



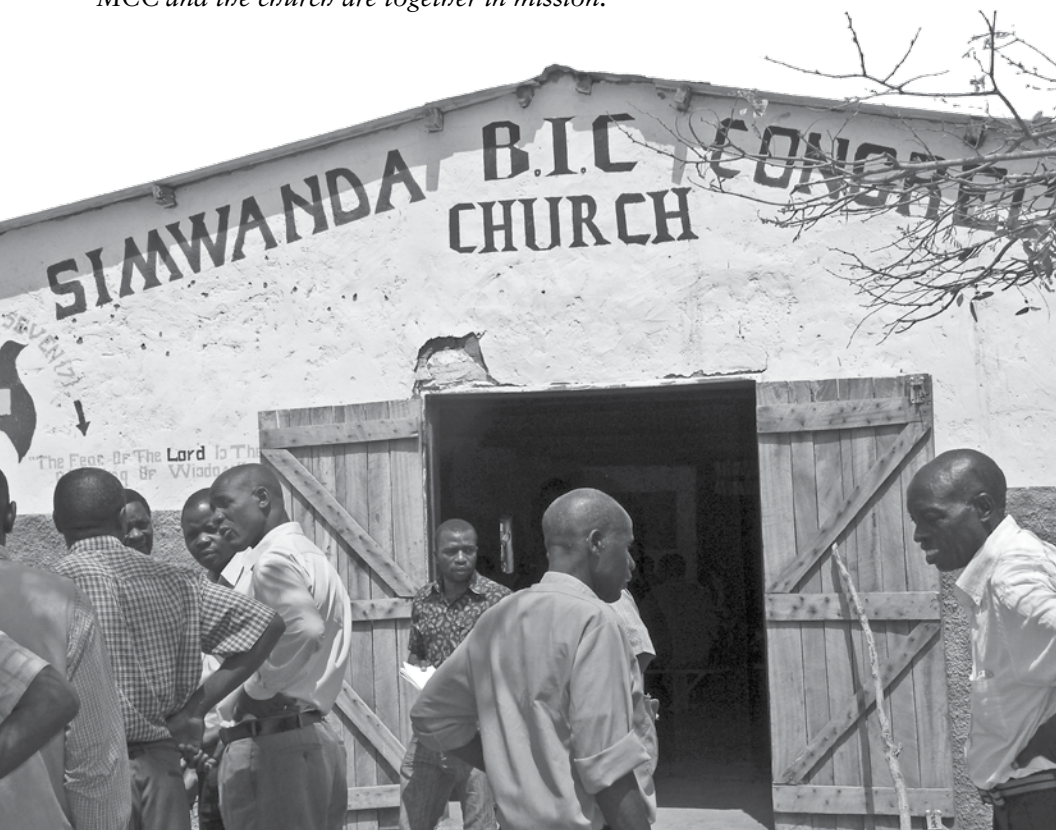
MCC and the church: Together in mission

Since it began nearly a century ago, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has been an integral mission partner with a wide variety of Anabaptist churches in Canada and the U.S.

Through MCC, those churches join with others around the globe to respond to disasters; work with local initiatives to provide food, work, health and education; and promote peace where conflict divides.

In its worldwide ministry, MCC serves in the name of Christ.

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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.

TOGETHER: ACCOMPANYING THE CHURCH

MCC accompanies Anabaptist churches in their missional outreach, at home and around the world.

- In Bolivia, MCC partners with the Durango Mennonite Colony to provide access to water for irrigation, and fosters their connections with neighboring Guarani communities also seeking to conserve scarce water resources.
- MCC accompanies Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren churches in Colombia as they promote nonviolent peace-building.
- Hospitals operated by Mennonite churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Congo) receive assistance through MCC's Menno-Santé program.
- Indonesian Mennonite churches, with MCC assistance, build interfaith bridges of friendship to help prevent violent conflict between Muslims and Christians.
- MCC works with Mennonite Church schools in Kenya to promote good health through solar disinfection of water.
- MCC joins the 20 congregations of Kingdom Builders Network of Anabaptist Churches of Greater Philadelphia, Pa., to provide home improvements, supplemental nutrition and spiritual guidance for people marginalized from society and living in poverty.



- In the Republic of Korea (South Korea), MCC worked with the Korean Anabaptist Center to establish the Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute, which trains peacebuilders from China, Japan and South Korea.
- In Vancouver, B.C., MCC partners with Killarney Park Mennonite Brethren Church to host recent immigrants and help them access social services.
- MCC provides teacher training and scholarships for low-income students to attend Brethren in Christ schools in Zambia and Zimbabwe.
- MCC supports joint projects of Mennonite church bodies. The Anabaptist Emergency Commission in Nicaragua responds to disasters as a consortium of Anabaptist churches, bolstered by MCC support.

TOGETHER: STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH

MCC helps strengthen churches' abilities to minister.

Celebrating that young people will determine the church's future, MCC provides learning and service opportunities that help develop their skills, build their faith and prepare them to lead.

- Anabaptist churches around the globe embrace MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP), in which young adults from Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Europe serve for a year in the U.S. or Canada. IVEP participants return home from their year of service on a path to assume pastoral and other church leadership positions.
- MCC and Mennonite World Conference together operate the Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network (YAMEN), which trains potential church leaders from countries beyond Canada and the U.S. and expands fellowship between Anabaptist churches.

- In the U.S., young people of color develop leadership skills through the **Summer Service** program, working in churches and community institutions.
- MCC's **Summerbridge** program in Canada offers leadership training opportunities to young people from diverse church constituencies.

MCC also helps build the administrative and program capacity of churches around the world.

- MCC supports training in peacebuilding for Anabaptist church leaders at institutions such as Canadian Mennonite University, Eastern Mennonite University and Fresno Pacific University.
- MCC sponsors workshops in administrative and financial skills development to strengthen church leaders as they carry out service programs.
- In Quebec, MCC Canada workers provided pastoral leadership in Mennonite Brethren congregations.
- In Florida, MCC and the Southeast Mennonite Conference of Mennonite Church USA sponsored church leadership training.
- MCC promotes inter-Mennonite connections through support of Mennonite World Conference (MWC) programs and by sponsoring and collaborating with inter-Anabaptist gatherings. MCC and MWC are working together to develop a global service network.
- For decades MCC has served as a channel for Anabaptist churches in the U.S. and Canada to address the needs of the world from their home communities. Thrift shops, relief sales, meat canning and collection of material resources such as kits and blankets connect churches to the global community.
- MCC helps church members bear witness to the Canadian and U.S. governments and at the United Nations on behalf of brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.



TOGETHER: GROWING THE CHURCH

MCC's ministry is not focused on planting new churches, but they have emerged from its presence and the desire of MCC workers to share through their lives the gospel of God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ.

- The **Bolivian** Mennonite Church traces its roots to MCC worker involvement in the late 1960s and early 1970s in Sunday schools and other spiritual ministries in the communities where they lived and worked. Later, MCC and other Mennonite mission agencies nurtured and encouraged the new church.
- When they arrived in **Burkina Faso** (then Upper Volta) in the early 1970s, MCC workers initiated relief and water projects and established contacts with Christian and Missionary Alliance congregations and missionaries. As a result, Mennonite missionaries were invited to plant churches in the southwest part of the country.

- Mennonite mission efforts in **Ethiopia**, which contributed to the emergence of the Meserete Kristos Church, the largest Mennonite denomination in the world, date back to the 1940s. MCC provided direction to a joint Mennonite effort to place relief workers in the country ahead of possible evangelistic work.
- MCC participated throughout the 1990s in a coalition of Mennonite mission agencies from Canada and the U.S. focused on planting churches in **Mexico**. These efforts bore fruit in the addition of three congregations to the Mennonite conference of Mexico City-Puebla.
- Mennonite churches in **Vietnam** arose when MCC invited mission agencies to send missionaries starting in 1957. The Vietnam Mennonite Mission received official government recognition in 1964.

More recently and moving forward, MCC helps the church grow through support of denominations' social service programs, freeing some of their time and resources for their own church-planting efforts.

- In the 1990s, alongside disaster relief responses, MCC and Congolese Mennonite churches, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and Mennonite Brethren Missions/Services International (now Mennonite Brethren Mission) supported Mennonite pastors from western **Congo** in their pastoral and church-planting efforts in South Kivu province.
- The joint food security and peacebuilding work of MCC and the social service agency of **Ethiopia's** Meserete Kristos Church enabled the church to focus on church planting, recently welcoming 10 new congregations in the Boricha area.
- In the late 1970s, MCC appointed a couple to serve under Gereja Kristen Muria Indonesia (GKMI), an **Indonesian** Mennonite church, to support GKMI's evangelistic outreach in West Kalimantan province.

TOGETHER: ACCOUNTABLE TO THE CHURCH

As an integral part of the church's mission, MCC is accountable to the church.

- Anabaptist churches in the U.S. and Canada guide MCC's work through representation on MCC's governing bodies. In addition, MCC leaders regularly consult with leaders of MCC's sponsoring denominations and conferences.
- In MCC programs beyond Canada and the U.S., Anabaptist and other churches send representatives to advisory committees to offer counsel and review to MCC program leaders.
- MCC leaders participate in the annual meetings of Anabaptist churches on invitation.
- MCC workers worship at Anabaptist and other churches in their local contexts.

Through both organizational structure and the lives and service of MCC workers, MCC seeks to be accountable to the church.

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