

## Who we are

As an agency of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in Canada, MCC Canada is rooted in Anabaptist-Mennonite faith commitments. Our advocacy work arises from the understanding that, as followers of Jesus, we are called to love our neighbours, practice justice, pursue peace, and witness to God's reign on earth.

We engage in advocacy because it can address the root causes of injustice and prevent future suffering and marginalization. We do it because the people and partners we work with around the world ask us to address the policies that cause them harm.

For us, advocacy is a way of influencing people, structures and systems to create change—change that will benefit those living with poverty, violence, injustice and oppression. Through advocacy, we seek to amplify the voices of the poor, oppressed and marginalized and to build a more just and peaceful world.

*“We are not ‘a voice for the voiceless’— we lend our privilege as a megaphone.”*

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# ADVOCACY for **JUSTICE,** **PEACE** and **HUMAN DIGNITY**



**The Ottawa Office**  
of Mennonite Central Committee Canada

## What we do

Our work involves addressing harmful government policies and practices that exacerbate injustice, while also offering proposals and affirming policies that can lessen suffering and promote justice, peace and human dignity.

We work directly with parliamentarians and civil servants to offer the perspectives of our partners on specific policies. Together with our colleagues in MCC's provincial offices, we also engage constituents and supporters across Canada to build awareness, foster dialogue and invite people to take action.

Our areas of focus include:

- nonviolent peacebuilding;
- immigration and resettlement;
- restorative justice approaches to crime;
- reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people;
- food security and sustainable development.

Our activities include:

- carrying out research and policy analysis;
- participating in meetings with elected officials and civil servants;
- preparing written or oral submissions to parliamentary committees;
- writing letters to policymakers;
- hosting an annual seminar for university students;
- creating special resources for constituents and supporters;
- coordinating grassroots education and advocacy campaigns;
- collaborating with like-minded coalitions and organizations.



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- ▶ **MCC** also has advocacy offices in Washington, D.C. and at the United Nations in New York.