



Mennonite Central Committee

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### **IDENTITY**

Mennonite Central Committee is a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches.

### **PURPOSE**

MCC endeavors to share God's love and compassion for all "In the Name of Christ" by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.

### **VISION**

MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation.

### **PRIORITIES**

MCC's priorities in carrying out its purpose and vision include each of the following:

- Justice and Peacebuilding
- Disaster Relief
- Sustainable Community Development.

### **APPROACHES**

MCC's approaches to our priorities include:

- Care for creation
- Address poverty, oppression and injustice, including their systemic causes
- Accompany the church and our partners in a process of mutual transformation, accountability and capacity building
- Build bridges to connect people and ideas across cultural, political, and economic divides.

### **VALUES**

- MCC values justice and peace. MCC seeks to live and serve nonviolently in response to the biblical call to justice and peace.
- MCC values just relationships. MCC seeks to serve justly and peacefully in each relationship and partnership, incorporating listening and learning, accountability and mutuality, transparency and integrity.

## CONVICTIONS

MCC functions within the larger mission of the church. As such, MCC embraces the statement of “Shared Convictions” of global Anabaptists, as adopted by Mennonite World Conference General Council, March 2006.

### **Shared Convictions, Mennonite World Conference:**

By the grace of God, we seek to live and proclaim the good news of reconciliation in Jesus Christ. As part of the one body of Christ at all times and places, we hold the following to be central to our belief and practice:

1. God is known to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Creator who seeks to restore fallen humanity by calling a people to be faithful in fellowship, worship, service and witness.
2. Jesus is the Son of God. Through his life and teachings, his cross and resurrection, he showed us how to be faithful disciples, redeemed the world, and offers eternal life.
3. As a church, we are a community of those whom God’s Spirit calls to turn from sin, acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, receive baptism upon confession of faith, and follow Christ in life.
4. As a faith community, we accept the Bible as our authority for faith and life, interpreting it together under Holy Spirit guidance, in the light of Jesus Christ to discern God’s will for our obedience.
5. The Spirit of Jesus empowers us to trust God in all areas of life so we become peacemakers who renounce violence, love our enemies, seek justice, and share our possessions with those in need.
6. We gather regularly to worship, to celebrate the Lord’s Supper, and to hear the Word of God in a spirit of mutual accountability.
7. As a world-wide community of faith and life we transcend boundaries of nationality, race, class, gender and language. We seek to live in the world without conforming to the powers of evil, witnessing to God’s grace by serving others, caring for creation, and inviting all people to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

In these convictions we draw inspiration from Anabaptist forebears of the 16th century, who modeled radical discipleship to Jesus Christ. We seek to walk in his name by the power of the Holy Spirit, as we confidently await Christ’s return and the final fulfillment of God’s kingdom.