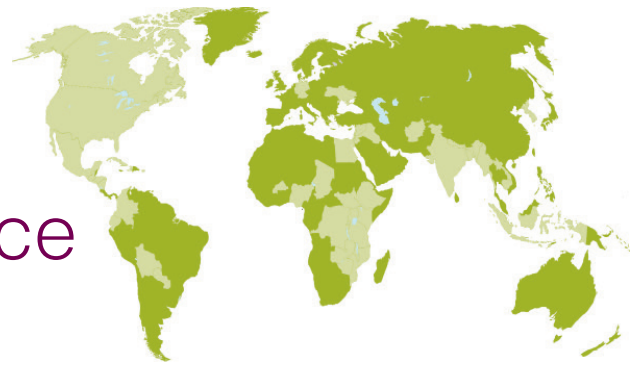


2026 report for Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA



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459 projects



Rocio Valencia Islas and her husband Victor Lampón Leon are pastors at La Mano de Dios en Apoyo al Migrante (Hand of God in Support of Migrants), a church ministry and MCC partner providing care, relief and support to migrants moving through Ecatepec, Mexico. (MCC photo/Meghan Mast)

MCC's 2026 guiding scripture

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves...

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

The news cycle can be exhausting. We hear of war and disaster, military buildup and greed. It's easy to think that we need more stuff or armed guards to be safe and powerful. Writing from prison, Paul reminded the Philippian Christians that Jesus modeled a different kind of power – humility, service and caring for others. This upside-down Kingdom was a source of joy for Paul: “Be glad with me!” (Phil. 2:18). Like Paul, we give thanks that MCC can be “partners in ministry” (Phil. 1:5) with the global church and with each of you.

Your humility and compassion translate to food, clean water, comforters and counseling support for people in vulnerable situations. Thank you for joining MCC to share God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ.

Eric Kurtz, MCC Great Lakes Executive Director

MCC and Central District Conference connections

- Central District Conference congregations are important partners with MCC in relief sales, thrift shops, My Coins Count fundraisers and meat canning. They also help with comforter bashes and material resources drives, like School Kit Challenge and Great Winter Warm-up.
- CDC congregations hosted various MCC speakers. Please contact our office if your congregation or group is interested in hearing from an MCC speaker.
- Groups from Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship and Bluffton University volunteered with Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP) in Kimball, WV, and Elkhorn City, KY.
- We are grateful for CDC churches and families who host International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants.
- Peter Martin represents Central District Conference on the MCC Great Lakes Board.**

“When we look beyond ourselves, we can work together to care for the needs of others.”

- Eric Kurtz

As of January 9, 2026, the Henrietta Dismukes Nurses' Home on MCC property in Kimball, WV, is officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American Physician in the early 1900's, founded the largest privately owned Black hospital in the country for its time. Once fully rehabilitated, the Nurses' Home will be repurposed as a community learning center offering classes and preserving local history.

