

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**

- Groups from the following churches and schools volunteered with MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program in Kentucky and West Virginia working to make homes safe, warm and dry: Eighth Street Mennonite (Goshen), Bluffton University, Columbus Mennonite, Maplewood Mennonite (Fort Wayne), Mennonite Church of Normal and Assembly Mennonite (Goshen).
- 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.
- MCC speakers shared at First Mennonite (Sugarcreek), Grace Mennonite (Pandora), Florence Church of the Brethren-Mennonite (Constantine), Maplewood Mennonite, Emmaus Road Mennonite (Berne), Hively Avenue Mennonite (Elkhart), Assembly Mennonite, Paoli Mennonite and Silverwood Mennonite (Goshen).
- 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 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

- CDC is represented on the MCC Great Lakes Board by Peter Martin of Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship. 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

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