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Minnesota Council of Churches:

**1,000,000**

Minnesotans of faith  
standing together to  
strengthen our community.

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## Standing Together

The Minnesota Council of Churches represents more than 1 million people of faith like you who come together to build the common good. Rooted in the belief that we are all interconnected, we also reach out to members of other faiths in friendship and solidarity.

Our method is simple. It starts with a greeting, a cup of coffee, a shared meal. This year we even played a lively game of cricket. Through our programs, people of different faiths come together to listen to each other's stories and build relationships based on mutual trust and respect.

These hours spent together bear fruit in the form of action — action to change our world for the better. Not only is building relationships at the core of our mission, but it is also extremely powerful.



A game of cricket brings together Muslim and Christian participants in Taking Heart.

Nowhere was the power of relationships more evident than at the Minnesotans Standing Together event in September. Alarmed by the growing suspicion and fear directed toward Muslims in our community, we put out the call for solidarity.

The result? In less than a month, more than 50 faith organizations pledged their support and organized their constituents. Hundreds of Minnesotans of all religions came together to call for mutual respect.

The time we invest in getting to know each other breaks down fear, ends isolation, and builds understanding as the foundation for a civil society. Together we create the social capital necessary to strengthen our community.



Julie, a Muslim living in Blaine said this of Minnesotans Standing Together: *"It means the world to me that others took time out of their day...to pull this (interfaith prayer service) together."*



## Moving Forward

When her family experienced a housing crisis, our Refugee Services programs were there for them. Mariam recently began giving back to the community as one of our volunteers, teaching renters' education classes for new refugees.

This year, in addition to families such as Mariam's, we began to welcome a new refugee population: "free cases" in which the families have no established contacts in Minnesota and arrive with little more than the clothes on their backs.

Realizing these families have a greater need for services, we called on Minnesota faith communities, who responded in record numbers. Refugee families benefited from the help of volunteers, while faith communities found the experience

Sharmake was once a refugee, fleeing violence in his native land. Today he's a student pursuing his dream of a medical career. As a member of MCC's Refugee Speakers Bureau, Sharmake tells his story as a way of giving back to the community that welcomed him. In 2010 he addressed a Minnesota Department of Health forum on providing services to refugees.



rewarding and energizing. One volunteer shared, "This experience affected our lives and spiritual journeys... How we view the world changed."

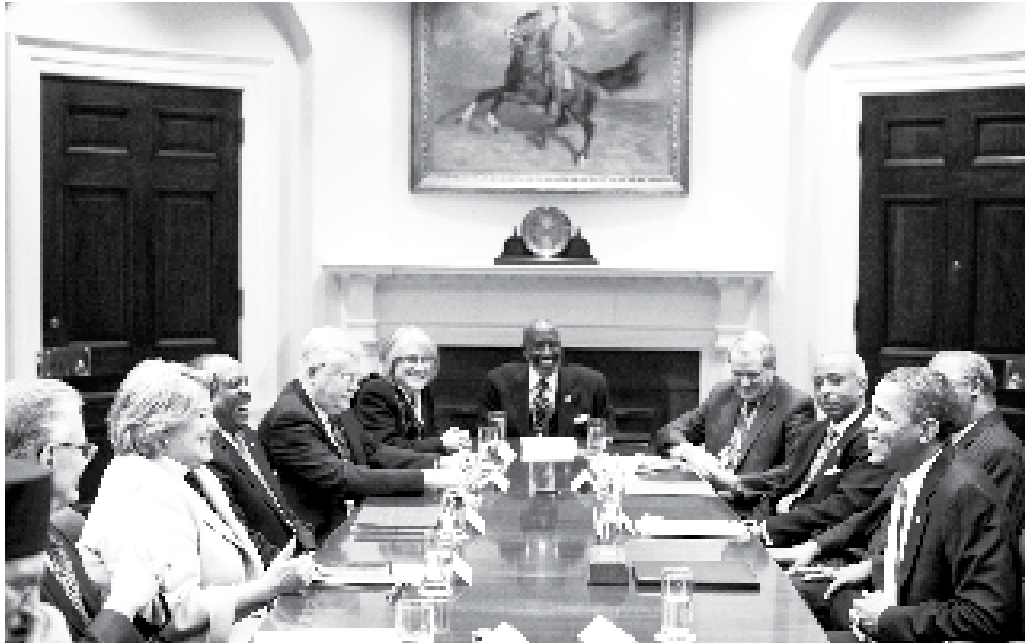
Our Refugee Services have also built innovative partnerships with other service agencies to meet the unique needs of refugee families. For example, our Refugee Supportive Housing Network partnered with local counties to house homeless refugee families. This program is now a national model.

In simple acts of hospitality, strangers became neighbors. Refugees became citizens, eager to give back. Citizens worked together to move our community forward. It all starts with relationships.



## Leading the Way

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Reverend Peg Chamberlin shares a light moment with President Obama and national religious leaders at the White House.

Building relationships to create a unified public voice strengthens our message. In our bolder moments, we like to call it the Minnesota Model—a unique way for faith communities to engage the public sector.

This year, we took the Minnesota Model on the road—all the way to the White House.

Our Executive Director, Reverend Peg Chamberlin, also serves as president of the National Council of Churches. This year, for the first time in a decade, the organization was invited to meet with a sitting U.S. president. Our board and staff were instrumental in making this meeting happen.

Together with denominational leaders representing more than 45 million Americans, Reverend Chamberlin met with President Barack Obama. Their lively discussion focused on the ways religious organizations and government can work together to safeguard the most vulnerable in our society.

This meeting is only one example of our organization leading the way on both a local and national stage. Here at home, we co-sponsored the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's annual Day on the Hill, together with our Catholic, Jewish, and Muslim partners. Another program of JRLC, The Interfaith Child Advocacy Network (iCAN), is a passionate, faith-based voice for children experiencing poverty and violence.

The Minnesota Model of finding common ground for the common good shows how people of all faiths can work together to make our world a more just and peaceful place.

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## Financials

In 2010 diverse income sources and an entrepreneurial management team led MCC in new directions to fulfill our mission. Thanks to these new partnerships, along with a solid core of support and the integrity of the Council's infrastructure, MCC ended 2010 in the black.

### 2010 OPERATIONAL INCOME & EXPENSES

#### INCOME

MCC Member Contributions	\$242,654
Government-based Contracts	1,360,552
Grants	75,000
Donations	108,028
Rent	822,924
JRLC	267,018
Other Income*	273,825
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,150,001</b>

#### EXPENSES

Ecumenical Leadership	162,413
Church Center	707,952
Programs	1,608,779
JRLC	285,829
Fundraising	62,414
Administration	298,288
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,125,675</b>
<b>Net Income/Expenses</b>	<b>24,326</b>

### 2010 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$454,675
Accounts Receivable	256,971
Prepaid Expenses	32,988
Property & Equipment	615,568
Restricted Cash	101,239
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,461,441</b>

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Line of Credit	2,000
Accounts Payable	153,309
Accrued Expenses	35,155
Prepaid Rent	6,209
Deferred Revenue	97,579
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>294,252</b>

#### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	1,065,950
Temporarily Restricted	101,239
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>1,167,189</b>

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets 1,461,441**

\* Fee for Service, Net Restricted Funds and Other Income



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