

*Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ*

## 2016 MCC East Coast report to the Eastern District and Franconia Conferences of Mennonite Church USA

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.

MCC relies on our partnership with Anabaptist churches in the U.S. and Canada and around the world. Much of MCC's work is made possible by your generosity. Thank you for your ongoing support!

### MCC/Eastern District and Franconia Mennonite Conferences connections

- Throughout the year, members of the Eastern District and Franconia Mennonite conferences generously supported MCC through two local thrift shops, the Care & Share Thrift Shoppes in Souderton, PA, and Crossroads Gift & Thrift in Norristown, PA, as well as through the Pennsylvania Relief Sale. Congregations' My Coins Count collections also generated support for MCC.
- Members of your conferences support MCC's young adult programs, including the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) and the Summer Service program, which provides opportunities for young adults of color to build leadership skills through serving in their home communities.
- Many members from Eastern District and Franconia Mennonite conference congregations donated material resources to MCC and volunteered their time at the MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville in Souderton, Pennsylvania. Others helped can meat to contribute to MCC's relief efforts.
- We are grateful for the service of the Eastern District and Franconia Mennonite conference members who serve with MCC, both in the U.S. and internationally, and for the many ways that members of conference congregations support MCC's work in the name of Christ.

### MCC at work

- MCC continues to help meet the basic human needs of people in **Nepal** whose lives were impacted by the 2015 earthquakes. Together with our partners, we are working to ensure people have access to food, water and shelter, as well as the tools they need to rebuild their lives.
- In **Juba, South Sudan**, MCC supports a tailoring program that offers war-affected women a chance to learn a trade that can propel them and their families out of poverty.
- In **South Florida** and **New York City**, MCC East Coast provides immigration services to members of Anabaptist churches at minimal fees. Throughout the region, staff also provide education and resources for congregations interested in raising awareness about immigration-related issues.



Since graduating from an MCC-supported tailoring program in Juba, South Sudan, Anet Konga, right, has established herself as a well-known tailor in her community.  
(MCC Photo/ Lindsay Linegar)

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Grace and peace to you,

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