
Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

2019 Report to Central District Conference

Mennonite Central Committee, a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, 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. MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation. 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 \$500,000 to MCC last year. This included \$142,341 raised through participation in the My Coins Count program – a wonderful way to involve children in the relief sales.
- Individuals from IN-MI congregations play integral roles in helping with meat canning, volunteering in thrift shops and providing humanitarian assistance in the form of blankets and kits.
- MCC staff attended the 2018 Indiana-Michigan annual conference and Pastors' Week at AMBS.
- MCC presentations were given at First Mennonite (Indianapolis), College Mennonite (Goshen), Parkview Mennonite (Kokomo), Mennonite Fellowship of Bloomington, Sunnyside Mennonite (Elkhart), North Leo Mennonite and Fairhaven Mennonite (Fort Wayne).
- North Goshen Mennonite (Goshen) hosted an MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering in October 2018 with Rebecca Burkholder and Blaine Derstine, Area Representatives for Asia. They shared stories from MCC partners in that area, in particular North Korea. Rebecca and Blaine also visited Belmont Mennonite, Goshen College, AMBS, Bethany Christian School and the Mennonite Mission Network offices in Elkhart.
- Several folks from IN-MI Conference participated in the Bike Michiana fundraiser for MCC where Claude Schrock reported on MCC work in Nepal and the challenges climate change is presenting for villagers.
- A group from Kern Road Mennonite (South Bend) 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 IN-MI 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 57 countries by collaborating with 508 partners.
- Since 2012, MCC has worked with partners to respond to people affected by the ongoing war in Syria: providing monthly food to 6,000 families and sending 81 shipments of supplies, including almost 175,000 comforters and nearly 50,000 relief kits. We've also helped train more than 1,000 people in trauma healing, and supported tuition and education programs across the country.

Representatives and contacts

- We are grateful for Brenda Meyer's 12 years of service on the MCC Great Lakes Board, ending February 2019. Milton Borntrager (Paoli Mennonite) serves as Chair and on the MCC U.S. Board. Marie Harnish (First Mennonite of Indianapolis) and Daniel Grimes (Berkey Avenue Mennonite) serve as members-at-large.
- 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.

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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