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**Supportive Care Revisited**  
**Workshop at Mennonite Health Assembly**  
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**Summary Outline**

- I. Introduction to “Supportive Care in the Congregation”
  - A. Background history of its development
  - B. What are the essential ingredients in the SC model?
  - C. Examples of how it has been implemented-some initial stories
- II. Other movements in church and society with common themes.
  - A. Person-Centered Planning (PCP)
  - B. Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD)
  - C. Movements that combine the principles of PCP and ABCD (PATH, PLAN)
  - D. Micro-boards and Human Service Co-operatives
  - E. Denominationally-based ministries
  - F. Para-church organizations such as Joni & Friends
  - G. Church-based movement(s): GLUE
- III. Anabaptist approach to community building
  - A. Reflected in the original writing
  - B. Reflections from 1995 Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective
  - C. Anabaptist themes that inform our approach
- IV. What we are learning.
  - A. View from the outside—the larger religious community.
  - B. View from the inside – observations about groups that have formed.
    1. No one follows the model exactly
    2. Congregational guardianship has been very rare.
    3. Groups start in times of crisis.
    4. Leadership and facilitation have been important.
    5. De-emphasis on time-intensive committee work.
    6. A networking approach is more useful and successful.
    7. Congregations have more structures for meeting special needs.
    8. Family systems, especially parents, have benefited from SCG’s.
  - C. View from the church and society
- V. Discussion and feedback