

# 2024 report for Western District Conference

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In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, through MCC-supported Women Situation Room groups, people like Melanie Mafinga are trained to resolve conflicts, mediate and prevent violence. (MCC/Fairpicture photo/Justin Makangara)

## MCC and Western District Conference connections

- WDC congregations play important roles in MCC relief sales, Thrift shops, and My Coins Count fundraisers.
- Volunteers who give time at home and at the MCC material resources center in North Newton making kits, sorting, sewing and tying comforters, as well as the many volunteers who come together to can meat each fall/winter make an enormous impact for MCC!
- Thank you to staff, board members, volunteers & donors at the MCC Thrift shops in Newton, and Hillsboro, KS.
- Sign up to receive our monthly digital newsletter called In Touch, find out how to make kits, Sunday School curriculum at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org)!

### MCC's 2024 guiding scripture

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

MCC Works in 45 countries thanks to strong partnerships, not only with organizations on the ground but also with supporters like you.

You're helping to provide food, bedding and hygiene items to families in Gaza. In Bolivia, your support helps farmers learn new agricultural techniques so they can stay on their land. And in South Texas, you are helping to provide basic school & hygiene supplies to newly arrived people.

We are grateful for each of you and the role that you play. Whether you donate financially, pray for MCC, volunteer at an MCC thrift shop, pack kits, knit comforters, can meat or bid on items at a relief sale, we appreciate you. You are sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ.

With thanksgiving,

Michelle Armster, MCC Central States executive director

Rosie Epp, MCC Central States Board representative for Western District Conference

“ In MCC, building relationships is at the core of how we make peace. Tying knots on a comforter is a great place to start! ”

-Michelle Armster

Tying comforters for MCC is an activity that draws in people of all ages, whether at a comforter blitz, the MCC booth at the Mennonite Church USA gathering (pictured at right), your local church or just in your home with friends and family. Participants work together to combine handmade com-

forter tops, warm batting and backing fabric into warm and beautiful comforters. The hands-on project is one way that MCC supporters are putting their faith into action. Each handmade comforter is unique and provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

