

Peacemakers in your Workplace

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 workplace involved. Who will you ask to give? What will you be collecting (kits, cards, or both)? What are your collection goals?
- If you are collecting Relief Kits, prepare one ahead of time to show as an example.
- Confirm with your employer that you would be able to promote the campaign at work.

2. Invite

- Communicate the campaign and your goals at a staff meeting, on a poster, or via email.
- Share why you are collecting Relief Kits & Peace Cards. 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.
- Share the time and location your colleagues can deliver the cards and kits to your work.

3. Collect

- (Optional) If you are collecting Relief Kits, display collected bags as they are dropped off in a central location in your workplace.
- Take a photo and send it to your colleagues to say thank you.

4. Follow Up

- Report the total number of Relief Kits and Peace Cards that The Meeting House collected.
 - Share the Peacemakers wrap up video with your colleagues which The Meeting House will share on social media a couple weeks after the campaign collection day.
 - Invite your colleagues to provide feedback for your fundraiser for next year's campaign.
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Ideas to Engage your Workplace

- Host an information session during lunch to share more about the campaign. A link to videos about Peacemakers will be available at the website listed below.
- Create labeled tags for each item that is needed to go inside each kit. Have your colleagues pick out as many tags as they want to be responsible for contributing.
- Purchase reusable grocery bags to represent the number of kits that you want to complete as a team and invite colleagues to take a bag.
- Take turns as a group walking through the Global Rich List website and reflect on your own experience of wealth and poverty (<http://www.globalrichlist.com/>).

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