

Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

2015 MCC East Coast report to the Allegheny Mennonite Conference of Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, shares 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 envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation.

MCC relies on our partnership with Anabaptist churches in the U.S. and Canada and around the world. Much of MCC's work is made possible by your generosity. Thank you for your ongoing support!

MCC/Allegheny Mennonite Conference connections

- Throughout the year, Allegheny Mennonite Conference members contributed generously to the work of MCC, including through meat canning and MCC thrift shops, as well as the TriState and Pennsylvania relief sales. Many also volunteered at the Cumberland Valley Relief Center and the MCC East Coast Material Resources Center.
- In December 2014, Amela Puljek-Shank, MCC area director for Europe and the Middle East, visited Pittsburgh Mennonite Church and Scottdale Mennonite Church, where she shared about MCC's work with people who have been displaced by ongoing violence in the Middle East.
- MCC is grateful for the service of the Allegheny Mennonite Conference members who currently work throughout the organization.

This MCC-supported summer camp in Lebanon offers some normalcy for refugee children and helps young Syrians learn the English skills required for education in Lebanon.
(MCC Photo/Silas Crews)



MCC at work

- Through partners in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon, MCC is meeting needs arising from the war in Syria. The response includes food assistance, kits, clothing, blankets, heaters, peacebuilding and more.
- Improving access to education helps develop sustainable communities. In Philadelphia, MCC's Global Family education program is partnering with three faith-based organizations offering after-school and summer programming.
- Through an MCC-supported peace club project, student leaders in Nigeria are working to turn back the tide of violence in their communities. MCC partner Emergency Preparedness Response Teams is setting up more than 50 of these clubs in secondary schools, helping more than 2,000 students, their teachers and communities build a culture of peace.

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Grace and peace to you,

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