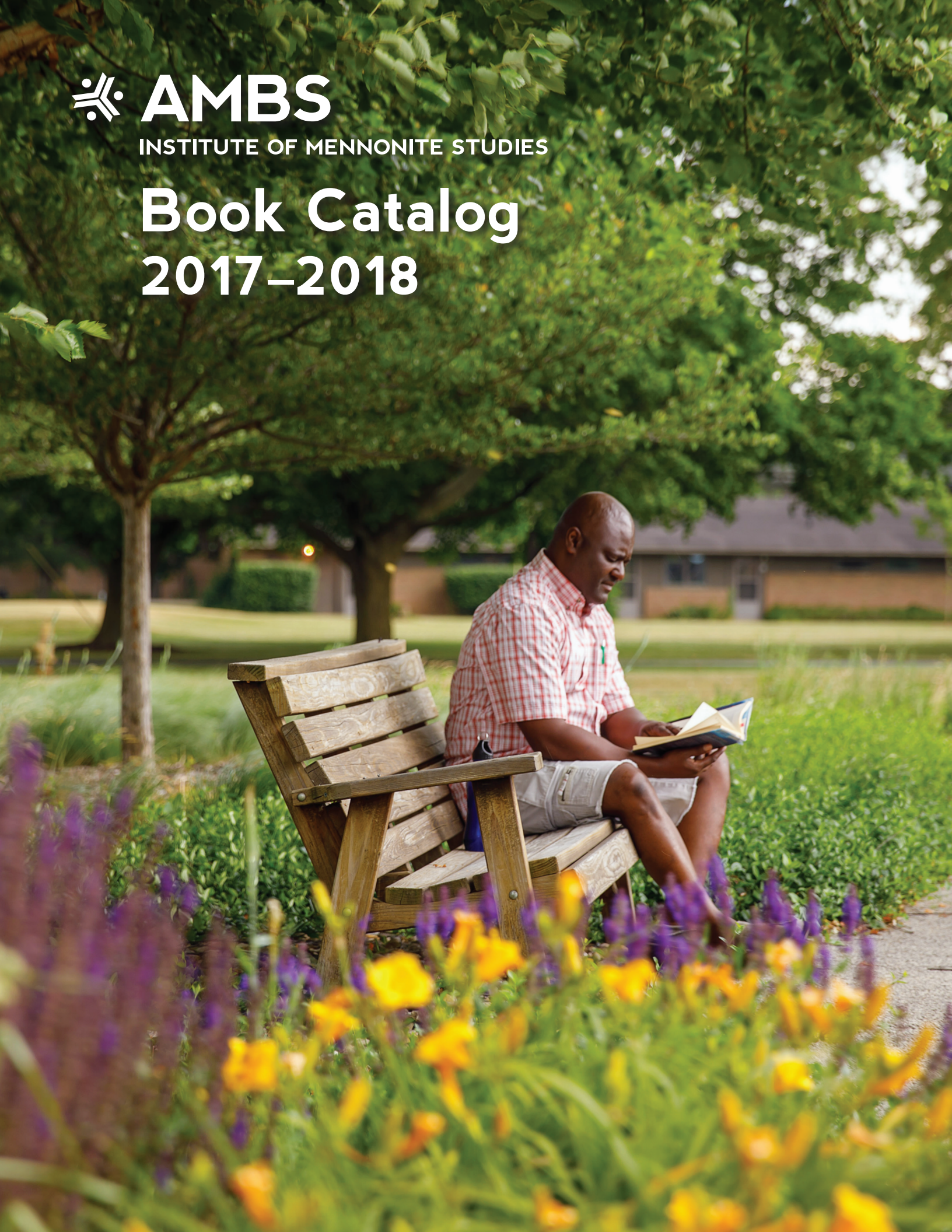




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## Featured Books

### Recollections of a Sectarian Realist: A Mennonite Life in the Twentieth Century

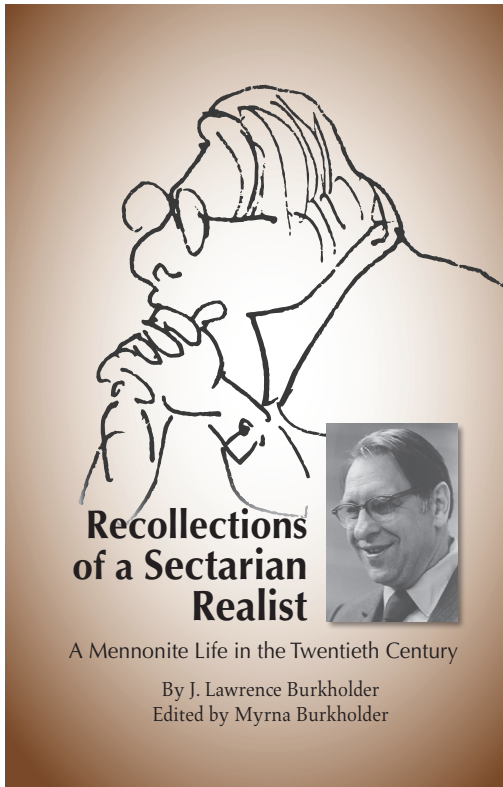
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From a Mennonite upbringing in a small Pennsylvania town, through an upstate–New York pastorate, relief work in India and China, graduate study at Princeton, teaching at Goshen College and Harvard Divinity School, civil rights activism, and the presidency of Goshen College, J. Lawrence Burkholder sought to hold together the sectarian impulses of his denominational identity with a sense of social responsibility. This memoir traces the development of his thought as it intersected with the events of his life.

“Always more than a sectarian, J. Lawrence Burkholder enriched and extended Mennonite theological and ethical thinking, challenging the rigidity and self-satisfaction of some traditional thought and practices as well as the newer formulations of John H. Yoder. This volume, with its rich remembering and numerous insights, gives the church occasion to continue to wrestle with the insights he set before us.”—John A. Lapp, dean, provost, and professor of history at Goshen College when J. Lawrence Burkholder was president

“*Recollections of a Sectarian Realist* is a captivating narrative of a young man’s journey from a small town in Pennsylvania into the messy vortex of wartime relief in China, theological debates at Princeton and Harvard, the national struggle for racial justice, church politics at Goshen College, and virtually every significant global event of the late twentieth

century. J. Lawrence Burkholder was anchored existentially in the idealism of Mennonite nonresistance as well as the complexities of a fallen world; inspired by the writings of Reinhold Niebuhr and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, he struggled to make sense of both realities. Along the way, he introduced Mennonites to words such as dialectic, tension, compromise, dilemma, responsibility, and paradox that are now an unavoidable part of our moral lexicon. This memoir is a worthy tribute to Burkholder’s courageous life and the profundity of his thought.”—John D. Roth, professor of history, Goshen College



# The Irony of Power: The Politics of God within Matthew's Narrative

Dorothy Jean Weaver

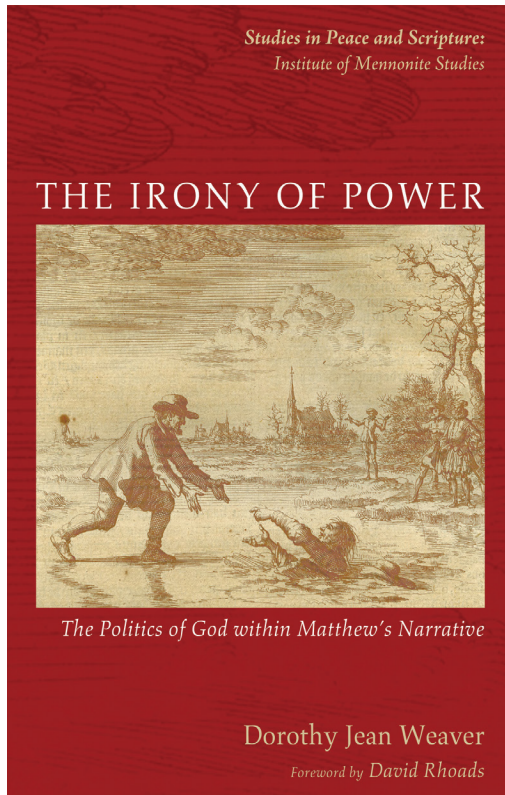
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This volume engages the Gospel of Matthew in full awareness of its inherently political character. Weaver situates Matthew's version of the "good news of the kingdom" squarely within first-century Palestine and its occupying power. The essays focus on issues of power and violence that not only pervaded the occupied Jewish community of first-century Palestine but also are visible throughout Matthew's account. A "lower-level" reading of the Matthean text offers a bleak portrait of the violence exerted by the Roman occupiers and their Jewish collaborators. But an "upper-level"/"God's-eye" reading of Matthew's narrative reveals the fundamental irony at the heart of the New Testament as a whole, of the Jesus story broadly conceived, and of Matthew's narrative account in specific.

"For more than thirty years, Dorothy Jean Weaver has been prominent among a handful of scholars who read the Gospel of Matthew as a socially and politically engaged story about Jesus. Matthew's narrative is first and foremost a story about power—who has it, what they do with it, and what happens as a result. Weaver was perhaps the first to recognize the extent to which this story turns on irony, revealing the ultimate futility of coercive power and the triumph of vulnerable powerlessness."—Mark Allan Powell, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

## About the author

**Dorothy Jean Weaver** is Professor of New Testament at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA. She holds a PhD in New Testament from Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA. Her publications include *Matthew's Missionary Discourse: A Literary Critical Analysis* (1990, 2015); *Bread for the Enemy: A Peace & Justice Lectionary* (2001); and numerous academic essays. Weaver leads regular tours to Israel/Palestine and has taught and/or lectured in Beirut, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Cairo, and Debre Zeit, Ethiopia.

## Later Writings of the Swiss Anabaptists 1529–1592

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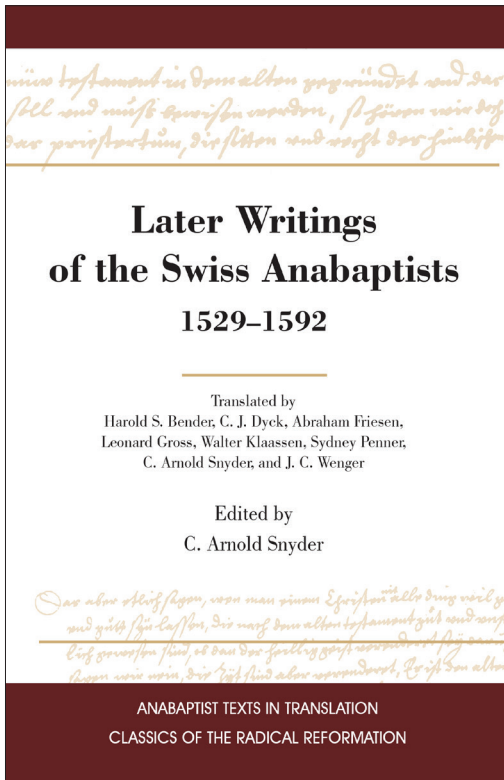
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The story of Anabaptist origins in Switzerland is well known. By contrast, the life and thought of the Anabaptists who continued to live in Switzerland over the last two-thirds of the sixteenth century has remained in relative obscurity. One reason for this is that Swiss Anabaptists after 1530 communicated their ideas by circulating handwritten writings rather than by printing books. The primary historical sources relating to later Swiss Anabaptism are thus handwritten manuscripts that must be located and read in local archives. This present volume contains a selection of writings that were being copied and circulated among the later Anabaptists in Switzerland.

The text that dominates the present collection, both in terms of length and complexity, is the massive 466-page Codex 628, copied in 1590 and containing a wide sampling of material considered significant by the Swiss Anabaptists at the end of the century. Readers of this volume thus have the opportunity to peruse, in translation, significant archival holdings that document the development of Swiss Anabaptist thought over the length of the sixteenth century. These writings reveal a maturing religious and social movement, whose members continued to reflect biblically on their call to discipleship, all the while living in a world that designated all adult baptizers heretics and disobedient, dangerous citizens.



# An Increase in Time: Story Lines of Germantown Mennonite Church and Its Historic Trust, 1683–2005

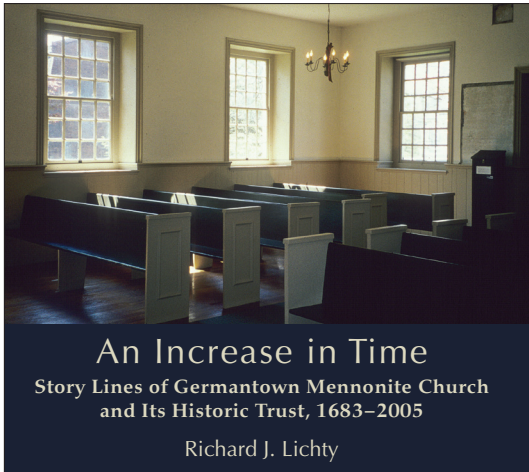
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In *An Increase in Time: Story Lines of Germantown Mennonite Church and Its Historic Trust, 1683–2005*, Richard J. Lichty recounts the history of the oldest Mennonite church in North America. From within the congregation, he tracks its story through periods of slow growth and spiritual stagnation and renewal and vitality, through affiliation with other Mennonite bodies and through conflict with and separation from them.

Contents: Foreword, by Donella M. Clemens and James M. Lapp • Part One—History: (1) Getting Oriented to the Landscape: 2005; (2) Unencumbered by the Harassing Persecution: 1683; (3) Patches of Beauty to Tell Us It's Worth Going On: 1700–1800; (4) Facing Dissolution? 1800–1900; (5) Doing More than Preserving a Historic Building: 1900–1980; (6) Embracing Tradition and Expressing Openness: 1980–1990; (7) Historic Roots and an Ongoing Stream: 1990–2001; (8) Scarred and Broken—The Story of Salvation: 2002–2005 • Part Two—Commentary: (9) Culture Wars, Gay Rights, and the Merger of Mennonite Church USA: Germantown in Context, 1997–2001; (10) Of Doors, Death, and a Denomination; (11) Romans 15:7, a Text for Our Time; (12) Finding Meaning in an Old Meetinghouse in the Season of Advent • Epilogue, by Amy Yoder McGloughlin • Appendices • Index

“We commend to the reader the story lines here that describe one congregation’s capacity to survive against great odds. Our prayer is that this book will stimulate honest dialogue and fresh reflections on the scriptures, and that it will foster greater mutual understanding about how God’s people live together with highly charged differences.”—from the Foreword, by Donella M. Clemens and James M. Lapp

## About the author:

**Richard Lichty**, a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite College (now University) in Harrisonburg, Virginia, with a major in history. Richard has served much of his adult life in Mennonite institutions as a teacher and pastor. He has taught church history, religion, and social studies at Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona, Iowa, and Christopher Dock High School, Lansdale, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Eastern Baptist (now Palmer) Theological Seminary, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, with a Master of Arts in Religion.

## Common Witness: A Story of Ministry Partnership between French and North American Mennonites, 1953–2003

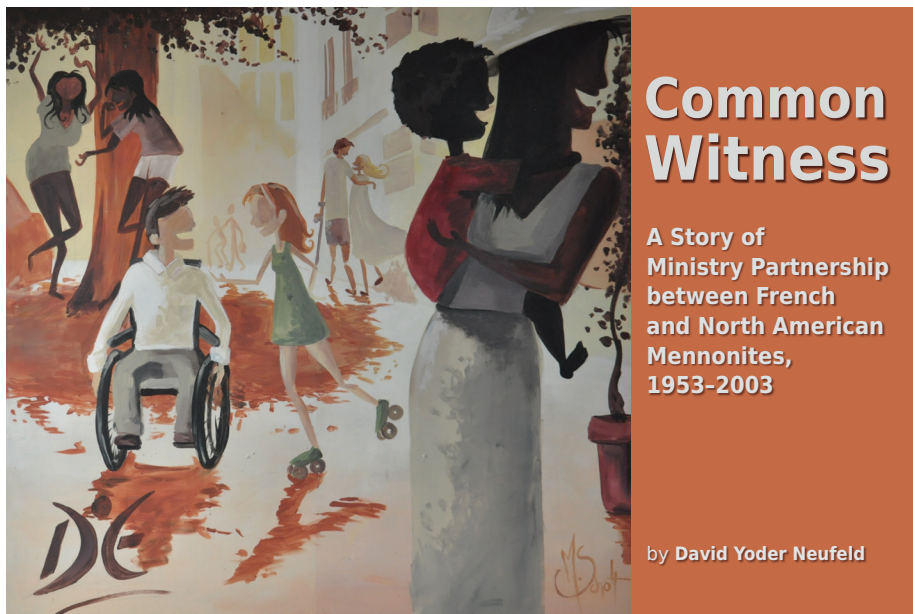
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Church planting, sheltered workshops, African student ministry, an Anabaptist research center—what do these initiatives have in common? They are the result of two Mennonite bodies, French and North American, putting their modest resources together for the purpose of common witness in postwar France. Allen Koop, in his study of late twentieth-century mission in that country, claims that “no other missionary project . . . fostered cooperation as close and as productive as that carried out by French and North American Mennonites. No other mission succeeded in combining evangelism and church planting with significant social work to the same

degree.” The story recounted here celebrates this history and challenges God’s people to increased faithfulness in the future.

Contents: Introduction • (1) Preconditions for Partnership: European and North American Mennonites Reconnect, 1917–52 • (2) “It Was Natural That We Made Contact”: Partnership Begins, 1953–65 • (3) “To Serve in the Name of Christ”: Partnership Strengthens and Matures, 1966–84 • (4) “We Do Not Do the Same Things”: Partnership Comes to an End, 1984–2003 • (5) Conclusion: An Intercultural Partnership’s Legacy and Lessons • Index

### About the author

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# Intercultural Reading of John 10:1–21: The Shepherd-Sheep Metaphor as a Leadership-Followership Model

Eric Nii Bortey Anum and Ebenezer Quaye

Intercultural Biblical Hermeneutics

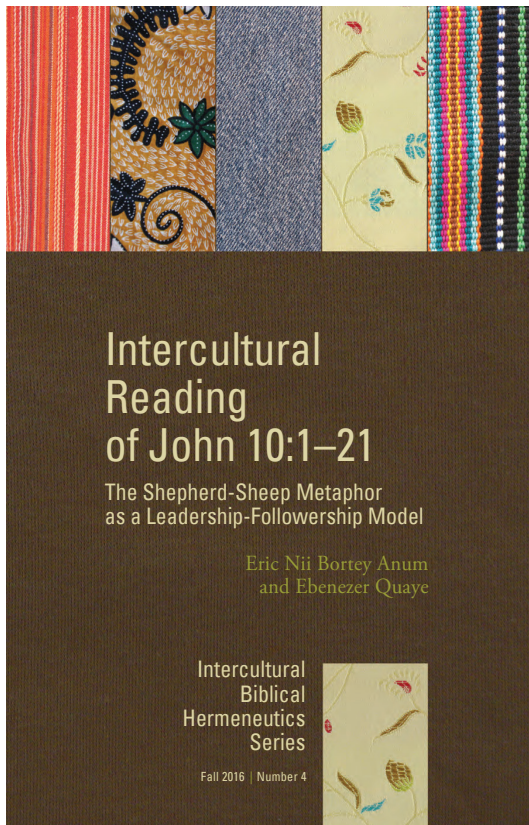
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This monograph documents the life-changing impact of intercultural Bible study on two Ghanaian groups who exchange their understandings, observations, questions, and learnings about Jesus's leadership-followership model in the John 10:1–21 shepherd-sheep text. One group is from a small, rural town (members of an African Instituted Church), and the other is from a large university setting (members of a Seventh-day Adventist church). They find themselves so challenged and inspired by each other's readings that they elect to continue studying Scripture together after the project's end. The authors also find themselves being transformed through the process, with hope that this Bible study exchange and others like it will help develop Ghanaian leaders who focus on humility, selfless service, and sacrificial leadership rather than status and personal power.

## About the author

**Eric Anum** is a pastor in the Presbyterian Church and a lecturer at the University of Cape Coast (Ghana). He received an MA and PhD from the University of Glasgow, where he focused on the place of culture in biblical interpretation in Africa. Ebenezer Quaye is a pastor in the Seventh-day Adventist church and a lecturer at Valley View University in Oyibi, Ghana. In his MA studies at the University of Cape Coast, he focused on leadership in the Gospels.

# Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book

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The first volume of *Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book* is a four-week cycle of morning and evening prayer services prepared for ordinary time. A second volume includes morning and evening prayer services for the seasons of the Christian year, Advent through Pentecost.

The pattern of these prayers provides opportunities for silence, song, and short reflections on scripture. It is a flexible form, designed for use by groups, including families, or for personal prayer. Individual services may be used independently to lead worship at retreats, conferences, or special times of worship. These services have several distinct characteristics:

- Scripture-saturated prayer. The words in these prayers are adapted or taken directly from the Bible.
- The voice of Jesus. The words of Jesus are strikingly prominent in these services.
- Anabaptist coloration. Lying behind the prayers is a pattern of themes that are especially important in the Anabaptist tradition.

## The editors

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2011 Worship Leader Editor's Pick

In October 2011, *Take Our Moments and Our Days* was included in the list of notable resources "that have affected worship leaders and their teams in the past year" in *Worship Leader* magazine.

## Anabaptist Prayer App

A new free Anabaptist Prayer mobile app makes *Take Our Moments and Our Days* prayers for Ordinary Time and Advent through Pentecost available to users of Apple and Android devices, in an easy-to-navigate format. Features include navigation to a recommended service for the date and time of day, tracking to keep one's place in the sequence of services, an ability to call up particular services, introductory materials and extensive indices that enable searches for particular texts.

Links:

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*Jürgen Moltmann; Willard Swartley and Leland Harder, eds.*

*Occasional Papers no. 4*  
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1983 • 108 pages

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These lectures by Jürgen Moltmann, originally titled “Responsibility for the World and Christian Discipleship,” articulate a theological ethics that challenges mainstream Protestant churches to accept the way of Christian discipleship, while also challenging the Historic Peace Churches to act responsibly in a world threatened with nuclear disaster.

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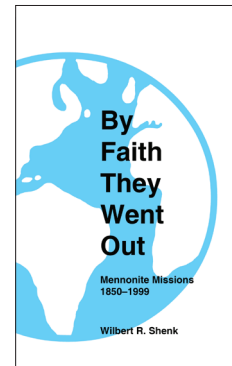
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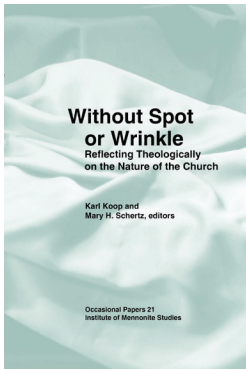
subsequent historical developments, from persecution and withdrawal through Pietist and evangelical revival to the globalization of the church in the twentieth century. Shenk identifies North American Mennonite/Brethren in Christ ambivalence toward mission, and reminds readers that mission has the potential to provide focus and relevance to a church struggling for identity and meaning. Finally, Shenk lays a foundation for a Mennonite theology of mission that is both biblical and consonant with Anabaptist tradition.

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Wilbert Shenk served with Mennonite Central Committee in Indonesia (1955–59), in administration for MCC (1963–65), and with Mennonite Board of Missions (1965–90). He taught at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary from 1990 to 1995, and then as professor of mission history and contemporary culture at Fuller Theological Seminary. From 1990 to 1993 he worked with The Gospel and Our Culture Project in Birmingham, England.

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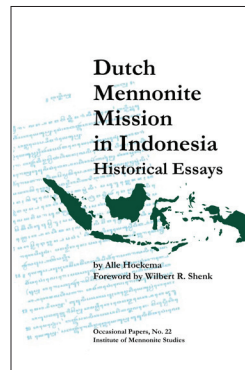
Anabaptists, and Mennonites who came after them, have often maintained that the true church is a gathering of reborn and spiritually regenerated Christians called to be a

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This work gives attention to the role of renewal movements and lay activity in creating conditions for a church to become a sending church; the intimate link between missionary action

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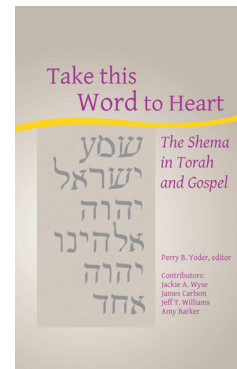
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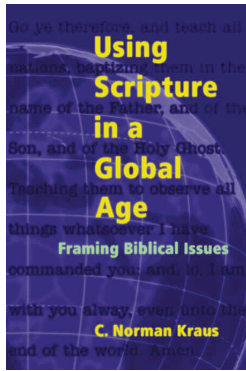
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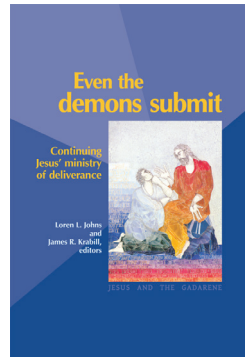
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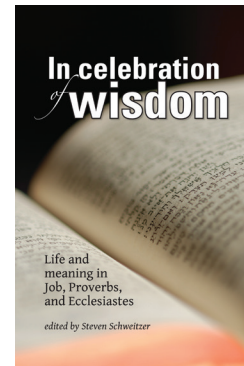
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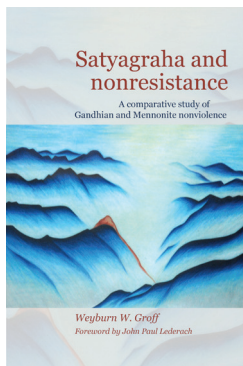
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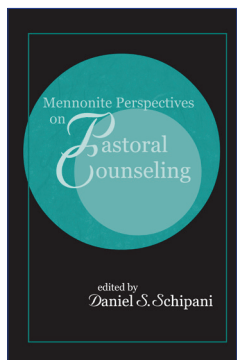
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This volume brings together a wide range of contributions by Ross T. Bender, dean and professor of Christian education at Associated (now Anabaptist) Mennonite Biblical Seminary from 1962 to 1979. These writings reflect his fundamental conviction that God is deeply interested and involved in forming us as people of God, and that through the church's teaching ministry we collaborate in the process of learning, growth, formation, and transformation.

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## Mennonite Perspectives on Pastoral Counseling

Daniel S. Schipani, ed.  
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"This clear look at pastoral counseling from an Anabaptist-Mennonite perspective focuses on the congregation as the locus for pastoral counseling. The writers make a convincing case for pastoral counseling as a ministry of the church. Yet their examination of pastoral counseling in other settings and in various cultural contexts broadens the discussion of where and how pastoral counseling can be practiced."—Homer U. Ashby, Jr.

## Classics of the Radical Reformation

The Classics of the Radical Reformation series was inaugurated to make major selections from sixteenth-century Anabaptist source documents available in translation with interpretive introductions for a broad English-language readership. These volumes are translated and annotated under the direction of the Classics of the Radical Reformation reference council and Institute of Mennonite Studies.



## The Legacy of Michael Sattler

John H. Yoder, ed.

*Classics of the Radical Reformation 1*

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Michael Sattler has been called by his admirers and critics the most significant of the first-generation leaders of Anabaptism. This is a collection of documents by and about

Sattler, edited by John Howard Yoder with introductions and extensive notes.

“Reading these works with Yoder’s notes acquaints one with the distinctive concerns of the early Anabaptists and the issues in the formative period of Reformation dissent.”—Everett Ferguson

## The Writings of Pilgram Marpeck

William Klassen and Walter

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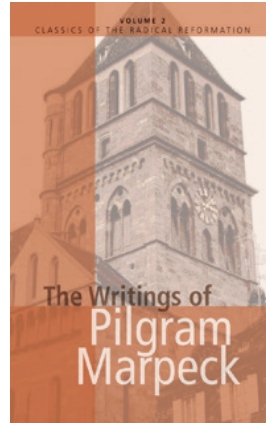
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During the sixteenth century’s years of religious reformation and revolution, Pilgram Marpeck called for freedom of religion and separation of church and state. Coming from a

background of wealth and education, he engaged in the major theological struggles of the Anabaptists for an identity that was built on the Bible and had meaning for the world. This book includes Marpeck’s Confession of 1532 and The Admonition of 1542, the longest and most detailed statement of the Anabaptists on baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Also included are sixteen of his letters and the preface to his Explanation of the Testaments.

## Anabaptism in Outline

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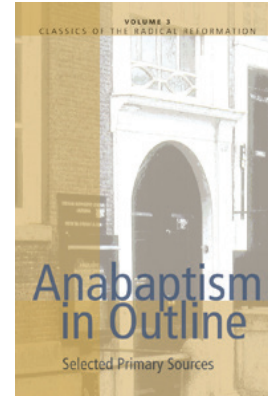
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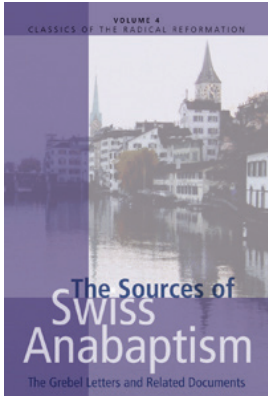
Walter Klaassen gathered and translated this comprehensive book of selections drawn from writings and statements of 37 sixteenth-century Anabaptists.

The selections are arranged under topics such as baptism; church; nonresistance; Jesus the Word; government; cross, suffering, and discipleship; and relations to other Christians.

“The book is a useful tool for pastors, for teachers, and for individuals who have a special interest in getting more closely in touch with the primary experiences and thinking of the sixteenth-century Anabaptists.”—James C. Juhnke

## The Sources of Swiss Anabaptism

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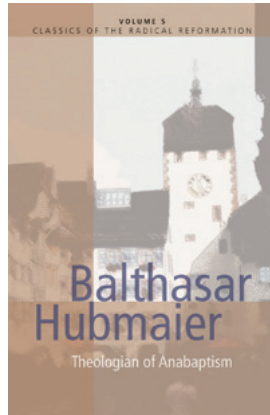


The 170 letters and documents in this volume portray how Conrad Grebel, a bright young Swiss patriot, became a fervent, influential leader of the sixteenth-century

Anabaptist movement. The editor calls the book “a drama with five acts, prologue, and epilogue,” with a cast of 107 characters. The main characters are Grebel himself and Huldrych Zwingli, vicar at the Grossmünster in Zurich. The climax of the drama comes in January 1525 when Grebel performs the first rebaptisms, founding a new church and leading to rejection of the Anabaptists by Zwingli. This volume is for scholars and for all seekers and believers.

## Balthasar Hubmaier: Theologian of Anabaptism

H. Wayne Pipkin and John H. Yoder, trans. and eds.  
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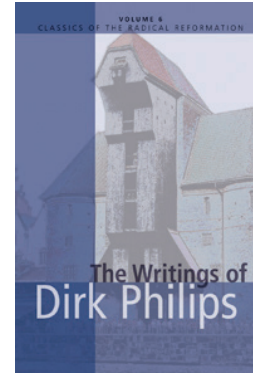
Balthasar Hubmaier’s place in the first generation of Anabaptist history is unique. He is the only figure of this generation with university credentials, the only one with extensive

public activity before joining the Reformation, the most skilled in popular expository writing. This collection of Hubmaier’s complete writings includes the three marks of the True Church—water baptism of adults, the Lord’s Supper, and fraternal admonition.

“Fulfills all expectations, providing an English-speaking audience access to the thought of Anabaptism’s only doctor of theology.”—C. Arnold Snyder

## The Writings of Dirk Philips, 1504–1568

Cornelius J. Dyck, William E. Keeney, and Alvin J. Beachy, trans. and eds.  
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This volume contains all the known writings of key Anabaptist leader Dirk Philips (1504–68) translated into English from the Dutch of Philips’ original 1564 volume. It includes

annotations and introductions making it useful both to general readers and to scholars. Philips’s treatises make important contributions to the literature of early Anabaptism. He writes about the incarnation, baptism and the Lord’s Supper, the sending of preachers, the tabernacle, the new birth, the ban and avoidance, and marriage.

## The Anabaptist Writings of David Joris, 1535–1543

Gary K. Waite, ed.

*Classics of the Radical Reformation 7*

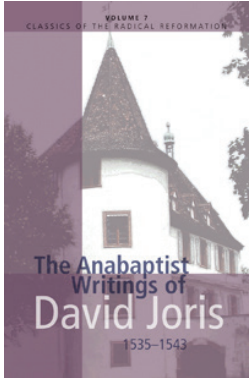
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David Joris (c. 1501–56) is one of the least understood leaders in the sixteenth-century Anabaptist movement. Yet during his era he was one of the most important Anabaptist

leaders in the Low Countries of Europe. Even before the fall of Münster in June 1535, Joris was a consistent advocate of Anabaptist nonviolence, and well into the 1540s he competed successfully with Menno Simons for followers.

## The Essential Carlstadt

E. J. Furcha, ed.

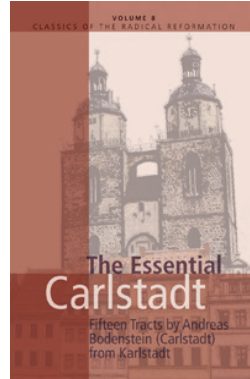
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Although he was not an Anabaptist, radical reformer Andreas Bodenstein (Carlstadt), 1486–1541, had a strong influence on the Anabaptist movement through his life

and thought. In 1534 he joined the faculty at the University of Basel. Earlier, as a professor of biblical studies at Wittenberg, Carlstadt became involved in radical changes that brought him into conflict with Luther. The fifteen tracts translated and edited here by E. J. Furcha represent the first major collection of Carlstadt's writings in one volume. They give excellent insight into his sound Christian faith and exemplary zeal as a reformer of the church from below.

## Peter Riedemann's Hutterite Confession of Faith

John J. Friesen, trans. and ed.

*Classics of the Radical Reformation 9*

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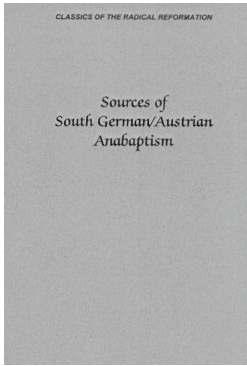
This volume includes John J. Friesen's translation of the 1565 German edition of *Confession of Our Religion, Teaching, and Faith*, by the Brothers Who Are Known as the Hutterites, along with a new history of Riedemann. While in prison during 1540–42, Peter Riedemann wrote for the Lutheran ruler Philip of Hesse, explaining the Hutterite goal of a renewed community and dispelling popular misconceptions. Riedemann wove together a fresh reading of the Bible and the classical creeds, producing a powerful synthesis of scripture and tradition. His dynamic vision of communal discipleship, embraced by the Hutterites, still challenges believers toward greater faithfulness.

"This volume is a comprehensive guide to daily life in the Hutterite community and is the basic charter for Hutterites even today."—John A. Hostetler



## Sources of South German/ Austrian Anabaptism

C. Arnold Snyder, ed.  
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2001 • \$41.50 (Cdn) • 429 pages  
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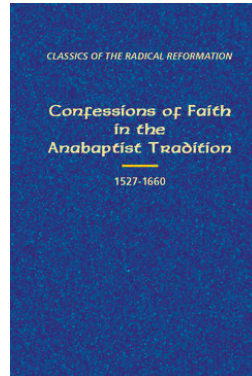


The South German/Austrian branch of the Anabaptist family was unique in its mystical origins, spiritualist emphases, fascination with the end times, and communal

forms of Anabaptism. These newly translated sources—from influential pre-Anabaptist writings by Jörg Haugk von Jüchsen and Hans Hergot, through writings of Hans Hut and confessions of Ambrosius Spitelmaier in the 1520s, to the experiences of the Hutterite missionary Hans Schmidt in 1590—shed light on this part of the Anabaptist world. The collection includes testimonies of Anabaptist leaders, writings by Protestant clerics, and testimonies and hymns from Anabaptist women including Katharina Hutter and Helena von Freyberg.

## Confessions of Faith in the Anabaptist Tradition, 1527–1660

Karl Koop, ed.  
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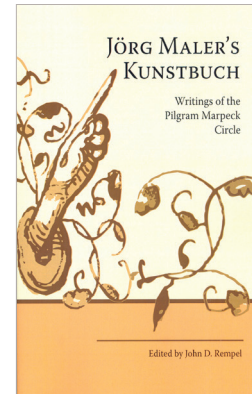
This volume seeks to bring together for the first time a representative collection of confessions produced by Anabaptist groups from 1527 to 1660.

Included are confessions from the Swiss Brethren, the Marpeck circle, the Rhinelanders, and various Mennonite communities in the north. This collection attends to the earliest phase of Anabaptist and Mennonite confessional writing in Europe, laying bare the foundations that set the stage for later confessional developments. An introduction to each confession provides context for its emergence.

“The Classics of the Radical Reformation series was inaugurated to make available major seminal texts from the Radical Reformation. This volume breaks new ground both in its subject matter and the span of time it documents. Perplexingly little attention has been paid by twentieth-century academics or church leaders to the Mennonite confessional tradition. Koop’s masterful study documents this communal form of theologizing at an opportune time, when interest is rising in the development of Anabaptist thought beyond its first, formative generations.”—John D. Rempel

## Jörg Maler’s Kunstbuch: Writings of the Pilgram Marpeck Circle

John D. Rempel, ed.  
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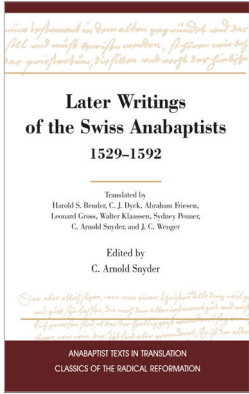
Scholars have been fascinated by Pilgram Marpeck and his circle since the rediscovery of their long-lost writings. This volume offers another part of that legacy to English-speaking readers. Scholars

and general readers will find theological insight and spiritual depth in the conviction of the authors of this anthology. The Kunstbuch’s didactic poems, passionate meditations, pastoral letters, and searing confessions open a door into the intimate life of a now lost community. Jörg Maler’s collection records the existence of one kind of Anabaptism, preserving for posterity the personalities and issues, the brilliance and tragedy that made it what it was.

“The efforts of Marpeck and his colleagues to offer a mediating, nuanced and balanced alternative to the legalistic and spiritualistic ends of the Anabaptist movement did not enable those who followed their counsel to persist. But the rediscovery of Marpeck, his colleagues, and their extensive literary and theological legacy offers a glimpse of another kind of Anabaptism that many today find appealing. This huge volume fills out for an English readership what is already available of that legacy. We owe to the editor and his team of translators a debt of gratitude.”—Stuart Murray Williams

## Later Writings of the Swiss Anabaptists 1529–1592

C. Arnold Snyder, ed.  
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The writings collected here circulated among the later Anabaptists in Switzerland. The text that dominates the collection is the 466-page Codex 628, copied in 1590 and containing a

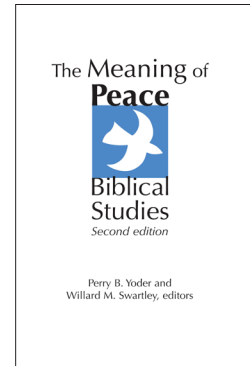
sampling of material considered significant by the Swiss Anabaptists at the end of the century. Here, in translation, are archival holdings documenting the development of Swiss Anabaptist thought over the length of the sixteenth century. They reveal a maturing religious and social movement, whose members—living in a world that designated adult baptizers dangerous heretics—continued to reflect biblically on their call to discipleship.

## Studies in Peace and Scripture

For communities reading the Bible as scripture, it becomes crucial to understand what the Bible says about peace—and about war. These matters have often divided Christians from each other, and the way Christians have understood them has had terrible consequences for Jews and, indeed, for the world. A series of scholarly investigations cannot hope to resolve these issues, but it can hope, as the *Studies in Peace and Scripture* series does, to aid our understanding of them.

## The Meaning of Peace: Biblical Studies

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This volume consists of essays on peace—*shalom* and *eirene*—in scripture. Translated from German, the essays were selected in order to put the issues on the table and thus provide an

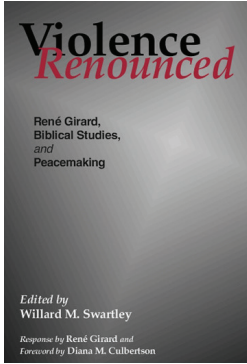
exegetical context in which further research, testing, and exploration of biblical understandings of peace can continue.

**Contents:** Peace—God’s Gift: Biblical-Theological Considerations (Jacob Kremer) • Peace (*Shalom*) in the Old Testament (Claus Westermann) • *Eirene*—The Early Christian Concept of Peace (Erich Dinkler) • The Dual Concept of Peace (Luise Schottroff) • The Jerusalem Conceptions of Peace and Their Development in the Prophets of Ancient Israel (Odil Hannes Steck) • Prophetic Speech about the Future (Jürgen Kegler) • Peace and the Sword in the New Testament (Hubert Frankemölle) • Swords into Plowshares: Misuse of a Word of Prophecy (Hans Walter Wolff) • Response to Hans Walter Wolff (Wolfhart Pannenberg) • The Significance of the Biblical Witnesses for Church Peace Action (Ulrich Luz)

This work “should be of interest not only to biblical scholars but also to theologians and ethicists and—most important—to all Christians concerned to live in light of the biblical hope of peace.”—Richard B. Hays

**Violence Renounced:  
René Girard, Biblical Studies  
and Peacemaking**

Willard M. Swartley, ed.  
*Studies in Peace and Scripture 4*  
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Do René Girard's theories on imitation, rivalry, violence, sacrifice, and religion find support in scripture? These scholarly essays critically examine Girard's theories on sacrifice and

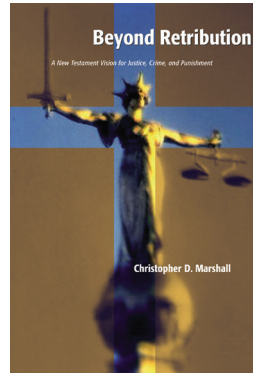
imitation, and Girard himself responds. Addressed as well in *Violence Renounced* are kingship and servanthood, the relation between the Testaments on sacrifice and atonement, and such basic themes as the human primal nature, the shape of new creation in Jewish and Christian reality, and feminist perspectives on Girardian theory. Also seen in new light are standard beliefs and doctrines on atonement, who/what killed Jesus, and how peace is to be rightly achieved.

**Contributors:** Diana M. Culbertson, Marlin E. Miller, Ted Grimsrud, Charles Mabee, Gordon H. Matties, Michael Hardin, Loren L. Johns, Robin Collins, Paul Keim, James G. Williams, Sandor Goodhart, Willard M. Swartley, Rebecca Adams, Jim Fodor, and René Girard.

"In reading this rich collection of essays we are privileged to witness a vigorous exchange between spirited scribes and René Girard. His work has challenged them to grapple in a most fundamental way with the relationship between violence, religion, the God of the Bible, and the death of his Christ."—Tom Yoder Neufeld

**Beyond Retribution:  
A New Testament Vision for  
Justice, Crime, and Punishment**

Christopher D. Marshall  
*Studies in Peace and Scripture 5*  
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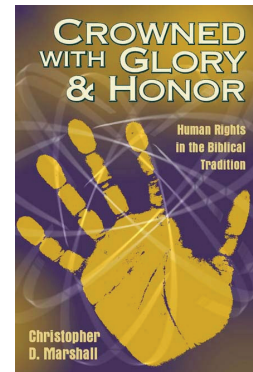
Is the concept and practice of restorative justice consistent with the teaching of scripture? Christopher Marshall first explores the problems involved in applying ethical

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**Crowned with Glory and Honor:  
Human Rights in the Biblical  
Tradition**

Christopher D. Marshall  
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This book argues that Christian faith has something distinctive to say about human rights and that biblical values make important contributions to contemporary understandings

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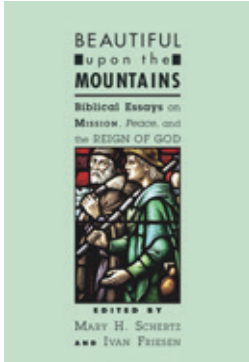
"Provides a compelling case for the relevance of Christian faith for enriching a human rights culture. It is also a reminder to secularized people that there is a need for a deeper motivation to protect human rights than merely individual or group interests. A timely contribution to sustain the ongoing struggle for a humane society!"

—Gerald J. Pillay



## Beautiful upon the Mountains: Biblical Essays on Mission, Peace, and the Reign of God

Mary H. Schertz and Ivan Friesen, eds.  
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These essays by biblical scholars show that friction in the church between evangelism and peace activism is neither helpful nor biblical: mission and peace are inseparable

throughout the biblical canon. Those who seek God's reign are called to proclaim the gospel of peace.

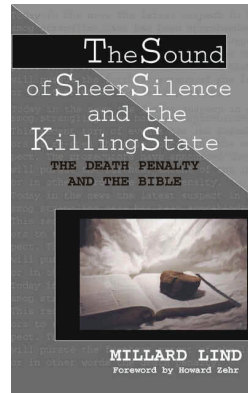
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Millard C. Lind  
*Studies in Peace and Scripture 8*  
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2004 • \$18.95 • 188 pages  
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This book unambiguously opposes capital punishment as the immoral act of "the killing state." Lind traces Yahweh's saving action and steadfast love for Israel and the world from Moses to Elijah

to Jesus, and shows how they are to be emulated on the societal level by obedience to covenant law. This leads to his conclusion that capital punishment is to be opposed because from the perspective of the God revealed in the Bible—determined in Lind's view by the careful reading of the text he has attempted here—capital punishment is simply wrong.

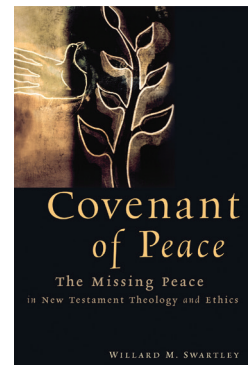
Millard Lind is a professor emeritus of Old Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, IN). A widely traveled and published scholar, Lind is author of such books as *Yahweh Is a Warrior* (Herald Press, 1980); and *Ezekiel* (Herald Press, 1996), in the Believers Church Bible Commentary series.

"In his vigorous attack on the killing state, Millard Lind moves away from rationalistic arguments against capital punishment, however useful they may be, toward a radically biblical approach that does not look for single texts but identifies a large movement of covenant law that sets forgiveness and love of neighbor over against all statist claims on human life. This may be the only 'weapon' that Christians have. Lind suggests it is the one that matters."

—Patrick D. Miller

## Covenant of Peace: The Missing Peace in New Testament Theology and Ethics

Willard M. Swartley  
*Studies in Peace and Scripture 9*  
ISBN: 0-8028-2937-6; 0-8028-2937-5  
Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans  
2006 • \$38.00 • 560 pages  
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Although the term *peace* occurs as many as 100 times in the New Testament, it is surprisingly absent in theology and ethics textbooks. In this comprehensive yet accessible

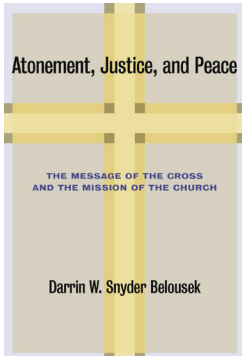
book Willard Swartley explicates the New Testament, relating peace—and the associated emphases of love for enemies and reconciliation—to core theological themes such as salvation, Christology, and the reign of God. No other work in English makes such a contribution. Swartley concludes by considering specific practices that lead to peacemaking and their place in our contemporary world. *Covenant of Peace* confronts readers anew with the compelling New Testament witness to peace.

Willard M. Swartley is professor emeritus of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, IN). His other books include *Slavery, Sabbath, War, and Women: Case Issues in Biblical Interpretation*.

"Willard Swartley here undertakes what few New Testament ethicists of pacifist commitment have set out to do—develop a thorough, and thoroughly theological, analysis of the theme of peace as it is interwoven into the New Testament account of the work of Jesus Christ and the proclamation of the reign of God. This is the fully fleshed out articulation of what many have claimed, but no one has done so much to demonstrate—that peace is near to the heart of the gospel."—Sondra Ely Wheeler

## Atonement, Justice, and Peace: The Message of the Cross and the Mission of the Church

Darrin W. Snyder Belousek  
*Studies in Peace and Scripture 10*  
ISBN: 978-0-8028-6642-4  
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2011 • \$55.00 • 684 pages  
[www.eerdmans.com/Products/6642/atonement-justice-and-peace.aspx](http://www.eerdmans.com/Products/6642/atonement-justice-and-peace.aspx)



Darrin Snyder Belousek offers a comprehensive examination of penal substitution, the most widely accepted evangelical Protestant theory of atonement, and presents a

biblically grounded, theologically orthodox alternative. Attending to the relevant biblical texts and engaging with the full spectrum of scholarship, Belousek develops a biblical theory of atonement that centers on restorative—rather than retributive—justice. He shows how Christian thinking on atonement correlates with global concerns such as economic justice, capital punishment, “the war on terror,” and ethnic and religious conflicts. This book demonstrates how a return to biblical cruciformity can radically transform Christian mission, social justice, and peacemaking.

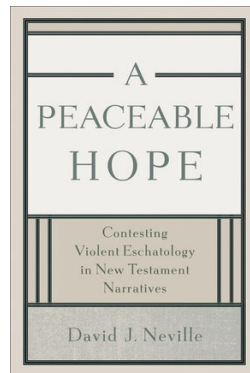
Darrin W. Snyder Belousek is lecturer in philosophy and religion at Ohio Northern University (Ada, OH).

“Belousek analyzes in detail virtually every nut and bolt in the edifice of penal atonement theology as it is presented in current mainstream evangelicalism and does so with the kind of exegetical precision and theological commitment necessary to command a hearing from those he critiques. This is exactly the kind of book I would like to have on my shelves so that when someone asks me, ‘What about Isaiah 53?’ or ‘What about God’s wrath?’ or ‘What about no forgiveness without the shedding of blood?’ I would know where to turn for a carefully reasoned answer.”

—Christopher D. Marshall

## A Peaceable Hope: Contesting Violent Eschatology in New Testament Narratives

David J. Neville  
*Studies in Peace and Scripture 11*  
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Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic  
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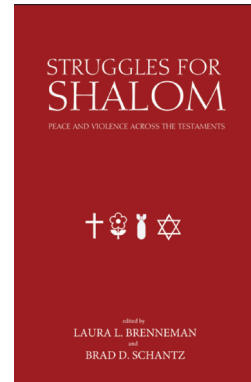


New Testament texts display tension between Jesus’ nonviolent mission and message and apparent violence attributed to God and God’s agents at the anticipated end. David Neville explores

that tension and challenges the association between New Testament eschatology and retributive vengeance on christological and canonical grounds. He develops a “hermeneutic of shalom” for reading these texts and offers interpretive resources for grappling responsibly with them. Neville shows that for every narrative text in the New Testament that anticipates a vehement eschatology, another promotes a largely peaceable eschatology.

## Struggles for Shalom: Peace and Violence across the Testaments

Laura L. Brenneman and Brad D. Schantz, eds.  
*Studies in Peace and Scripture 12*  
ISBN: 978-1-62032-622-0  
Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications  
2014 • \$44.00 (retail) • 400 pages  
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This diverse and ambitious collection of essays about peace, justice, and violence in ancient Jewish and Christian texts honors the life work of Perry Yoder and Willard Swartley. Topics include

Eccl 3:1–9 and time for war, Ezek 14:12–23 and God’s retribution, Luke 22:31–61 and Peter’s sword, the temple cleansing episodes in John 2 and Mark 11, sectarianism and violence in manuscripts from the Dead Sea, violence in creation in the Hebrew Bible, Chronicles as utopian literature, peace and violence in Paul’s writings, and globalization in biblical studies. This book delivers focused study of peace and violence across the Testaments.

**Contributors:** Wilma Ann Bailey, Jo-Ann A. Brant, Laura L. Brenneman, Jacob W. Elias, Reta Halteman Finger, Michael J. Gorman, Nancy R. Heisey, Paul Keim, Christopher Marshall, Safwat Marzouk, Douglas B. Miller, Ben C. Ollenburger, Dorothy M. Peters, David Rensberger, Andrea Dalton Saner, Brad D. Schantz, Mary H. Schertz, Steven Schweitzer, Willard M. Swartley, Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, Joshua Yoder, Perry B. Yoder, Thomas R. Yoder Neufeld, Paul Yokota, Gordon Zerbe

“*Struggles for Shalom* authors extend biblical, theological, and ethical conversations about violence and peace to new generations of global citizens. This collection is ideal for use in churches, classrooms, and anywhere else justice is sought.”—Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL

## Rooted and Grounded: Essays on Land and Christian Discipleship

Ryan Dallas Harker and Janeen Bertsche Johnson, eds.

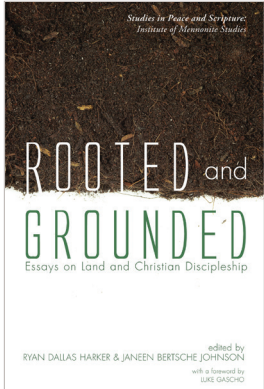
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The connection between the ecological crisis and humanity's detachment from the land is becoming increasingly clear. In biblical terms, *adam* (humanity) has severed itself from the

*adamah* (soil), and we (creation) are reaping the consequences. These essays call the church to root itself more deeply in the agrarian biblical text and ecclesial tradition in order to remember and freshly imagine ways of living on and with the land that are restorative, reconciling, and faithful to the triune God's invitation to new life in Christ. When we listen attentively to and patiently learn from the biblical text, church history, and theology, the land itself can become a conversation partner, and we are summoned to recognize that the gospel is reserved not simply for humanity but for the whole of creation.

**Contributors:** Luke Gascho, Ellen F. Davis, Wilma Bailey, S. Roy Kaufman, Elaine James, Patricia Tull, Ryan Harker, Barbara Rossing, Loren Johns, Hannah Johnson, Nathan Stucky, Matt Humphrey, Laura Schmidt Roberts, Matt Bonzo, Steven Bouma-Prediger, Winn Collier, Richard Klinedinst, Adam Tice, Nicholas Brown, Ryan Juskus, D. Ezra Miller, Doug Kaufman, Rebecca Shenton, Ray Epp

"Nowhere have I read a more substantive collection of essays, all written for this volume, that drives home the importance of the land in theological reflection and ethical practice. *Rooted and Grounded* inspires us to reconnect with the land from which we came and to which we shall return."—William P. Brown

## The Irony of Power: The Politics of God within Matthew's Narrative

Dorothy Jean Weaver

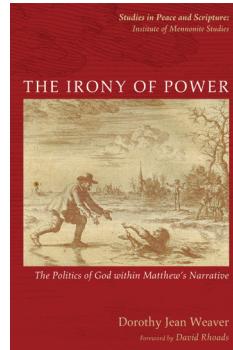
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This volume engages the Gospel of Matthew in full awareness of its inherently political character. Weaver situates Matthew's version of the "good news of the kingdom" squarely within first-century Palestine

and its occupying power. The essays focus on issues of power and violence that pervaded the occupied Jewish community of first-century Palestine, that are also visible throughout Matthew's account. A "lower-level" reading of the Matthean text offers a bleak portrait of the violence exerted by the Roman occupiers and their Jewish collaborators. But an "upper-level"/"God's-eye" reading of Matthew's narrative reveals the fundamental irony at the heart of the New Testament as a whole, of the Jesus story broadly conceived, and of Matthew's narrative account in specific.

Dorothy Jean Weaver is Professor of New Testament at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA.

"For more than thirty years, Dorothy Jean Weaver has been prominent among a handful of scholars who read the Gospel of Matthew as a socially and politically engaged story about Jesus. Matthew's narrative is first and foremost a story about power—who has it, what they do with it, and what happens as a result. Weaver was perhaps the first to recognize the extent to which this story turns on irony, revealing the ultimate futility of coercive power and the triumph of vulnerable powerlessness." —Mark Allan Powell, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

## Other IMS Books



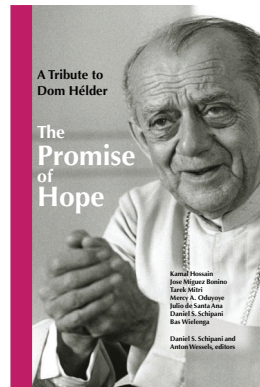
## Annotated Bibliography of Mennonite Writings on War and Peace, 1930–1980

Willard M. Swartley and Cornelius J. Dyck, eds.  
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A comprehensive annotated bibliography of Mennonite writings on war and peace, listed under these broad categories: Alternative Service, Arms and Disarmament, Attitudes and Education, The Bible, Peace and War, Church and State, Civil Disobedience, Conscientious Objection, International Relations, Justice (including abortion, labor unions, litigation, corrections, conciliation), Mennonite Central Committee, Military Service, Nationalism, Peace (including peace movements, nonresistance, nonviolence, pacifism, social action, peace stories, Christian-Marxist dialogue), Race Relations, Refugees, War (including atomic war, nuclear war, postwar, communism), Specific Wars.

## The Promise of Hope: A Tribute to Dom Hélder

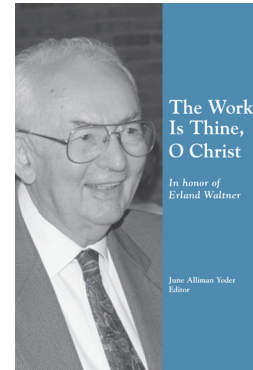
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*The Promise of Hope* is a tribute to Dom Hélder written by scholars who have participated in the Dom Hélder Câmara Chair at the Free University in Amsterdam. This Festschrift reflects the international, ecumenical, and multi-disciplinary import of Dom Hélder's contribution and the nature of the chair established in his honor. Readers are encouraged to ponder afresh Dom Hélder Câmara's vision and legacy in light of the realities of today's world and our human longing to realize the promise of hope for a better tomorrow.

## The Work Is Thine, O Christ: In Honor of Erland Waltner

June Alliman Yoder, ed.  
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Elkhart, IN:  
Institute of Mennonite Studies  
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This book reflects the work and influence of Erland Waltner, leader in the Mennonite Church for 60 years. He was a pastor, preacher, teacher, and administrator, serving

congregations in Freeman, South Dakota, and Mountain Lake, Minnesota; teaching at Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, and Mennonite Biblical Seminary; and serving as administrator for Mennonite World Conference and Mennonite Medical Association.

Four sections portray the many avenues of Erland Waltner's service: 1. A series of biographical essays by James C. Juhnke, Cornelius J. Dyck, Ross T. Bender, Willard Krabill, and Nina Lancot; 2. A collection of some of Waltner's writings and addresses; 3. A collection of sermons by some of Waltner's seminary students; 4. An epilogue by Waltner, reflecting on his life of ministry.



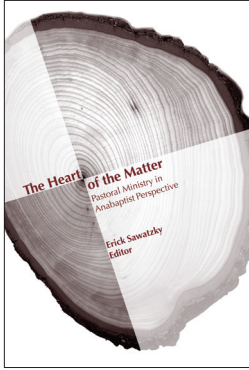
## The Heart of the Matter: Pastoral Ministry in Anabaptist Perspective

Erick Sawatzky, ed.

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Telford, PA: Cascadia Publishing House  
2004 • \$22.95 • 275 pages

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Faculty colleagues at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary reflect on what can be learned from viewing ministry in Anabaptist perspective. Pondering

understandings of the pastor—as shepherd, teacher, healer, prophet—and examining issues of leadership, authority, ecclesiology, improvisation, the authors both affirm the resources for pastoral ministry found in the Anabaptist tradition and suggest areas for growth. This volume will be useful to those with Anabaptist roots interested in rigorous reflection on ministry as understood within their tradition—and also to those rooted in other traditions intrigued by what can be learned from Anabaptism.

“I learned much from these reflections on ministry. The peculiar vibrancy of the Anabaptist vision of the church provides a wonderfully invigorating perspective on the pastoral tasks. Contemporary pastoral ministry can be critically assessed and renewed through such astute reflection.”—William H. Willimon

## The Way of Wisdom in Pastoral Counseling

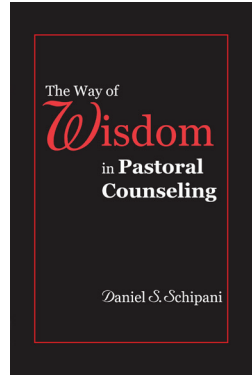
Daniel S. Schipani

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This volume explores the thesis that pastoral counseling must be reconsidered from a practical theological perspective; it must be reframed—viewed, practiced,

and taught—by reclaiming wisdom in the light of God as its master metaphor. This guiding principle can strengthen the theological and epistemological foundations of pastoral counseling as a ministry of the church.

**Contents:** Introduction • (1) Reflecting on the Practice • (2) Reclaiming Wisdom as the Heart • (3) Reframing Pastoral Counseling • (4) Reenvisioning Pastoral Counseling • Bibliography

Daniel S. Schipani is professor of pastoral care and counseling at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN. He lectures widely and is the author or editor of more than 20 books on pastoral and practical theology and on education.

“*The Way of Wisdom in Pastoral Counseling* is a significant contribution to the pastoral counseling literature, a creative trajectory for future work in the field. Daniel Schipani argues persuasively that pastoral counseling is problematic when separated from the norms and context of the church and that it is best understood as part of the wisdom tradition of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.”—James N. Poling

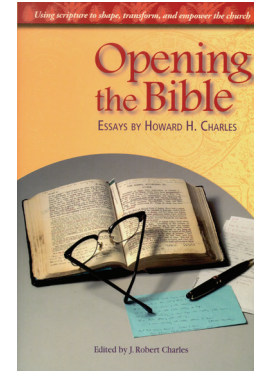
## Opening the Bible: Essays by Howard H. Charles

J. Robert Charles, ed.

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In these fifty essays, Howard Charles brings his gifts as a scholar, teacher, and expositor of the Bible to themes arising from the scriptures. Originally written as lesson

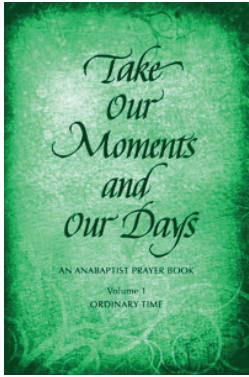
helps for teachers of adult Sunday school classes, these essays will inform, inspire, and give insight to anyone seeking a better understanding of the form and content of the Bible. From the creation story in Genesis to the prophetic concern for justice, from the parables of Jesus to his crucifixion, from the Gospel of Luke to the book of Revelation, Charles opens the Bible in clear, simple language.

“For more than thirty years, Howard Charles’s *Builder* essays were a monthly gift to the Mennonite church, nurturing Sunday school teachers and equipping them for their labor of love. These essays reveal Howard’s depth of insight, clarity, and seasoned perspective. As professor of New Testament at Goshen Biblical Seminary (1947–89), he patiently led his students to grasp the biblical text’s distinctive structure and literary features, its historical significance and its enduring meaning for Christian faith. This pedagogical style shows in these pieces, which combine solid academic scholarship with spiritual formation, to nurture heart and head.”—Willard M. Swartley

## Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book, Vol. 1: Ordinary Time

Arthur Paul Boers, Barbara Nelson  
Gingerich, Eleanor Kreider, John D.  
Rempel, Mary H. Schertz  
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This first volume of *Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book* contains a four-week cycle of morning and evening prayer services for Ordinary Time.

The services are designed for use by groups or individuals. Virtually all the prayers are taken directly or minimally adapted from the Bible, and traditional Anabaptist themes are strikingly prominent.

**Contents:** Week 1 • The Lord's Prayer; Week 2 • Beatitudes; Week 3 • Parables; Week 4 • Signs and Wonders. The prayers follow a familiar threefold pattern of praising (honoring God and giving thanks), listening for God's voice through scripture readings and reflection, and responding (with renewed dedication of our lives, interceding for others, receiving a blessing).

"A superb prayer book! The editors have done an outstanding job choosing texts and hymns and writing prayers and forms to establish substantial patterns of prayer. Their language is that of the universal church, so this publication knits its users to Christians throughout time and space. I pray that this volume will be used widely and well."—Marva J. Dawn

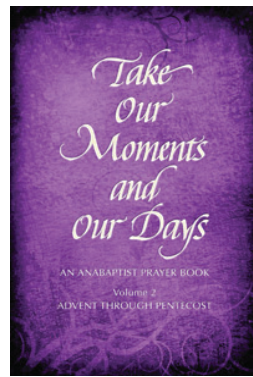
### Anabaptist Prayer App

A new free Anabaptist Prayer App makes *Take Our Moments and Our Days* prayers for Ordinary Time and Advent through Pentecost available to Apple and Android users in an easy-to-navigate format. See page 10 for more information.

## Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book, Vol. 2: Advent through Pentecost

Arthur Paul Boers, Barbara Nelson  
Gingerich, Eleanor Kreider, John D.  
Rempel, Mary H. Schertz  
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Volume 2 of *Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book* contains morning and evening prayers for the Advent season, the twelve days of

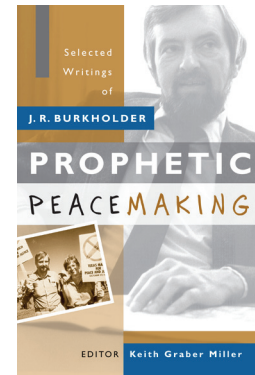
Christmas, the seasons of Epiphany and Lent, Holy Week, and the season of Easter. Also included are a two-week cycle of Pentecost prayers. Virtually all the prayers are taken directly or minimally adapted from the Bible, and traditional Anabaptist themes are strikingly prominent. The distinctive Anabaptist flavor of this collection of daily prayers is evident in the predominance of Jesus' voice, the space for communal reflection on scripture, and the choices of Bible readings.

"This second volume of *Take Our Moments and Our Days* covers the liturgical year from Advent through Pentecost. While these morning and evening prayers are designed for group use, allowing space for communal reflection on scripture and singing, they can be adapted for individual use as well. In keeping with the Radical Reformation tradition, the scripture texts give prominence to Jesus' own words, and the note of discipleship is sounded throughout. The prayers have a threefold form: praise, listen, respond. Opportunities for intercessory prayer are given—for ... those dear to us, our community, the church, the world."  
—*Christian Century*

## Prophetic Peacemaking: Selected Writings of J. R. Burkholder

Keith Graber Miller, ed.  
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Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press  
2010 • \$27.99

[store.mennomedia.org/Prophetic-Peacemaking-P1126.aspx](http://store.mennomedia.org/Prophetic-Peacemaking-P1126.aspx)



J. R. Burkholder's life and work as ethicist, churchman, and social change agent spanned and influenced dramatic changes in twentieth-century Mennonite peace theology and

ecumenical engagements. *Prophetic Peacemaking* is a collection of thirty of Burkholder's most prescient essays on pacifism, patriotism, public witness, Mennonite ethics, health care, stewardship, vocation, service, and other issues of authentic discipleship. These essays are not so much period pieces as reflections on faithful living relevant for future generations of peacemakers. A former Burkholder student, ethicist Keith Graber Miller edited the volume, providing an introduction "on being Burkholderian" and sketching the historical context for each chapter.

"J. R. Burkholder has the intellect of an academic, the passion of an activist, and the heart of a pastor. *Prophetic Peacemaking* brings the three together, combining his autobiographical reflections with a selection of lectures and writings that show the breadth of his thought. If you are seeking to better integrate faithful living with a commitment to peacemaking, I commend this book to you."—Jim Wallis

**Mission from the Margins:  
Selected Writings from the Life and  
Ministry of David A. Shank**

James R. Krabill, ed.

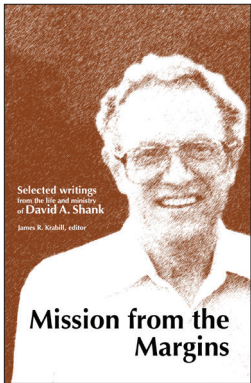
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David A. Shank reflected on the mission of the church from an Anabaptist perspective for more than half a century. His writings represent among the best biblical, theological, and missiological study on

the matter, shaped by two primary contexts—Europe and Africa—where his ministry took place. This collection will be of particular interest to global church leaders wanting to know more about how to contextualize the gospel message, to mission and church historians interested in examining how missiological thought and practice evolves over time, and to pastors, students, and mission workers seeking insights from a wise elder.

David A. Shank served as a Mennonite mission worker in Europe (1950–73) and West Africa (1979–89). His many missiological writings include a study of the Liberian Christian prophet William Wadé Harris, *The Prophet Harris: "Black Elijah" of West Africa* (Brill, 1994).

James R. Krabill served as a Bible and church history teacher among African-Initiated Churches. He currently serves as senior executive for global ministries at Mennonite Mission Network.

"David Shank's writings are right and original, always stimulating and sometimes prophetic, but far too little known. This splendid collection, beautifully presented and interpreted, thus comes as a boon and a blessing."

—Andrew F. Walls

**Engaging Pastors:  
Papers and Reflections from  
the Summative Conference,  
December 1–3, 2009**

Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, ed.

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The Engaging Pastors project of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary was an effort to transform seminary-church connections through sustained interaction between professors and pastors. Key learnings emerged: (1) The practice and teaching of ministry are strengthened when pastors and professors regularly engage each other in ways that honor the knowledge and expertise of each. (2) The Mennonite Church urgently needs to strengthen pastoral, biblical, and teaching authority. (3) The church and the seminary need to equip pastors and professors to engage their missional contexts with joy. This volume contains papers presented at a conference to test these learnings with Mennonite leaders.

"[In light of the Summative Conference] it is my prayer that none of us will go about our work without considering what we might have to learn from other colleagues serving congregations, those working in regional or conference leadership, and those teaching in our schools or leading our denominations. None of us alone has the best answer for how to sustain effective and joy-filled missional leadership. We need one another in order to discern the future that God has for Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada."

—Rebecca Slough, Academic Dean, AMBS

**Youth Ministry at a Crossroads:  
Tending to the Faith Formation of  
Mennonite Youth**

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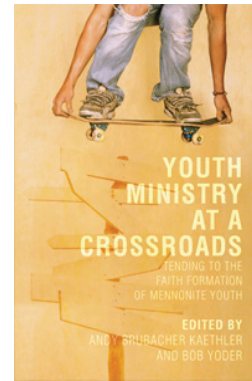
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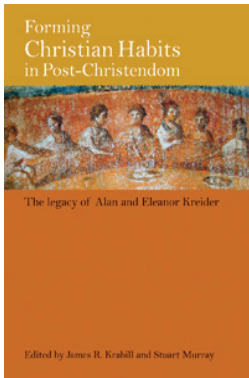
will find here is wisdom and encouragement from those who have dedicated themselves to Jesus-centered youth faith formation that encompasses biblical and Anabaptist-Mennonite ways of knowing, being, and doing, all while following the One who offers abundant life. The writers explore the context in which such formation happens best—the congregation that worships, serves, witnesses, and fellowships together.

"*Youth Ministry at a Crossroads* is an excellent and timely resource, one that will become indispensable for youth leaders, pastors, and parents—anyone wanting to understand holistic faith formation in youth in twenty-first-century culture. It draws on deep wells of Anabaptist-Mennonite understandings of Jesus, the Bible, and faithful Christian living, in the context of the community of faith."—Dave Bergen



## Forming Christian Habits in Post-Christendom: The Legacy of Alan and Eleanor Kreider

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Alan and Eleanor Kreider have been teaching and writing about mission, community, and worship from an Anabaptist perspective for almost four decades. The contributors to

this volume are a global multivoiced choir. They are younger and older, academics and community workers, new believers and veterans of the faith. They have come together to celebrate the lifelong contribution the Kreiders have made to forming in so many people the Christian habits necessary for living faithfully in a world where the unraveling of Christendom has never been more apparent. This book is a significant practical resource for anyone passionate about church renewal.

“This volume gives beautiful testament to the witness of Eleanor and Alan Kreider as Christian disciples in a post-Christendom world. The narrative of their shared ministry unfolds rhythmically and holistically, just as their life’s journey together has incarnated the intimate, essential relationship between worship and mission, the ‘breathing in and out’ of Christian community.”  
—Margaret Pfeil

## History and Mission in Europe: Continuing the Conversation

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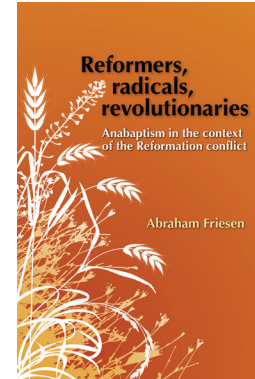
This collection offers a glimpse of the variety of topics that arise around the conversation table of which Walter Sawatsky is part. He converses in the three languages used in this book

and is comfortably at home in many countries and contexts in Europe, West and East. The authors—friends and colleagues who have been encouraged and inspired by Walter Sawatsky—represent educational institutions, scholarly associations, mission agencies, and churches. The collection is an expression of deep appreciation for a person who has contributed faithfully at countless conferences and public gatherings but also in many of Europe’s hidden places.

**Contributors:** John A. Lapp, N. Gerald Shenk, Oksana Beznosova and Aleksandr Beznosov, Lawrence Klippenstein, Anne-Marie Kool, Peter Penner, Tatiana Nikolskaia, Olena Panych, Vladimir A. Popov, Johannes Reimer, Johannes Dyck, Mark R. Elliott, Alan Kreider, Paul Mojzes, Bernhard Ott, Mary Raber, William Yoder, Leonard Friesen, Henrich Klassen, Hansulrich Gerber, Olga Zaprometova

## Reformers, Radicals, Revolutionaries: Anabaptism in the Context of the Reformation Conflict

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Abraham Friesen is one of the foremost scholars of Erasmus’s influence on the Swiss Brethren and Menno Simons. In *Reformers, Radicals, and Revolutionaries*, he distills the debate about

“penance” and “repentance” with clarity and insight, demonstrating its seminal significance for Anabaptist ecclesiology. With meticulous reference to the sources, he dissects Augustine’s interpretation of the parable of the wheat and tares as defended by both Luther and Müntzer. His argument sheds new light not only on the emerging ecclesiological difference between the magisterial and radical reformers but also on the conflict between peaceful and revolutionary Anabaptists.

Abraham Friesen is Professor of Renaissance and Reformation History, Emeritus, at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

“Friesen plunges into the well-worn debates surrounding the Anabaptist movement and emerges with a host of fresh insights. Here you will find an ardent defense of Anabaptist convictions presented not as a subset of “distinctives” within a larger framework of universal Christian principles, but as an effort to live in purity according to the model of Christ and the apostles. Friesen’s wide-ranging engagement with the primary sources, his capacious understanding of Reformation scholarship, and his confident argumentative style make this book a delightful and provocative read!”  
—John D. Roth



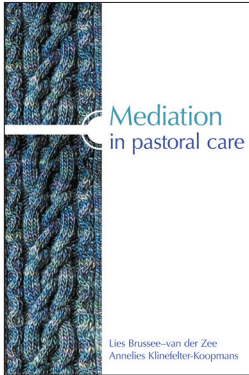
## Mediation in Pastoral Care

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“Readers will find here a helpful integration of theory and practice; biblical-theological foundations, normative claims, and social science perspectives and

tools and guidelines; and academic-professional views and grassroots experience and concerns. And of course, the authors’ main contribution is the very reason for this book’s being: they demonstrate that the distinct fields of pastoral care and mediation can be brought closer together in order to enhance the overall competence of pastoral caregivers as they encounter conflict situations.”—from the Foreword, by Daniel Schipani

Lies Brussee-van der Zee was minister in several Mennonite and Dutch Protestant Union congregations. From 1998 to 2008 she worked as instructor of pastoral care at Amsterdam Mennonite Theological Seminary. She is a registered mediator and has led trainings on mediation skills in pastoral care. Annelies Klinefelter-Koopmans completed her mediation training in 2003. Since 2003 she has been a certified mediator specializing in working in the church.

“An excellent overview with practical guideposts for pastors and caregivers who constantly face situations of family, congregational, and wider social conflicts as part of their daily ministry. With easy to absorb ideas and case studies, yet comprehensive and up to date, this book should be in every pastor’s office.”

—John Paul Lederach

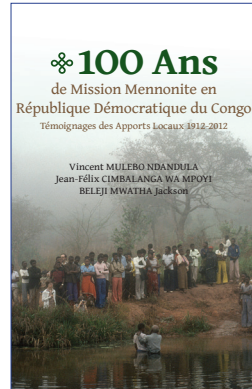
## 100 Ans de Mission Mennonite en République Démocratique du Congo: Témoignages des Apports Locaux 1912–2012

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Jean-Félix Cimbanga wa Mpoyi,  
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Le résultat d’un projet initié par Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission pour marquer le centenaire du témoignage mennonite en République Démocratique du Congo, cette collection

comprend 100 vignettes historiques rédigées par trois auteurs congolais. Les sujets de ces récits sont des chrétiens mennonites congolais qui ont été transformés en rencontrant Jésus Christ, et qui ont devenus des témoins de la grâce de Dieu. Les vignettes s’étendent depuis les premiers jours jusqu’au présent, illustrant le courage et la foi des croyants congolais au sein des pressions culturelles énormes, et reflétant des interprétations africaines des principes anabaptistes de la non-violence et du pardon.

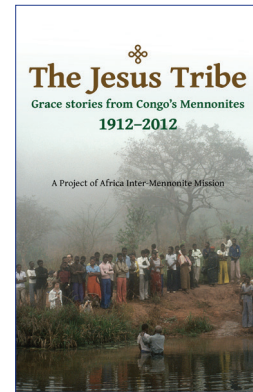
## The Jesus Tribe: Grace Stories from Congo’s Mennonites 1912–2012

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The culmination of a project sponsored by Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and marking the centennial of Mennonite witness in the Democratic Republic of Congo, this

collection consists of brief stories of Congolese Mennonite Christians who had life-changing encounters with Jesus and became witnesses to God’s grace in their lives. The stories reach from the earliest days to the present, illustrating courage, struggle, and faith amid enormous cultural pressures, and reflecting African interpretations of Anabaptist beliefs in nonviolence and forgiveness.

“How, within a single century, did the number of Christians in Africa swell from a few million in Egypt and Ethiopia to become the continent’s majority faith, some 487 million strong, today? The stories, written by both Africans and foreign missionaries, hint at the deep reason. They will rekindle hope, inspire faith, deepen humility, and offer encouragement. They should be read, contemplated, and preached.”

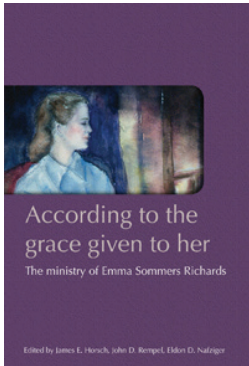
—Jonathan J. Bonk

## According to the Grace Given to Her: The Ministry of Emma Sommers Richards

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The 1973 ordination of Emma Sommers Richards marked a breakthrough in North American Mennonites' understanding that the Holy Spirit calls both women and men

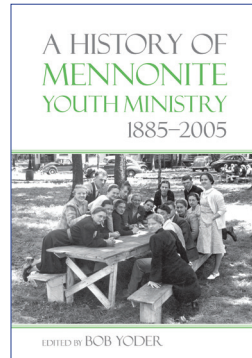
to pastoral ministry. These essays document how that change in understanding came about and describe its fruitfulness in Emma's ministry.

**Contents:** The Setting for the Call of Women to Ministry in the Mennonite Church (Miriam Book) • Nurtured for the Call to Ministry (Elaine Sommers Rich) • Seedbed for a Life of Service (Arlene Mark) • In Japan (Nancy Lee) • Called by Lombard Mennonite Church (Earl Sutter) • Ordained by Illinois Mennonite Conference, Ivan Kauffmann • It's Very Lonely out Here (Rachel Fisher) • Partners in Ministry (Joe Richards) • Business as Usual (Naomi Woods) • Divine Call, Reluctant Blessing (Gayle Gerber Koontz) • timeline (Emma Sommers Richards) • testimonials (John Gray, Dan Schrock, Mark King, Ryan Ahlgrim, Richard Blackburn, David Sutter, Janice Yordy Sutter, Paul King, Lois Meyer King) • appendixes

"Gender, politics, and church power are skillfully but pastorally woven together in this volume. The Mennonite Church is forever altered by Emma Sommers Richards' persistent voice—speaking, preaching, parenting, co-pastoring, and sharing with the world an invitation to faithful Christian living."—Dorothy Nickel Friesen

## A History of Mennonite Youth Ministry, 1885–2005

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*A History of Mennonite Youth Ministry, 1885–2005* gives attention to efforts to nurture faith in young people of a particular faith group, Mennonites in North America.

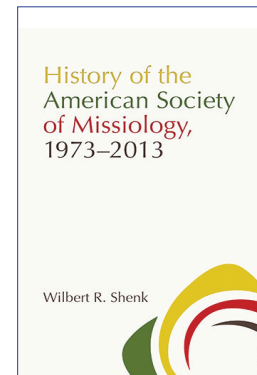
Sometimes those efforts were led by a denomination or its agencies and sometimes by a grassroots contingent of faithful people within the church, or by people clamoring for a voice.

**Contents:** Part 1—Overview: Nurturing the faith of Mennonite youth (Bob Yoder) • Part 2—Congregational Efforts: Mennonite involvement in Christian Endeavor and Youth for Christ (Randy Keeler), Mennonite Youth Fellowship, 1948–68 (Jonny Gerig Meyer), Bible quizzing (Barb Draper), Called to Youth Ministry (Susan Allison-Jones) • Part 3—Efforts from Outside the Congregation: Mennonite camping (Josh Hertzler), SWAP, DOOR, Group Venture (Matt Harms), Mennonite Young People's Conference movement (Anna Showalter), Outatown (Dana Penner) • Conclusions (Anna Rehan, Kent Miller) • Appendixes

"*A History of Mennonite Youth Ministry, 1885–2005* documents the complexities of youth ministry in one community of faith. It describes tensions between people committed to retaining a strong community characterized by long-standing traditions, and people concerned with responding to the distinctive needs of the community's young people amid societal change."—Mark H. Senter III, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL

## History of the American Society of Missiology, 1973–2013

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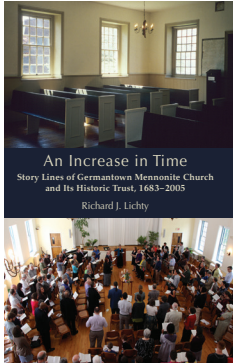
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—William R. Burrows

**An Increase in Time:  
Story Lines of Germantown  
Mennonite Church and Its Historic  
Trust, 1683–2005**

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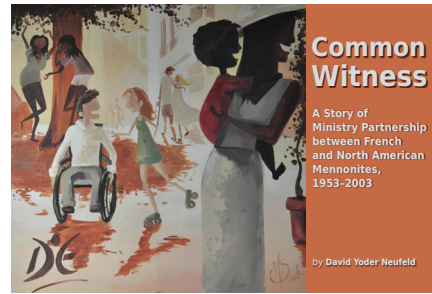
Richard J. Lichty recounts the history of the oldest Mennonite church in North America. From within the congregation, he tracks its story through periods of slow growth and spiritual stagnation and renewal and vitality, through affiliation with other Mennonite bodies and in conflict with and separation from them.

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“Our prayer is that this book will stimulate honest dialogue and fresh reflections on the scriptures, and that it will foster greater mutual understanding about how God’s people live together with highly charged differences.”—Donella M. Clemens and James M. Lapp

**Common Witness:  
A Story of Ministry Partnership  
between French and North  
American Mennonites, 1953–2003**

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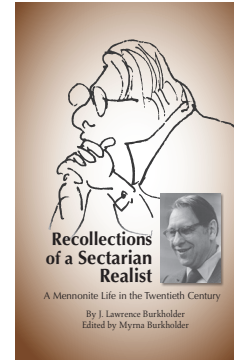


Church planting, sheltered workshops, African student ministry, an Anabaptist research center—what do these initiatives have in common? They are the result of two Mennonite bodies, French and North American, putting their modest resources together for the purpose of common witness in postwar France. Allen Koop, in his study of late twentieth-century mission in that country, claims that “no other missionary project . . . fostered cooperation as close and as productive as that carried out by French and North American Mennonites. No other mission succeeded in combining evangelism and church planting with significant social work to the same degree.” The story recounted here celebrates this history and challenges God’s people to increased faithfulness in the future.

**Contents:** Introduction • (1) Preconditions for Partnership: European and North American Mennonites Reconnect, 1917–52 • (2) “It Was Natural That We Made Contact”: Partnership Begins, 1953–65 • (3) “To Serve in the Name of Christ”: Partnership Strengthens and Matures, 1966–84 • (4) “We Do Not Do the Same Things”: Partnership Comes to an End, 1984–2003 • (5) Conclusion: An Intercultural Partnership’s Legacy and Lessons • Index

**Recollections of a Sectarian Realist  
A Mennonite Life in the Twentieth  
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From a Mennonite upbringing in a small Pennsylvania town, through an upstate–New York pastorate, relief work in India and China, graduate study at Princeton, teaching at Goshen College and

Harvard Divinity School, civil rights activism, and the presidency of Goshen College, J. Lawrence Burkholder sought to hold together the sectarian impulses of his denominational identity with a sense of social responsibility. This memoir traces the development of his thought as it intersected with the events of his life.

“Always more than a sectarian, J. Lawrence Burkholder enriched and extended Mennonite theological and ethical thinking, challenging the rigidity and self-satisfaction of some traditional thought and practices as well as the newer formulations of John H. Yoder. This volume, with its rich remembering and numerous insights, gives the church occasion to continue to wrestle with the insights he set before us.”—John A. Lapp, dean, provost, and professor of history at Goshen College when J. Lawrence Burkholder was president

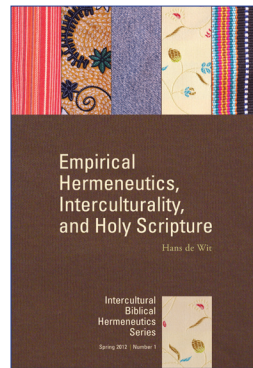


## Intercultural Biblical Hermeneutics Series

This series of monographs, initiated by the Foundation Dom Hélder Câmara Chair, VU University Amsterdam, is offered to Bible scholars and interested practitioners with a twofold purpose: to present the fruits of ongoing research in the new field of empirical intercultural hermeneutics, and to foster further conversation and collaboration. This research tests the hypothesis that the intercultural reading of narratives from sacred texts—in our case, the Bible—can have a beneficial effect, helping readers to greater understanding for one another, leading to reconciliation and more justice.

### Empirical Hermeneutics, Interculturality, and Holy Scripture

Hans de Wit  
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The focus of this monograph series—empirical hermeneutics in intercultural perspective—has to do with the question whether reading Bible stories jointly by groups from different cultural

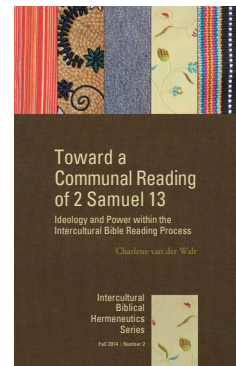
contexts can contribute to transformation. The practice at the heart of this research is bringing together small groups from all continents who read the same Bible story and discuss the meaning of the story with each other. The central questions of this field of research are: Can the Bible be a positive factor in processes of development and reconciliation? Can Bible stories be places for conversations on peace?

“The launching of this series in intercultural biblical hermeneutics is to be warmly welcomed. This critical project, documented in *Through the Eyes of Another*, has yielded impressive results. It has established itself as an innovative and sophisticated approach in biblical criticism by its focus on real readers in small communities reading the same text and exchanging readings with other readers around the world. There is no doubt that empirical-intercultural biblical hermeneutics now stands as a solid, ground-breaking exercise in academic-scholarly as well as religious-theological interpretation of the Bible, and this volume provides the perfect introduction.”—Fernando F. Segovia

This project was first given expression in *Through the Eyes of Another: Intercultural Reading of the Bible*, listed on page 41.

### Toward a Communal Reading of 2 Samuel 13: Ideology and Power within the Intercultural Bible Reading Process

Charlene van der Walt  
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In the pages of this monograph, the reader witnesses women on a journey with the “other” unlocking new interpretive realities, finding new paths through old biblical landscapes, and uncovering new

perspectives on their own experience. *Toward a Communal Reading of 2 Samuel 13: Ideology and Power within the Intercultural Bible Reading Process* recounts Charlene van der Walt’s use of a shared reading of the biblical story of Tamar’s silencing to facilitate intercultural conversation on difficult subject matter—rape and violence against women. Participants in the intercultural Bible reading project, all of them residents of Stellenbosch, South Africa, speak from a diversity of cultural backgrounds. The intercultural Bible reading process allows for a creative interaction among these differing perspectives, and van der Walt documents ways it issues in greater social awareness, particularly among those occupying more privileged positions in society.



## From Adequate Biblical Interpretation to Transformative Intercultural Hermeneutics: Chronicling a Personal Journey

Louis C. Jonker

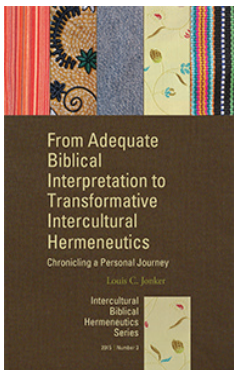
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This collection of essays chronicles nearly two decades of Louis C. Jonker's journey with transformative intercultural biblical research in a post-apartheid South African context. Jonker uses his experien-

ces as biblical scholar and former full-time minister of a congregation to shape his research, exploring questions from the pew such as: "Why does the church tell us now on account of the Bible that apartheid was a sin, when the church formerly—on account of the same Bible—justified the political system of apartheid theologically?" Passionate about both academic rigor and building bridges, Jonker helps bridge the gap between academic and lay interpretations of the Bible, grapples with the effects of sociopolitical change on congregations, and offers hope for transformation through intercultural Bible study and research.

## Intercultural Reading of John 10:1–21: The Shepherd-Sheep Metaphor as a Leadership-Followership Model

Eric Nii Bortey Anum and Ebenezer Quaye

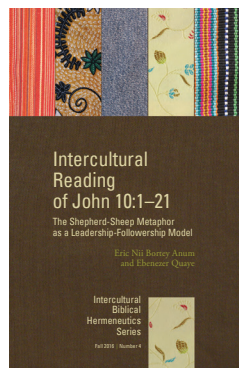
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This monograph documents the life-changing impact of intercultural Bible study on two Ghanaian groups who exchange their understandings, observations, questions, and learnings

about Jesus's leadership-followership model in the John 10:1–21 shepherd-sheep text. One group is from a small, rural town (members of an African Instituted Church), and the other is from a large university setting (members of a Seventh-day Adventist church). They find themselves so challenged and inspired by each other's readings that they elect to continue studying Scripture together after the project's end. The authors also find themselves being transformed through the process, with hope that this Bible study exchange and others like it will help develop Ghanaian leaders who focus on humility, selfless service, and sacrificial leadership rather than status and personal power.

Eric Anum is a pastor in the Presbyterian Church and a lecturer at the University of Cape Coast (Ghana). He received an MA and PhD from the University of Glasgow, where he focused on the place of culture in biblical interpretation in Africa. Ebenezer Quaye is a pastor in the Seventh-day Adventist church and a lecturer at Valley View University in Oyibi, Ghana. In his MA studies at the University of Cape Coast, he focused on leadership in the Gospels.

## Other books related to intercultural Bible reading

## Through the Eyes of Another: Intercultural Reading of the Bible

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This book documents an unprecedented study centered on the story of the encounter of Jesus with a Samaritan woman. The study involved a unique partnership of committed

ordinary readers, teachers and other pastoral leaders, and Bible and theology scholars, representing many countries in five continents. Readers will find in this volume a testimony to the fascinating nature of intercultural Bible reading and its potential contribution to the life of faith communities and to the work of church agencies and scholars. The editors present this effort as an invitation to further reflection, dialogue, and collaboration.

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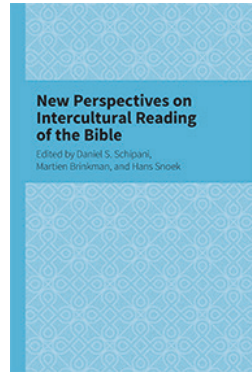
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