
Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

2020 Report to Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference

Since 1920, Mennonite Central Committee has worked with the church, partner organizations and supporters to share God's love and compassion by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.

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 \$467,500 to MCC last year. This included \$129,397 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 comforters and kits.
- MCC staff attended the 2019 Indiana-Michigan annual conference and Pastors' Week at AMBS.
- MCC presentations were given at Fellowship of Hope (Elkhart), Belmont Mennonite (Elkhart), Mennonite Fellowship of Bloomington, Waterford Mennonite (Goshen), Bonneyville Mennonite (Bristol), Kalamazoo Mennonite, Shalom (Indianapolis) and Walnut Hill (Goshen).
- Several folks from IN-MI Conference participated in the Bike Michiana fundraiser for MCC where Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano, Peace & Justice Coordinator, reported on MCC's work around immigration.
- Individuals from IN-MI Conference congregations actively participated in a Borderlands learning tour focused on immigration, a Pipeline to Prison learning tour about mass incarceration, and The Loss of Turtle Island participatory learning experience on dismantling the doctrine of discovery.
- MCC Great Lakes partnered with AMBS by providing Loss of Turtle Island and other resources for their Trail of Death course, tracing the route of the 1838 forced removal by the U.S. military of about 850 Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas.
- Groups from Benton Mennonite (Goshen) and East Goshen Mennonite volunteered with MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home-repair program in West Virginia and Kentucky. The University of Notre Dame (South Bend) also sent a group to SWAP.
- 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's centennial

- MCC started by helping families affected by war and famine in southern Russia (present-day Ukraine) 100 years ago. We now work in more than 50 countries and here at home. We are grateful to our supporters like you who continue to give generously of your time, talents, prayers and financial gifts to make this work possible.
- We hope you will join us in giving thanks to God for the chance to be part of God's work in the world for the past 100 years. As we look to the future, we continue to seek to build right relationships with God, one another and creation. Be sure to check out 100 Stories for 100 Years on the MCC website, and share your own story with us.

Representatives and contacts

- IN-MI Conference is represented on the MCC Great Lakes Board by George Thompson (Waterford Mennonite). Milton Borntrager (Paoli Mennonite) serves as chair and is also a member of the MCC U.S. Board. Daniel Grimes (Berkey Avenue Mennonite) serves as treasurer. Thank you to Marie Harnish (First Mennonite of Indianapolis) who recently completed three years of service on the board.
- 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 for the past 100 years and into the future,

- *Eric Kurtz, Executive Director for MCC Great Lakes*