Chestnut Hill College and a Masters in Sociology from Fordham University.

Mary Kay's professional background is primarily in education and social service. She taught sociology as an adjunct professor at LaSalle University for nine years before coming to Face to Face. As an educator, Mary Kay was adept at "talking the talk." Her years at Face to Face have engaged her on every level and here she has the privilege of "walking the walk" with the guests, staff and volunteers at Face to Face.

Over the years, Face to Face has become her second home and its' people – guests, staff, board, and volunteers - her second family. The three words that she would choose to describe Face to Face are hospitality, mutuality, and transformation.



**Eric Boerdner, Vice President of Specialized Services
Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc. - Niagara
Falls, NY**

Eric Boerdner serves as the Vice President of Specialized Services for Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc. in Niagara Falls, NY. He is responsible for the overall development, operation, and evaluation related to Crisis and Community Services. Since joining Community Missions in 2008, his concentration is growing programs that deal specifically with individuals returning from incarceration.