

The **ACC's Peace and Justice Summer Reading Program** for 2013 ran from June through August. Several churches found ways to promote peace and justice by encouraging children to read stories on these topics. Readers had sponsors donate money for each book read, and the money raised was donated to MCC charities. Each church who participated found creative ways to engage with the kids and the rest of the congregation.

Manhattan Mennonite had six children participate, and the donated money was given to Mennonite Disaster Service in Oklahoma. In August, one story was read in each service, and each child was invited to read aloud their favorite book.

Ridgeview Mennonite spent a Sunday School Session including grades K-12 making an "Octopeace" together. The oldest youth mentored the youngest as they created a colorful octopus craft and talked about eight ways we can work to bring about peace and justice. This kick-off program was created to encourage the kids to read more about peace over the summer months.

Dot Leatherman from Conestoga Mennonite sponsored the children in her small group for the summer.

Zion Mennonite put together lesson plans that were used in Children's Church through the summer. Each lesson consisted of stories, cooperative games, crafts, and Bible verses all focused on the theme of peace and justice. The children were sponsored as a group by the church, and raised money together for MCC's school library ministry in Nicaragua.

Thanks to all who participated in the Summer Reading Program!