



Mennonite Central Committee

Operating Principles | Simple English

1

Serve in the Name of Christ

MCC responds to human needs as part of its witness to God's love and its commitment to follow Jesus.

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Work with Churches and Organizations

MCC wants relationships with partners to be real and honest. We want to be responsible to each other and we want to learn from each other.

3

Be Sustainable

MCC believe we should live simply and take care of God's creation. We want our activities to have long-term results that are good for the environment, good for society and good for the economy.

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Make Society More Fair Economically

MCC knows that God's ways can be the opposite of human ways. God has a special care for the poor. We will always work with poor and less-valued communities to support human rights and reduce poverty.

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Bring People Together

The Bible tells us to love God, our neighbors, and our enemies. MCC uses community to bring people together from different cultures, politics, religions, and economic classes.

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End Discrimination

We believe in making God's ways real on earth. MCC wants to end discrimination based on race, gender or economic status. We want all kinds of people to help plan programs and make decisions.

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Be Nonviolent

The Bible tells us to be peacemakers. MCC wants to find non-violent solutions to conflict and oppression.

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Find Justice-Based Peace

All people are created in God's image and have dignity. MCC makes long-term partnerships that try to build peace. This peace allows all people to have justice. This peace does not accept violence even when others say violence is okay.