

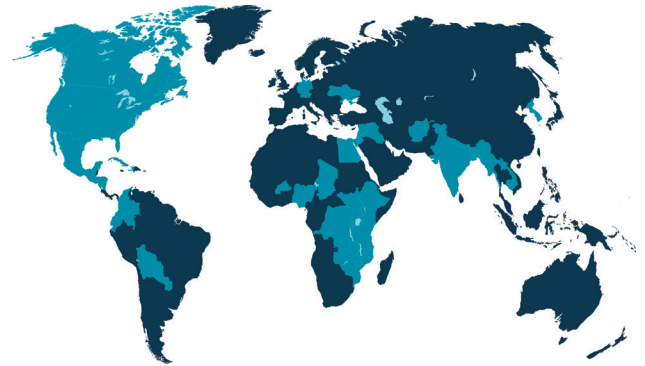
2023 report for Mosaic Mennonite Conference

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Father Olin Pierre Louis (left), a Haitian Roman Catholic priest and Andrew Bodden, program director for MCC East Coast at the Church of San Mateo de Cangrejos.

In Puerto Rico, MCC is partnering with Father Olin and his parish to provide canned meat and hygiene kits to Haitian asylum seekers arriving in Puerto Rico. In Florida and New York City, MCC provides immigration services to members of Anabaptist churches and beyond. MCC staff also provide education and resources for congregations interested in raising awareness about immigration related issues.

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MCC and Mosaic Mennonite Conference connections

- Individuals and groups from Mosaic congregations volunteer at the Material Resources Center of Harleysville (Souderton, PA).
- Conference members shop, donate and volunteer at Care and Share Thrift Shoppe, an MCC Thrift shop in Souderton, PA.
- MCC values Danilo Sanchez's service on the MCC East Coast board of directors.
- MCC young adult programs like Summer Service and the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) partner with Mosaic congregations, including Philadelphia Praise Center (Philadelphia, PA), Blooming Glen Mennonite Church (Blooming Glen, PA) and Plains Mennonite Church (Hatfield, PA).

In South Sudan, MCC supports a school kits distribution project through partner Loreto Schools Rumbek for vulnerable families in the Maker Kuei community and Diocese of Rumbek to improve school attendance and enrollment. The project also includes distribution of dignity and hygiene kits and infant care kits for young and expectant mothers. Supplies contained in the kits help families send their children to school, increase school attendance for girls and

improve the health of infants and young children. The dignity kits for women and girls in schools address the heightened need for hygiene protection from sickness and disease that is a common problem. The dignity kits offer more than the basic necessities.

Loreto Girls Secondary School students with their newly acquired MCC school kits and dignity kits. (Loreto Schools Rumbek photo/Herbert Orwa)



MCC's 2023 guiding Scripture

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...

Isaiah 55:1 (NIV)

Dear Friends:

This year's prayer focus is Isaiah 55:1-2 which is a reminder of God's bountiful invitation to "Come, all ... Come without" and there will be provision. Your generosity and support enable us to partner with uprooted and vulnerable people. For over a century, MCC has continued its commitment to expressing God's love and compassion in tangible ways. The generosity of supporters like you is a witness of God's bountiful blessings and sustains the work of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. We are building relationships and connecting with communities, whether in Puerto Rico or South Sudan, envisioning them in the right relationship with God, one another and creation. You are part of our community and story.

Thank you for the many ways you come alongside the global work of MCC.

With thanksgiving,

Hyacinth Stevens, MCC East Coast executive director
Danilo Sanchez, MCC East Coast board member