
Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

2018 Report to Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference

In every country where MCC works, we partner with local churches and organizations with similar values. We are thankful for partnerships that make MCC's projects as reliable, effective and efficient as they can be. And we are grateful to our supporters like you who make this work possible through your time, talents, prayers and financial gifts.

Our connections

- Individuals and congregations gave considerable support, organization and staffing at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale and the Northern Michigan Relief Sale, which together gave \$624,000 to MCC last year. This included significant participation in the My Coins Count program.
- Individuals from IN-MI congregations play integral roles in helping with meat canning in Goshen and Berne, volunteering in thrift shops in Goshen and Fort Wayne and assembling material resources kits and blankets.
- MCC staff attended the 2017 Indiana-Michigan annual conference and Pastor's Week at AMBS.
- MCC presentations were given at Shalom Mennonite (Indianapolis), College Mennonite (Goshen), Bonneyville Mennonite (Bristol), Mennonite Fellowship of Bloomington, Kern Road Mennonite (South Bend), East Goshen Mennonite and Fellowship of Hope (Elkhart).
- MCC assisted with the June 2017 AMBS Trail of Death Pilgrimage following the route of Potawatomi Indians forced out of Indiana in 1838, clearing the land for Amish and Mennonite settlers.
- Waterford Mennonite (Goshen) hosted an MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering in October with Cesar Flores, who shared about MCC work in Central America.
- East Goshen Mennonite (Goshen) hosted an MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering in April 2018 with Doug Hostetter, MCC United Nations Office Director, and Thien Tran, IVEPer from Vietnam. They shared stories from past and present work in Vietnam. Doug and Thien also visited Goshen College, AMBS, Bethany Christian School and Kern Road (South Bend) and Prairie Street (Elkhart) Mennonite Churches.
- Several folks from IN-MI Conference participated in the Bike Michiana fundraiser for MCC where Ron Byler reported on MCC work in Vietnam.
- A group from Belmont Mennonite (Elkhart) volunteered with MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home-repair program in Harlan, Kentucky.
- MCC is grateful for the ongoing gifts of funds from Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference churches, whether through the conference office, My Coins Count, directly from individuals to MCC or by estate bequests.

MCC at work around the world

- Over the past year, with your support, we made a difference in some 56 countries - meeting urgent needs for food in places like South Sudan, increasing food security initiatives and expanding water- and soil-conservation efforts.
- As violence in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) continues to prevent displaced people from returning to their homes, your support is helping displaced people get food, education, hygiene items and trauma healing as they figure out ways to support themselves until they can return home.

Representatives and contacts

- Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference is represented on the MCC Great Lakes Board by Brenda Meyer (Benton Mennonite). Milton Borntreger (Paoli Mennonite) serves as Chair and is also a member of the MCC U.S. Board. Marie Harnish (First Mennonite of Indianapolis) and Daniel Grimes (Berkey Avenue Mennonite) serve as members-at-large. Christian Stoltzfus (East Goshen Mennonite) is a student representative for Goshen College.
- MCC Great Lakes staff are available to speak to your congregation and connect you with resources. Please contact our office, and subscribe to MCC's *In Touch* monthly e-newsletter to get the latest news and information.

Thank you for being part of MCC's ministry in the name of Christ,
Eric Kurtz, Executive Director for MCC Great Lakes

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shares God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ
by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.*