

*Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ*

Since 1920, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, has shared 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 continues to envision 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 over the past 100 years!

**MCC/Mosaic Mennonite Conference connections**

- In response to food insecurity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, your conference funded the transport of 1,440 cans of MCC canned meat to the College Hill Mennonite Church food pantry to support residents of Tampa, Fl. in April 2020.
- Throughout this past year, members of Mosaic Mennonite Conference generously supported the work of MCC through local MCC Thrift Shops, such as Care & Share Thrift Shoppes in Souderton, Pa.
- Members of your conference support and participate in MCC's Summer Service program, which provides short-term opportunities for young adults of color to develop their leadership skills by serving in their home communities. In summer 2020, your conference supported three Summer Service Program participants as they served at Nations Worship Center (Philadelphia, Pa.), Philadelphia Praise Center and Whitehall Mennonite Church (Whitehall, Pa.).
- Brayan Javier Marquez Rodríguez from Colombia served with Mosaic Mennonite Conference last year through MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP). IVEP is a yearlong volunteer work and cultural exchange program for international Christian young adults.
- Many members of your conference congregations donated material resources to MCC and generously volunteered their time at the Material Resource Center of Harleysville in Souderton, Pa. Others supported MCC by helping to can meat.
- Members of Mosaic Mennonite Conference volunteered at MCC's MLK Jr. Mass Incarceration Service Day in January 2020 in Philadelphia, including youth from Philadelphia Praise Center who helped pack prisoner care kits for incarcerated people.
- We are grateful for the international service of Mosaic Mennonite Conference members who contribute to MCC's work, including Charles and Crystal Conklin serving in Cambodia and Myanmar and Hailey Hagen serving in Burkina Faso. We also extend our deep gratitude to recently returned MCC service workers Amy and Derek Godshall (Burkina Faso) and Jenny and Joel Bishop Kempf (Honduras).

**100 years of MCC at work here and around the world**

**MCC meat canning:** The first portable meat cannery was built in Virginia at the request of the Mennonite church in 1945. Mennonites in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley began to transport canning equipment on a wagon between their local canning sites in the 1940's. It was supported by Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities (now Virginia Mennonite Missions) and donated to MCC in 1952. MCC currently sends around 450,000 pounds of canned meat overseas each year and has canned and shipped 31.5 million pounds (over 18 million cans) of meat from the start of the mobile cannery in 1946 to 2019.



*The first portable meat cannery, seen here in Virginia circa 1946. (Photo courtesy of Dean-Kaylor Studio)*

**Syria crisis response:** From sending MCC's first service worker to Syria in 1991 to supporting educational programs for displaced students and people with disabilities, MCC has responded to human need in Syria and surrounding countries. Over the past 9 years of civil war in Syria, MCC and its partners have been reaching out to those uprooted by violence and supporting efforts for peace in the midst of war. Since 2012, MCC has provided \$63.6 million in aid to Syria and surrounding countries, its largest crisis response since World War II. Currently, MCC provides food, education, rent assistance, heaters, fuel and trauma healing to people affected by violence in the region.

Thank you for all the ways in which you join MCC to share God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ. Visit [mcc.org/centennial](http://mcc.org/centennial) to join MCC in giving thanks for 100 years and seeking God's guidance for the future.

Grace and peace to you,

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