



## Peacemakers in your Neighbourhood

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.

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### 1. Prepare

- Determine your strategy to get your neighbourhood involved. Who will you ask? 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.

### 2. Invite

- Communicate the campaign and your goals to your neighbours in person, online, or by phone.
- 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](http://themeetinghouse.com/giving) or by texting "TMH" to 77977 and selecting 'Peacemakers' from the dropdown menu.
- Share the date and location your neighbours can deliver the cards and kits.
- Give your neighbours your contact information in case they have questions.

### 3. Collect

- (Optional) Host a gathering for your neighbours to celebrate the amount of Peace Cards and/or Relief Kits you collected.
- Take a photo and send it to your neighbours to say thank you.
- Send this photo to your site's Lead Pastor and Compassion Coordinator.

### 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 neighbours which The Meeting House will share on social media a couple weeks after the campaign collection day.
  - Invite your neighbours to provide feedback for your fundraiser for next year's campaign.
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### Ideas to Engage your Neighbours

- Invite your neighbours to attend an information session at your house to learn more about the campaign. A link to videos about Peacemakers will be available at the website listed below.
- Facilitate an educational experience on one of the areas we support in the campaign. If you are stumped on where to start, review this document ([here](#)) for resources on Indigenous and non-Indigenous reconciliation.
- 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/>).
- Take a photo once a week as your collection of items grows and share it by email/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](http://themeetinghouse.com/peacemakers)**