
Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

2018 Report to Central District 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

- Krista Dutt, Church Relations Associate/Chicago Program Coordinator, and Jorge Vielman, Peace & Justice Coordinator, spoke at the 2017 Central District Conference annual meeting in Bluffton, Ohio.
- Four CDC pastors, along with Conference Minister Doug Luginbill, met with Cyneatha Millsaps, Program Director, and Krista for a conversation about gun violence in October.
- Krista preached at Chicago Community Mennonite Church on June 4.
- A group of volunteers from Shalom Community Church in Ann Arbor volunteered with MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program in Harlan, Ky., working to make homes safe, warm and dry.
- CDC congregations and individuals support relief sales in Bloomington, Atlanta and Goshen, along with the Twin Cities MCC Annual Benefit Evening fundraiser. They also contribute significantly to the My Coins Count initiative.
- Individuals from CDC congregations play integral roles in helping with meat canning, volunteering in thrift shops and assembling material resources kits and blankets.
- MCC is grateful for the ongoing gifts of funds from Central District 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 our food security initiatives and expanding water- and soil-conservation efforts. We responded to the devastation of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti and continued multimillion dollar efforts to respond to the ongoing crises in Syria and Iraq.

Representatives and contacts

- MCC is appreciative of the five years Willis Sommer represented Central District Conference on the Great Lakes Board, where he served as treasurer and a member of the executive committee. We are saddened by his passing last year and grateful for the legacy of service he leaves behind.
- CDC is now represented on the MCC Great Lakes Board by Peter Martin of Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship (Berne). Also serving on the Great Lakes Board is Milton Borntrager of Paoli Mennonite who is board chair.
- 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

*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.*