

# Workshop Program

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**walking** with **God**  
**caminemos** con **Dios**  
en **marche** avec **Dieu**

This booklet contains detailed workshop descriptions. Early Afternoon Workshops run from 13:30 to 15:00 and Late Afternoon Workshops from 15:30 to 17:00. Some workshops are marked as continuing and run from 13:30 to 17:00 with a break in between.

**E/S/F** Language / Translations  
E=English / S=Spanish / F=French

**A12** Location of Presentation  
A=Building / 12=Area or Room



Of Possible Interest to Youth



#### Reconciliation and Healing

**Standing on Holy Ground: Creating Sacred Spaces in the Midst of Conflict**  
*Julia K Dunst and Brook A Musselman*

E/F **A19**

With conflicts and disagreements rising within our communities, this seminar offers practical and creative ideas to help stand in the midst of polarized political views and cultural differences without sacrificing our sacred calling. Relying on the collective wisdom and experience of their creativity and imaginative spirit, participants will engage in creative process, role play, and circle time to demonstrate how to find each community's sacred space in order to empower all voices. They will actively engage one another to unpack practical processes, weave stories together, and practice the art of listening and honoring the other in order to build strong communities of peace.

*Julia Dunst has a Masters degree in conflict transformation from Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, and is an active member of Zion Mennonite Church in Pennsylvania (PA) where she serves as a teaching elder. She also serves as conference secretary for Atlantic Coast Conference in PA. Brook Musselman has a Bachelor's degree in peacebuilding and development from Eastern Mennonite University, is a member of Zion Mennonite Church (PA), and serves as conference coordinator for Atlantic Coast Conference.*

#### Language for Peace Forum: a Peace Network for Anabaptist Educators

*Cheryl Woelk and Myrrl Byler*

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This seminar will introduce a new website that seeks to be a place where Anabaptist language teachers and other educators can create a community of practice, to bring together language education, peacebuilding and mission. Although language education has been mostly isolated from broader theological, peace and justice thinking, some integration has taken place. Attendees will be encouraged to offer their gifts to each other and to the broader educational and peacemaking community.

*Cheryl Woelk and Myrrl Byler are Mission Network partners.*

#### Peace Work Mission and Aid


**The Global Anabaptist Church and Innovative Peacebuilding Practice**  
*Mennonite Central Committee*

E/S **A14**

What makes Anabaptist approaches to peacebuilding distinctive? What are some of the greatest challenges to effective peacebuilding? In many parts of the world Anabaptist churches and organizations are well-positioned to live out their theological commitment to peacemaking through innovative and effective peacebuilding practice. Here, experiences of how the church is engaged in peacebuilding will be shared, challenges discussed and tough questions wrestled with. A panel discussion in which key Anabaptist peacebuilding practitioners share their experiences will be followed by small group discussions with workshop attendees.

*Alain Epp Weaver, MCC director for strategic planning (MCUSA) and Krista Johnson, MCC peacebuilding coordinator (Disciples of Christ) will facilitate this workshop. Potential panelists include: Jenny Neme, Justapaz, Colombia (Mennonite Church of Colombia); Paulus Hartono, Forum for Peace across Religions and Groups (FPLAG), Indonesia (GKMI); Mekonnen Desalegn, MCC Ethiopia peacebuilding coordinator, Meserete Kristos Church (MKC), James*

Jakob Fehr, German Mennonite peace committee (DMFK); Lisa Schirch, 3P Human Security Initiative, US (MCUSA); Yonseu Park, Korea Peacebuilding Institute (KOP), Republic of Korea.

**Developing Leadership Skills in Children in Marginal Communities** S/E  A13

Nelson Garcia Lobo, Erlinda Bonilla, Belinda Rodriguez and Karen E. Flores

The directors of the three social arms of the Honduras Mennonite Church will share about the different projects that have been implemented to develop leadership skills in children in marginal areas of Honduras. They will present via PowerPoint and video, testimonies and photographs. Examples include the formation of student governments, workshops on life values, student scholarships, purposeful recreational activities, and creation of micro-businesses for the benefit of the children.

Nelson Garcia Lobo is director of the Social Action Commission, president of the Social Forum on External Debt, and member of the Central Mennonite Church in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Erlinda Bonilla is director of Project MAMA, Latin American representative on the MWC Missions Commission, part of the Women Theologians Movement of Latin America, and member of the Central Mennonite Church of San Pedro Sula. Belinda Rodriguez is director of the Peace and Justice Project - Honduras, and a member of the administrative committee of the Honduras Mennonite Church. Karen E. Flores coordinates the blog and facebook page of the Women Theologians Movement of Latina America, volunteers with Mennonite Central Committee and MWC, and is a member of the Central Evangelical Mennonite Church of San Pedro Sula. All are Hondurans.

**Anabaptist Witness: Walking with God into the Future of Anabaptist and Mennonite Missiology** E A12

Jamie Pitts and Jamie Ross

We will introduce changes to the "Anabaptist Witness" journal (formerly "Mission Focus") by looking at the first two issues (Oct. 2014/April 2015) under the new name and co-editorship, and preview future issues and themes. These comments will be placed in the scope of larger currents in Anabaptist mission and missiology, and are meant to invite the global audience to help us fulfill our mission to be a "dialogue on key issues facing the global Anabaptist and Mennonite churches in mission."

Jamie Pitts is co-editor of "Anabaptist Witness" and assistant professor of Anabaptist studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He holds a PhD in theology and ethics from the University of Edinburgh and is a member of Hively Avenue Mennonite Church (MCUSA) in Elkhart, Indiana. Jamie Ross is co-editor of "Anabaptist Witness" and on staff with International Ministries at Mennonite Mission Network. Ross also chairs the Interchurch Relations Reference Group for Mennonite Church USA, and holds a Master's degree in theological studies with a concentration in mission and evangelism from AMBS. Ross lives in Elkhart, Indiana, where she attends Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship (MCUSA).

**Travel for Transformation: Encountering Jesus in the Real World of Israel/Palestine** E A11

Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach and Dorothy Jean Weaver

This workshop will introduce participants to the concept of "alternative tourism" as a significant way to encounter the Holy Land: the land of Jesus' birth (Bethlehem), childhood (Nazareth), ministry (Galilee), and suffering/death/resurrection (Jerusalem). Focus will be on "travel for transformation" through personal encounter not only with first-century biblical sites but also with the twenty-first-century "real world" of Israel/Palestine and the personal, societal,

and geopolitical challenges presented. It will also highlight the theme of "encountering Jesus" as travelers encounter both the first-century sites and the twenty-first-century "real world."

Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach (Mennonite Church USA) serves as director of the Mennonite Central Committee US Washington Office. She leads workshops, writes and speaks on US policy toward the Middle East and meets regularly with congressional offices and administrative officials to convey MCC's perspective on public policy. Dorothy Jean Weaver (MCUSA) is professor of New Testament at Eastern Mennonite Seminary (EMS), Harrisonburg, VA. Since 1995-96 she has traveled frequently to Israel/Palestine and has led numerous Middle Eastern study and work tours for EMS and Virginia Mennonite Missions.

**Being Church Together**

**Mennonite Experiences in NS Germany** E A6 

Astrid von Schlachta and Marion Kobelt-Groch

The workshop will give insight into Mennonite life during the Nazi Socialist (NS) times - between family, church and political dictatorship, between separation and interaction, between home front and fighting at the war front. We will approach the NS times by discovering and exploring a broad variety of "voices of the times" that will help us to become acquainted with the very different experiences - with different voices, spirits, and stories - and different ways to process the past.

Astrid von Schlachta is president of the Mennonitische Geschichtsverein, Germany. Marion Kobelt-Groch is member of the board of editors of the "Mennonitische Geschichtsblätter."

**Old Order Amish and Mennonite Communities and Practice** E A7 

Herman Bontrager and Ken Sensenig accompanied by community members

Old Order Amish and Mennonite descendants of the Anabaptists, the fastest growing Mennonite churches in North America, are visible alternative communities in Pennsylvania and many other parts of the United States and Canada. Known as the "plain people," these sub-cultures thrive within the dominant "modern" culture. This presentation will introduce their practices and theological orientations, including examples of how their way of life is sometimes in conflict with the dominant culture and laws of the land. This glimpse into the tensions these groups experience will provide opportunity to reflect on the counter-culture role of the Body of Christ.

Presenters are Ken Sensenig and Herman Bontrager, accompanied by community members.

**The "Bearing Witness Stories Project": a New "Martyrs Mirror" for the Twenty-first Century?** E/F A8

John D. Roth and Nelson Kraybill

This project seeks to collect stories of faithfulness to Christ from the global Anabaptist-Mennonite church in the spirit of the "Martyrs Mirror." The goals are: 1) To inspire greater faithfulness within the global Anabaptist community through the gathering of stories of costly discipleship to Jesus; 2) To encourage a deeper sense of connectedness and spiritual unity within the global Anabaptist community; and 3) To honor the voices and experiences of the vulnerable - who have often been ignored or suppressed. Come to learn how you can participate in this global initiative!

John D. Roth is professor of history at Goshen College, Indiana, USA, and director of the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism. Nelson Kraybill is pastor at the Prairie Street Mennonite Church (Mennonite Church USA), Elkhart, Indiana, and president-elect of Mennonite World Conference.

**Called to Share: My Gifts, Our Gifts - A perspective of what GYS has been**

MWC Continental Youth Delegates

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New and old continental delegates will present on what the MWC Global Youth Summit (16-19 July 2015) has been, what discussions we had, and what the project for the next 6 years will be.

*Continental Youth Delegates 2009-2015 were Lani Prunés (United States) for North America; Rodrigo Pedroza (Mexico) for Latin America; Marc Pasqués (Spain) for Europe; Sumana Basumata (India) for Asia and the Pacific; and Tigest Tesfaye (Ethiopia) for Africa. New continental youth delegates were chosen at GYS.*

**Sister Care: Global Contextualization and Testimonials**

Carolyn Heggen, Ofelia Garcia, Olga Piedrasanta and Rhoda Keener

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Learn how the Sister Care seminar provides transformative resources for personal healing and effective caring in the congregation. Women will share ways they have used Sister Care materials in their contexts and how they have adapted the material for various ages, literacy levels and cultural groups with testimonies of the impact this has had. Seminars have been presented in North, Central, and South America, east Asia, and the Caribbean. The Sister Care manual is available in four languages. A Sister Care DVD and Leader's Guide with twelve sessions is available in English.

*Carolyn Heggen is a psychotherapist specializing in trauma healing, from Oregon and Mennonite Church USA. Olga Piedrasanta is a professor at SEMILLA, Guatemala. Ofelia Garcia is pastor of a Mennonite Church in Chihuahua, Mexico. Rhoda Keener is Mennonite Women USA Sister Care director, and from Pennsylvania.*

**Other Churches and Faiths**

**Anabaptist Witness in Christian/Muslim Relations**

Jonathan Borрман

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Starting with the testimony of Michael Sattler, Anabaptists have desired to bear witness that Jesus offers peace and salvation and empowers his disciples to be peacemakers. Dialogue, witness and peacemaking must be at the center of all fruitful encounters between Christians and Muslims.

*Jonathan Borрман is a member of the Eastern Mennonite Missions Christian/Muslim Relations Team.*

**Introduction to Mennonites and Ecumenism**

Jonathan Seiling and Fernando Enns

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Many people wonder why ecumenical dialogue is important. Why do Mennonites participate in such processes? This seminar will introduce the reasons and contexts in which Mennonites have entered into official dialogue with other Christian denominations. It will also highlight both the successes and continuing challenges of four decades of bilateral dialogues, as well as involvement in the World Council of Churches. How might dialogue with other Christians shape, enrich or threaten our identity as Mennonites? A book launch of the published English edition of the official dialogue reports is expected to take place in this session.

*Fernando Enns is professor of (peace) theology and ethics at the Mennonite Seminary in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and an active participant in national and international ecumenical dialogues and scholarship. Jonathan Seiling is a Canadian Mennonite scholar and co-editor with Fernando Enns of "Mennonites in Dialogue: Official Reports from International and National Ecumenical Encounters, 1975-2012."*

**Knowing and Testifying to my Muslim Neighbor**

(until 17:00)

Andrés Prins

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Who are the Muslims? What do they believe? How and where did they begin? What are their practices? How do I relate to them, give my testimony of Christ, respond to their main questions and objections, and build bridges of peace and friendship?

*Andrés Prins is Canadian-Uruguayan and spent three decades in Islamic societies serving with Latinos in holistic ministry. He is part of EMM's Christian/Muslim Relations Team: Peacemakers Confessing Christ, and is a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church Peñarol, Montevideo, Uruguay, and Groffdale Mennonite Church, Leola, Pennsylvania, USA.*

**Creativity, Liturgy and Worship**

**A Christian Spirituality for Racial Healing and Reconciliation**

Graham Cyster

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This seminar is for those Christians who cannot ignore the fact that Sunday morning is still the most segregated time in the world. We will explore the human condition that separates us from each other and how our individual, social, national, racial, and church contexts play a role in encasing us in that human condition. We will look at a means to become more intimate with our Father through Jesus, including a new way of praying and developing tools to cultivate that intimacy. As we become more intimate with the Father we can begin a journey to break down the walls that separate us as brothers and sisters.

*Dr. Graham Cyster is from South Africa and pastors a congregation in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA.*

**Digging for Treasure in Your Own Backyard**

Jackie Wyse-Rhodes and Gerrit Jan Romeijn

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G2

This workshop explores a new way for congregations to be missional in their own communities. Participants will go on a "treasure hunt" – first by naming treasures (strengths) in their own congregations, and then by naming treasures in their surrounding communities. By exploring how these treasures can be of service to one another, we will begin to fine-tune both sets of strengths while learning from one another about being truly present in our communities. This workshop was developed in Inloophuis de Ruimte in Almere, The Netherlands, a Dutch Mennonite mission project.

*Jackie Wyse-Rhodes is an AMBS graduate and worked four years in the Inloophuis de Ruimte (Drop In Centre) as a missionary worker for Mennonite Mission Network. She is a member of First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, Ohio, USA, and was recently hired as assistant professor of religion at Bluffton University. Gerrit Jan Romeijn is a missionary worker in Inloophuis de Ruimte in Almere, The Netherlands, a mission project initiated by the Dutch Mennonite Mission Board. He is a member of the Doopsgezinde Gemeente Almere.*

**Quilt-making with a Heartbeat**

Connie Lapp

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A quilt is a blanket with a heartbeat. Come join the quilt-making workshop and experience community and fellowship the way pioneer women did in years gone by. At the same time discover how it feels to be part of a group sharing wit, wisdom, recipes, songs, joys and sorrows. This workshop is open to anyone who would like to quilt or who are willing learners in this traditional art form. All workshop participants will have an opportunity to learn about the different stages of making a quilt, the different styles of quilts, stories, history, and more.

*Connie Lapp is quilt room coordinator at the Material Resources Center in Ephrata, PA.*

**Walking with God at the United Nations**  
 Doug Hostetter, Tigest Gelagle, Sumana Basumatia and Mila Lee Chew

E/S  A10

Former MWC interns and the Mennonite Central Committee United Nations Office Director will describe the collaborative work of MCC and MWC at the United Nations: how the MCC UN Office works through participation in conferences, briefings and seminars as well as face-to-face meetings with diplomats to be the voice at the UN, of MCC global partners including the worldwide Mennonite Church. Former MCC UN Office/MWC interns will describe how the internship has shaped them and how persons interested in future internships could apply.

*Doug Hostetter is director of the MCC UN Office and peace pastor at Evanston Mennonite Church, MC USA. Tigest Gelagle is part of the Young Anabaptist network committee and is from the Meserete Kirstos Church, Ethiopia. Sumana Basumatia is also part of the Young Anabaptist network committee and is from Bharatiya Jukta Christa Prachar Mandali, India.*

**Purgatory**

Oscar Benavides Calvachi

S/E A9

Using a classic theological figure, "Purgatory," this workshop - with a methodology of SEE (reality, life experiences), ANALYZE (working tools), ACT (practice), and with a perspective of culture and gender - proposes to advance a biblical-legal path that offers practical alternatives to persons, communities, churches and organizations who welcome, accompany and empower persons in migratory situations (especially forced), and including the creation of networks within civil society for prevention (before), attention (during) and overcoming (after) the reality of forced migration.

*Oscar Benavides Calvachi is a lawyer and biblicist with specialties in human rights and gender, and comes from the Catholic and Mennonite churches of Colombia. He has experience in coordinating various programs of accompaniment and legal attention for displaced persons and victims of political incidents with both churches and in various countries.*

**Watershed Discipleship: Understanding Each Other's Environmental Challenges**

Katerina Friesen and Jennifer Halteman Schrock

E/S  A15

This workshop provides opportunity for people to meet others from around the world and learn about their ecological setting and the challenges they face. Presenters will summarize "watershed discipleship," a response to the global ecological crisis that grounds church work and witness in the watersheds we inhabit. Participants will then form small groups for discussion; each group will focus on a different question such as, "What forms of environmental damage are you aware of within your community?" Come prepared to talk about your watershed, or alternately, the area within twenty-five miles (forty km) of your congregation.

*Katerina Friesen is an MDiv student in theology and peace studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, USA, within the St. Joseph River watershed. She is a pastoral intern at St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church. Jennifer Halteman Schrock is a member of Berkeley Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, MCUSA, Goshen, Indiana. She works with Mennonite Creation Care Network and is the author of an adult curriculum entitled, "Every Creature Singing: Embracing the Good News for Planet Earth."*

**The Loss of Turtle Island** (until 17:00)

Erica Littlewolf, Karin Kaufman Wall, and Sue Eagle

E/S  A16

The Loss of Turtle Island allows participants to interactively explore the historic relationship between Europeans, specifically Mennonites in the United States, and the Indigenous nations who inhabit the land we call the United States of America. Blankets will represent the land, and the workshop participants will represent the First Peoples - the distinct cultures and nations which live on the lands to this day. Participants step onto the blankets and are taken back in time, guided through the history of contact between Indigenous Peoples and Europeans, with the assistance of a facilitator and narrator.

*Erica Littlewolf is program administrator of the Indigenous Vision Center, a program of Mennonite Central Committee Central States, and is affiliated with White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church, Busby, Montana, USA. Karin Kaufman Wall is the Peace and Justice Education staff person for MCC Central States and a member of New Creation Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas. Sue Eagle is the Indigenous Neighbours program coordinator for MCC Canada and is affiliated with Black Creek United Mennonite Church, Black Creek, British Columbia.*

**Bible Study**

S/E A17

Antonio González

In this workshop, participants will look at the often confusing witness of the Bible as it relates to violence and nonviolence. This is a complex topic to which Antonio brings much education, leadership, and experience; it is an important opportunity to learn from a well-known Mennonite theologian in Europe.

*Antonio González, member of the MWC Peace Commission, is a leading Spanish theologian. He has worked in El Salvador and in Guatemala at the Jesuit University, and in various centers of higher education in Europe. He is a member of the Mennonite community and the General Secretary of the Fundación Xavier Zubiri in Madrid, Spain. González is a prolific author whose most recent works include "Theology of the Evangelical Praxis," "The Gospel of Faith and Justice," and "God's Reign and the End of Empire."*

**MWC Commissions**

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**"Walking in Doubt and Conviction" - Conversations on the Morning Sermon**  
 Tom Yoder Neufeld and Rebecca Osiro

The morning preachers, with the theme of "Walking in Doubt and Conviction," will reflect on the ways in which doubt and conviction find expression in their particular church and cultural settings. Is doubt ever a good thing in the Christian life? How do we come to hold convictions about Christian faith and practice? What does doubt and conviction look like in your context?

*Tom Yoder Neufeld is professor emeritus of religious studies at Conrad Grebel University College. His writings have focused especially on the Gospel of Peace. Rebecca Osiro is an ordained minister in the Kenyan Mennonite Church and an active leader with African Anabaptist Women Theologians.*

**Meetings and Gatherings**

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**Connecting North American Women Theologians**  
 Elizabeth Soto

**Peace Work  
Mission and Aid**
**Sharing Experiences from South Korea:  
the Challenges of Theological Continuing Education  
and Conscientious Objection**
**E/S**  **A14**

*Jenny Neme, Fernando Enns, Andrés Pacheco,  
Kyong-Jung Kim and Jae Young Lee*

In South Korea, young male Mennonites (as well as young men from other denominations) are confronted with imprisonment when opting for nonviolent discipleship through conscientious objection. This provides serious challenges in the church, including pastoral accompaniment, but also the need to provide a biblical framework for interpretation and thought patterns for young Anabaptists and others, such as a theological education in conscientious objection. This workshop will explore experiences, challenges and possibilities to address conscientious objection in South Korea, along with some global implications.

*Jenny Neme is director of Justapaz (Colombian Mennonite NGO with long experience in accompanying COs), and a member of the MWC Peace Commission. Fernando Enns is director of the Institute for Peace Church Theology, University of Hamburg, Germany, and professor of theology and ethics at the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Andrés Pacheco is psychologist and PhD student in Theology at the Free University of Amsterdam. Kyong-Jung Kim is director of the Korean Anabaptist Center, a leader of Jesus Heart Church, and MWC Northeast Asia representative. Jae Young Lee is director of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute.*

**European Mennonite Network:  
Welcome to Mennonite Europe**
**E/G** **A10**

*Pieter Post, Marijke Koeman and Max Wiedmer*

This workshop gives attention to, and informs participants about, the history of migration of the Anabaptist movement in Europe during the past five hundred years. It will highlight its importance for the ongoing process towards building a European society that respects diversity and protects minorities, based on universal human rights and the dignity of each individual person. It will also highlight, at local, regional and national levels, aspects of the identity of today's Anabaptists/Mennonites and their cultural, economical and ethical contributions as a multilingual movement.

*Pieter Post is coordinator and leader of the [eumen.net](http://eumen.net) workshop team. He studied theology in The Netherlands and earned his PhD in 2010. Currently he serves as a pastor in The Netherlands. Max Wiedmer is the producer of most of the [eumen.net](http://eumen.net) video clips, and owner/CEO of Affox A.G., a film and video production company near Basel, Switzerland. Max is a delegate of France at MWC and is currently co-leading the Swiss Mennonite Mission.*

**Walking with God: Fifty Years  
with the Vietnam Mennonite Church**
**E/S** **A13**

*Gerry Keener and Nguyen Quang Trung*

This workshop will chronicle the development of the Vietnam Mennonite Church. Missionary activity began in 1957 and a congregation formed in 1965 - the same year Nguyen Quang Trung, currently president of the Vietnam Mennonite Church, began working with the church. Various persons involved in the life of the church will describe significant events and critical decisions in this half-century. Attention will be given to interaction with other groups, contending with the American War, and the issues the church faces within a revolutionary society. A panel will respond to questions from workshop participants.

*Gerry Keener, chief operating officer for Eastern Mennonite Missions, worked in Vietnam 1973-75 and 1997-2009. Nguyen Quang Trung is an ordained pastor and president of Vietnam Mennonite Church.*

**Belief, Trust and the Local Church: Research on Giving**
**E/F** **A12**

*Sherri Grosz, Darren Pries-Klassen and Mike Strathdee*

Mennonite Foundation of Canada sponsored the doctoral research of a seminary student, funding ten donor focus groups in churches of seven denominations in Canada. Participants were asked questions based on earlier research done by the Muttart Foundation. Results speak to the importance of trust, connection and shared values and vision. How does financial giving change as wealth and prosperity increases?

*Darren Pries-Klassen is executive director of Mennonite Foundation of Canada (MFC) and attends First Mennonite Church in Vineland (MC Canada). Mike Strathdee is stewardship consultant at MFC and attends Breslau Mennonite Church (MC Canada). Sherri Grosz is stewardship consultant at MFC and attends Elmira Mennonite Church (MC Canada).*

**YAMEN, IVEP, SALT and Seed:**
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**International Exchanges for Young Adults  
in Your Church – Learn, Grow, Share, Be Changed**

*Andrea Geiser, Chris Landes, Wade Snowdon*

Are you interested in other countries and cultures? Would you like to immerse yourself, learning a new language and culture while living with a local host? Are you a youth or church leader in your home congregation? Come and learn about four of MCC's international programs for young adults age 18-30. Alumni from each program will share stories, experiences and advice. Staff will share stories of growth and transformation and details of how to apply.

*Andrea Geiser has been the IVEP US and YAMEN Coordinator for seven years, having previously having served with MCC as a SALT and service worker in Cambodia. She attends James Street Mennonite Church in Lancaster, PA. Chris Landes directs the department at MCC with the different young adult programs. He previously worked as a school teacher for 10 years and also lived in Cambodia for 7 years serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and MCC. He attends Sunnyside Mennonite Church. Wade Snowdon is the SALT Coordinator for MCC. His own service with MCC started as a SALT in Kenya and led to 6 years of serving alongside grassroots peacebuilding initiatives and organizations (both MCC and otherwise) in multiple countries. He lives in Winnipeg, Canada.*

**Serving Refugees in Ecuador**
**S/E** **A9**

*Linda Shelly, Cesar Moya, Patricia Uruña, and David Shenk*

The Mennonite Church in Quito, formed through a partnership with the Colombia Mennonite Church, Central Plains Conference and Mennonite Mission Network, opened its doors and hearts to Colombian refugees in 2002. The church has developed a vital ministry that supports refugee families spiritually and emotionally, while helping meet material needs. In recent years the program has grown with support from Mennonite Central Committee. Some families then sought security in a third country and the church has helped them find Mennonite churches around the globe.

*Workshop leaders are members of the Quito congregation as well as Colombian and US mission workers.*

**From Aryanism to Multiculturalism: Mennonite  
Ethnicity and German Nationalism, 1871-Today**
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*Ben Walther Goossen*

In 1925, Mennonite World Conference began as a forum for white, primarily German-speaking Mennonites. At the time, many members considered

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Anabaptism a fundamentally German religion. Developed during the rise of Hitler's Nazi Party, such ideas often linked the confession to Aryanism and anti-Semitism. This workshop explores the legacy of German nationalism within the global Mennonite church. To what extent did German, Dutch, Canadian, American, Paraguayan, Brazilian, and Russian Mennonites participate in Nazism, including the Holocaust of European Jews? How have Mennonites addressed this past? Does it compromise their historic peace position? What tensions remain today between "ethnic" Mennonitism and Anabaptist multiculturalism?

*Ben Walther Goossen is a member of Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka, Kansas, and a PhD student in modern European history at Harvard University. His current book project is entitled "Into a Great Nation: Mennonites and Nationalism in Modern Germany."*

**Social Media: a Means to Connect Globally** **E/S** **A19**  
*Kristina Toews and Tigit Tesfaye Gelagle*

In every part of the world, more and more people have access to mobile technology, internet, and social media. These factors change how we communicate, as in real time we can connect with, support, and pray for brothers and sisters in any part of the world. We will hear stories of how MWC and churches in different places are using social media in positive ways to connect the global community and support and learn from each other. This is an interactive workshop with time for feedback, group discussion, ideas, and suggestions.

*Kristina Toews works with MWC web communications and is the MWC Social Media coordinator. Following Pennsylvania 2015 she will begin in the role of MWC Chief Communications Officer. Tigit Tesfaye Gelagle is the African representative on the MWC YABs committee and is involved in teenage ministry and training youth leaders in the Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia. She works with Compassion International Ethiopia as a livelihood expert.*

**The Latin American Anabaptist Women Theologian's S/E** **A18**  
**Movement: Accomplishments and Challenges.**

*Ofelia Garcia and Alix Lozano*

The Latin American Anabaptist Women Theologian's Movement continues making history. For eleven years the Movement has grown, been strengthened, and created deep relationships among women; they have new goals and visions and are carrying out a beautiful work together with Mennonite Women USA, in the Sister Care workshops. In this workshop they want to share their journey as women who look to understand and assume the mission given to them by the Lord. Accompany them in this search!

*Ofelia García is missionary and pastor in Chihuahua, México, and is part of the MWC Commission on Missions. Alix Lozano is a member of the Mennonite Church of Teusaquillo, Colombia, a recognized theologian, and is part of the MWC Faith and Life Commission.*

**Forgiveness and Healing: E** **A7**  
**the Amish Experience at Nickel Mines**

*Herman Bontrager and community members*

Five girls died and five were seriously wounded in a shooting at the Nickel Mines Amish School (Bart, Pennsylvania, USA) in 2006. Members of the families who suffered this heartbreak will share how Amish respond to tragedy, how they support each other, and what they have learned about forgiveness and witness to the world. The presentation will include information on the impact the forgiveness story had around the world, provide opportunity for Mennonites to better understand and appreciate the Amish part of the Anabaptist family, and reflect on the variety of ways to witness to our faith.

*Herman Bontrager will present and facilitate, and will be accompanied by community members.*

**History Roundtable: Church History E/F** **A6**  
**from a Global Perspective**

*John A. Lapp, I. P. Ashervadam, and Jamie Prieto*

During the past three or four decades, the Anabaptist-Mennonite church has undergone a profound transformation. In 1978 we numbered approximately 600,000 members, with a large proportion living in Europe and North America. Today, there are more than 1.7 million Anabaptist-Mennonites around the world, the vast majority of whom live in Africa, Asia or Latin America. With the recent completion of the five-volume "Global Mennonite History," we took a big step toward telling our history from a regional perspective. But what stories or themes have connected us across regions? What would it mean to frame our story in a truly global perspective?

*John A. Lapp is part of Mennonite Church USA. I. P. Ashervadam is part of the Mennonite Brethren Church of India. Jamie Prieto is from the Mennonite Church, San José, Costa Rica.*

**Other Churches and Faiths S** **A4**  
**Knowing and Testifying to my Muslim Neighbor**

(cont.)  
*Andrés Pirins*

**Christian, Muslim, Friend. Twelve Paths E** **A20**  
**to Real Relationship**

*David W. Shenk*

This workshop will highlight twelve realities the author has learned in his journey as an Anabaptist among Muslims. His newest book of the same title will be available. Other practitioners of peacemaking with Muslims will also contribute. This seminar is about obstacles and opportunities to real relationship.

*David W. Shenk is author, speaker and trainer in Christian/Muslim relations.*

**The MWC - Seventh Day Adventist Dialogue E/F** **A3**  
**Valerie Rempel**

In 2011-2012, MWC representatives (Valerie Rempel, Jack Suderman, Tom Yoder Neufeld, Henk Stenvers, Danisa Ndlovu, Rebecca Osiro, and Patricia Uruña) met with an official delegation of the Seventh Day Adventist Church (SDA) to discuss similarities and differences in our history, theology, ethics, and church life. The conversations resulted in a book, "Living the Christian Life in Today's World" ([www.mwc-cmm.org/article/interchurch-dialogue](http://www.mwc-cmm.org/article/interchurch-dialogue)). The workshop will highlight outcomes of the dialogue, continue conversation with an SDA representative, and invite active conversation with attendees about their experiences with SDA churches in various parts of the world.

*Valerie Rempel is associate dean of Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary, Fresno, California, USA, where she also serves as an associate professor and holds the J.B. Toews Chair of History and Theology. Other MWC participants in the dialogue will also take part in the workshop.*

**Creativity, Liturgy and Worship E** **G3**  
**Incarnational Ministry: Spiritual Practices for Discipleship**

*Skip Tobin and Marvin Lorenzana*

Are you interested in exploring a deep, reproducible yet simple way of making disciples? Jesus' last word to his followers was to "make disciples." Not buildings. Not programs. Disciples - people who look and act like Jesus. As Mennonites, we have long seen discipleship as one of the distinctive features of the Anabaptist tradition. How are we doing at practicing the art of becoming like Jesus? Are we making disciples, who are making other disciples? In



<p>this workshop explore Life Transformation groups and learn about the three dimensions of a life that looks like Jesus' life.</p> <p><i>Marvin Lorenzana, born in Honduras, works for Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions, USA. He is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, and is currently enrolled in a DMin program at Asbury Theological Seminary. Skip Tobin got his feet wet in church planting with folks incarcerated in Pennsylvania, and then served with his family under Eastern Mennonite Missions and Virginia Mennonite Missions with Buddhist-background rice farmers in Northeast Thailand who had never before heard the Gospel. He serves as director of US ministries with Virginia Mennonite Missions, USA.</i></p>	<p><b>G2</b></p> <p><b>Creating Worship Art for the Congregation</b>  <i>Geoffrey Isley and Juanita Yoder</i></p> <p>Congregations are increasingly asking artists to create art for their worship spaces. What is the difference between decorating the sanctuary and creating worship art? How do you help your community welcome the art and the artist? How do you invite everyone in your faith community to art projects they will understand and appreciate? How can you get and keep pastoral support and encouragement? Hear real-world examples from two artists who have worked with very limited church budgets, adapting, collaborating and encouraging meaningful art-making for the worship space, while also building community.</p> <p><i>Geoffrey Isley is a graphic designer by day and quilter by night, and enjoys working on worship arts teams at Grantham Brethren in Christ Church, Pennsylvania, USA. He started the church art gallery in 2008, and has created art for his congregation for many years. He is a 1987 graduate of Messiah College. Juanita Yoder is a professional artist who has painted large scale installations on silk for liturgical, healthcare, and hospitality environments for two decades. She received the "Outstanding Achievement Award" from Christopher Dock Mennonite High School in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, USA. She has been affiliated with the Mennonite Church all of her life and is a Goshen College alum.</i></p>	<p><b>E</b></p> <p><b>Quilt-making with a Heartbeat</b>  <i>Connie Lapp</i></p> <p>A quilt is a blanket with a heartbeat. Come join the quilt-making workshop and experience community and fellowship the way pioneer women did in years gone by. At the same time discover how it feels to be part of a group sharing wit, wisdom, recipes, songs, joys and sorrows. This workshop is open to anyone who would like to quilt or who are willing learners in this traditional art form. All workshop participants will have an opportunity to learn about the different stages of making a quilt, the different styles of quilts, stories, history, and more.</p> <p><i>Connie Lapp is quilt room coordinator at the Material Resources Center in Ephrata, PA.</i></p>	<p><b>E/S</b></p> <p><b>The Loss of Turtle Island (cont.)</b>  <i>Erica Littlewolf, Karin Kaufman Wall, and Sue Eagle</i></p>	<p><b>E/S</b></p> <p><b>Slow Violence and the Gospel of Peace</b>  <i>Jennifer Halteman Schrock</i></p>	<p><b>A15</b></p> <p>While Mennonites have a rich heritage as people of peace, we have not always connected the dots between our peace convictions and the shalom that God intends for all of creation. One of the most critical forms of violence we face today is violence against the land. What are the questions a peace people should be asking at this juncture in history? This workshop will pose six questions, from the theological to day-to-day practical, and then invite attendees to break into groups to discuss what pursuing these questions might look like in different contexts.</p>
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*Jennifer Halteman Schrock is a member of Berkeley Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, MCUSA, Goshen, Indiana. She works with Mennonite Creation Care Network and is the author of an adult curriculum entitled, "Every Creature Singing: Embracing the Good News for Planet Earth."*

**S/E**

**A11**

**Education for Transformation: Stories from MWC Churches**  
*Lynn Longenecker*

What makes education not just high quality, but transformative? What does transformation look like and how does it happen? What kind of education doesn't simply move more people to the top of the pyramid, but rather empowers people to change the shape of that pyramid? Hear stories from MWC church organizations in North, Central, and South America who are using education as a tool for positive transformation in their communities, and explore how they apply to your own community. A special invitation is extended to educators and those leading Christian education in congregational settings.

*Lynn Longenecker, education coordinator, Mennonite Central Committee, will facilitate the workshop. Panelists will share about the experience of the following MCC Global Family partners: James Muldor, Kingdom Builders Network, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (MCUSA); a representative from MAMA project, Honduran Mennonite Church; Marisol Peña, Edupaz, and local church initiatives, Colombian Anabaptist churches.*

**S/E**

**A5**

**Hearing Prayers for Peace**  
*Derek Suderman*

We often think of prayer as talking to or communicating with God. Within the Psalms, however, prayer reflects a cry from oppression, suffering, or pain that calls out for a human response as well. What is the social role of the church in light of such cries? Explore unexpected ways in which the prayers of the Psalms can become a resource for shalom (peace) in our world.

*Derek Suderman teaches Old Testament at Conrad Grebel and the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada. He is a member of St. Jacob's Mennonite Church and represents Mennonite Church Canada on the Editorial Council of the Believer's Church Bible Commentary series. Derek is married to author and educator Rebecca Seiling, and they have two daughters.*

**E/S/F**

**A1**

**Beyond the "Shared Convictions": the Work of the MWC Faith and Life Commission**  
*Alfred Neufeld and members of the MWC Faith and Life Commission*

The MWC Faith and Life Commission helps church leaders engage in theological conversation, promotes deeper understanding of Anabaptist-Mennonite faith and practice among MWC-member churches, assists churches in giving and receiving counsel, and helps represent MWC in ecumenical conversations. Since the completion of the "Shared Convictions" in 2006, the Faith and Life Commission has been working on many new projects. This workshop will summarize some of those tasks and invite conversation about priorities in the future.

*Alfred Neufeld is chair of the Faith and Life Commission, Mennonite Brethren pastor and theologian, president of the Protestant University in Paraguay, and ordained pastor and member of the Altestenrat of the German MB Conference in Paraguay. John D. Roth is secretary of the Faith and Life Commission, professor of history at Goshen College, and director of the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism. He is a member of Mennonite Church USA.*

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**H2**

**Connecting African Anabaptist Women Theologians Business Meeting**  
*Thobekile Ncube*



## 23 Thursday

13:30 – 15:00

Early Afternoon

### Reconciliation and Healing

**Solving Problems Peacefully Between Children/Youth and Parents** (until 17:00)

Frank Albrecht

E/S  A19

God has intended for all families to live in peace, joy and love. Jesus said, "I have come that you have life, and have life abundantly!" Parents should model behavior that they would want their children to live, and then pass on to their children. In this interactive workshop, learn how to communicate profoundly, solve problems peacefully, discipline with love and logic, and how to never go to bed angry. You will be exposed to hands-on ideas that can be used immediately at home!

*Frank Albrecht is happily married to Elizabeth Soto and they have two college age daughters. He is a member of Laurel Street Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and has been employed by the School District of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for twenty-four years as a peacemaker. He did the same work in Colombia, South America for seven years.*

### Peace Amongst Disappointing Dreams

Tina Newson

E  A2

This workshop is built on the foundation that peace begins within. Peace comes when we know we are loved. We were designed to walk intimately with our God and our fellow humans. When this happens in healthy ways then the byproduct is inner peace that will transform our hearts, our behaviors and our world. However, too many times our experience of God's love is an intellectual exercise sprinkled with the occasional kumbaya warm fuzzy. There are blockades within that stop us from experiencing fullness of life. These blockades often involve incidents that are disappointing at least and devastating at worse. What we do with our disappointment is important. During our workshop time we will examine how the Disciples handled life when their hopes were dashed and how God met them in their honesty. Scripture consistently shows how God shows up in unexpected ways for His people in their time of despair. Ultimately the goal of this workshop is to help participants to identify blockades that hinder their growth with God and community so that peace may prevail.

*Tina Newson is a Graduate of Trinity International University with a Master's degree in Psychology. She is licensed by the State of Florida as a Mental Health professional, but she is currently on sabbatical from her profession to focus on health challenges. She has Cystic Fibrosis. Tina: 'Someday, when I get sicker I will receive a double lung transplant. With new organs, I hope I will be able to return to my profession as well as live life as I once knew it. (Transplant is a complicated "cure" so waiting is the best thing for me right now). In this weird time of sick-but-not-sick-enough-for-transplant stage, I face many challenges. I am a work in progress. I am grateful for all that God has done and will continue to do in my life. I look forward to sharing my story, my gifts and talents with others so that our Heavenly Father may be glorified and peace may abound.'*

### Restorative Discipline in Schools

Lorraine Stutzman Armstutz

E  A18

Restorative discipline is based on Nel Noddings' belief that "the aim of education is to reveal an attainable image of self that is lovelier than that manifested in his or her present acts." In order to enable that to happen we

need to move beyond viewing discipline as punishment to a more holistic approach. We will discuss how to do that using principles of peaceable schools and restorative justice.

*Lorraine Stutzman Armstutz is the Restorative Justice Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee.*

### Peace Work Mission and Aid

#### Holy Cow! What is Holistic Mission?

James Krabill and friends

F/E  A14

This workshop will respond to people's perceptions of what mission is, and bring together service, peace, and evangelism as mission. Through a fun discovery process, we will articulate assumptions and preferences regarding what mission and witness are about and challenge each other's assumptions. The workshop broadens definitions of mission.

*James Krabill and friends are Mennonite Mission staff and workers*

#### Alternatives to Violence Programs

(until 17:00)

S/E  A12

*Nelson Garcia Lobo, Ondina Murrillo, Erlinda Bonilla and Karen E. Flores*

The workshop will focus on learnings and experiences taken from Alternative Programs to Violence, whose objectives are: to create community, communicate actively, affirm each other as persons, and resolve conflicts in creative and non-violent ways. The MAMA Project is an example. Through collective experience and by using exercises, reflections and games, participants will be led to a reevaluation in order to bring about changes in behavior and actions, and be converted to peacemakers.

*Nelson Garcia Lobo is director of the Social Action Commission, president of the Social Forum on External Debt, and member of the Central Mennonite Church in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Erlinda Bonilla is director of Project MAMA, Latin American representative on the MWC Missions Commission, part of the Women Theologians Movement of Latin America, and member of the Central Mennonite Church of San Pedro Sula. Ondina Murrillo is coordinator of the Central American Region of the Women Theologians Movement of Latina America, participates actively in the FedPaz (Peace Network), and is a member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of La Ceiba, Honduras. Karen E. Flores is coordinator of the blog and facebook page of the Women Theologians Movement of Latina America, participated in IVEP, and is a member of the Central Evangelical Mennonite Church of San Pedro Sula. All are Hondurans.*


#### Local Peace-Group Initiatives, Worldwide

Martina Basso, Notsen Ncube, John Lapp and Seong Han Kim

E  A11

This workshop format will feature four local peace groups with presenters having fifteen minutes each including discussion. 1) The Struggle for Conscientious Objector in South Korea - SeongHan Kim; Seoul and Goshen, Indiana, USA. 2) Mennonite Peace Center - Martina Basso; Berlin, Germany. 3) Brethren in Christ Peace Work in Zimbabwe - Notsen Ncube; Bulawayo. 4) North-South Teamwork; Zimbabwe and Germany - Martina Basso and Notsen Ncube. 5) Seniors for Peace, Goshen, Indiana - John Lapp. In the remaining time, open-group participation, including "How and why other local peace groups began" (anyone present may share events and stories out of his or her own experience).

*Martina Basso is director of the Berlin Mennonite Peace Center. John Lapp is former executive of Mennonite Central Committee, USA. Notsen Ncube is pastor of the Brethren in Christ Church in Zimbabwe. SeongHan Kim is a PhD student at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, focusing on peace studies*

<p><b>The Blessed Community</b> Woody Dalton and Hank Johnson</p> <p>The standard New Testament worship experience was multicultural. Much of the New Testament writings addressed issues and conflicts evoked by different cultures coming together, yet Sunday mornings still remain the most segregated hour in North America. Many congregations assume ethnic and cultural diversity is possible only in urban centers; this workshop will challenge those assumptions by drawing on Anabaptist perspectives and practices, focus on why diversity enhances our witness for Christ, and practical steps local churches can use to bring about cultural and ethnic diversity.</p> <p>Woody Dalton has been the senior pastor at Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church for thirty-four years. During his tenure, the church has moved from an all-white congregation to a thriving multi-racial and multi-ethnic church devoted to reconciliation between all peoples. Pastor Dalton is married to Kim, and has three adult sons. Hank Johnson has been on staff at Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church for over six years serving the youth of the church and community, and now also in adult discipleship and worship. He is married to Shell, and has one daughter.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>E</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>A13</b></p>
<p><b>Mennonites in Europe: Joint Venture for De-mining in Bosnia and Relief Work for Middle East Refugees</b> Max Wiedmer, Daniel Goldschmidt and Bert Duhoux</p> <p>European Mennonite relief and peace organizations support the de-mining project in Bosnia, and are cooperating in relief work for refugees from the Middle East in 2015. In this workshop, there will be facilitated interaction to compare the human and financial costs of sending money, to an alternative of providing an opportunity for church members to participate in a practical manner (school/health kits, barrels) in a relief action. Max Wiedmer is director at Swiss Mennonite Mission and is a member of the Mennonite Church of Birkenhof. Daniel Goldschmidt is board member of Caisse de Secours in France.</p> <p>Bert Duhoux is chair of Doopsgezind WereldWerk, an organization for solidarity and peace, and is a member of the Leiden Mennonite Church in The Netherlands.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>E/F</b> </p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>A17</b></p>
<p><b>Being Church Together</b></p> <p><b>Gender Challenges in a Changing World: There is a First Time for Everything</b> Christina Duhoux-Rueb and Jacoba Winkler Prins</p> <p>Anne Zernike was the first Mennonite female pastor in The Netherlands (ordained in 1911). This interactive and informative workshop is about her life, challenges, and obstacles in her life and work in what we now would call "gender issues," and how she dealt with these. What can we learn from her and in what respect has the world changed since then? What gender challenges and obstacles do we face today? We will share stories of hope and faith.</p> <p>Christina Duhoux-Rueb has been Mennonite pastor for years, teacher of theology for lay preachers, member of the international jury of the Menno Simons Predigt Preis and is a member of the Leiden Mennonite Congregation. Jacoba Winkler Prins is a Mennonite pastor in Zwolle, The Netherlands. Both are on the board of the Anne Zernike Fund (linked to doopsgezind WereldWerk – The Netherlands).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>E/S</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>A8</b></p>
<p><b>Reclaiming Childhood in Today's World</b> Loren Snaveley</p> <p>In a world of materialism, screen addiction, violence, and sexualized relationships, how can parents and educators defend every child's joy and wonder in life? In this workshop, we will consider that every child is a thought of God. How can we raise children with a strong faith, capable of withstanding</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>E</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>A7</b></p>

the pressures and wrongs of society today? Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Johann Christoph Arnold's new book, *Their Name is Today: Reclaiming Childhood in a Hostile World*, endorsed by Jonathan Kozol and Marian Wright Edelman.

Loren Snaveley is pastor at Fox Hill (New York) Bruderhof community.

**GAMEO and Anabaptistwiki.org: How Can You Become Involved?**

Richard Thiessen and John D. Roth

In the past decade several internet-based resources have emerged that enable users throughout the world to access lots of information about the global church. The Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online (GAMEO – www.gameo.org) is an online encyclopedia that is growing everyday with the addition of new articles. The Anabaptistwiki (www.anabaptistwiki.org) offers a large collection of historical documents and allows you to preserve your church's archival records by posting them online. This workshop will provide an introduction to these resources. More importantly, discover how you can contribute!

Richard Thiessen is executive director of the Mennonite Heritage Museum in Abbotstford, British Columbia, Canada, and managing editor of GAMEO. John D. Roth is director of the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism and coordinates the Anabaptist wiki project.

**Other Churches and Faiths**

**Latin American Witness Among Muslims** **E**  
Andrés Prins **A20**

After five hundred years Latinos and Muslims, who lived together during eight centuries in Spain until 1492, are once again finding themselves sharing neighborhoods in various parts of the globe. Among Latino churches there is a growing conviction that God is calling and equipping them to be Christ's ambassadors to their Muslim "cousins." The workshop will describe the open doors for Latinos serving in Islamic societies, and challenge participants to seek opportunities to build bridges of peace and share the Gospel of Christ with Muslims, both in the Americas and abroad.

Andrés Prins grew up in Uruguay and spent three decades in Islamic societies serving with Latinos in holistic ministry. He is part of EMM's Christian/Muslim Relations Team: Peacemakers Confessing Christ, and is a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church Peñarol, Montevideo, Uruguay, and Groffdale Mennonite Church, Leola, Pennsylvania, USA.

**Triateral Dialogue: Catholics, Lutherans and Mennonites Conversations on Baptism** (until 17:00) **E**  
Alfred Neufeld and John Rempel **A5**

This workshop will focus on the dialogues between Mennonite World Conference and the Lutheran and Catholic churches, and will include various aspects including the main goals of the triateral five-year dialogue, the healing of memories, theologies and practices that separate us, the meaning and function of a sacrament, the problem of Christian initiation, and more.

Alfred Neufeld is a Mennonite Brethren pastor and theologian with background studies in education, cross-cultural communication, missions, history of theology and New Testament. He received a PhD in theology in Geneva, 1994, is president of the Protestant University in Paraguay, and is an ordained pastor and member of the Altestenrat of the German MB Conference in Paraguay. John Rempel is a Mennonite Church USA pastor, theologian and church historian who serves on the MWC dialogue team. He is currently director of the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre.

<p><b>Creativity, Liturgy and Worship</b></p>	<p><b>The Way, the Truth, and the Life: an Anabaptist Perspective on Healthy and Harmful Spirituality</b> (until 17:00) <i>Daniel S. Schipani</i></p> <p>This seminar introduces a ministry-related understanding of spirituality from an Anabaptist perspective. It especially considers the meaning and life-diminishing effects of harmful spiritualities in connection with the fundamental spiritual or existential quests of truth-seeking and meaning-making, connectedness and human interaction, and life orientation and vocation. Therefore, the relationship between mental/emotional and spiritual health is a main focus, together with the challenges and opportunities of interreligious dialogue and interfaith spiritual care. The seminar also considers the related questions of interpersonal dynamics and competence in ministry situations in the face of toxic spirituality.</p> <p><i>Daniel S. Schipani was born and raised in Argentina. He holds a DPsy degree from Universidad Católica Argentina and a PhD in practical theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, USA. He is currently professor of pastoral care and counseling at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, and is also an ordained minister in the Mennonite Church USA. He is the author or editor of over twenty-five books on pastoral counseling, education, and practical and pastoral theology.</i></p>	<p><b>S/E</b></p> <p><b>G3</b></p>
<p><b>People of the Land: Mennonites and the Doctrine of Discovery</b> <i>Sarah Augustine, Ewuare Osayande, Erica Littewolf, and Anita Amstutz</i></p> <p>We will explore our history as “people of the land” settling areas in North America inhabited by Indigenous communities: the original peoples of the land. We will look at theological understandings that have shaped our relationship to the land and relationships with Indigenous Peoples, and explore opportunities for congregations and the broader church to join with Indigenous Peoples to mutually seek environmental justice.</p> <p><i>Sarah Augustine is consultant, Mennonite Central Committee Central States and co-director of the Suriname Indigenous Health Fund. Ewuare Osayande is anti-oppression coordinator, MCC US. Erica Littewolf is coordinator of the Indigenous Vision Center, MCC Central States. Anita Amstutz is pastor at Albuquerque Mennonite Church and committee member of the Doctrine of Discovery roundtable</i></p>	<p><b>E/S</b></p> <p><b>A16</b></p>	
<p><b>The Anabaptist Church, Illegal Immigrants and Legal Frontiers: What do we do?</b> <i>Ricardo Esquivia Ballestas</i></p> <p>“We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now” (Romans 8.22). Human ambition has converted God’s creation into products, and society into a market where everything can be sold, to the point where the earth reacts, manifesting climate change that begins to produce huge disasters. As the apostol Paul says, creation and humanity wait for us to manifest ourselves as children of God and search for solutions. How does the worldwide Anabaptist church respond to this challenge? This workshop searches for biblical, theological, ecological and political discernment by way of dialogue that facilitates responses and actions.</p> <p><i>Ricardo Esquivia is a member of the Colombian Mennonite Church and a lawyer with more than forty-five years of experience in peace-building from a community and ecclesial base. He is director of Sembrando Paz (Planting Seeds of Peace) and works with returned communities in the Colombian Caribbean</i></p>	<p><b>S/E</b></p> <p><b>A9</b></p>	
<p><b>Quilt-making with a Heartbeat</b> <i>Connie Lapp</i></p> <p>A quilt is a blanket with a heartbeat. Come join the quilt-making workshop and experience community and fellowship the way pioneer women did in years gone by. At the same time discover how it feels to be part of a group sharing wit, wisdom, recipes, songs, joys and sorrows. This workshop is open to anyone who would like to quilt or who are willing learners in this traditional art form. All workshop participants will have an opportunity to learn about the different stages of making a quilt, the different styles of quilts, stories, history, and more.</p> <p><i>Connie Lapp is quilt room coordinator at the Material Resources Center in Ephrata, PA.</i></p>	<p><b>E</b></p> <p><b>E</b></p>	<p><b>E</b></p> <p><b>E</b></p>
<p><b>Getting the Old Masters onto the Church Screen</b> <i>Joseph Gascho</i></p> <p>There is a huge amount of art that can be a wonderful meditative aid to worship: paintings of every possible biblical story by artists from the 1400s to the present. But how does one find the art and get it into a format that can be used in a worship service? This seminar will focus on the nuts and bolts of the whole process: accessing great works of art to fit specific themes (books, internet), preparing it for display (photography, simple computer editing techniques), and putting it into a format that can be displayed during a worship service. There will be hands-on work, using a computer linked to the internet. There also will be examples of presentations as well as take-home handouts.</p> <p><i>Joseph Gascho is a cardiologist from Hershey, Pennsylvania, USA. When not at the hospital, he is a photographer and poet. He has created displays of religious art for projection during worship services (e.g. a Passion Week series and a series emphasizing the Annunciation).</i></p>	<p><b>E</b></p> <p><b>G2</b></p>	
<p><b>Political Advocacy and Prophetic Ministry</b> <i>Jenny Nerre</i></p> <p>In this workshop, Jenny will lead participants in thinking about creative and necessary ways for the church to exercise its prophetic mission in our societies, and introduce the MWC political advocacy guidelines that have been generated by the Peace Commission and approved by the Executive Committee. These guidelines define how, when, and if MWC will engage in political advocacy for member-churches or other needs. It is an important opportunity to learn from an experienced practitioner.</p> <p><i>Jenny Nerre, from Colombia, is a member of the MWC Peace Commission and director of JustaPaz, the peace and justice organization of the Colombian Mennonite Church. She is an active member of the Mennonite church in Colombia and has much experience in work and advocacy through the church and with civil society organizations.</i></p>	<p><b>S/E</b></p> <p><b>A10</b></p>	
<p><b>Post-Colonial Church Issues in Africa</b> (until 17:00) <i>Rebecca Osiro, Thuma Hamukang’andu, Francisca Ibanda Mawangu, Ewuare Osayande and Ken and Laura Litwiller</i></p> <p>We will explore various issues that the church in Africa continues to address which have roots in the colonial period, draw from our own experience in more</p>	<p><b>E/F</b></p> <p><b>A15</b></p>	

E/S  A4**More than a "Fish Story":  
Jonah's Challenge for Today**

Derek Suderman

While many know about Jonah and the great fish, we often miss the message of the book that goes well beyond this connection. As Jonah preaches to Nineveh, unexpected things happen and Jonah faces a dramatic question that remains with us: what do we expect of God and our enemies? Come, explore Jonah's challenging message of divine mercy and its implications for contemporary communities in this dynamic, interactive workshop.

*Derek Suderman teaches Old Testament at Conrad Grebel and the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada. He is a member of St. Jacob's Mennonite Church and represents Mennonite Church Canada on the Editorial Council of the Believer's Church Bible Commentary series. Derek is married to author and educator Rebecca Seiling, and they have two daughters.*

E/F A3

**Responding to Conflict Biblically:  
Peacemaking Principles for Everyday Life**

Kimberly Tucker

This workshop will highlight very practical ways of resolving conflict in daily life and viewing conflict as a positive interaction. Scripture provides the foundation for resolving conflict. Peacemaker Ministries ([www.Peacemaker.net](http://www.Peacemaker.net)) materials will be used.

*Kimberly Tucker's vocation is pediatric physical therapy. She has a passion for peace, and is currently working on her Christian conciliator certification. Her "free" time is filled with talking with her husband of thirty-four years, playing with four fantastic grandchildren, traveling, and watching baseball. Kimberly is a member of the Dilisburg Brethren in Christ Church in Pennsylvania, USA.*

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**Conversation with the Speaker**

Nancy Heisey

This workshop will give opportunity for further conversation with the morning speaker. She will address issues of conflict within church communions and how best to address these; it will be a good opportunity to converse more specifically about conflict in the church.

*Nancy Heisey is professor of Biblical studies at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and an active member of Mennonite Church USA and the Brethren in Christ Church. She is former president of Mennonite World Conference.*

F H3

**Réunion du réseau francophone -  
Faire connaissance**

Neal Blough

Cette réunion est ouverte à toutes personnes parlant le français. Nous voulons faire connaissance les uns envers les autres et écouter ce qui se passe dans le monde mennonite francophone à travers le monde.

S H2

**Connecting Latin American Women,  
MTAL & Latinas of the Americas**Olga Piedrasanta, Angela Opimi, Elizabeth Soto  
Ester Bornes, Martha Lucía Gómez, Mary Cano**Reconciliation  
and Healing**E/S  A19**Solving Problems Peacefully Between  
Children/Youth and Parents (cont.)**

Frank Albrecht

E A18

**Restorative Discipline in Schools (cont.)**

Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz

E A17

**Celebrate Recovery: Finding Freedom from  
Hurts, Habits, and Hang-Ups**

Gene Miller

Celebrate Recovery is a Christian Twelve-Step program that ministers in over 20,000 churches around the world. This workshop will describe Celebrate Recovery, it's theological underpinnings, how it works, and how to begin a Celebrate Recovery ministry in your setting. Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program based on the actual words of Jesus rather than psychological theory. Participants in a Celebrate Recovery group experience love and hope while finding freedom from alcohol or drugs, pornography, low self-esteem, need to control, depression, anger, co-dependency, depression, and more.

*Gene Miller serves as pastor of the Yorks Corners Mennonite Church, Wellsville, New York, where many are finding salvation, freedom and life in Christ through Celebrate Recovery. He is also conference minister of New York Mennonite Conference.*

**Peace Work  
Mission and Aid**S/E  A12**Alternatives to Violence (cont.)**Nelson Garcia Lobo, Ondina Murrillo, Eriinda Borilla  
and Karen E. FloresE/S  A20**Sharing Experiences from Colombia:  
the Importance of Political Advocacy in  
Accompanying Conscientious Objectors**Jenny Neme, Fernando Enns, Andrés Pacheco,  
Kyong-Jung Kim and Jae Young Lee

In the midst of long-term armed conflict in Colombia, military service for male youth has been made obligatory. Conscientious objection - based on a nonviolent understanding of discipleship - has been an alternative to this reality that Mennonites and non-Mennonites have subscribed to, even though it is not yet legally in place, and youth are mistreated and discriminated against when claiming it. The experiences of conscientious objectors (COs) have challenged their families and congregations, policies, and even judges, to reconsider conscientious objection. In this workshop, personal experiences, the implications of advocacy for COs, and the possibilities/challenges of the current state of conscientious objection in Colombia will be discussed. Jenny Neme is director of Justapaz (Colombian Mennonite NGO with long experience in accompanying COs), and member of the MWC Peace Commission. Fernando Enns is director of the Institute for Peace Church Theology, University of Hamburg, Germany, and professor of theology and ethics at the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Andrés Pacheco is a psychologist and PhD student in theology at the Free University Amsterdam.

*Kyong-Jung Kim is director of the Korean Anabaptist Center, a leader of Jesus Heart Church, and MWC Northeast Asia representative. Jae Young Lee is director of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute.*

**Being a Church in a Post-Christian Western Society: how We Walk with God in Amsterdam.** E A13  
Henk Leegte

In our post-Christian Western society people just don't care about Christianity. Though there are quite a lot of people who crave spirituality, they turn away from Christianity and religion has a bad reputation. In this context we are still a Mennonite congregation in the midst of twenty-first-century Amsterdam, The Netherlands. How are we doing this? How do we walk with God? We will talk about our way of being a Mennonite congregation, how we see the future, how you see your future, and about our position in the Mennonite World Conference.

Henk Leegte is a Mennonite pastor in The Netherlands since 1994, first in the small congregation of Zeist and since 2000, in the congregation of Amsterdam.

**Is Jesus the Only Way?** F/E A14  
James Krabill 

For many, it's difficult to tell people of other faiths that their way is wrong. In a world of blind persons finding different parts of an elephant, and of many paths up the mountain, how do we do missions?

James Krabill is on the Mennonite Mission Network staff

**Affinity and Beyond: Relationships in the Global Church** E/S A11  
Brady Peters, Linda Shelly, Central Plains staff, Ecuador leaders and workers


Hear from churches in the US and the global community who partner with each other through Mennonite Mission Network as they share their stories of mutual learning and inspiration for mission. What impact do these relationships have for ministry? What are the challenges?

Linda Shelly and Brady Peters from Mennonite Mission Network will facilitate a dialogue with partnership churches present at MWC, likely including from Argentina, Ecuador, Colombia and the US.

**The Anabaptist Kingdom of Münster (1534-1535): Historical and Spiritual Analysis** E/F A8  
Astrid von Schlachta, Ernest Geiser, and Lloyd Hoover

Anabaptism in Münster – a spiritual kingdom? A regime of terror? An apocalyptic New Jerusalem? None of the Anabaptist groups has generated more stories of horror and shock, controversy and myths than the Anabaptists in Münster. But what was really behind Münster and its protagonists Jan Matthys and Jan van Leyden? How can we classify an Anabaptist sovereignty that seems to contradict all rules of Anabaptist faith against the historical background of sixteenth century Europe? And what do we have to learn?

Astrid von Schlachta is historian at the University of Regensburg, Mennonitengemeinde Regensburg, Germany. Ernest Geiser is pastor of the Mennonite Church in Tavannes, Switzerland. Lloyd Hoover is executive secretary for the Lancaster Mennonite Conference and bishop/overseer for the Groffdale district, Pennsylvania, Mennonite Church USA.

**Kenya Mennonite Church History (Seventy Years: 1942 - 2012)** E A7  
Francis S. Ojwang, Philip Okeyo, and David W. Shenk 

This seminar introduces highlights of the recently released history of the Kenya Mennonite Church. The KMC began through the witness of Tanzanian Mennonites partnering with Kenyans just over seventy years ago, with two primary school boys going from hamlet to hamlet as witnesses for Jesus. Over

the years the church has grown remarkably, with congregations across the country. In the midst of Kenya's sometimes violent political scene, the KMC is recognized as a peace church. This will be an astonishing account of African missionaries planting dozens of churches within a variety of languages, with all the challenges that cross-cultural mission demands. The theme is "Forward in Faith!"

Francis S. Ojwang is a young Mennonite pastor in Kenya. For the last eight years he has carried forward with the writing of this history as he traveled from location to location collecting stories about the planting and growth of the Kenya Mennonite Church. Bishop Philip Okeyo has been mentor of this effort, and David Shenk has been an associate.

**Spouses of Pastors Supporting Each Other** E/S A6  
Ruth Lapp Guengerich, Patricia Urueta  
Thobekile Ncube, and Manjula Roul

Spouses of pastors from around the world are invited to fellowship and worship together. We are called upon to lead at times when we may not feel prepared. We will share ideas about becoming prepared to walk alongside our pastor spouse, and encourage each other to also take care of ourselves so that we can faithfully follow God's plan for our lives.

Ruth Lapp Guengerich is from Goshen, Indiana, and Mennonite Church USA. Patricia Urueta is from Bogotá, Colombia, and the Mennonite Christian Church of Colombia. Thobekile Ncube is from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, and the Brethren in Christ Church. Manjula Roul is from Orissa, India, and the Brethren in Christ Church. Each is the spouse of a pastor, and has many experiences to share with others about the joys of being married to a pastor, and the challenges that they face.

**What Kind of Mission Organization is Needed Today?** E/F A2  
Rod Hollinger-Janzen 

Jesus asks us to love our neighbor, care for the needy, and build up Christ's body. How might we best do this today? What kind of organizations do we need? What are the best ways to respond to needs and follow Jesus' call? How might Mennonite youth today be motivated to follow Jesus into mission? We will share together about these and similar questions.

Rod Hollinger-Janzen grew up in western Canada as part of a rural General Conference Mennonite Church. He spent 17 years in mission in West Africa with Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Board of Missions/ Mennonite Mission Network. He now works with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission.

**History Roundtable: Sharing from Historical Societies, Libraries, Archives and Museums** E/S A3  
Valerie Rempel and John D. Roth

This workshop will provide an informal opportunity for historians and representatives from Mennonite and Brethren in Christ museums, historical societies, libraries and archives to give short updates on their current work. Each group or individual who sends a note of interest will have a chance to provide a five-minute update on their work. The remaining time will be spent in conversation about possible collaborative projects. Tables will be available to share print material.

Valerie Rempel is director of the Center for Anabaptist Studies and professor of history and theology at Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary. John D. Roth is professor of history at Goshen College, Indiana, USA, and director of the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism.

**Other Churches and Faiths**  
**Trilateral Dialogue (Mennonite-Lutheran-Catholic) (cont.)** E A5  
Alfred Neufeld and John Rempel

Daniel S. Schipani

**Arts in the Mennonite Sphere: Walker in the Fog/Songs from an Empty Cage**

Jeff Gundy

This seminar will explore the current flowering of Mennonite fiction, poetry, memoir, and other artistic expression. One focus will be on texts and authors that critique, affirm, and, as John Ruth once put it, wrestle with Anabaptist/Mennonite traditions and contemporary realities. Authors and texts from outside the Mennonite sphere also will serve, instruct, and inspire us. Might this outpouring of fresh, vital work point us toward a new Anabaptism that is both faithful and transformative?

Jeff Gundy, long-time professor of English at Bluffton University, Ohio, USA, has published six books of poetry and four of prose, most recently "Somewhere Near Defiance" (2014). His work has appeared in "The Georgia Review," "The Sun," "Christian Century," "Mennonite Quarterly Review," "Conrad Grebel Review," and other journals.

**Quilt-making with a Heartbeat**

Connie Lapp

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Connie Lapp is quilt room coordinator at the Material Resources Center in Ephrata, PA.

**Prophetic Engagement**

**Post-Colonial Church Issues in Africa (cont.)**

Rebecca Osiro, Thuma Hamukang'andu, Francis Ibanda Mawangu, Ewuare Osayande, and Ken and Laura Litwiler

Accompanying Refugees at the Borders of Europe: a Summer Project of CPT James Jakob Fehr and Benjamin Krauss Unrest in the Middle East is caused in part by European political and economic action and has led to massive numbers of people fleeing to Europe. The dangerous (and illegal) crossing of the Mediterranean is their only hope. Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) in Europe discovered that refugees have suffered injustices and violence from the police and coast guard. Last summer we worked in Greece – walking with God while walking with refugees. Our project accompanied local peace groups working in solidarity with these new arrivals.

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**What is Anabaptism and Why Should Historic Peace Churches Care?**

Drew Hart

This workshop will define and explore the character of Black Anabaptist faith in North America. "Black Anabaptist" does not necessarily refer to any African American from a historic Anabaptist community, but instead to anyone that has allowed Black theology and the Black Prophetic Church tradition, along with Anabaptist theology and tradition, to shape their beliefs and practices. We will explore how Black theology can reinvigorate a largely comfortable and dominant-culture Anabaptist community in North America towards solidarity with historically oppressed groups, through laboring in love towards liberation, justice, and shalom in our society.

Drew Hart was raised in a non-denominational African American Church and received an MDiv at Biblical Seminary, Philadelphia. He attends Philly's Kingdom Builder's Network for Urban Anabaptists, is a blogger for "Christian Century," "MennoNerds," and "The Mennonite," and a regular speaker for Mennonite churches and Anabaptist conferences. He is a PhD candidate in theology and ethics, and is passionate about the church being a visible and prophetic witness in the midst of the racial division and injustice that exists in the U.S.

**Bible Study**

**Earthy Surprises: Applying an Ecological Lens to Biblical Texts**

Jennifer Halteman Schrock

This workshop introduces a Bible study method that highlights the presence of creation in biblical texts. The method is part of Mennonite Creation Care Network's "Every Creature Singing" adult curriculum. Participants will be invited to apply what the curriculum calls "Ecological Lens Questions" to selected texts. The ecological lens questions were inspired by the work of Old Testament scholar Norman Habel in "The Earth Bible Series" and "The Season of Creation."

Jennifer Halteman Schrock is a member of Berkeley Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, MCUSA, Goshen, Indiana. She works with Mennonite Creation Care Network and is the author of an adult curriculum entitled, "Every Creature Singing: Embracing the Good News for Planet Earth."

**MWC**

**Commissions**

**What is the MWC Peace Commission Doing? What Should it be Doing?**

R.J. Suderman, Paulus Widjaja and the MWC Peace Commission

The Peace Commission will inform about the very important initiatives under way: guidelines for political advocacy; guidelines for involvement in internal church conflicts; a way of restoring and reconciling organizational relationships; and many other things. The Peace Commission also wishes to hear what priority tasks there are from the perspectives of the member-churches.



<b>Meetings and Gatherings</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>H3</b>
<b>Réunion du réseau francophone - Comment mieux communiquer</b> <i>Neal Blough</i>		
<p>Cette deuxième réunion sera plus technique : Comment, en tant que francophone mennonite pouvons-nous mieux communiquer les uns avec les autres ? Sont invités des représentants d'Eglises et d'oeuvres mennonites travaillant en milieu francophone.</p>		
<b>Connecting European Women Theologians</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>H2</b>
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<b>Peace Work Mission and Aid</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>A14</b>
<b>Large and Growing Churches: Reaching the Community while Retaining an Anabaptist Identity</b> <i>Wesley Furlong</i>		
<p>What would happen if you put an Anabaptist historian, marketing expert, and open-minded agnostic in a room with the question, "How can our distinctions serve as an asset to our pursuit of the Great Commission?"</p> <p><i>Wes Furlong is lead pastor of Cape Christian Fellowship, a large Mennonite church in Cape Coral, Florida, USA, whose mission is to "transform our city through healing our homes."</i></p>		
<b>Global Mennonite Women Building Peace</b> <i>Marlene Epp and possible additional leaders</i>	<b>E/S</b>	<b>A13</b>
<p>Mennonite and Brethren in Christ women in many international settings are living out their religious and cultural identity through efforts to build positive peace in their homes, churches, and communities. This workshop will include profiles of Anabaptist women from various parts of the world; reflections on their peacebuilding activities (whether within the church or outside of it) related to inter-ethnic conflict, domestic violence, or wartime gender-based violence, social justice and human rights work, or other issues. The format will be conversational and interactive, and focus on story-telling by presenters and audience alike.</p> <p><i>Marlene Epp is professor of Mennonite studies, and peace &amp; conflict studies at Conrad Grebel University College in Canada. She has published two books and many articles (popular and academic) on the history of Mennonite women, and is a member of Rockway Mennonite Church (Mennonite Church Eastern Canada) in Kitchener, Ontario.</i></p>		
<b>Walking in Tragedy: the Global Church in Disaster Response</b> <i>Jeanne and Dan Janzti, and Paulus Hartono</i>	<b>E</b>	<b>A12</b>
<p>The global church has an opportunity to expand the circle of hospitality through responding to disasters. Beyond taking care of our own congregations' widows and orphans, the church is called to reach out to the whole community, and reach out beyond differences. This workshop will include Scripture and inspiration from the 2011 Asia Anabaptist Diakonia Conference held in Indonesia. We will share stories of community transformation through disaster response and invite stories from participants. We will brainstorm together ways for the global church to bear the pain of</p>		

tragedy, bear witness through inclusive disaster response with the broader community, and highlight the role of youth/young adult volunteers in disaster response.		
<p><i>Jeanne and Dan Janzti, MCC area directors for Southeast Asia, have twelve years of experience in Indonesia and over twenty years working with MWC churches in Africa and Asia. Paulus Hartono is a pastor in the Muria Mennonite Church in Indonesia and director of Indonesia Diakonia Service. He has worked many years in community organizations that bring together people of different religions and ethnicities.</i></p>		
<b>Is it time for an MWC Peace Network?</b> <i>R.J. Suderman and Paulus Wicjaja</i>	<b>E/S/F</b>	<b>A16</b>
<p>There has been a call for a new initiative: an MWC Peace Network made up of programs, organizations, agencies, and churches that have explicit initiatives in Peace programming. This workshop will explore the level of interest, viability, and next steps of this initiative. It is open to all interested.</p> <p><i>R.J. Suderman and Paulus Wicjaja are members of the MWC Peace Commission.</i></p>		
<b>From Reformation 2017 to Anabaptist 2025: a Five-Hundred-Year Birthday?</b> <i>Hanspeter Jecker, Astrid von Schlachta, Fernando Enns, and John D. Roth</i>	<b>E/F</b>	<b>A8</b>
<p>Very soon churches around the world will be celebrating the five-hundredth anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the ninety-five theses to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, an event often associated with the beginnings of the Protestant movement. Anabaptists mark their beginnings with the first adult baptisms in Zurich, Switzerland eight years later. As MWC anticipates these opportunities for commemorating our beginnings, how can we ensure that these celebrations reflect our theological commitments, ecumenical partnerships, missional identity, and global reality?</p> <p><i>Hanspeter Jecker is professor of history and theology at Blenheim Theological Seminary in Liestal, Switzerland. Astrid von Schlachta is president of the German Mennonite Historical Association and professor of history at the University of Regensburg, Germany. Fernando Enns is professor of Mennonite theology and ethics with a focus on peace and justice studies at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and professor of free church theology at the University of Hamburg, Germany. John D. Roth is professor of history at Goshen College, Indiana, USA, and director of the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism.</i></p>		
<b>Latin American Anabaptist Identity: Roots, Fruits and Challenges</b> (until 17:00) <i>César Moya, Patricia Uruña, and Carlos García</i>	<b>S/E</b>	<b>A7</b>
<p>This seminar-workshop will be a contribution to the Anabaptist theological reflection from Latin America, and will seek to approximate a characterization of a Latin American Anabaptist identity, its origins, accomplishments and challenges in facing new tendencies and religious movements that have made an inroad into the continent. We will also gather contributions from Latin American brothers and sisters concerning practical ways to continue growing in our identity and orientation regarding steps to follow with this theme, for example: a possible encounter between North American Anabaptist theology and Latin American Anabaptist theology.</p> <p><i>César Moya es colombiano, miembro de RELEA, y obrero de Mennonite Mission Network en Ecuador. El está doctorando en teología y parte</i></p>		



de la Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia-IMCOL. Patricia Uruña es colombiana, miembro de RELEA y de Mujeres Teólogas de América Latina. Ella es obrera de Mennonite Mission Network en Ecuador, Magister en Teología, y miembro de Colombia-IMCOL. Carlos Martínez García es miembro de RELEA, sociólogo, investigador del Centro de Estudios del Protestantismo Mexicano, y articulista. Él es miembro de la Iglesia Anabautista Menonita. Unida de México.

**Preserving the Past for a Living Future:  
How to Create (or Improve) Your Church's Archives**

Conrad Stoesz and Peggy Goertzen

E/S A6

Rapidly growing churches often do not devote a lot of attention to preserving their history. However, decisions made by earlier generations have shaped your church in profound ways, and your grandchildren will have questions about the decisions you are making today. The Bible is filled with the stories of God's people. Keeping records of your congregations, church organizations, leaders, and lay people provides the crucial sources for telling your story. This workshop will give you some practical ideas of what you can do to preserve the records of your church.

Conrad Stoesz is an archivist at the Mennonite Heritage Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba, a ministry of Mennonite Church Canada.

**Where Church and Autism Meet –  
How can Church be Autism-friendly?**

Gerald Reesor-Grooters

E A5

Autism is increasingly prevalent in society, and consequently also in church. Church programs are not always "autism-friendly" - not by choice, but simply by design. What are the challenges that autistic adults, children, and their parents face in our church community? How can the church meet their specific needs? We will focus on autism and its symptoms, and identify challenges in relation to church activities such as worship, Sunday school, youth group, and potlucks. Gerald will share her own experiences and also invite you to explore these challenges and be part of the search for creative suggestions and solutions.

Gerald Reesor-Grooters is an advocate for her nineteen-year-old autistic son as he navigates the school system and many other aspects of life. She is a member of Community Mennonite Church of Stouffville, Ontario, Canada where she is a youth group leader and Sunday school coordinator/teacher.

**Being People of Faith Crossing Cultures –  
An Aussie American Reflects**

Moriah Hurst

E A2

What does it mean to be the people of God across cultures? This workshop will include ideas and thoughts from living bi-culturally and figuring out what things like dominance, equality, valuing who you are and where you come from might look like in daily life. We will reflect on what it is like to follow a God who has created us differently yet in community with each other across cultures. Moriah Hurst is an Australian/American who works with Mennonite Mission Network in Australia.

Moriah is ordained with MCUSA but teaches for an ecumenical group called Praxis based in Melbourne Australia with connections throughout the Pacific.

**Walking with Godly Books: Traveling Texts  
from our Missions and Migrations**

Hans Leaman

E A4

Introducing participants to devotional books that Anabaptists have "walked with," or carried with them, on their missions and migrations, this workshop will explore ways in which Anabaptists have sustained themselves spiritually during their migrations, attributed theological meaning to uprootedness, and identified as a sojourning people who "walk with God." With the aid of these texts and members' testimonies, the workshop will probe the consequences of migration and travel on humans' conceptions of themselves, their sense of political belonging, their relationships to possessions, and ultimately, their relationship with God.

Hans Leaman is a lecturer and postdoctoral associate at Yale University, where he also completed his JD (law degree) and PhD in history. His dissertation and current book project is on the theological and ecclesiological meaning that Reformation groups, including the early Anabaptists, ascribed to forced migration. He is a member of Stumptown Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania (MCUSA) and Trinity Baptist Church in New Haven, Connecticut, USA.

**Other Churches  
and Faiths**

**Interfaith Peace Dialogue and Practice  
in Indonesia** (until 17:00)

Janti Diredja, Paulus Hartono  
and Agus Wahyuning Mayanto

E/S A20

Relationship between religions - especially between Islam and Christianity - have been strained in Indonesia, home to the world's largest Islamic population. In this context, Mennonite churches are called to bring peace by developing relationships and practical dialogue with Islamic groups - both moderates and radicals. Discover their values and strategic approach.

Janti Diredja is a GKMI pastor in Yogyakarta actively engaged in peace-building through the institution of PSPP Duta Wacana Christian University Yogyakarta. Paulus Hartono is a GKMI pastor in Solo and director of the MDS (Mennonite Diakonia Service), GKMI synod. He has been active for 20 years in interfaith peace service in the city of Solo, Central Java. Agus Wahyuning Mayanto is a GKMI pastor in Cempaka Putih Barat Jakarta, and is active in community and youth development, in both missions and peace.

**Interfaith Issues Important for Global Mennonites  
and Brethren in Christ**

Dorothy Yoder Nyce

E/S A3

This workshop focuses on how persons of Christian faith relate to persons loyal to other diverse religions, when all are intent to share, listen and learn in order to enhance respect and understanding while avoiding harm. Time will be given to presentation and discussion of case situations, with special attention to Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sikhism.

Dorothy Yoder Nyce is a life-long Mennonite with current membership at Eighth Street Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, USA. She is a retired teacher and has written numerous articles and books. Her DMin degree focused on interreligious dialogue and was prompted from having lived in India eight times. She is the parent of two adult daughters; her husband and hospitality partner is John.

**Creativity, Liturgy  
and Worship**

**Liturgy and the Transformation of  
Creation and Community**

Juerg Braeker

E G3

Worship and celebrating the liturgy can be understood as a public transformational act with political and ecological connotations, a reconstruction of community and restoration of creation. Essential to such an understanding is a broadened view of symbolic representation, including body,

remembrance and action. Starting from Alexander Schmemmann's view of the world as sacrament, the workshop will look at the manifold relations between the liturgy and the world in which it is celebrated, as well as search for forms of liturgy that enhance such a transformational understanding of liturgy.

*Juerg Braeker is general secretary of the Swiss Mennonite Conference and member of the Bern Mennonite congregation, and has a doctorate in theology. His research in systematic theology concentrated on the ecclesiology of the American-orthodox theologian Alexander Schmemmann, looking at missiological, sociological and ecological aspects. His dissertation has been published as "Kirche, Welt, Mission. Alexander Schmemmann – eine ökumenisch relevante Ekklesiologie" (2013)*

**Zentangle**  **E G2**

*Deborah Kopeschny*

Zentangle® is a method of creating beautiful images using repetitive element patterns, created by Rick Roberts and Maria Thomas to teach and enable anyone to make simple art and participate in a meditational activity. Zentangle® promotes calm and inspiration, and is helpful as a regular meditative practice, focusing exercise, a way to break creative block, develop team-building, promote self-esteem and well-being. This workshop will provide background understanding of the roots of Zentangle®, an autobiographical connection, and the experience of creating a Zentangle®.

*Deb Kopeschny (BA, CZT), a member of the Toronto United Mennonite Church, quilt artist, and certified Zentangle instructor, is now training as an art therapist. She will provide an autobiographical understanding of how art has influenced her life.*

**Quilt-making with a Heartbeat** **E E**

*Connie Lapp*

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*Connie Lapp is quilt room coordinator at the Material Resources Center in Ephrata, PA.*

**Prophetic Engagement** **E A19**

**The Effects of Climate Change on Human Health: Where do Justice, Missions, and Discipleship Fit?**

*Lyubov Slasheva*

Anabaptists have a strong history of stewardship and creation care, whether as farmers or urban-dwellers aiming for simplicity. As the modern world faces realities of climate change and a myriad of related human health challenges, the Anabaptist community ought to engage in dialogue on how our faith, Scripture, and commitment to authentic discipleship informs our response to both climate change and its resultant adverse affects on human health. This workshop will encompass a brief presentation from a variety of voices (environmentalists, scholars, theologians, politicians, agrarians) and will encourage discussion on justice/missions/discipleship implications in an Anabaptist perspective.

*Lyubov Slasheva is a dental student who has great interest in public health in missions abroad and in her local community. She is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University and is active in her local church at First Mennonite, Richmond, Virginia, USA.*

**We Will Speak Out: How to Talk About Sexualized Violence** **E A15**

*(until 17:00)  
Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Beth Good and Ewuare Osayande*

This workshop will focus on the sexual- and gender-based violence in our communities, and ways to strengthen and equip churches and constituents to appropriately recognize and respond within the US and Canada. Learn also about a successful partnership between MCC and a number of Ontario conferences when boundaries have been crossed within a church setting.

*Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz is restorative justice coordinator, Beth Good is health coordinator, and Ewuare Osayande is anti-oppression coordinator, all with Mennonite Central Committee US.*

**The Peace Process in Colombia: an Opportunity for the Historic Peace Church.** **S/E A9** 

*Ricardo Esquivia Ballestas*

“Come...that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths” (Micah 4.2). After more than sixty years of armed conflict that has left thousands of dead, millions of projects frustrated and persons displaced, and a torn social fabric, the Colombian government and the FARC-EP guerrillas have decided to dialogue to end the war. This is the last armed conflict in the Americas, and it creates a unique opportunity for the worldwide Anabaptist/Mennonite church who, as a historic peace church, has been preparing for peace-building and reconciliation. The objective of this exercise will be to show how peace-building has been developed in the Colombian Mennonite Church. What does this signify for the worldwide Anabaptist/Mennonite church?

*Ricardo Esquivia is a member of the Colombian Mennonite Church and a lawyer with more than forty-five years of experience in peace-building from a community and ecclesial base. He is director of Sembrando Paz (Planting Seeds of Peace) and works with returned communities in the Colombian Caribbean.*

**Bible Study**

**Wrestling with Scripture: The Art of Facilitating Dynamic Bible Study**

*Derek Suderman*

**E/S A10**

Have you experienced Bible study where the leader lectured you to think like him/her? Or where everyone shared their opinion but no one learned anything new? Have you given up on Bible study altogether, or are you concerned about a decline in biblical literacy, but are at a loss for what to do? This workshop will explore Jacob's wrestling at the Jabok river as an analogy for scriptural engagement that shifts focus away from biblical literacy to ongoing biblical engagement. Come, experience an approach to Bible study that avoids these familiar ruts. And of course, don't forget your Bible!


*Derek Suderman teaches Old Testament at Conrad Grebel and the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada. He is a member of St. Jacob's Mennonite Church and represents Mennonite Church Canada on the Editorial Council of the Believer's Church Bible Commentary series. Derek is married to author and educator Rebecca Seiling, and they have two daughters.*


**What does the Bible say About the Task of Deacons?** **E A17**

*Enoch Shamapani*

This workshop will focus on a Bible study on the task of the Deacon in the local community/church/congregation/conference.

*Enoch Shamapani is a retired bishop of the Brethren in Christ church in Zambia, and a member of the Deacons Commission.*

<b>MWC Commissions</b>	<b>Deacons Commission: Walking in Autonomy and Community</b> <i>Shantkumar Kunjam</i> This is a workshop on the theme of the day: Walking in Autonomy and Community. The speaker will elaborate on his morning presentation and give opportunity for discussion with participants. <i>Shantkumar Kunjam is a retired minister of the Mennonite Church in India.</i>	<b>E/S/F</b> <b>A1</b>
<b>Meetings and Gatherings</b>	<b>MCC Young Adult Programs Gathering</b> For anyone who has ever served in one of MCC's young adult programs (IVEP, SALT, YAMEN, Seed, Summerbridge, Summer Service, etc.) or hosted a young adult from one of these programs. <b>Connecting Globally, Forming a Global Women's Network</b> (until 17:00) <i>Ofelia Garcia, Angela Opimi, Olga Piedrasanta Linda Shelly, Elizabeth Soto</i>	<b>H3</b> <b>E/S/F/</b> <b>H2</b>
<b>15:30 – 17:00 Late Afternoon</b>		
<b>Reconciliation and Healing</b>	<b>Healing Relationships Mired in Colonialism</b> <i>Iris de León-Hartshorn and Steve Heinrichs</i> What might it look like for the church to live in right relationship with host peoples? We will explore ways in which Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada are working in partnership with Native Americans and First Nations. Through stories, conversation, and questions, we will see why the church is called to speak the truth about our histories, how we are pursuing decolonized relationships, and the ways that this work gifts and challenges our faith communities. <i>Iris de León-Hartshorn, Mennonite Church USA, is director of Transformative Peacemaking. Steve Heinrich, Mennonite Church Canada, is director of Indigenous Relations.</i>	<b>E</b> <b>A17</b>
<b>How the Church Walks with Victims of Social and Political Violence</b> <i>Pablo Stucky and Nathan Toews</i>	The Anabaptist churches in Colombia have had important experiences in being healing spaces for persons who have suffered violence from armed conflict. In a context of continual traumatic stress where it's difficult to trust another, the church has been a place where victims can experience healing, and look toward a future of dignity and service to others. This workshop offers examples and activities for analysis and reflection through which participants can explore concepts and applications that are pertinent to a church that desires to be a healing and empowering community.	<b>S/E</b> <b>A18</b>
<b>Peace Work Mission and Aid</b>	<b>Learning Together: Reconsidering Perspectives and Dimensions in Addressing Conscientious Objection</b> <i>Jenny Neme, Fernando Enns, Andrés Pacheco, Kyong-Jung Kim and Jae Young Lee</i> After exploring the concrete experiences and challenges for conscientious objectors in Colombia and South Korea, this final workshop will address the international context. By way of a plenary we will explore different dimensions of conscientious objection such as political advocacy, international juridical	<b>E/S</b>  <b>A13</b>
framework, and advances and challenges of addressing conscientious objection in the ecumenical movement. Participants will be invited to share experiences, contexts, questions, concerns and ideas regarding conscientious objection. Finally, some suggestions and possibilities of addressing conscientious objection are intended – both globally and locally. Jenny Neme is director of Justapaz (Colombian Mennonite NGO with long experience in accompanying COs), and a member of the MWC Peace Commission. Fernando Enns is director of the Institute for Peace Church Theology, University of Hamburg, Germany, and professor of theology and ethics at the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Andrés Pacheco is a psychologist and PhD student in theology at the Free University Amsterdam.	<i>Kyong-Jung Kim is director of the Korean Anabaptist Center, a leader of Jesus Heart Church, and MWC Northeast Asia representative. Jae Young Lee is director of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute.</i>	<b>E/F</b> <b>A12</b>
<b>Bearing Witness: Conflict, Reconciliation and Advocacy in the Great Lakes of Africa</b> <i>Melody Musser and Patrick Maxwell</i>	The global nature of the Mennonite Church, as well as Mennonite Central Committee's worldwide grassroots partnerships, afford a unique opportunity both to listen to the perspectives of marginalized populations and to witness to the world's powers and principalities. The countries of the African Great Lakes Region (including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, and Uganda) have for the past twenty years been the site both of horrific conflict and fearless peacebuilding. Using examples from the region's conflicts, MCC service workers will present the potential – both explored and unexplored – for church-based reconciliation and prophetic witness. <i>Melody Musser is based in Gitega, Burundi serving as Communication Specialist for Peacebuilding through the MCC partner organization, Ministry for Peace and Reconciliation Under the Cross. She is a member of Stephens City Mennonite Church in Virginia. Patrick Maxwell is an MCC service worker in Bukavu, DRC, serving in a conflict analysis and post-conflict community support capacity. He is a member of the Mennonite Church and attended the 2003 Mennonite World Conference in Zimbabwe.</i>	<b>S/E</b> <b>A2</b>
<b>Women Building Peace in Colombia - Resolution 1325</b> <i>Leidy Muñoz</i>	The workshop proposes sharing life stories about community process with women, victims of social and political conflict in Colombia, who are empowered by their role as peace managers. The project begins with an institutional focus and combines strengthening and consolidating the women's knowledge about human rights, including the rights to truth, justice, and reparations, with analysis and debate in order to strengthen peace proposals, the systemizing of experiences, and participation of the women in events, encounters, mobilizations and forums in favor of peace and women's rights; accompanied by strategies of promotion, disclosure and visualization. The women participate in a process of integral formation in themes such as: Life plan worked on from their own abilities, capacities and resources; a legal framework for the enforceability of rights; processes for community organization, peace building, reconciliation and conflict resolution; and strategies for political and community incidents.	<b>S/E</b> <b>A2</b>
<i>The Colombian Mennonite Foundation for Development, Mencoledes, is an initiative of the Mennonite Anabaptist churches in Colombia (Mennonite Church of Colombia – IMCOL, and the Mennonite Brethren Church in Colombia), with the purpose of making visible the Gospel and the integral mission of the Christian churches through the option for the poorest and most vulnerable in the country.</i>		

**Baptised in Amsterdam, The Netherlands:**  **E A11**  
**How do People Come to Choose to Walk with God?**  
*Nilke Duinkerken and Anke Spijker*

We will show a film made for Dutch television, of three men in the process of writing their confession and telling about their background (two of them did not grow up Mennonite). We learn about their personal life, see them struggling with the right words, and see part of the service in which they became members of the Mennonite congregation of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. After showing the film we will talk about the film and respond to questions.

*Nilke Duinkerken is president of the church board of the Mennonite congregation in Amsterdam; she was brought up Mennonite. Anke Spijker is secretary of the church board; she was baptized as a baby in the Reformed Church, and had not gone to church for thirty years when she found the Amsterdam Mennonite congregation nine years ago.*

**Being Church Together** **S/E A8**

**Latin American Anabaptist Identity: Roots, Fruits and Challenges** (cont.)  
*César Moya, Patricia Urueña and Carlos García*

**What is the Status of the MWC Shared Convictions?** **E/S A7**  
 Alfred Neufeld

How did the Shared Convictions emerge? To what extent do they provide identity? Are the Shared Convictions a confession of faith? What is missing in them? What are on-going controversial issues in the Shared Convictions? What might the Global Anabaptist Profile tell us concerning the Shared Convictions?

*Alfred Neufeld is an Mennonite Brethren pastor and theologian with background studies in education, cross-cultural communication, missions, history of theology and New Testament. He received a PhD in theology in Geneva, 1994, is president of the Protestant University in Paraguay, and is an ordained pastor and member of the Ältestenrat of the German MB Conference in Paraguay.*

**Cultural Chameleons: Learning from the Other** **E A6**  
*Linda Martin Burkholder and Donald Clymer*

As a global church fellowship, how can we develop our ability to relate across cultures? Some individuals appear to comfortably slide from one country or culture into another. Increasing our agility for moving across cultural spaces will allow us to learn from each other and collaborate in new ways. Hands-on activities will help people move beyond recognizing stereotypes toward a deeper understanding of whomever person is, as “created in the image and likeness of God.” Examining cultural influences will open us to new conversations as we walk together and with God.

*Linda Martin Burkholder works for Eastern Mennonite University's cross-cultural programs and is a member of Community Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA. Donald Clymer teaches Spanish and leads cross-cultural seminars for Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. He has graduate degrees in Spanish literature and spiritual formation, and has a passion for connecting spirituality to cross-cultural learning. He is a member of Lindale Mennonite Church in Linville, Virginia.*

**Other Churches and Faiths** **E/S A20** 

**Interfaith Peace Dialogue and Practice in Indonesia** (cont.)  
*Janti Diredja, Paulus Hartono and Agus Wahyuning Mayantono*

**My Friend Wears the Hijab** **E A3**  
*Sheryl Martin*

Explore issues of dress and faith! When Christian women encounter Muslim women how do they see each other? The role of women in Muslim society will be addressed with a special focus on open doors for Christian women to relate to Muslim women, especially through the gift of receiving and extending hospitality.

*Sheryl Martin is part of the EMM Christian/Muslim Relations Team. She has been a worker in Afghanistan for sixteen years.*

**Creativity, Liturgy and Worship** **F/E A19**  
*James Krabill*

**Worship and Mission for the Global Church**

Join an exploration of a multitude of worship practices from around the world. Add your experiences in worship to the conversation.

*James Krabill is Mennonite Mission Network staff.*

**Liturgy, Body and Habitus: Becoming What We Desire.** **E A10**  
*Juerg Braeuer*

Worship happens through and with our bodies. Using concepts of habitus (a basic mode of bodily relation to the world that guides our perception), we ask how worship may shape us as desiring beings, to come to desire the kingdom of God. It looks at the role of bodily presence, and the role of imagination and narration, in the action of liturgy, and concrete ways of countering the cultural-political liturgies of this world.

*Juerg Braeuer is general secretary of the Swiss Mennonite Conference and member of the Bern Mennonite congregation, and has a doctorate in theology. His research in systematic theology concentrated on the ecclesiology of the American-orthodox theologian Alexander Schmemmann, looking at missiological, sociological and ecological aspects. His dissertation has been published as “Kirche, Welt, Mission. Alexander Schmemmann – eine ökumenisch relevante Ekklesiologie” (2013).*

**Contemplative Creation** **E/S G3**  
*Deborah Kopeschny*

Contemplation and creative activity are similar acts of bringing oneself into connection with God. Contemplation is the prayerful quieting of oneself; creation is the expression of oneself. Combining the two activities provides a strengthening and deepening of their experiences. Both practices have been shown to improve one's well-being and health. This workshop will include a participatory activity that explores combining these two activities. Meditation, Scripture reading and meditative drawing will be used; other resources and methods of contemplative and creative activity will be discussed and shared.

*Deb Kopeschny (BA, CZT) is a member of the Toronto United Mennonite Church, quilt artist, and certified ZenTangle instructor, is now training as an art therapist. She will provide an autobiographical understanding of how art has influenced her life.*

**Quilt-making with a Heartbeat** **E E**  
*Connie Lapp*

A quilt is a blanket with a heartbeat. Come join the quilt-making workshop and experience community and fellowship the way pioneer women did in years gone by. At the same time discover how it feels to be part of a group sharing wit, wisdom, recipes, songs, joys and sorrows. This workshop is open to anyone who would like to quilt or who are willing learners in this traditional

art form. All workshop participants will have an opportunity to learn about the different stages of making a quilt, the different styles of quilts, stories, history, and more.

*Connie Lapp is quilt room coordinator at the Material Resources Center in Ephrata, PA.*

### Prophetic Engagement

#### We Will Speak Out: How to Talk About Sexualized Violence (cont.)

*Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Beth Good and Ewuarde Osayande*

E A15

#### Latino Immigration in the United States: Current Challenges and Program Interventions

*Robert Reyes and Gilberto Perez Jr.*

E/S A16

Latinos represent the largest ethnic/racial minority group in the United States. The increases in this population have stirred old anti-immigrant sentiments in communities all across the country. The church often finds itself in the middle of these tensions, trying to respond to the needs of the marginalized while addressing the concerns of the larger population. The goal of this presentation is to provide an overview of the current immigration experiences of Latinos in the USA and the impact of acculturation on children and families, shed light on the many challenges, and discuss interventions that can assist leaders in churches and service organizations meet the needs of immigrant and refugee families around the world.

*Robert Reyes is professor of human development and family science and holds a PhD in marriage and family studies from Fuller Seminary. His research interests include the study of acculturative stress and coping among Latino families, and of moral/social capital among immigrant parents and its impact on parental involvement and educational outcomes. He is an active member of the Brethren in Christ Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA. Gilberto Pérez Jr. serves as senior director of intercultural development and educational partnerships at Goshen College. Prior to coming to GC, he was employed at Northeastern Center, a community mental health center in northeast Indiana where he authored the Bienvenido curriculum, a nationally recognized mental health promotion curriculum for Latino immigrants. Gilberto is an active member of Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, USA.*

#### Seven Points on Earth: A Global History of Mennonites and the Land

*John Eicher, Hans Peter Fast, Danang Kristiawan Royden Loewen, and Belinda Ncube*

E A9

The “Seven Points on Earth” project is a comparative history of “Mennonites and the Environment” in seven Mennonite communities: Java, Bulawayo, Siberia, Iowa, Manitoba, Friesland, Santa Cruz (Bolivia). This workshop reviews the project and hears five of the seven young scholars present their preliminary findings from their field research. Each considers the way an Anabaptist faith is imagined and practiced with regard to land stewardship and growing food products. Participants are invited to respond to the questions: how have we experienced God in relationship to land? and, how are Mennonites a global people from the “ground” up?

*Paper presenters are Danang Kristiawan, associate pastor, GITJ, Jepara, Indonesia; Belinda Ncube, church worker, Brethren in Christ, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe; Hans Peter Fast, geographer, Nondenominational Church, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; John Eicher, MCUSA, PhD student at University of Iowa, USA; Royden Loewen, chair in Mennonite studies, University of Winnipeg, MC Canada.*

### Bible Study

#### A Biblical Model of Multicultural Relationships

*Virgo Handoyo*

This seminar is based on biblical reflection and scientific study and will present a healthy model of multicultural relationship at the congregational, conference, and societal level.

*Virgo Handoyo has a PhD in Marriage & Family Studies from Fuller School of Psychology, and is professor of behavioral sciences at California Baptist University, Riverside, California. His experience includes more than twenty-five years in pastoral ministry as a church planter, pastoral trainer, and senior pastor of Grace Indonesian Christian Fellowship at Sierra Madre, California, USA. He serves on the boards of Mennonite Central Committee US and Hesston College, and the Reference Committee of Cross-Cultural Relations in Mennonite Church USA.*

#### Seeing Power as God Sees It: A Matthean Case Study on the Upside-Down Kingdom

*Dorothy Jean Weaver*

E A5

This workshop will be an interactive Bible study working with Matthew 2:1-23 and/or Matthew 14:1-12, and focusing on questions of power and powerlessness. Participants will be invited to examine the upside-down character of power from the God’s-eye view of Matthew’s Gospel and to reflect on the significance of this perspective for Christians living in the violent world of the twenty-first century. Bring your Bible and prepare to participate.

*Dorothy Jean Weaver is professor of New Testament at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and is a member of Community Mennonite Church, an MCUSA congregation.*

### MWC

#### Commissions

#### Deacons Commission:

##### What is the MWC Deacons Commission?

*Henk Stenvers and Cynthia Peacock*

E/S/F A1

This workshop gives opportunity to learn and dialogue about the work of the Deacons Commission.

*Henk Stenvers is secretary of the MWC Deacons Commission. Cynthia Peacock is chair of the MWC Deacons Commission.*

#### Meetings and Gatherings

#### Connecting Globally, Forming a Global Women’s Network (cont.)

*Orelia Garcia, Angela Opimi, Olga Pletrasanta Linda Shelly, Elizabeth Soto*

E/S/F H2

#### MCC Friends Gathering

People of all ages who are alumni of MCC programs and have been MCC volunteers or supporters in any setting, or who now serve and volunteer with and otherwise support MCC.

# 25 Saturday

13:30 – 15:00 Early Afternoon

## Reconciliation and Healing

### Hurt People Hurt People: Trauma and Resilience Tools to Break Cycles of Harm

Elaine Zook Barge and Carolyn Yoder

E A19

Historical harms abound throughout our world. Too often the impact of group (collective) trauma is not recognized and goes unaddressed. The wounds then come out as cycles of violence against the self or others that get passed down through the generations. What are the hurts and wounds in your community? How are they being addressed? Do you have the tools you need to address them? In this workshop we will identify historical trauma in our various countries and its impact on the body, brain and behaviors of individuals and groups, and explore practical tools that allow healing to begin and resilience to increase in our communities.

*Elaine Zook Barge is assistant professor of the practice of trauma awareness and resilience at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. She is a member of Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg. Carolyn Yoder is a psychotherapist and founder of PeaceAfterTrauma.com, a web-based trauma training resource. She is the author of The Little Book of Trauma Healing and a member of Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg. Both Elaine and Carolyn are master trainers for the STAR program (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience) and instrumental in STAR's development and on-going work.*

### Non Violent Communication as a Mission Focus.

Maarten van der Werf and Marijke Laane

E/S A18

Non-violent communication (Marshall Rosenberg) is a powerful tool in our society to keep people connected in the midst of conflict. It is a crucial part of our personal preparation to be peacemakers in our society. In The Netherlands many Mennonite congregations are being trained in non-violent communication, and some are giving training to institutions and people in their cities at very low or no cost. This workshop will look at non-violent communication and how to organize congregational witness about peacemaking, and will be interactive.

*Maarten van der Werf is a communication trainer in non-violent communication. Marijke Laane is a trainer of the Almere Mennonite congregation, The Netherlands, working in the "Non Violent Communication Project."*

### Identify in God

Fernando dos Santos de Souza

S/E  A2

We are a generation called the generation of the "broken heart". People are running desperate looking for their basic needs such as security, self-esteem and meaning - needs that God created in us - but we are using wrong ways to meet it. Many already are leaders, but still struggling for identity search and acceptance and often has used its ministry, its position as a solution to address this void. We are not loved by God for what we do, but by what we are. Only in God, I can understand who I am and why I was born.

### Just in Case: What can we do about "Forgiveness," "Truth," and "Justice"?

Jose Luis Azurdia and Marcus Weiland

S/E A17

This seminar consists of two parts. The first part considers the church's role within a society's reconciliation process with the focus on Guatemala: an overview of Guatemala's history of violence and unrest, and the results of a

research project conducted with interviews of experts on trauma recovery. By using various case studies for group discussion, the second part of the workshop will employ participants' experience and insights in search of connections between "forgiveness," "truth," and "justice" while dealing with conflict and trauma.

*Jose Luis Azurdia is husband of Olga Piedrasanta, member of Casa Horeb Mennonite Church, Guatemala City, expert on conflict transformation, and executive secretary of RedPaz. Marcus Weiland is facilitator at ComPax Institute for Conflict Transformation at the Mennonite Theological Seminary, Blenenberg, Switzerland.*

## Peace Work Mission and Aid

### Peace Building in Christian Churches in the Midst of Armed Conflict in Colombia.

Jenny Neme, Martin Nates, Anna Vogt and Angélica Rincón

S/E A14

Colombia lives with an internal armed conflict of more than fifty years, and has more than seven million victims. In this context, individuals and faith communities have been affected, but peace-building initiatives have also arisen in Christian churches, especially in those regions with a presence of armed groups and constant confrontation.

*Jenny Neme is director of Justapaz (Colombian Mennonite NGO with long experience in accompanying COs), and member of the MWC Peace Commission. Martin Nates is a theologian and Angélica Rincón is a social worker; they are both coordinators of the Program of Historical Memory and Political Incidence at Justapaz. Anna Vogt is a political scientist and communicator, and service worker with Mennonite Central Committee at Justapaz.*

### More than Good Intentions?

#### Exploring the Ethical Challenges of Peace Work

Reina Neufeldt and Paul Heidebrecht

E/S A13

This workshop will explore moral dilemmas and challenges that arise in peace work. We will ask: how do we think about what is good and right in our faith-based peacebuilding work in the varied contexts in which we work? Some Mennonite peace efforts draw attention to who we are and how we live out our beliefs while others focus on ends. What values are behind our peace work? Do they differ in different places? How do we respond when values conflict? Are there better ways for Mennonites to think proactively and respond to moral value challenges in peace work?

*Reina Neufeldt is assistant professor of peace and conflict studies, Conrad Grebel University College; she currently attends Stirling Mennonite Church in Waterloo, while her membership is at Hyattsville Mennonite Church, Hyattsville, Maryland. Paul Heidebrecht, director of the MSCU Centre for Peace Advancement at Conrad Grebel University College, currently attends Ottawa Mennonite Church.*

### Practical Ministry: Taking Faith to the Marketplace

Siaka Traore

F/E A12

Siaka Traore, from Burkina Faso, is pastor and business owner. In order to engage people of different faiths, Traore has planted churches and started businesses in the heart of the places where people gather. Learn about the creative and practical ways he has done this in order to open constructive dialogue in a predominantly Muslim community.

*Siaka Traore is president of the Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso.*



Being Church Together	S/E	A8	Other Churches and Faiths	E	A20
<p><b>MWC History Project: How Have we Worked Through Difficult Times Together?</b> (until 17:00) <i>Alfred Neufeld</i></p> <p>We will explore how Mennonite World Conference has worked through difficult times together in the past, and look at some of the main (controversial!) topics at the Assemblies of 1925, 1930, 1936, 1948, and 1952.</p> <p><i>Alfred Neufeld is a Mennonite Brethren pastor and theologian with background studies in education, cross-cultural communication, missions, history of theology and New Testament. He received a PhD in theology in Geneva, 1994, is president of the Protestant University in Paraguay, and an ordained pastor and member of the Ältesterrat of the German MB Conference in Paraguay.</i></p>			<p><b>Gender Issues in Interfaith Contexts</b> <i>Rebecca Osiro</i></p> <p>This workshop will work with a number of specific topics related to the interfaith context in Kenya, including a brief history of Muslim resurgence in East Africa; an analysis of religion and education in East Africa; the position of women in the religio-political context at independence, and the current position of women in East Africa; and Liberation Theology versus Islamic Family Law. Is co-existence in an interfaith context possible? Is there tolerance or dialogue?</p> <p><i>Rebecca Osiro serves as pastor at Eastleigh Fellowship Centre, a congregational of Kenya Mennonite Church. EFC is located in a multicultural, multilingual, and interfaith context. She is also involved in a social program (MEPERI) whose objective is to purge the society of repugnant cultural practices such as female genital mutilation (FGM). She has a Bachelor of Divinity in Christian theology and Master of Arts in Islamic studies.</i></p>		
<p><b>Conflict in the Church: Challenges and Opportunities</b> <i>Paulus Widjaja</i></p> <p>Paulus will lead the workshop group in thinking about pre-conflict conditions and actions, conflict issues, and post-conflict issues. He will review the guidelines of conflict intervention that MWC Peace Commission has prepared and the Executive Committee has approved, and also review the Peace Commission initiative for restoring and reconciling organizational trauma and conflicts.</p> <p><i>Paulus Widjaja is chair of the MWC Peace Commission and is from Indonesia. He is president of one of the four Indonesian Mennonite Conferences, professor of peace and conflict studies at the Duta Wacana University, and has been active in the MWC peace circles for more than twenty years.</i></p>			<p><b>From Condemnation to Healing of Memories: Lutheran - Mennonite Reconciliation</b> <i>Rainer W. Burkart and Michael Martin</i></p> <p>The Lutheran-Mennonite reconciliation story stretches from the condemnation of Anabaptists in Lutheran confessions in the sixteenth century to dialogues in France, Germany, the US and internationally (Lutheran World Federation/Mennonite World Conference) in the past thirty years. The seminar leaders - a Lutheran and a Mennonite from Germany - embody the Lutheran-Mennonite reconciliation in a friendship starting in 1980 when both began theological studies in a Lutheran seminary in Germany. The seminar will include a short movie of a reconciliation worship service in 2010, personal stories, controversial themes (baptism, military service, others), future relationships, and time for discussions.</p> <p><i>Rainer W. Burkart is a Mennonite pastor in Germany, member of MWC executive committee and Faith and Life Commission, co-secretary of Lutheran-Mennonite dialogue in Germany 1989-1993, and co-chair of International Lutheran-Mennonite Study Commission 2005-2008. Michael Martin is a Lutheran pastor in Germany, member of the church governing board of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bavaria, and head of the department for ecumenical affairs and church life. He ministered in a Mennonite congregation in Munich from 1992-1996, and is chair of the task force of the Lutheran World Federation to follow up on the reconciliation process.</i></p>		
<p><b>Preserving the Past for a Living Future: Digitizing and Preserving Photographs</b> <i>Lauren Harder-Gissing and Conrad Stoesz</i></p> <p>"A picture says a thousand words" – or so goes an old saying in English. Even if your congregation or church conference does not have a lot of printed records, chances are very good that members have some photographs of church events. This workshop will offer ideas for how you can organize storytelling events focused on personal photographs. Learn how to preserve these photographs with digital technology while also preserving the stories that people recall, that are associated with the images.</p>			<p><b>Creativity, Liturgy and Worship</b> <i>Connie Lapp</i></p> <p>A quilt is a blanket with a heartbeat. Come join the quilt-making workshop and experience community and fellowship the way pioneer women did in years gone by. At the same time discover how it feels to be part of a group sharing wit, wisdom, recipes, songs, joys and sorrows. This workshop is open to anyone who would like to quilt or who are willing learners in this traditional art form. All workshop participants will have an opportunity to learn about the different stages of making a quilt, the different styles of quilts, stories, history, and more.</p> <p><i>Connie Lapp is quilt room coordinator at the Material Resources Center in Ephrata, PA.</i></p>		
<p><b>Radical Anabaptist Women in Leadership</b> <i>Sylvia Shirk with Mama Swana Sidonie and Pastor Addie Banks</i></p> <p>Congolese Mennonite women pastors and the Radical Anabaptist Women from New York City (NYC), New York share stories of their journeys to leadership. Participants will hear from women leaders representing groups in the USA and DR Congo and respond with their own stories. In 2012, the CMCo conference in Congo ordained the first women leaders. Also in 2012, Radical Anabaptist Women in NYC began to mentor and celebrate women with leadership gifts. Participants will be invited to share stories of women in leadership throughout MWC, and join in praying God's blessing for our ministries.</p> <p><i>Sylvia Shirk has enjoyed gatherings of women leaders and theologians at MWC in Zimbabwe and Paraguay. She has been a Mennonite pastor for twenty-five years, currently serving at Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship in New York City, New York. She has invited sisters from NYC and Congo to lead the workshop with her.</i></p>					



We will look at what God expects of Christian citizens in any political society, be it an open democracy or a less-than-open developing country. We will demonstrate that, to a considerable degree, but with limitations, Christians, even Anabaptist pacifist Christians, can participate in the political realm without compromising their ethics. Both possibilities and limitations are carefully analyzed, and the major theological views on this matter are reviewed.

*John H. Redekop, PhD, DHum, is a semi-retired university professor who has taught in Canada and the United States in both public and Christian universities, has lectured in seven countries, and produced eight books and hundreds of articles. He has served in many church and secular offices in both Canada and the USA, and is a member of Bakenview Mennonite Brethren Church, Abbotsford, BC.*

**Walking with the Creator to Face the  
Twenty-first Century Matrix of Robotic War,  
Biotech and AI**  
Peter and Meg Lumsdaine

Twenty-first century Christians are urgently called to protect the sacredness of life, humanity, and God's created order from a hyper-technological era of intensifying drone and robotic warfare, mass job automation, industrial resource extraction, global surveillance, and counterfeit "virtual reality" - along with the design of increasingly disturbing robotic/biotech/nanotech organisms and the rise of computerized Artificial Intelligence (AI), which Tesla Motors founder Elon Musk calls "summoning the demon." Hope arises as the Holy Spirit empowers nonviolent movements in the Global South and North to defend humanity and creation from these so-called technological advancements.

*Meg Lumsdaine, pastor of Evergreen Mennonite Church, has served as an ordained pastor for over sixteen years, and has participated in delegations to El Salvador, Cuba, Mexico, Jordan, and occupied Iraq. Peter Lumsdaine has preached, taught and lectured at Mennonite churches and conference assemblies in western North America, and has delivered many lectures on global justice and robotic weapons for university and community audiences. He worked for over fifteen years on the staff or board of nonprofit NGOs, work which has taken him to the war zones of Mexico, the Philippines, occupied Iraq, Korea, Jordan, Japan, and Guatemala. He served a two-year prison sentence for nonviolently disabling a US Air Force satellite. Meg and Peter were invited participants at the MCC-sponsored 2014 Doctrine of Discovery roundtable on indigenous land rights. They live with their two young children in the Pacific Northwest, USA.*

**The Anabaptist Church, Illegal Immigrants  
and Legal Frontiers: What do We Do?**  
Ricardo Esquivia Ballestas

"You shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God" (Leviticus 19:34). Because of wars, social injustice, violence, inequality, poverty, hunger, natural disasters, many people in the Global South try to move to the Global North; hundreds die in this attempt. As a worldwide Anabaptist/Mennonite church, that has been made up of immigrants, and that has a presence in both the South and the North, we are working to alleviate these persons in need. What are we doing? What more can we do? Is it possible to prevent these displacements? Do we want to receive illegal immigrants? Is it wrong to do so? The exercise will facilitate open dialogue to reinforce what we are doing well, modify what isn't working, and create something new if necessary.

*Ricardo Esquivia is a member of the Colombian Mennonite Church and a lawyer with more than forty-five years of experience in peace-building from a community and ecclesial base. He is director of Sembrandopaz (Planting Seeds of Peace) and works with returned communities in the Colombian Caribbean.*

**Bible Study**  
**Food Fights at the Lord's Supper:**  
**First Corinthians 11:17-34**  
Reta Halteman Finger

The Apostle Paul wrote to the house churches he planted in Corinth because they were quarreling and had divided into factions who could not agree with each other. The wealthier, more educated patrons were pulling rank over the others. In 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, they were not even eating together. We will re-create one house church, listen to Paul's advice, and see if we can solve the problem. Then we'll talk about social divisions in the church today. Interactive learning and lots of fun!

*Reta Finger is a retired professor of New Testament from Messiah College, and now teaches part-time at Eastern Mennonite University. She co-authored "Creating a Scene in Corinth" from which this role-play and study is taken. She attends Community Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA.*

**MWC**  
**Commissions**  
**Conversation with Hippolyto (Hippo) Tshimanga**  
Hippolyto Tshimanga

Discuss the morning presentation on "Giving and Receiving." What are the gifts in mission that your church has to offer the global church? What would you like to receive?

*Hippolyto Tshimanga was born in Hemptine, DR Congo. After studies in theology, mission sciences and philosophy, he worked in the Dominican Republic, USA, and Canada as pastor, author and freelance journalist; in Rome as assistant general secretary for mission; and in Holland as pastoral worker with refugees. He authored several books and articles on social and pastoral issues, and resourced ministers in North and South America in evangelism and cross-cultural communication. Hippo serves as international director for Africa, Europe, and Latin America for Mennonite Church Canada.*

**Meetings and  
Gatherings**

**MTAL Strategic Planning**  
Rebeca Gonzalez, Olga Piedrasanta  
Angela Opimi, Alix Lozano

**15:30 – 17:00**  
**Late Afternoon**

**Reconciliation  
and Healing**

**Just in Case: What can we do about "Forgiveness,"  
"Truth," and "Justice"?** (cont.)  
Jose Luis Azurdia and Marcus Weiland

**Binding Up the Wounded**  
Bob Bowen and Darin Nissley

We live in a world where trauma – physical, sexual, emotional and psychological – occurs with alarming frequency in homes, churches, schools, hospitals, and other settings. The impact is deep, pervasive, and is often transmitted from one generation to the next. "Binding up the Wounded" will introduce concepts for providing a framework for healing and for preventing the transgenerational transmission of trauma. The workshop integrates Biblical and therapeutic concepts into a holistic approach that offers hope and healing to a wounded world. The complete one-day workshop has been presented in the United States, Australia, and Canada.

Bob Bowen is Senior Vice President for Product and International Development for The Mandt System, Inc. He is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, and attended Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Darin Nissley is the Executive Director of Lighthouse Ministries, an urban youth outreach center for at-risk youth in Canton, Ohio, and is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University.

**Peace Work  
Mission and Aid**

**The New Face of Violence in Central America**

S/E  **A14**

Ilona Paganoni, Matthieu Doble  
Robert Brennerman, Dennis Mata, Willy Hugo Pérez

A panel discussion, followed by a public discussion. Although the political warfare of an earlier generation has faded, violence continues to haunt many communities in Central America and Mexico. But the violence of today has a new face. Rather than guerrillas and soldiers, today's violence is linked to drug trafficking, gang violence, and organized crime. Given this shift in the nature of violence, how can the Mennonite churches of this region put our faith and peacemaking tradition to work to provide healing, hope, and reconciliation in these troubled times?

Ilona Paganoni and Matthieu Doble are the current MCC representatives in Honduras (San Pedro Sula) since January 2014. They are from Switzerland and members of a Swiss Mennonite church (Evangelische Mennonitengemeinde Schänzli) that has close connections with the Anabaptist Bible School Bienenberg, close to Basel, Switzerland.

Panelists: Robert Brennerman (Assistant Professor of Sociology and author of the book *Hornies and Hermanos. God and Gangs in Central America*); Denis Mata (Honduran Mennonite Pastor, Professional working for CASM – Comisión de Acción Social Menonita); Willie Hugo Perez (Director SEMILLA – Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala); Matthieu Doble Paganoni (MCC Representative for Honduras)

**Sanctuary of Peace Churches  
(Iglesias Santuarios de Paz)**

S/E  **A13**

Peter Stucky, Paul Stucky, Jenny Neme  
and Ricardo Esquivia

In the Colombian context of warfare, the concept of Sanctuary of Peace churches has emphasized three aspects: 1) being a people of peace within the congregation; 2) having a message of peace which includes a clear articulation, teaching and testimony in word and deed; and 3) being a place of peace, providing refuge for persecuted people, or a space for discussing different and even antagonistic points of view. Being a Sanctuary of Peace church doesn't guarantee safety for a congregation in the midst of warfare, but it helps give a proactive identity.

Peter Stucky is pastor of the Teusaquillo Mennonite Church and director of Bridges for Peace (Puentes para la Paz), both in Colombia. Paul Stucky is director of CEAS, a Colombian Anabaptist-based organization which aims to equip churches giving attention to victims of warfare and trauma treatment. Jenny Neme is director of Justapaz (Colombian Mennonite NGO with long experience in accompanying COs), and a member of the MWC Peace Commission. Ricardo Esquivia is director of Sembrancopaz (Planting Seeds of Peace) based in Sincelejo, Colombia, and recipient of three international peace prizes.

**Is "Mission" a Four Letter Word?**

E/F **A20**

Matthew Krabill and Jamie Ross

The word "mission" stirs up all kinds of images, both positive and negative. Opinions on mission can vary between viewing it as integral to the life of the

church, to an old-school notion for another age. No matter what we associate with the "m-word," any discussion quickly gets at the heart of what we understand the church to be about in our world today.

Matthew Krabill and Jamie Ross are Mennonite Mission Network staff and workers.

**Sharing God's Love through Economic  
Development: Using Your Gifts to Change the World**

E **A12**

Ethan Eshbach and Carol Eby-Good

We are called by God to help "the least of our brothers and sisters" (Matt. 25:40). In this seminar, you will learn how you can use your God-given talents, expertise and knowledge to change the world through economic development. Find out what steps you can take to enrich communities and strengthen lives through an innovative approach to poverty reduction.

Ethan Eshbach is coordinator of Engagement Initiatives and Carol Eby-Good is manager of Association Engagement at Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA). Ethan attends a Brethren in Christ Church and Carol attends a Mennonite Church, both in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

**"Be A Nelson" - MasterPeace**

E  **A11**

Jan Willem Stenvers and Janneke Leerink

Once Nelson Mandela was just a boy named Nelson, who decided to not be indifferent and to start working for social change. The international grassroots organization MasterPeace asks everyone to: act big and start small...Talk, Write, Tweet, Host, Design, Build, Compose For Peace. A group of Dutch Mennonite youth were inspired by this message and started the project "Mennonite Youth for MasterPeace." They united their talents and organized actions and events to support the global peace movement. They want to tell you the story of MasterPeace and let you know that you can "Be A Nelson" too.

Jan Willem Stenvers is a freelance editor, editor of the Dutch Mennonite magazine, worked as communication officer for the Dutch office of MasterPeace, and is a former board member of the Dutch Youth Peace Committee. Janneke Leerink is Marketeer and Freelance Editor, worked as copywriter for the Dutch office of MasterPeace, and is one of the initiators of the peace project 'Mennonite Youth for MasterPeace.'

**Being Church  
Together**

S/E **A8**

**MWC History Project: How Have We  
Worked Through Difficult Times Together?** (cont.)

Alfred Neufeld

**What Do We Have to Understand Through  
the History of Münster?**

E/F **A3**

Astrid von Schlichta, Ernest Geiser, and Lloyd Hoover

In Europe, as in other places, Mennonites and other members of the Anabaptist family have been associated during these last years to dialogues with other historical churches. The focus has been on painful steps; this has given the opportunity to manifest new signs of hope, ask for forgiveness, and experience reconciliation and healings of wounded identity. What about Münster, where the role of the Anabaptists has been very different? Do we know the history and its consequences? The time has come to not remain silent.

Astrid von Schlichta is historian at the University of Regensburg, Mennonitengemeinde Regensburg, Germany. Ernest Geiser is pastor of the Mennonite Church in Tavannes, Switzerland. Lloyd Hoover is executive secretary for the Lancaster Mennonite Conference and bishop/overseer for the Groffdale district, Pennsylvania, Mennonite Church USA.

**Stories of Congregational Partnerships** **F/E**  **A4**

*Nina B. Lantcot, Francois Tshidimu and Nancy Myers*

The global church becomes personal when congregations form special relationships with congregations in other parts of the world. How do those relationships begin and flourish? How is sharing kept mutual in light of cultural and economic differences? What are we learning? This will be a roundtable discussion with emphasis on testimonies and stories. Particularly invited are participants with experience in church-to-church partnerships, especially if all partners are represented, as well as those interested in forming such relationships are especially invited.

*Nina B. Lantcot is pastor of Florence Church of the Brethren Mennonite in Constantine, Michigan. Francois Tshidimu is pastor of Bondeko Mennonite Church in Kinshasa, DR Congo. Nancy Myers chairs the Global Partnership Forum of Kern Road Mennonite Church in South Bend, Indiana. These three congregations have been developing a special relationship since 2012.*

**Women Crossing Borders... at the Dinner Table;** **E** **A10**  
**Interactive and Experiential Workshop**  
*Margreet van der Werf Stelling*

This active workshop is especially designed for women keen to build bridges and connections between different backgrounds and ages. The goal will be to listen, to share and exchange, to create more understanding, and then to replicate this activity in participants' own neighborhoods, churches or communities. This low-key format to do outreach (such as local peace and mission-work) is based on the power of contacts between women; suggested formats on how to organize groups will be handed out, with mail-contact possible for free advice.

*Margreet van der Werf Stelling worked in Botswana for seven years with Mennonite Central Committee and is a communication trainer and coach with international experience in working with women.*

**Other Churches and Faiths**

**Koinonia: the Gift We Hold Together** **E/S**  **A7**

*Tom Yoder Neufeld*

Koinōnia - communion, partnership, participation, fellowship, and sharing. The core of the Gospel is that Jesus Christ brings what is "common" or unclean (koinē) into communion (koinōnia) with God. As such we "share" in the body of Christ, worship together and experience together our joys, sorrows, and needs. MWC is more than a "conference." It is a "communion" of worship and fellowship, a koinonia of faith, resources, and suffering. Koinōnia captures perfectly our unity in Christ, a unity blessed with and challenged by diversity, and, most importantly, a unity in mission - reconciliation with God and within the human community.

*Tom Yoder Neufeld is a recently retired professor of New Testament at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. He has served as prison and hospital chaplain, and as a pastor. He is a member of First Mennonite Church in Kitchener, represents Mennonite Church Canada on the MWC General Council and is a member of the MWC Faith and Life Commission.*

**Walking with God: the World Council of Churches' Call to a Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace** **E** **A6**

*Fernando Enns, Iris Speckmann, Lydia Funck and Rebecca Froese*

In November 2013, the World Council of Churches met in Busan, South Korea where the ecumenical community decided to embark on a "Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace," a journey to which all people of good will are invited. This workshop introduces participants to the theological background, practical implications, and opportunities for Mennonites and other people of good will. Participants will be invited to dialogue and join the pilgrimage!

*Fernando Enns is director of the Institute for Peace Church Theology, University of Hamburg, Germany and professor of theology and ethics at the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Iris Speckmann is PhD-researcher at the Free University Amsterdam, and delegate to the World Council of Churches for the Mennonite Church in The Netherlands. Lydia Funck is youth delegate to the World Council of Churches. Rebecca Froese is a Masters degree student of integrated climate system sciences, University of Hamburg, and steward at the X Assembly of the World Council of Churches.*

**Creativity, Liturgy Art, Peace-building, and the Church** **E** **G3**  
*Amanda Gross*

In a season of world-wide trauma from raging economic, environmental, and energy injustice, the church's role is critical. The focus of this seminar is the reclamation of peace-building and trauma-healing as core Gospel mandates. How will the arts and beauty heal our communities? Examples will be offered from global situations to inspire communal imagination.

**The Enneagram and Spirituality** **F/E** **A9**

*Juan José Romero*

In the same way that we need food and love, we also need to know who we are and who others are. To get to know each other and oneself better makes us more effective and also happier with ourselves and others. The path to comprehension is the path to love. Jesus has shown us this path; it is our responsibility to follow it. The Enneagramme - which in general means: nine ways, nine measurements, and nine perceptions of the world and relationships - allows us to venture to prepare ourselves for our human reality in order to better know who we are, and have a better understanding our brothers and sisters. The psychology and spirituality of the Enneagramme show that each of us belongs to one of the nine archetypes of behaviors, according to the conditioning received when we were young. Because of this, we now react in a mechanical and often subconscious way. Are you willing to be part of the extraordinary adventure that consists in discovering yourself, and also moving forward in your life's path? So, save time and come to discover the Enneagramme...

*This workshop will be presented in French by Juan Jose Romero, who obtained a certificate in Enneagramme from the Belgium Institute of Enneagramme at the Louvain-La-Neuve University in Belgium. Juan José Romero directed mediation services at the Mennonite Center in Brussels, Belgium during the last twenty years. He has now become certified in the Enneagram at the Louvain-la-Neuve University, Belgium, and currently offers courses and seminars in this area.*

**Quilt-making with a Heartbeat**  
*Connie Lapp*

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*Connie Lapp is quilt room coordinator at the Material Resources Center in Ephrata, PA.*

**Bible Study**

**Resistance and Nonresistance: New Testament Perspective on Confronting the Powers**  
*Dorothy Jean Weaver*

The New Testament depicts a world, much like our own, caught in the throes of an intense struggle between God and the powers of evil, both cosmic and human. In our current world, dominated by evil powers of violence, oppression, and injustice, it is crucial for Christians to recognize and to claim their role in confronting these powers. This workshop will identify and examine two contrasting but complementary New Testament strategies for confronting the powers of evil: resistance (James 4:7) and nonresistance (Matthew 5:39), and will invite personal stories of such responses. Bring your Bible and your stories.

*Dorothy Jean Weaver is professor of New Testament at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and is a member of Community Mennonite Church, an MCUSA congregation.*

**Prophetic Engagement**

**The Power Within: Advocacy for Social Justice**  
*Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach*

You can be a strong advocate for social justice in your community and beyond. In this interactive workshop, learn how advocacy to government officials can be a nonviolent tool to address injustice and witness to God's call for justice in our world. The ultimate goal is to inspire and motivate the young participants to be advocates for themselves and others, both within their own communities and beyond.

*Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach directs the Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office.*

**MWC Commissions**

**The Global Church in Mission**  
*Agus Mayanto, Ron Byler, and Richard Showalter*

Hear about the activities, opportunities, and challenges of the MWC Mission Commission and its networks around the globe. Ask questions, share your own vision and experience, and learn from others.

*Agus Mayanto is a pastor of the GKMI serving in Jakarta, Indonesia, and serves as chair of the Global Mission Fellowship. Ron Byler is executive director of MCC US in Akron, Pennsylvania, USA, and serves as chair of the Global Anabaptist Service Network. Richard Showalter is global coach and consultant of the International Missions Association and serves as chair of the Mission Commission.*

**Roundtable on Global Mining Justice, Mining Resistance and Resource Extraction**  
*Peter and Meg Lumsdaine, and guests*

MWC sisters and brothers from mining-impacted communities and countries are invited to actively participate in this roundtable discussion on how Mennonites and others can work in solidarity to help defend life-supporting human communities and God's creation from intensifying worldwide industrial mining and other forms of destructive resource extraction. MCC's Mining Justice Campaign is one approach, as are organizations of persecuted and predominantly Christian indigenous people - such as REMA in Mexico, KAMP in the Philippines and M4 in Central America - that are nonviolently resisting militarized corporate mining of their land.

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**E/S** **A19**

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