

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Papers: "Crossing the Line: Women of Anabaptist Traditions Encounter Borders and Boundaries," at Eastern Mennonite University on June 22-25, 2017. Twenty years after the watershed conference *The Quiet in the Land? Women of Anabaptist Traditions in Historical Perspective* in 1995, new topics, approaches, and viewpoints invite further examination of the constructions of gendered experience within groups in the Anabaptist tradition. The theme "crossing boundaries and borders" can and should encompass a wide range of disciplines, approaches, and topics, and we seek submissions from scholars, students, activists, and practitioners, as well as literary, performing, and visual artists. Crossing might entail traversing the lines between public and private spaces; church/community and "the world"; quietism and activism; expected decorum/silence and speaking out; gender constructions; sexualities and gender self-identities; race, ethnicity, and class; religious and theological belief systems; nation states in the making of transnationalism; disciplinary expressions. A limited number of travel grants will be available, with highest priority going to presenters coming from the global south and students. Please submit a one-page CV and a 250-word abstract for a paper, a creative performance or presentation, or a complete panel/workshop session (with presenters indicated) to awcrossingtheline@gmail.com, by September 1, 2016. For more information, please see: <http://www.emu.edu/academicconferences/women-of-anabaptist-traditions/>.

Call for Papers: "Remembering Muted Voices: Conscience, Dissent, Resistance and Civil Liberties in World War I through Today," October 19-22, 2017. This interdisciplinary conference, hosted by the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial (Kansas City, MO), will explore the experiences of those groups and individuals who raised their voices against the war, sometimes at great cost. A fuller conference description is available at: www.theworldwar.org/remembering-muted-voices. We invite proposals for papers, panels, posters, roundtables, and workshops that engage in diverse ways with issues of conscience, dissent, resistance, and civil liberties during World War I, in the United States and around the world. We encourage proposals that examine historical and contemporary parallels to the war. Strong conference papers will be given consideration for publication in special issues of *Mennonite Quarterly Review* and *Peace & Change*. Topics might cover: war resistance as an expression of religious conscience (Amish, Brethren,

Catholics, Hutterites, Latter Day Saints, Mennonites, Methodists, Nazarenes, Pentecostals, Quakers, etc.); secular dissent and resistance to war (feminists, socialists, and other movements and communities); the costs of war (economic, political, social, physical, psychological, etc.); civil liberties in World War I and war today; race, empire, and World War I; the legacy and relevance of World War I; peace activism to the present; the causes and prevention of war: World War I and since; teaching World War I and peace history in high school and college; memory, memorialization, and the public history of World War I. The program committee invites interested participants to send a one-page proposal focused on the theme of the conference by January 31, 2017, to John D. Roth at johndr@goshen.edu.

Conference: “Transformed by the Word: Reading the Bible in Anabaptist Perspectives,” February 12, 2017, Augsburg, Germany. Next year marks the beginning of a 10-year series of events—Renewal 2027—sponsored by Mennonite World Conference to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the beginnings of the Anabaptist movement. This conference, marking the opening event of Renewal 2027, will explore how Anabaptist-Mennonites around the world have engaged Scripture in the past . . . and how Scripture continues to be relevant today. The event will include worship and singing, examples of biblical interpretation from the global church, insights from ecumenical partners and an opportunity for all participants to participate in biblical interpretation.

Theological Symposium: “Mennonite Catholic Theological Symposium: Intercessory Prayer,” October 1, 2016, University of Notre Dame (Geddes Hall Auditorium), 8:30 am to 5 pm. This daylong symposium will feature scholars from the Mennonite and Catholic traditions engaging in discussion of the historical context and contemporary liturgical practices around intercessory prayer. Formal presentations will lay the groundwork for informed engagement among participants, with the goal of advancing ecumenical dialogue through rigorous theological exploration. Invited Speakers: Marlene Kropf, Emerita, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminar; John Cavadini, University of Notre Dame; Kim Belcher, University of Notre Dame; Karl Koop, Canadian Mennonite University. There is no charge for participation. Refreshments will be provided, and participants will take meals on their own. The event is sponsored by: The Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame and the Mennonite Catholic Theological Symposium of Bridgefolk. For more information contact Margie Pfeil at mpfeil1@nd.edu.

Call for Proposals: "Mennonites, Service, and the Humanitarian Impulse: MCC at 100," October 23-24, 2020. In 1920 Mennonites from different ethnic and church backgrounds formed Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to collaboratively respond to the famine ravaging Mennonite communities in the Soviet Union (Ukraine). Over the ensuing century, MCC has grown to embrace disaster relief, development, and peacebuilding in over 60 countries around the world. MCC has been one of the most influential Mennonite organizations of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. It has operated as a mechanism for cooperation among a wide variety of Mennonite groups, including Brethren in Christ and Amish, constructing a broad inter-Mennonite, Anabaptist identity. Yet it has also brought Mennonites into global ecumenical and interfaith partnerships. This centennial conference invites proposals for papers that examine the past, present, and future of MCC. More broadly it invites papers on the Mennonites' response to the biblical call to love one's neighbor through practical acts of service. Proposals from a wide variety of disciplinary perspectives are welcomed, including but not limited to anthropology, conflict transformation and peacebuilding, cultural studies, development studies, economics, history, political science, sociology, and theology. The conference will be hosted by the Chair of Mennonite Studies, University of Winnipeg, in collaboration with Canadian Mennonite University. Send proposals or questions by December 1, 2019 to Royden Loewen, Chair in Mennonite Studies, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 2E9, Canada. Email: r.loewen@uwinnipeg.ca. Limited research grants are available to help defray costs related to research in MCC's archives in Akron, Pennsylvania or at other MCC sites. Queries, with a brief two paragraph description of the proposed research, should be sent to Alain Epp Weaver (aew@mcc.org). Requests for research grants will be assessed on an ongoing, rolling basis.

Research Grant: The Mennonite Historical Society announces an "Open Research Grant" of \$2,000 to promote research and publication in Anabaptist-Mennonite studies. To apply, send the following materials by March 1, 2017, to Leonard Gross, Secretary, Mennonite Historical Society, Goshen College, Goshen, IN 46526: a two- or three-page summary of the project stating its significance to the field of Anabaptist-Mennonite history, a budget of anticipated expenses, a vitae, and one letter of recommendation. All applicants must be members of the Mennonite Historical Society. Recipients of the award will be announced at the May meeting of the M.H.S. Board of Directors. Disbursements will be made by June 1. The Prize Selection Committee may choose not to award the grant if none of the applications is deemed acceptable. *The*

Mennonite Quarterly Review has the “right of first refusal” for scholarly articles that result from research funded by the grant.

Research Grant: The Schafer-Friesen Research Fellowship is awarded annually by the Mennonite Historical Library (MHL) at Goshen College to support scholarship in Reformation and Anabaptist History. First priority for the award is to individuals doing advanced research using the resources of the Mennonite Historical Library. The award will support travel costs to the Mennonite Historical Library, and up to three weeks of room and board. The Fellowship may also be used, secondarily, to support publications on Reformation and Anabaptist topics. To apply, please send a letter of interest, along with a one-page research plan and budget, by March 1, 2017, to John D. Roth at johndr@goshen.edu.