

2022 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 2022: Many willing volunteers came throughout the year, giving their time to help us work to support MCC. Generous 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.

In 2021, two hundred fifty volunteers contributed 19,687 hours to the MRC. Projects included checking and packing MCC kits, cutting and sewing patches for comforters, cutting and sewing kit bags, hand quilting, 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 and egg flats 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 2021 the following items were collected and sent to MCC for distribution to people in need around the world:

1,234 comforters	5,800 relief kits	1,600 hygiene kits
72 prisoner care kits	880 school kits	50 dignity kits
80 grocery bags	363 infant care kits	
\$10,000 for My Coins Count (from area churches and donors' matching gifts)		

The approximate value of material items sent to MCC in 2020 is \$187,665. Monetary donations of \$71,000 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. Projects for the upcoming year include raising funds through an Oyster and Brisket Dinner (Oct. 29, 2022) and Meat Canning (March 27-29, 2023). We are continuing our recycling and ongoing collection of material resources for Mennonite Central Committee.

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Our 2022 meat canning event was canceled because of Covid 19 concerns. Instead, volunteers packed 5,000 relief kits over 4 days in April and May, 2022. Meat Canning will again take place March 27-29, 2023.

