

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is a global, non-profit organization that strives to share God's love and compassion for all through relief, development and peacebuilding. MCC has partnered with local churches and organizations in 54 countries around the world for almost 100 years, working to empower people with the tools they need to thrive.

This tree is representative of the holistic nature of our work. The tree itself has been procured from MCC Centre Thrift, whose revenue supports the work of MCC, and which keeps tons of waste out of the landfill each year. The photo ornaments showcase just a few of the people MCC has the privilege of working alongside in some 761 active projects. The remaining Fair Trade, handcrafted ornaments are sourced from Ten Thousand Villages, a subsidiary of MCC which buys its products from more than 100 artisan groups, providing work for more than 60,000 under- or unemployed people in 29 developing countries. Notice the prominence of the dove, the symbol for peace, which is at the core of MCC's work.

The tree is skirted with a handmade comforter, sewn by volunteers at our MCC Material Resources Warehouse in Abbotsford, and sent to people in need following a disaster. The "gifts" are MCC's humanitarian aid, in the form of relief kits, school kits, hygiene kits, infant care kits and sewing kits, all of which are assembled by volunteers at the warehouse.

Be sure to check out the Ten Thousand Villages booth to purchase the ornaments seen on the tree, and visit www.mccbc.ca for more information.