

2023 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 2023: Many willing volunteers came throughout the year, giving their time to help us work to support MCC. Donors contributed financial and material resources. We thank God for all the help and support from many churches, individuals, and businesses.

One hundred sixty-five volunteers contributed 25,087 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 2022 the following items were collected and sent to MCC for distribution to people in need around the world:

1,103 comforters and blankets	7,624 relief kits 880 school kits	4,800 hygiene kits 72 prisoner care kits
48 grocery bags	167 infant care kits	
\$20,000 for MyCoinsCount (from area churches and donors' matching gifts)		

The approximate value of items sent to MCC in 2022 is \$273,615; 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. Goals and projects for the next year include raising funds through the Annual Fried Oyster & Brisket Dinner (October 28, 2023), hosting Meat Canning (Mar. 25-27, 2024), recycling and ongoing collection of material resources for Mennonite Central Committee.

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After a 3-year pandemic break from meat canning, volunteers again gathered to can pork for MCC. MCC continues to distribute meat in areas of need around the world.

March 25-27 volunteers will again can meat at MRC.

