Introduction to Mosaic Conference

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* have a basic understanding of the broad arc of Anabaptist story from 1500s until today with a glimpse toward migration, mission, and movement.
* have begun or continued conversation around intercultural engagement and transformation rooted in Biblical understandings of faith, mutuality, and witness.

Required Texts* *A Shared Understanding of Ministerial Leadership: Polity Manual for Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA* (MennoMedia, 2017)
* Law, Eric H. F, *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb: A Spiritualty for Leadership in a Multicultural Community* (Chalice Press, 1993)
* Roth, John, Stories: How Mennonites Came to Be (Herald Press, 2008)
* Mosaic Reader of primary sources

**Assignments** Beyond the readings, each student is responsible for 1) 3 forum posts describing how you have been practicing and learning from Sabbath-keeping. 2) a 2-paragraph forum response to the Mosaic Conference website. 3) Sharing your Pathway to Anabaptism. 4) first-person monologue on a noteworthy Anabaptist. 5) Reading log/response (more details to come) |

**Course Schedule**

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| DATE | Subject | Details/assignments due:  | Location |
| Wed April 2 7:30pm EST | Orientation | * Review Syllabus—due dates and forum assignments
* Introduce Pathway stories
* Review housing/transportation needs for intensive
* Review Great Cloud of Witnesses and choose individual by April 12
 | Zoom  |
| April 12 | Due dates | * **Website Forum assignment due**
* **Great Cloud of witnesses approved**
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| WedApr 30 | Dinner, introduction/welcome | * Hearing Norristown Mennonite story
* **Pathway stories (assigned)**
 | Norristown Nueva Vida New Life |
| Thurs May 1 | The Early Anabaptist story and Conference history | * **Pathway stories (assigned**)
* **Read Roth text-respond to questions**
* **Sabbath Practice forum**
* **Great Cloud of Witness monologues (assigned)**
* Documents discussion (Schleitheim, Dordrecht, Bender—Anabaptist vision, Global Convictions)
 | Meet at Mennonite Heritage Center @ 9am; Afternoon session @ St Luke’s Penn Foundation |
| Fri May 2 | Trace the first Mennonites coming to Germantown through creation of Franconia and Eastern District | * **Relevant Cloud of Witnesses and Pathway stories shared**
* Sabbath Practice
* Documents: Quaker-Mennonite Letter against Slavery
 | Meet at Germantown Historic Meetinghouse, Rittenhouse Town in morning, and Philadelphia Praise Center |
| Sat May 3 | Formation of Mosaic Conference; Sabbath retreat | * From Europe to Americas—notes/migration
* Pathways shared/cloud of witnesses
 | Meet at Mosaic Conference office classroom; afternoon Fern Rock  |
| Sun May 4 |  | Worship in Mosaic Conference Church | Bethel Worship Center (11am-1pm)  |
| May 17 |  | **Forum response to Sunday worship****2nd Sabbath forum response due** |  |
| May 24 |  | **Eric Law Book read/response due** |  |
| May 31 | Church Polity | * Polity handbook
* Intercultural polity
* **Final forum responses due**
* **Evaluation completed**
 | Zoom |

**Requirements for Students taking for Academic Credit**

Any student who would like to receive academic credit for this course must inform the instructor of record (PhD/DMin) before the class begins.  Depending on the credit desired (certificate, undergraduate, or seminary), extra reading, papers, field research, assignments, and/or face time with the instructors may be required.  Mosaic Institute does not guarantee that academic credit will be granted by your institution but will provide the materials necessary to apply for advanced standing through an institution of your choice (some institutions have prior agreements with Mosaic Institute).  There may be extra fees required by Mosaic Institute as well as the accrediting school.

# Great Cloud of Witnesses Assignment: each student will prepare a 1-page, first person monologue that they will share in class. Select a person from the list of noteworthy Anabaptist men and women below. Get to know that person through research. Prepare a 500-word introduction of that individual written in the first-person to read to the class and to hand in. Creativity is encouraged. (list is below—if you have other ideas of who you would like to do, please ask. )

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| ***Early Anabaptists (16th, 17th, & 18th Centuries)***

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| *European Men* | *European Women* |
| Conrad Grebel (1498 – 1526) – Reformer, Martyr | Claesken Galedochter (d. 1563) – Martyr |
| Felix Manz (1498 – 1527) – Reformer, Martyr | Helena of Freyberg (1491 – 1545) – Noblewoman |
| Balthasar Hubmaier (1480 – 1528) – Reformer, Martyr | Margaret Hellwart (c. 1600s) – Kitchen Evangelist |
| Michael Sattler (1490 – 1527) – Reformer, Martyr |  |
| Menno Simons (1496 – 1561) – Theologian | *North American Women* |
| Pilgrim Marpeck (1495 – 1556) – Theologian |  |
| Hans Denk (1500 – 1527) – Theologian, Teacher |  |
| Peter Riedeman (1506 – 1556) – Hutterite Leader |  |
| Gerrit Roosen (1612 – 1711) - Pastor |  |
| Thielman J. van Braght (1625- 1664) - Author |  |
| Jacob Amman (1644-1730) – Founder of Amish |  |
| Benedict Brechbuhl (1666-1720) – Pastor in Europe & Colonial America  |  |
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| ***North American Men*** |  |
|  |  |
| Hans Herr (1639-1725) – Lancaster Leader |  |
| William Rittenhouse (1664-1708) – Preacher, Entrepreneur |  |
| Christopher Dock (1698–1771) – Teacher |  |
| Benjamin Hershey (1697-1789) – Dordrecht Confession |  |
| Martin Boehm (1725-1812) – United Brethren in Christ |  |
| Christian Newcomer (1749-1830) – United Brethren in Christ |  |
| Jacob Hochstetler - (Amish; 1757 Hochstetler Massacre) |  |
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***Contemporary Anabaptists (19th, 20th, & 21st Centuries)***

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| ***North American Men*** | ***North American Women*** |
| Christian Herr (1750-1853) – Lancaster Bishop | Annie C. Funk (1874-1912) – Missionary |
| Joseph Funk (1778 – 1862) – VA publisher | Amanda Musselman (1869-1940) – Missionary |
| John H. Oberholtzer (1809-1895) – General Conference | Anna J. Allebach (1874-1918) – 1st Ordained Woman |
| John M. Brenneman (1816-1895) – Sunday School | Christmas Carol Kauffman (1901-1969) - Writer |
| John F. Funk (1835-1930) – Publisher | Doris Janzen Longacre (1940-1979) – *More With Less* |
| John S. Coffman (1848-1899) – Evangelist | Phyllis Good - Writer |
| Daniel Kauffman (1865-1944) – Writer/Editor | Lois Barrett – Missiologist |
| N.B. Grubb (1850 - 1953) – Frederick Mennonite Home | Eleanor Kreider – Missionary |
| Clayton Kratz (1896-1920) – MCC Worker | Ruth Brunk Stoltzfus (1915-2008) – Radio Ministry |
| Orie O. Miller (1892-1977) – MCC |  |
| Harold Bender (1897-1962) – Church Historian | ***African & African Diaspora*** |
| John Howard Yoder (1927-1997) - Theologian |  |
|  | James Lark (1888-1978) – Church Planter |
|  | Rowena Lark (1892-1970) – Church Planter |
|  | Hubert Brown (1945-) – Pastor, College Dean |
|  | Vincent Harding (1931-2014) – Civil Rights Leader |
| ***Latin American*** | Sofia Samatar – Somali-Mennonite Poet |
|  | Stanley Green – South Africa & U.S. – Missions |
| Juan Martinez (Mennonite Brethren, Theologian) |  |
| Isabel Castillo – Immigration Activist | ***Asian*** |
| Anton Flores-Maisonet – Pastor, Casa Alterna |  |
| Neftali Torres – Minority Ministries Council | Mesach Krisetya (?? - ??) – Indonesian Leader |
| David Castillo – 1st Hispanic Mennonite Pastor | Adi Walujo (?? - ??) – Javanese Mennonite Church |
| César García – Mennonite World Conference |  |
| Alfred Neufeld (1955-2020) – Mennonite World |  |
|  Conference | ***European*** |
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| ***Native American*** |  |
|  | Peter Martin Friesen (1849-1914) – Russian |
| Lawrence Hart (1933-2022) – Cheyenne Chief & Pastor |  Leader |
| Erica Littlewolf – Northern Cheyenne & MCC | Benjamin B. Janz (1877-1964) – Russian Leader |
| Sarah Augustine – Activist | Peter J. Dyck (1914-2010) – Russian & Canadian |
|  |  MCC Leader |
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