



Organizing A Virtual Fundraiser for Peacemakers

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. Over the past four years we have raised over \$1.2 million in support of peacebuilding and relief programs. This year the funds that we raise will be supporting MCC's peacebuilding efforts across sub-Saharan Africa, reconciliation efforts between Indigenous & settler communities, and Restorative Justice initiatives.

Steps for fundraising

- **Plan out your idea** (refer to the ideas below to get you started). Make sure to plan when you will run the fundraiser. Keep in mind the last day to give is February 27, 2021.
- **Inform your Lead Pastor** and/or Compassion Coordinator about your fundraiser.
- **Run your fundraiser.** Make sure to share a little information about the campaign and why you are choosing to raise funds for Peacemakers. Consider sharing our overall goal of \$200,000 and how much we have raised so far (visit the website below).
- **Invite people to give to The Meeting House directly.** They can do this on our website at www.themeetinghouse.com/peacemakers-give. Make sure not to collect funds yourself through e-transfers or other forms of payment. The Meeting House cannot give tax receipts to individuals through this way. Unfortunately, you will not be able to know the total amount your fundraiser collected but it will be represented in our overall goal!
- **Follow up with those who gave.** On March 7th, 2021 we will be announcing the total amount we raised and are giving to peacebuilding programs.

Ideas

- **Organize a learning experience.** Invite a guest speaker; host a panel discussion; host a book study; watch a documentary; (see some resources on the website below)
- **Organize a fun event.** Host an online: talent show; a comedy night; a poker night; mystery person dinner night; trivia night
- **Teach a Skill.** Host an online class in: sewing, programming, a new language, baking a pie, doing make-up, a new work-out routine, how to dance.

Campaign End: Sunday, February 28, 2021. For more information about our partnership with Mennonite Central Committee and other campaign resources please visit: themeetinghouse.com/peacemakers