

Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), 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.

MCC relies on our partnership with Anabaptist churches in the U.S., Canada and around the world. Much of MCC's work is possible because of your generosity. Thank you for your ongoing support of MCC's ministries!

MCC/Atlantic Coast Conference connections

- Atlantic Coast Conference members make a significant contribution of boxes packed with non-perishable food to the MCC East Coast grocery program. Each year, Anabaptist churches throughout the region donate nearly 3,000 food boxes packed with items such as peanut butter, pasta and beans to be distributed through local ministries, including programs in Atlantic Coast Conference churches in New York City.
- Throughout the year, members of the Atlantic Coast Conference generously support MCC through local thrift shops, the Pennsylvania Relief Sale in Harrisburg and congregations' My Coins Count collections.
- Many members of Atlantic Coast Conference congregations donate material resources to MCC and volunteer their time at the MCC East Coast Material Resources Center in Ephrata, Pa.
- We are grateful for the service of Atlantic Coast Conference members who serve with MCC, both in the U.S. and internationally, and for the many ways that members of Atlantic Coast Conference congregations support MCC's work in the name of Christ.

MCC at work here and around the world

RELIEF MCC has designated more than \$40 million through 36 partners in response to the Syria and Iraq crisis since 2011, including more than 60 shipments of hygiene items, blankets and other humanitarian supplies. MCC currently has 11 ongoing humanitarian relief projects in Syria and Lebanon and additional work in Jordan and Iraq. Projects include provision of food, cash allowances, water, hygiene supplies and heating fuel, as well as support for education, employment, trauma healing and peacebuilding. This is MCC's largest humanitarian response ever.

DEVELOPMENT MCC teams up with the Office of Development of Evangelical Churches (ODE) in Burkina Faso to teach new agricultural techniques including half-moon farming and food security plans. "Now the whole family eats well and we have enough food for everyone," says participant Etienne Tiendrébeogo.

PEACE In Philadelphia, Pa., MCC works with partners to address racial disparities in the U.S. criminal justice system. MCC East Coast created prisoner care kits to help meet basic human needs of current and former prisoners. Distributed to those currently incarcerated or those who are participating in re-entry ministries, they help men and women "feel loved in an unlovable place," says MCC East Coast staff member, Chaplain Ron Muse.



Farmers in Yé, Burkina Faso are trained by MCC agriculture partner ODE to use conservation agriculture techniques. These help control erosion, improve soil fertility, and increase water retention in the soil.

(MCC Photo/James Souder)

Thank you for all of the ways in which you join MCC to share God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ. Learn more about MCC's efforts around the world at MCC's website, EastCoast.mcc.org.

Grace and peace to you,
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