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## New Bulletin Announcements

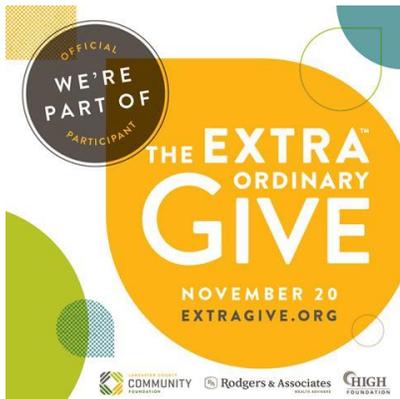


PA Relief Sale online quilt auction

The Pennsylvania Relief Sale online auction pre-bidding is now open! Once you get in your pre-bids, make sure you tune in THIS SATURDAY, October 24, at 10:00 a.m. as we "live auction" 100 beautiful, handcrafted quilts, during "100 Quilts for 100 Years: Honoring MCC's Centennial Anniversary: 1920-2020!"

The Quilt Auction is an all-virtual event this year that will broadcast live on Saturday and continue until all the quilts are sold. Early pre-bidding is strongly encouraged!

Learn more and register as a bidder [pareliefsale.org](http://pareliefsale.org).



## Give to MCC during Lancaster's Extraordinary Give!

Go the *extra* mile during Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)'s centennial year and give online through the Extraordinary Give on November 20th! The Lancaster County Community Foundation and their presenting sponsors, Rodgers & Associates and the High Foundation, are providing people like YOU with the opportunity to give to MCC and over 400 other non-profit organizations based in Lancaster County. (Don't worry! You can donate even if you don't live in Lancaster County.) Donations will be stretched by over half a million dollars in stretch pool and prizes. For 24 hours only on November 20th, you, as a supporter and friend of MCC, can visit MCC's Extra Give page at [extragive.org/organizations/mcc](https://extragive.org/organizations/mcc), make a donation (minimum \$10) and every dollar you donate will go towards sustaining and strengthening our ministries as we enter our next century of working for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ.

For more information about how you can support MCC through the Extraordinary Give on November 20th, contact MCC East Coast at [EastCoast@mcc.org](mailto:EastCoast@mcc.org).



## Online Concert: Celebrating 100 years of hope, community and healing with MCC

Join the Pennsylvania Relief Sale on Sunday, December 6 at 8:00 p.m. (EST) for an online concert to support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)'s work, featuring an opening performance by A Girl Named Tom followed by an hourlong concert from musical group The Steel Wheels. Songs and stories will highlight MCC's work around the world. Donations will be collected during this virtual event and will be donated directly to MCC. The program will include a silent auction and intermission with opportunities to join in financially supporting the programs and mission of MCC around the world.

For more information, visit [pareliefsale.org/events](https://pareliefsale.org/events).



### High school public policy essay and video contest

The annual MCC U.S. Washington Office essay and video contest highlights the perspectives of youth on significant public policy issues and promotes the involvement of young people in faithful witness to government authorities. The contest is open to Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and other Anabaptist youth of high school age and to all youth who attend Mennonite high schools within the U.S., including Puerto Rico. Grand prizes of \$150 each will be awarded to the top video and the top essay. Topics this year are gun violence, immigration and police reform and racial justice. Essay entries should be submitted to [EastCoast@mcc.org](mailto:EastCoast@mcc.org) and video entries should be uploaded to our website by 11:59 p.m. EST on February 26, 2021.

For contest guidelines and other details, visit [mcc.org/essay-contest](https://mcc.org/essay-contest) or contact [mccwash@mcc.org](mailto:mccwash@mcc.org).



### Give MCC kits this fall

When you purchase and donate basic hygiene items and school supplies to MCC, you are sending God's love to people affected by war and disasters. MCC and its partners are in need of relief kit, hygiene kit and school kit donations this fall. Will you help us?

For more information and a full list contents for each kit, visit [mcc.org/kits](https://mcc.org/kits).

Watch and share a video: ["The Journey of an MCC Kit"](#)

[Download and share](#) an activity page about relief kits.



## Open positions

**[Program Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator - Guatemala](#) (stipend):** The Program Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator will support MCC Guatemala and El Salvador (MCC G&ES) representatives in accompanying the various projects and partners of MCC G&ES through planning, monitoring, evaluation, training, and site visits, along with additional advocacy support as needed. The person who fills this position will also provide administrative support for the MCC office located in Guatemala City. The position relies heavily on organizational, computer and intercultural/interpersonal skills.

**[Canner Operator](#) (stipend):** 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](http://mcc.org/careers).

## Ongoing Bulletin Announcements



### Five ways to show compassion to asylum seekers

What causes people to leave homes, families and communities that are dear to them in order to seek refuge in the U.S.? And how should the U.S. respond?

Throughout 2020, the MCC U.S. Washington Office is going deeper into these issues, taking a look at the root causes of migration, immigration and asylum policy, and how each of us can be part of working toward safe homes for everyone, and safe refuge for those who need it. Visit [mcc.org/safe-refuge](http://mcc.org/safe-refuge) to learn five practical ways that churches and individuals can demonstrate compassion to asylum seekers.

**[Download and share](#)** the fall/winter edition of MCC's Washington Memo on U.S. asylum policy.



### Volunteers needed to check canned meat at the Ephrata MRC

The MCC East Coast Material Resources Center in Ephrata needs your help to check cans of meat! MCC needs to have approximately 10,000 cartons of meat checked and banded by January. There are 24 cans per carton. That means quality control for 240,000 cans of meat! ***These cartons are sitting in the warehouse waiting for this final part of the process before being ready for shipment to Ethiopia and Ukraine.*** Please consider coming with people in your “pandemic bubble” to work at this. We also have tables spaced so that 5 individuals can safely work simultaneously.

Daytime hours for this activity are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Evening hours can be arranged for Tuesdays or Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Strategies are in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. To sign up, please contact Marilyn Peters, Ephrata MRC Volunteer Coordinator, at [MarilynPeters@mcc.org](mailto:MarilynPeters@mcc.org) or (717) 733-2847.



### Seed program openings in Colombia and Guatemala/El Salvador

Did you know that MCC has a 2-year international service program for young Christian adults called Seed? The Seed program brings together a diverse cohort of young adults ages 20-30 from around the world to reflect, serve and work for peace.

The Seed program currently has openings in Colombia and Guatemala/El Salvador with a start date of February 2, 2021. For more information and to apply for this opportunity, visit [mcc.org/seed](http://mcc.org/seed).



### Share your story: Postcards to MCC

MCC is made up of thousands of people sharing their gifts in their home communities and around the world. And each MCC experience is unique, made up of small moments that tell a larger story. As MCC celebrates its centennial year, we want you to help piece together this story.

Upload a photo or video with a short 750-character description, or submit a text-only story. Then, browse through more stories from our MCC community! To get started, visit [mcc.org/centennial](https://mcc.org/centennial).

## Resources for Church Leaders



### Peace Sunday Packet 2020

Peace Sunday is an annual occasion to preach, teach, reflect upon and witness the gospel of peace as revealed in Jesus Christ. This year's Peace Sunday resource, "A Refugee People," centers on how the church can choose welcome in the face of global displacement.

This resource was created by MCC in Canada to encourage congregations across Canada to observe Peace Sunday on November 8, 2020. We hope congregations in the U.S. will also find this resource useful.

[Download and share](#) the 2020 Peace Sunday packet.



### Digital worship resources for churches

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, MCC continues to work for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. We thank you for your continued support as we respond creatively around the world.

As a way to thank you and your faith community, we've prepared pre-recorded digital worship resources in English and Spanish for you to share with your congregation or small group. At [mcc.org/digital-worship-resources](https://mcc.org/digital-worship-resources) you'll find pre-recorded sermons, greetings, children's stories, Sunday School presentations and other MCC resources for your faith community to enjoy and discuss as you gather in person or virtually in the coming months.



### MCC centennial worship resources

In 2020, MCC is celebrating 100 years of sharing God's love and compassion with people in the name of Christ. We invite you to use these worship resources as you reflect on God's work of reconciliation in your life, in the church and around the world. Whether your church is planning an MCC-based worship service, taking an offering for MCC or just looking for an MCC story to demonstrate reconciliation, you can get started here.

In this packet, you will find a litany of thanks, a historical reading, sermon ideas, stories from MCC's work, children's resources, prayers, videos, giving options and more. Please contact MCC East Coast at [EastCoast@mcc.org](mailto:EastCoast@mcc.org) for any additional resources, including guest speakers.

**[Download](#)** the worship resource packet and consider taking an special offering for MCC in our centennial year. ([En español](#))



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