



Peacemakers in your School

The Meeting House partners with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to walk with people who have been impacted by violence around the world and here in Ontario. Each year we collect funds and items in order to put together Relief Kits and Peace Cards. Relief Kits are a collection of essential items that MCC distributes to compliment their relief services to people affected by crisis in order to meet their basic needs. This year the kits are going to persons affected by the violence in Syria. The funds raised through Peace Cards support MCC's peacebuilding work across sub-Saharan Africa as well as their reconciliation efforts with our Indigenous neighbours and Restorative Justice work in Ontario.

1. Prepare

- Determine your strategy to get your school involved. Will you ask your class or your entire school? What will you be collecting (kits, cards, soap)? What are your collection goals?
- Talk with a teacher/administrator to obtain permission to promote Peacemakers.
- Ask to create a display table with a poster, map and examples of what you're asking for.

2. Invite

- Communicate your goals at an assembly, during announcements, on social media, or in class.
- Share why you are collecting Relief Kits/Peace Cards/Soap. i.e. *"Every year our church supports an organization called Mennonite Central Committee who partners with organizations globally and in Ontario to help provide practical support to people affected by violence."*
- Communicate that for financial donations, people can give at themeetinghouse.com/giving or by texting "TMH" to 77977 and selecting 'Peacemakers' from the dropdown menu.
- State the time and location students and teachers can deliver the cards/kits/soap.

3. Collect

- (Optional) Host an assembly or meeting for your school and celebrate the amount of Peace Cards /Relief Kits/Soap you collected!
- Inform your Compassion/Kidmax/Youth Coordinator and Lead Pastor of the total number of Relief Kits/Peace Cards/Bars of soap you collected.

4. Follow Up

- Take a photo and either email or text it to your school friends to say thank you!
 - Send this photo to your site's Lead Pastor and Compassion/Kidmax/Youth Coordinator.
 - Report the total number of Relief Kits/Peace Cards/bars of soap that The Meeting House collected.
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Ideas to make it meaningful and fun

- Make and display a 'Relief Kit-o-Meter' or Soap-o-meter chart to communicate your progress.
- Start a competition between different classrooms to see who can collect the most Relief Kits/Peace Cards/Soap. Alternatively, challenge each class to bring a different item from the list of relief kit contents.
- Host an information session for different classes on the issues that our campaign is supporting. For resources ask your Compassion Coordinator or Lead Pastor.
- Watch an educational film together. Borrow a film from your school's library or watch the documentary *Secret Path* on Youtube.
- Take a photo once a week as your collection of items grows and share it by email or text.

Collection Date: Sunday, March 08, 2020 at all Meeting House locations

For a list of items in the Relief Kit and more information about Peacemakers please visit:

themeetinghouse.com/peacemakers