

# 2024 report for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference

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In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, through MCC-supported Women Situation Room groups, people like Melanie Mafinga are trained to resolve conflicts, mediate and prevent violence. (MCC/Fairpicture photo/Justin Makangara)

## MCC and Indiana-Michigan Conference connections

- Congregations and individuals from Indiana-Michigan Conference play important roles in MCC relief sales, thrift shops, My Coins Count fundraisers, material resources drives and meat canning.
- Various congregations hosted MCC speakers, either virtually or in person.
- Thank you to the families from Indiana-Michigan Conference

churches who host International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) and Summer Service participants.

In addition to George Thompson as conference representative and treasurer on the MCC Great Lakes Board, Daniel Grimes serves on the board as chair. Naun Cerrato, Corine Graber Alvarez and Abri Hochstetler also serve as board members.



## MCC's 2024 guiding scripture

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

#### Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

MCC works in 45 countries thanks to strong partnerships, not only with organizations on the ground but also with supporters like you.

You're helping to provide food, bedding and hygiene items to families in Gaza. In Mexico, your support helps farmers learn new agricultural techniques so they can stay on their land. And in Kentucky, you are helping to provide safe, warm and dry housing through MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP).

We are grateful for each of you and the role that you play. Whether you donate financially, pray for MCC, volunteer at an MCC thrift shop, pack kits, knot comforters, can meat or bid on items at a relief sale, we appreciate you. You are sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ.

With thanksgiving,

Eric Kurtz, MCC Great Lakes executive director George Thompson, MCC Great Lakes Board representative for Indiana-Michigan Conference

In MCC, peace is at the root of what we do. Our vision is God's shalom for all people."

-Eric Kurtz

Comforter Bashes throughout the Great Lakes region bring together people of all ages, abilities and faith traditions to knot comforters and fellowship with one another. Participants work together to combine handmade comforter tops, warm batting and sturdy backing fabric into warm, durable and beautiful comforters. The hands-on project is one way that MCC supporters are putting their faith into action. Each handmade comforter is unique and provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

