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## *Call for Papers*

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# **Mennonites & Anthropology: Faith, Ethnography, and Cultural Entanglements**

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Hosted by the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies

**October 25–26, 2019**

Convocation Hall  
University of Winnipeg

Anthropology offers much for research into the ways Mennonites have practiced Christianity. Indeed, Mennonites have engaged with anthropology in different ways.

The conference theme builds upon recent ethnographic studies that have provided new insights into the lived experience of diverse Christianities. It reconsiders the ways in which Mennonites have imagined, embodied, and enacted their faith. It examines new ways to ask what it means to be Mennonite.

Paper proposals are invited on topics that include the following:

- Ethnographies of the Mennonite community and organization
- Insights in the anthropology of Christianity in Mennonite experience
- Critical appraisals of anthropological research on or about Mennonites
- Analyses of Mennonite anthropologists and their research projects
- Theological critiques of, or appreciation for, anthropological insights
- Teaching anthropology at Mennonite colleges and universities
- Encounters between anthropologists and Mennonite scholars
- Development workers and mission personnel around the world

**Paper Submission deadline: October 1, 2018.** Please send a 250-word paper proposal and short bio to conference convenors: Philip Fountain, Victoria University Wellington ([philip.fountain@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:philip.fountain@vuw.ac.nz)) and Royden Loewen, Chair in Mennonite Studies, University of Winnipeg ([r.loewen@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:r.loewen@uwinnipeg.ca)). Limited funding is available to assist with presenting papers at the conference.

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# **MCC at 100: Mennonites, Service, and the Humanitarian Impulse**

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Hosted by the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies

**October 23-24, 2020**

University of Winnipeg  
&  
Canadian Mennonite University

In 1920 North American Mennonites formed the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to aid famine ravaged Mennonite communities in the Soviet Union (Ukraine). Over the ensuing century, MCC has grown to embrace service in over 60 countries. It has also brought together a wide variety of Mennonite groups, including Brethren in Christ and Amish. And it has also been a force for global ecumenical and interfaith partnerships.

This centennial conference invites proposals for papers that examine the past, present, and future of MCC. It invites papers on the Mennonites' response to the biblical call to love one's neighbour through practical acts of service. Proposals from a wide variety of disciplinary perspectives are welcomed.

The conference will be hosted by the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies, University of Winnipeg, in collaboration with Canadian Mennonite University.

**Proposal submission: December 1, 2019.** Send proposals or questions to Royden Loewen, Chair in Mennonite Studies, University of Winnipeg. Email: [r.loewen@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:r.loewen@uwinnipeg.ca). Mailing address: 515 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 2E9, Canada.

Limited research grants are available for research in MCC's archives in Akron, Pennsylvania or at other MCC sites. Queries, with a research proposal, should be sent to Alain Epp Weaver ([aew@mcc.org](mailto:aew@mcc.org)).

Advisory Committee: Royden Loewen (Winnipeg), Esther Epp-Tiessen (Winnipeg), Felipe Hinojosa (Brownsville, TX), Lucille Marr (Montreal), Ruth Rempel (Winnipeg), Alain Epp Weaver (Akron)