

## 2021 Conference Related Ministry Update

The **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Material Resource Center (MRC) of Harleysville** serves as a liaison between the MCC Material Resources Center of Ephrata and peace churches of Eastern Pennsylvania. We support this global ministry by communicating both the need and opportunities to give material resources to those suffering from poverty, oppression, natural disasters, and war. Through this outreach, we share God's love, hope, and joy in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Update for 2021: In spite of being shut down for several month due to Covid 19 mitigation efforts, volunteers came throughout the year, giving their time to help us work to support MCC. Many donors gave of their resources to help in the work. We thank God for all the help and support from many churches, individuals and businesses.

One hundred fifty volunteers contributed 14,896 hours to the MRC. Projects included checking and packing MCC kits, cutting and sewing patches for comforters, cutting and sewing kit bags, quilting by hand and machine, knotting comforters, cutting and packing discarded tee shirts for sale as rags, sorting and baling excess items from Care and Share Thrift Shoppes, baling cardboard for recycling, weaving rugs from strips cut from jeans and corduroy pants, making unique gift items for the Darning Egg gift shop and assisting with office work.

In 2020 the following items were collected and sent to MCC for distribution to people in need around the world:

819 comforters	1,400 relief kits	3,200 hygiene kits
70 prisoner care kits	4,400 school kits	26 sewing kits
146 grocery bags	370 infant care kits	
\$20,000 for MyCoinsCount (from area churches and donors' matching gifts)		

The approximate value of material items sent to MCC in 2020 is \$77,440. Monetary donations of \$101,455 were also sent to MCC and several local non-profits.

Individuals and groups are invited to join in the work of sharing God's love by volunteering time and sharing material resources. Volunteers wear masks and work separated from each other due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are continuing our recycling and ongoing collection of material resources for Mennonite Central Committee.

Check out our website: [267-203-8074/www.mcc-harleysville.org](http://267-203-8074/www.mcc-harleysville.org) Phone 267-203-8074

Our annual meat canning event was canceled because of Covid 19 concerns. Instead, socially distanced, masked volunteers packed 4,200 relief kits over 4 days in April and May, 2021.

