

Philadelphia Stories: Kingdom Building in the City



Thursday evening, April 3

- 6:00 p.m. **Gathering**—Worship Team from a Philadelphia congregation
- 7:00 p.m. **Plenary #1 Mennonites in Philadelphia: Building an Urban Anabaptist Identity**
 Moderator: *John Sharp*
 Storytellers: *Mattie Cooper Nikiema; Quang Xuan Tran*
 Presenter: *Jeff Gingerich*
 Respondent: *Margaret Ekwan*
 Features: Welcome from the Vietnamese Church; Introduction of Listening & Visioning Panel

Friday morning, April 4

9-9:50 / 10-10:50 / 11-11:50 a.m. Concurrent sessions

General interest: Geared for a wider range of the public

- Philadelphia's Influence on Pennsylvania German Mennonites—*John L. Ruth*
- Anabaptist Urban Churches of the Future—*Charles Bulford*
- International and Domestic Missions—*Leonard Burkholder*
- The New York City Mennonites as a Parallel—*Michael Banks; Nicholas Angustia; Monroe Yoder*

Pastoral track: For practitioners in church ministry and leadership—session leaders provide some input and facilitate forums for participants to discuss and network

- Calling and Equipping Leaders—*Ervin Stutzman; Tuyen Nguyen*
- Pastoring Through Generational Transitions—*Lemuel So; Freeman Miller*
- What is the Mission Legacy for Contemporary Urban Churches—*TBA*

Scholarly track: More theoretical for academic specialists

- "Building a Shared Identity: Recruitment and Identity Transformation in the Philadelphia Mennonite Church"—*Jeff Gingerich*
- Racial Identity and Mission—*Joe Manickam*
- Center Women and Woman's Studies—*Beth Graybill; Kimberly Schmidt*

Friday afternoon, April 4

Field trip (including lunch)

The afternoon field trip will visit various historical and cultural sites, which have been important to developments of the family of Anabaptist-related Christians in Philadelphia. The tour begins with a visit to Philadelphia Mennonite High School where lunch will be served. Note: There is an additional fee listed on your registration form to cover the cost of transportation for this trip.

Friday dinner, April 4

Vietnamese Mennonite Church

Cost covered through the meal fee at registration or by donation when served (suggestion: \$6.)

Additional features

- Anabaptist Rap, Cruz Cordero
- Philadelphia Mennonite High School Choir
- Women of Color Oral History Project
- Music by Bethlehem Wolde

- 6:00 p.m. **Gathering**—Worship Team from a Philadelphia congregation
- 7:00 p.m. **Plenary #2 Phases of Christian Identity: Immigrants and Ethnicity**
 Moderator: *Leonard Burkholder*
 Presenter: *Tuyen Nguyen*
 Respondents: *Lemuel So; Endalkatchew Sahle*

Saturday morning, April 5

- 9:00 a.m. **Plenary #3 Claiming an Anabaptist Racial Identity: Obstacles and Opportunities**
 Moderator: *Otis Banks*
 Storytellers: *Raymond Jackson; Samuel Lopez*
 Presenter: *Leonard Dow*
 Respondent: *Julie Prey-Harbaugh*

Saturday lunch, April 5

Vietnamese Mennonite Church

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Saturday afternoon, April 5

- 1-2:00 p.m. **Women of Color Oral History Project**
- 2:00 p.m. **Plenary #4 Sister Workers and Center Women Build the Church**
 Moderator: *Nadine Smith Bulford*
 Storyteller: *Miriam Stoltzfus*
 Presenter: *Lily Lee*
 Respondents: *Pam Royster; Rosalie Rolón Dow*

Saturday dinner, April 5

Vietnamese Mennonite Church

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Saturday evening, April 5

- 6:00 p.m. **Gathering**—Worship Team from a Philadelphia congregation
- 7:00 p.m. **Plenary #5 Thy Kingdom Come: Resources and Challenges for Urban Anabaptists**
 Moderator: *Arbutus Sider*
 Storytellers: *Barbara Moses; Fred Kauffman*
 Presenters: *Lawrence Chiles; Freeman Miller*

Listening and Visioning Panel

- *Ervin Stutzman*, moderator, Mennonite Church USA
- *Kenyetta Aduma*, director, Office of Cross-Cultural Relations, Mennonite Church USA
- *Bill Krispin*, Presbyterian pastor, Philadelphia, PA
- *Calenthia Dowdy*, Urban Studies, Eastern College

This panel will consist of four members, two being Mennonites from outside of Philadelphia and two being other than Mennonites from within Philadelphia. Members of the panel will reflect on the formal input of the conference and be available to listen informally to participants. Given their comparative perspective they bring to the experience of Mennonites in Philadelphia, they will reflect to the conference what they are hearing and help to focus a vision for the future. The panel will be allotted time to report in each of the evening sessions. The written report of this panel will likely appear in any book which may emerge from the proceedings of the conference.

—Clip and return registration form—

Costs (per registrant)

Registration fee	\$50
Meals (3)	\$25
Field trip and lunch	\$25
Total enclosed	_____

Write checks to:

Historical Committee Conference

Send the completed form and check to:

Mennonite Church USA
 Historical Committee
 1700 South Main Street
 Goshen, IN 46526

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