



Introduction to Mosaic Conference

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Class Location

Mosaic Conference
Office: 100 Longacre
Center, 1000 Forty Foot
Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446
Various (see below)

Class Dates & Times

Thurs Aug 20 7pm ET
Zoom

Sept 24-27—in-person
class in PA
Thurs 9am- Sun 2pm

Sat, Oct 24 11am-4pm
ET – Zoom

Course Overview

Learn how Mosaic Conference (and Mennonites) came to be, how the conference works, how decisions are made, and what it means to be a part of our conference together.

Course Objectives

By the end of this class, students will

- have developed a basic understanding of Mosaic Conference with an eye toward the intercultural, missional, and formational priorities.
- have a basic understanding of the broad arc of Anabaptist story from 1500s until today through lens of migration and mission.
- have read and understood Mosaic's centering document based on the centered set model.
- have begun or continued conversation around intercultural engagement and transformation rooted in Biblical understandings of faith, mutuality, and witness.

Required Texts

- Roth, John, *Stories: How Mennonites Came to Be* (Herald Press, 2008)
- Mosaic Reader of primary sources

Recommended Texts:

- Becker, Palmer. *Anabaptist Essentials: Ten Signs of a Unique Christian Faith*. (Herald Press, 2017).
- Law, Eric H. F, *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb: A Spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community* (Chalice Press, 1993)

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

DATE	Subject	Details/assignments due:	Location
Thurs Aug 20 7pm 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 an individual by Sept 4.	Zoom
Sept 4	Due dates	Website Forum assignment due Great Cloud of witnesses approved First Sabbath Forum	
Thurs Sept 24	The Early Anabaptist story and the way both global and local groups have carried on the legacy	Pathway stories (assigned) Roth response questions due Sabbath Practice forum Great Cloud of Witness monologues (assigned) - Documents discussion (Schleitheim, Dordrecht, Bender—Anabaptist vision, Global Convictions)	Meet at Mennonite Heritage Center @ 9am 565 Yoder Road, Harleysville, PA 19438; Afternoon session @ Methacton Mennonite Church 3081 Mill Road, Norristown, PA 19403
Fri Sept 25	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, 6133 Germantown Ave, Philly 19144, Rittenhouse Town, Crossroads Community Center 2196 N 6 th Street, Philly 19133, and Philadelphia Praise Center 2300 S. 18 th St Philly, 19145
Sat Sept 26	Formation of Mosaic Conference; Sabbath retreat	- From Europe to Americas—notes/migration - Pathways shared/cloud of witnesses	Meet at Mosaic Conference office classroom 1000 Forty Foot Rd. Suite 100 Lansdale PA 19446; afternoon Fern Rock Retreat 1900 Twin Lows Rd. Green Lane, PA 18054
Sun Sept 27		Worship at Mosaic Conference Church	Zion Mennonite (9am)
Oct 5		Forum response to Sunday worship 2nd Sabbath forum response due	

DATE	Subject	Details/assignments due:	Location
Oct 19		Reading log from Mosaic Reader due	
Sat Oct 24	Church Polity	• Centered Set Model • Intercultural polity • Final Sabbath forum 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 choose 1 individual for the Cloud of Witnesses assignments. Half of the class will do someone from the list of early Anabaptists (16th, 17th, and 18th Centuries) and half will choose a more contemporary Anabaptist person (19th, 20th, 21st Centuries). Get to know this person's story through research. **Prepare a 5-7 minute presentation** of your Cloud of Witness stories! Creativity is encouraged! (list is below—if you have other ideas of who you would like to do, please ask.)

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

European Men

Conrad Grebel (1498 – 1526) – Reformer, Martyr
Felix Manz (1498 – 1527) – Reformer, Martyr
Balthasar Hubmaier (1480 – 1528) – Reformer, Martyr
Michael Sattler (1490 – 1527) – Reformer, Martyr
Menno Simons (1496 – 1561) – Theologian
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

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)

European Women

Claesken Galedochter (d. 1563) – Martyr
Helena of Freyberg (1491 – 1545) – Noblewoman
Margaret Hellwart (c. 1600s) – Kitchen Evangelist
Margret Hottinger of Zollikon (d. 1530) – Martyr
Anna Hedriks of Amsterdam (d. 1571) – Martyr
Agnes Linck from Biel –Evangelist

North American Women

Eva Yoder & Esther Bachman – Petitioned
PA Assembly September 9, 1778

Contemporary Anabaptists (19th, 20th, & 21st Centuries)

North American Men

Christian Herr (1750-1853) – Lancaster Bishop
Joseph Funk (1778 – 1862) – VA publisher
John H. Oberholtzer (1809-1895) – General Conference
John M. Brenneman (1816-1895) – Sunday School
John F. Funk (1835-1930) – Publisher
John S. Coffman (1848-1899) – Evangelist
Daniel Kauffman (1865-1944) – Writer/Editor
N.B. Grubb (1850 - 1953) – Frederick Mennonite Home
Clayton Kratz (1896-1920) – MCC Worker
Orie O. Miller (1892-1977) – MCC Administrator
Harold Bender (1897-1962) – Church Historian

Latin American

Anita Cavadore – Argentinian Bible Ministry
Juan Martinez – Mennonite Brethren, Theologian
Isabel Castillo – Immigration Activist
Anton Flores-Maisonet – Pastor, Casa Alterna
Neftali Torres – Minority Ministries Council
David Castillo – 1st Hispanic Mennonite Pastor in NA
César García – Mennonite World Conference
Alfred Neufeld (1955-2020) – Mennonite World Conference
Marco Güete – Hispanic Ministries

Native American

Lawrence Hart (1933-2022) – Cheyenne Chief & Pastor
Erica Littlewolf – Northern Cheyenne & MCC
Sarah Augustine – Activist

North American Women

Annie C. Funk (1874-1912) – Missionary
Amanda Musselman (1869-1940) – Missionary
Anna J. Allebach (1874-1918) – 1st Ordained Woman
Christmas Carol Kauffman (1901-1969) - Writer
Doris Janzen Longacre (1940-1979) – *More With Less*
Phyllis Good - Writer
Lois Barrett – Missiologist
Eleanor Kreider – Missionary
Ruth Brunk Stoltzfus (1915-2008) – Radio Ministry

African & African Diaspora

Vincent Harding (1931-2014) – Civil Rights Leader
James Lark (1888-1978) – Church Planter
Rowena Lark (1892-1970) – Church Planter
Daniel Kitamba (1904-1936) Congo Evangelist
Bishop Zedekiah Kisare – Tanzanian Leader
Stanley Green – South Africa & U.S. Missions

Asian

Tee Siem Tat & Sie Djoen Nio, founder of GKMI
Adi Walujo – Javanese Pastor and Peacemaker
Tunggul Wulung (d. 1885) – Javanese Church Planter
Takanobu Tojo (b. 1942) – Japanese Church Planter
Mesach Krisetya – Indonesian Leader
Kyong Jung Kim—Korean leader

European

Stuart Murray Williams – English Church Planter
Benjamin B. Janz (1877-1964) – Russian Leader
Peter J. Dyck (1914-2010) – Russian & Canadian MCC Leader
Peter Martin Friesen (1849-1914) – Russian Leader

