



Welcome to

Celebration 2020: MCC at 100

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020

Livestream available at mcc.org/celebration-2020

Gathering begins at 6:50 p.m. EDT USA; service begins at 7 p.m.

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.

Hosts

J Ron Byler, outgoing executive director, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S.

Ann Graber Hershberger, incoming executive director, MCC U.S.

Gwen White, chair, MCC U.S. Board of Directors

Music director

Marcella Hostetler

- **Gathering: History timeline**

Instrumentalists: Dean Clemmer, Nathanael Jones, Julian Harnish, Daryl Snider

- ***O healing river***

(Please see lyrics below.)

Vocalist: Javon Thomas

Instrumentalists: Dean Clemmer, Julian Harnish, Frances Crowhill Miller, Daryl Snider, Jackson Trout

- **Welcome**

- **“Sharing God’s love and compassion”**

Storytelling by Kenneth Sensenig, assistant executive director, MCC East Coast

- ***There is a balm in Gilead***

(Please see lyrics below.)

Vocalist: Ruth Naomi Floyd

- **“Can these bones live?”**

Keynote address by Leonard Dow, former longtime MCC leader; stewardship and development specialist, Everence Financial

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-3

- **Greetings from the MCC family**

Program partners

Friends and alumni

The church



- **Dedication of centennial gifts**

Jim Harder and Karen Klassen Harder, New Hope in the Name of Christ campaign chairs

- **Honoring past MCC leaders**

- **Tribute to Ron Byler; blessing of Ann Graber Hershberger**

- **Sending**

- ***Momento Nuevo (New Moment)***

Featured vocalists: Gabby Müller, Maia Garber, Daryl Snider

Ensemble: Marisol Arriaga Aranda, Maia Garber, Nohemy Ruth Garcia, Emily Grimes, Julian Harnish, Marcella Hostetler, Christy Heatwole Kauffman, Frances Crowhill Miller, Gabby Müller, Daryl Snider, Javon Thomas

Instrumentalists: Dean Clemmer, Julian Harnish, Christy Heatwole Kauffman, Frances Crowhill Miller, Daryl Snider, Jackson Trout

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Song lyrics

O healing river

Text: anonymous; music: traditional hymn melody

O healing river, send down your waters, send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand.

This land is parching, this land is burning, no seed is growing in the barren ground.
O healing river, send down your waters, O healing river, send your waters down.

Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish, let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise. O healing river, send down your waters, O healing river, from out of the skies.

There is a balm in Gilead

Text and music: African American spiritual

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
who, if you ask for knowledge, will never fail to lend.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Momento Nuevo (New Moment)

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(First verse sung in Portuguese)

Deus chama a gente pra'um momento novo de caminhar
junto com seu povo.

É hora de transformar o que não dá mais; sozinho, isolado,
ninguém é capaz!

(First refrain sung in Spanish)

Por eso, ¡ven! Entra a la rueda con todos! También tu eres muy
importante. (2x)

Ven!

Today God calls us to a new moment,
to walk with all people here together.

This is the time to transform what no longer works,
and no one can do it alone!

So come along! Enter the circle
with everyone else.

You are so very important. (2x)
Come!

The power that makes life spring forth today is living right
here within this body, Inviting all of us now to share in this
work Of loving and joyous new song!

So come along! Enter the circle
with everyone else.

You are so very important. (4x)
Come!

