



KMRS

**Kansas Mennonite
Relief Sale**
*A benefit for
Mennonite Central Committee*

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Sale Dates: April 12 – 13, 2024

Sowing Seeds of Hope, Seeds of Love

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Dear Friends,

It is the end of February and the 2024 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is about 7 weeks away. That is a while for some, but not very much time for others such as those who are in the midst of making craft items, working on vehicles to sell, getting items and ingredients for baked goods together, lining up volunteers...and so forth.

Every KMRS is a unique entity. The 2024 sale will be different from those in the recent past in a few ways. One is we will have Cherry Moos available at the Feeding the Multitude in Cottonwood Court. Another is an increase in the number of places you can use your credit card to buy MCC Bucks to use at the booths that don't take credit cards. This year is special for a one-year booth that will be selling slightly used Christmas Decorations. There will be other things different as well.

One of the more noticeable things that will be going on during the week of the sale...April 8-15...is the construction of a new building on the State Fairgrounds. This construction is taking place in the area that formerly held an old building used in the past as an art display building and has been recently used as a storage building. The old building has been torn down and since last fall a new building has been in a state of construction. They will not be done by April 12 and 13 and as I alluded to there will be work going on as we set up, as we open the sale on Friday, and as we clean up on Monday.

There will be some substantial changes to some of our operations. The building that is being constructed has a much larger footprint than the old building. There will not be the wide area of space next to the Domestic Arts Building that we are accustomed to. This will cause the New Year's Cookies Trailer and the Verenike/Sausage Trailer to be placed on the street directly north of the Domestic Arts Building. Our set up will be different, our usual practices dealing with these popular products will be different. How? Some of this will need to be determined the closer we get to sale time. We can and will adapt. But we all need to be ready.

Moving the trailers to the street north of the Domestic Arts Building will cause the street running along the north side of the building east to the Purchasing Committee Building to be closed to automobile traffic. In addition to the trailers being in the way, there will be construction going on during the set-up week and particularly on Friday afternoon as people gather for the evenings event.

Many of you may want to look and watch the construction take place. Please be careful as there will be many things on the north side of the building area that will or could be hazardous. Parking will be disrupted and the usual path to the North Side of the Domestic Arts Building will be complicated and you might find yourselves in the way.

The easy walk up the street to the Purchasing Committee for your goods, etc. will not be easy and will make the Purchasing Committee take some different routes.

Most of the sale will not be disturbed, but we need to make you aware of this fact...it won't exactly be business as usual...But our cause is one that encourages us to respond with patience and care. Remember we are gathered together to raise money to support the work of MCC "in the name of Christ".

Let us sow the seeds of hope, the seeds of love...as we prepare for the 2024 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

Blessings to all,

Jim Robb, Chairman, KMRS Board of Directors