

Call for Papers

Mennonites and Refugees: A 25 Year Retrospective

A history conference examining the interaction between North American Mennonites and refugees will take place in 2005. The conference is held on the 25th anniversary of the coming of the so-called Vietnamese 'Boat People' and other Southeast Asian refugees in 1979/1980. This was a time when many Canadian and American Mennonites became directly involved in refugee sponsorship.

Research papers are welcomed on one of the following four themes:

- 1) the historic, cultural and theological context which led North American Mennonites to take leading roles in refugee sponsorship programs;
- 2) the cross-cultural experience of both the refugees and the Mennonite hosts during the months of actual sponsorship and settlement
- 3) the organizational response by Mennonite institutions such as MCC Canada and other institutions to the coming of the refugees
- 4) the long-term inter-ethnic relationships – direct and indirect – between Canadian/American Mennonites and newcomers from the southern hemisphere, specifically those from Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia

The conference organizers also welcome submissions for storytelling by both hosts and refugees.

Please send proposals to: Royden Loewen, Chair in Mennonite Studies, University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. R3B 2E9 or email to r.loewen@uwinnipeg.ca

The conference will take place at the University of Winnipeg on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1, 2005.

The conference is hosted by the Chair in Mennonite Studies, University of Winnipeg. It is sponsored by the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada with funds from Mennonite Central Committee Canada.

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To be held on
Saturday, October 18, 2003, 9:00 a.m. to
4:00 p.m. in Eckhart Gramatte Hall,
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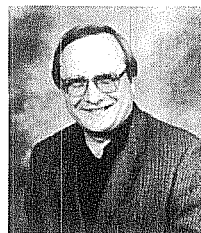
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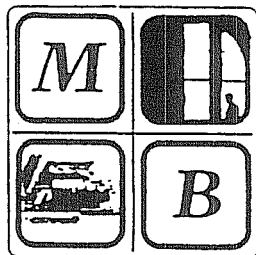
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A history of the Mennonites' understanding and experience with pacifism through the centuries with special emphasis on their dealings with national militarism, church schism, ethnic relations and domestic abuse.

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