

Thank you to everyone who made the 59th annual Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale a success! It was a beautiful day with many people coming to the Fairgrounds to give generously to support the efforts of MCC. I **especially want to thank the many volunteers** who make this event happen. For the volunteers, it can be stressful, but please know that your work makes a difference in many lives around the world. We are all working together to raise money for MCC in the name of Christ. Through this weekend's event, we have raised money to reach those Jesus calls us to serve. It would be nice to achieve the \$500,000 mark this year. If you would still like to donate, you can send a check, payable to VA Mennonite Relief Sale, to 601 Parkwood Dr Harrisonburg VA 22802 or donate at [vareliefsale.com/donate](http://vareliefsale.com/donate). Most things that happen at the Relief Sale started when someone took the initiative to say, "I would like to do\_\_\_\_." If you are feeling led, please consider organizing something for the relief sale next year. Mark your calendars. The Walking Roots Band will have a benefit Christmas concert to raise money for MCC on Friday Dec 12, 6:30 at Park View Mennonite Church.

<u>PRELIMINARY totals</u>	2025	2024	2023	2022
Day after Total Income	432,044	439,427	389,474	324,000
Year End Total Income	??????	490,360	435,520	430,311
Auction	129,660	122,196	131,882	136,643
My Coins Count	30,036	26,115	25,087	23,254
SOS Giving (including hymn sing)	~75,000	107,000	34,365	33,000
Friday Night Supper	16,725	11,933	16,764	12,388
Saturday Breakfast	23,789	22,269	20,584	15,287

### **Auction Highlights**

The auction had a total of 272 items (up from 265 last year) in the live auction. There were 22 items that sold for \$1000 or more and we had 5 items that sold for \$2000 or more. We once again had online and app bidding available with 32 items being won online. The top selling items were

- \$2200- Feed Sack Crib Quilt or Wall Hanging (item 2787)
- \$2100- Set of Two Handmade Copper Tavern's Lantern (item 2864)
- \$2000- Postage Stamp Quilt (item 2504)
- \$2000- Orchestral Model Acoustic Guitar (item 2871)
- \$2000- Hand Quilted Off-White Quilt (item 2789)

This year had the most silent auction items in recent years with 226, raising a record \$11,540. Top silent auction items

- \$450 Crocheted Nativity Set
- \$395 Sunflower Crocheted Afghan

Overall, it was a beautiful day with lots of people attending. I love seeing everyone working together, enjoying each other's company and generously donating.