

2020 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 2020: Many willing 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-five volunteers contributed 22,551 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 2019 the following items were collected and sent to MCC for distribution to people in need around the world:

1,245 comforters	2,996 relief kits	3,200 hygiene kits
113 prisoner care kits	5,400 school kits	15,633 cans meat
918 grocery bags	580 infant care kits	12 sewing kits
\$20,000 for MyCoinsCount (from area churches and donors' matching gifts)		

The approximate value of items sent to MCC in 2019 is \$195,162; monetary donations of \$56,000 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. 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 updated website: 267-203-8074/www.mcc-harleysville.org Phone 267-203-8074

Volunteers help out in the warehouse during our Jan. 24-25 Warehouse Work Weekend. Eighty volunteers helped to process 17 bales of clothes bringing in about \$3,000 for MRC work to support Mennonite Central Committee.

