



Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

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announcements



MCC response to Haiti earthquake

The people of Haiti need our help. Families who have already suffered so much have been hit once again. On Saturday, August 14th, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the country, killing at least 1,300 people and injuring thousands more. Early reports show that many of those who survived lost their homes. Thousands are sleeping outside, with little food and no protection from the elements. Right now, our local partners are assessing the situation to provide aid where needed most.

With your help, we can reach the people most affected by this tragic event. Your gifts will help provide emergency support and supplies. You can donate online at mcc.org/haiti-earthquake, by phone at (888) 563-4676, or by mail at MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Quilter's Yard-age Sale to benefit MCC

Do you love to sew and quilt? Join MCC on September 17-18, 2021 for the Quilter's Yard-age Sale at the Material Resources Center (MRC) in Ephrata, Pa.! Support MCC with your purchases of donated sewing items, upcycled crafts, and handmade quilts and wall hangings.

The event will run from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Friday, September 17 and from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 18. Masks will be required indoors. Cash or checks will be accepted. The Ephrata MRC is located at 517 W. Trout Run Rd., Ephrata, Pa. For more information, call (717) 733-2847 or visit mcc.org/Ephrata-MRC.

URGENT NEED: Donate MCC school kits

It's 'back to school' season, and you can help MCC fill an urgent need for school kits! MCC school kits provide essential school supplies, like notebooks and pencils. These kits are often requested after disasters. They help bring normalcy to families who have been forced to leave their homes.

Will you and your family or church help MCC by donating school kit items? Packing kits is a great activity for families with children and church and school groups. Learn more and find kit drop-off locations at mcc.org/kits.

ACTION ALERT: Let's end the Korean War

July 27, 2021 marked the 68th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War armistice. The United States and North Korea have yet to sign a peace treaty to officially end the Korean War, and this is one of the root causes of tension and hostilities on the Korean Peninsula. This “forever war” keeps families separated, fuels arms races and risks military conflict. Ask your representative to co-sponsor H.R. 3446, the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act, which calls for serious, urgent diplomacy in pursuit of a binding peace agreement to formally end the Korean War. Visit mcc.org/washington to take action and contact your representative.

Community Development Workers needed - Seed Bolivia

Want to live out your faith through service, study and reflection in Bolivia? Seed participants will serve for two years through MCC Bolivia's partner organizations located in different regions of western Bolivia. Assignments focus on issues such as peacebuilding, food security and community development in rural and urban areas. At the same time, Seed includes a curriculum of study and reflection focused on the context and for the work assignments of participants. The Seed program has three general components: Reflection, Service and Peacebuilding.

To learn more and apply to the 2022-24 Seed Bolivia cohort, visit mcc.org/seed.

Relief, Development and Podcast

Did you know MCC produces a podcast? Every episode of *Relief, Development and Podcast* features a story from the field and a conversation with a special guest. We want to highlight the people and programs making an impact all around the world. Together we'll hear stories about relief, development and peace, and how your support for MCC helps to meet basic human needs and work for peace and justice. Visit mcc.org/relief-development-podcast to listen to episodes and read full transcripts.

Open Positions with MCC

[Staff Accountant](#) - Ephrata or Akron, Pa. (salaried): Could you be the one to use your accounting skills to support MCC's ministries!? This person is part of MCC's Financial Services and is responsible to the Controller. The primary responsibility of this full-time position is to handle accounting matters pertaining to MCC U.S. and the regions.

[Organizational Development & Racial Equity Director](#) - United States (salaried): The Organizational Development and Racial Equity Director will lead MCCs in the US in racial equity work through organizational development and change management, toward the goal to reflect the full participation of our diverse constituents in every aspect of our mission, programs, policies and practices. This is a deeply spiritual role recognizing that there

are forces that are not easy to see or confront. This role will inspire, mobilize and coordinate practical and professional equipping to remove barriers and move MCCs in the US forward to more fully reflect God's desire for God's people.

Canner Operator - Akron, Pa. (stipend): Each year since 1946, MCC has sent out a mobile meat canner, which MCC workers and volunteers use to preserve hundreds of thousands of cans of meat for communities in need across the globe. Canner operators travel with the meat canner to 34 different locations across the US and Canada, canning beef, turkey, chicken, and pork. Cannery operators are responsible for all aspects of the project including: operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, maintaining and communicating USDA regulations, and the maintenance of all machinery in the canning process. Lifelong relationships are forged, opening new doors for life after canning.

To learn more and to view more open positions, visit mcc.org/careers.

Ongoing Bulletin Announcements

Upcoming MCC Immigration Law Training

On September 13-17, 2021, join MCC and partners for a weeklong immigration law training course that will touch on all areas of immigration law and practice. The course focuses on topics most relevant to those serving and representing low-income immigrants. It will help provide the necessary training for individuals who wish to apply for accreditation from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Learn more and register at mcc.org/immigration-law-training or email immigration@mcc.org.

September volunteer groups needed at Ephrata MRC

Are you looking for a close-to-home, hands-on way to serve your global neighbors this fall? The MCC East Coast Material Resources Center (MRC) in Ephrata, Pa. is in need of volunteer groups in September 2021. Volunteers are essential to carrying out MCC's mission as they pack kits, fold comforters, recycle books and more. A variety of tasks are available to suit each volunteer's age, skill and ability.

Volunteer groups of 15 persons or more are invited to contact Marilyn Peters, MRC Volunteer Coordinator, at (717) 733-2847 or MarilynPeters@mcc.org. Weekday, evening and Saturday volunteer hours are available. The Ephrata MRC is located at 517 West Trout Run Road, Ephrata, PA 17522.

Provide Emergency Relief in DR Congo Through MCC

After the Mount Nyiragongo volcanic eruption in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) on May 22, hundreds of homes on the outskirts of Goma were destroyed by flowing lava. MCC and local partners are providing emergency assistance to affected families. Your donations and prayers will help bring critical support to these global

neighbors. You can donate online at mcc.org/volcano-relief, by phone at (888) 563-4676, or by mail at MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Resources for Church Leaders

Peace Sunday 2021 Resource - "Defending Hope"

Inspire your congregation to reflect upon the gospel of peace that Jesus reveals by marking Peace Sunday (September 21, 2021) with this special worship resource. This year's theme is "Defending Hope." It shows how living in the hope for peace is a faithful, courageous witness in a world full of violence and oppression. This free resource has everything you will need to teach, reflect and worship on Peace Sunday, such as sermon prompts and reflections, song selections and worship ideas, prayers and readings and a 7-day devotional guide.

MCC is excited to share these resources with you as you mark Peace Sunday with your congregation. Fill out the form at mcc.org/peace-sunday-2021 to get your copy.

MCC Peaceful Practices curriculum

Although Anabaptists are known for their peace theology, that peace witness can unravel in their own congregations. In recent years, polarizing political rhetoric and widening chasms between churchgoers' deeply held beliefs have divided churches and separated friends and families. To help people learn to work through divisive issues, MCC U.S. has produce a new adult Sunday school curriculum, ***Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict***. It offers biblical reflection and practical ideas for dialogue and transforming conflicts. It invites churchgoers to follow Jesus' call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other.