

History of Aboriginal-Mennonite Relations

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Registration

Please register at the door. Registration is free. Admission is free.

Publication of Conference Proceedings: *The Journal of Mennonite Studies*, issue # 19, 2001, will feature selected papers from the conference. To subscribe write: *The Journal of Mennonite Studies*, University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 2E9

Meals

All meals may purchased at the university cafeteria or at a number of ethnic and mainline restaurants within a block of the university.

Bannock and Bultje Break will be a light meal featuring foods from both the Aboriginal and Mennonite traditions. It will be served on campus between the afternoon sessions and the evening session on Saturday, October 14. It will be free but participants will be given an opportunity to contribute to its costs.

Lodging

- 1) Travelodge Hotel ph. 204-786-7011 is a newly renovated hotel within one block of the university on Portage Avenue; a block of rooms have been reserved for conference participants at \$79.00 per night. Reserve by September 20.
- 2) The Radisson Hotel, ph. 1-204-956-0410, is located about four blocks from the university, a block of rooms have been reserved here for conference participants at \$89.00 per night. Reserve by September 15.
- 3) Crowne Plaza, Delta Hotel, ph 204-942-0551 is located about 4 blocks from the university; the price here is usually about \$135.00.

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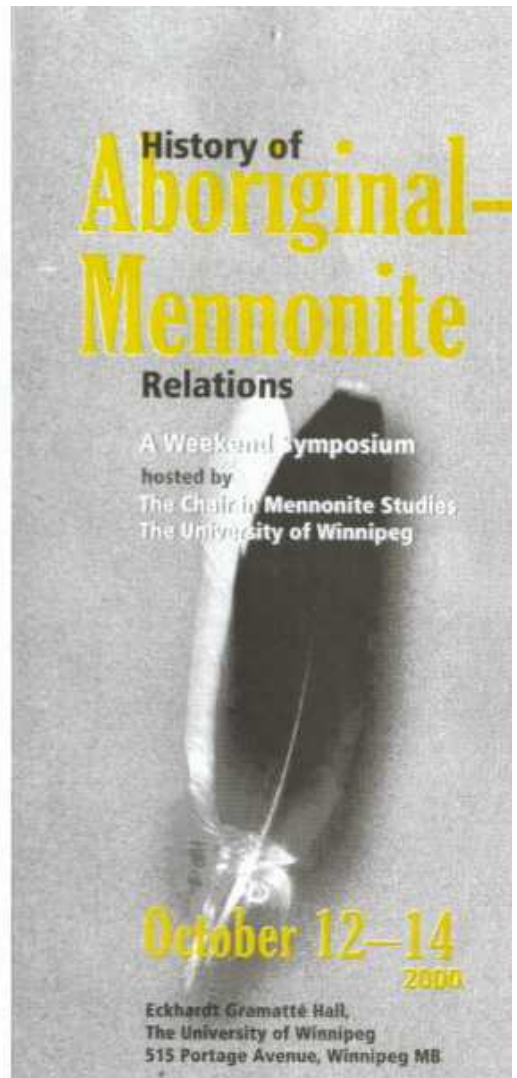
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A Weekend Symposium
hosted by
The Chair in Mennonite Studies,
The University of Winnipeg

**October 12-14
2000**

Eckhardt Gramatté Hall,
The University of Winnipeg
515 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB

This conference will focus on the relations between Mennonites and Aboriginal Peoples. It will cover a wide range of relationships, including encounters in local communities, mission programs, business and farming pursuits, and social justice initiatives. We hope we can evaluate these linkages frankly, being open to identifying both successes and failures. We

also hope to compare and contrast the histories of our two peoples. As organizers we believe that the commonalities of these two peoples—their close ties to the land, their minority position, their emphasis on equality, their commitment to spiritual values—can serve as a foundation for common understandings. Perhaps by examining these themes a stronger partnership between our two peoples can be forged

We are especially pleased that the conference includes both academic and lay people, youth and elders, historians and pastors, writers and story tellers, observers and participants. Through these disparate voices the rich and varied story of Aboriginal-Mennonite relations will come alive.

PROGRAM

Thursday, October 12

7:00 p.m. **GENDER, RACE AND RELIGION**, Chair and Conference Introduction, Royden Loewen, University of Winnipeg.

Welcome: George Tomlinson, Vice President Academic, University of Winnipeg

Keynote: "Grandmothers and Medicine: Women of Two Cultures," Maria Campbell, Brandon University

Friday, October 13

8:30 p.m. **CREATING A CONTEXT**, Chair, George Richert, Menno Simons College

"Rewriting Aboriginal-Missionary Encounters," Jennifer Brown, Centre for Rupert's Land Studies, U. of Winnipeg

"Two Paths Teaching: Aboriginal Spirituality and Christianity," Brian Rice, Dept. of Religion, U. of Winnipeg

9:30-10:00 Coffee

10:00-12:00 **ALBERTA**, Chair, Kim Thiessen, MCC Alberta
 "Mennonite Alternative Services in Native and Mixed-Blood Communities in Northern Alberta, 1955-1970," Ted Regehr, University of Calgary, Calgary

"Lubicon Cree and Mennonites in Northern Alberta," Neil Funk-Umrau, Menno Simons College, Winnipeg

"Who is the Voice Coming From? Mennonites, First Nations People and Appropriation of Voice" Jonathan Dueck, University of Alberta, Edmonton

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 **EASTERN CANADA**, Chair, Karl Hele, Winnipeg Education Centre

"Growing up Mohawk—Becoming Mennonite," "Sakoieta" Terry Widrick, MCC Canada, Selkirk, MB

"Lost Inheritance: Mennonite Money and Indian Lands," Reginald Good, Waterloo, ON

"Breaking down Barriers: MCC Ontario and Ontario Native Communities," Lucille Mann, Augustana University, Camrose, AB

2:30-3:30 **BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON**,

Chair, Darryl Klassen, MCC BC

"Revolution and Residential School: The Cultural Reproduction Strategies of a Yukon First Nation and a Manitoba Mennonite," David Neukild, Parks Canada, Whitehorse, YU

"Aboriginal Chief and Mennonite Central Committee,"

Paddy Walkus, Gwa'Sala 'Nakwaxda'xw, BC

3:30-4:00 Coffee

4:00-5:00 **MANITOGAGAN**, Manitoba, Chair and Commentator,

Walter Franz, MCC Canada

"Reflecting on Missionary Unruh and My Mother,"

Thelma Barker Meade, Manigotagan First Nation MB

"The History of Mennonite Native Ministries,"

Norman Meade, Manigotagan First Nation MB

Dinner Break

7:00 **REFLECTIONS AND MUSIC**,

Chair, Rick Zerbe-Carnelsen, MCC Canada

"Music from the Native Wood Cedar Flute," "Sakoieta" Terry

Widrick, Selkirk, MB

"Becoming A Human Being: Mennonites Encounter

Aboriginal Peoples" Rudy Wiebe, Edmonton AB

Saturday, October 14,

8:30 a.m. **SOUTHERN MANITOBA**, Chair, Philippe Mailhot,

St. Boniface Museum

Presenters: University of Winnipeg Students

"Altona's Red River Echo and Aboriginal Peoples,"

Jennifer Heinrichs

"The People Without Shoes: Anishinabe First Nation and

the Mennonite West Reserve," Jaimie Friesen-Pankratz

"Gruenfeld Mennonite Village and its Metis Contestants,"

Donavon Giesbrecht

"Metis Hospitality Toward the Mennonites of the East

Reserve," Ralph Friesen

10:00-10:45 coffee

11:00-12:00 **RED LAKE**, George Fullford, University of Winnipeg

"Northern Light Gospel Mission: Pennsylvania Mennonites and the Ojibwa Nation," Glen Hostetler, Little Grand Rapids School, MB

"Relationships at North Spirit Lake Mission and Poplar Hill Residential School," Peter Campbell, Keewaytinook Okimakan (Northern Chiefs), Red Lake, ON

"Slides of the Red Lake Mission" Henry Hostetler, Impact North, Red Lake, ON

12:15-1:30 lunch

1:30-3:00 **SASKATCHEWAN**: Chair, Leonard Doell,

MCC Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

"Young Chipewyan Reserve and Mennonite Farmers," Albert

Angus, Angus, Stonechild, and Racine Aboriginal Law Group, Saskatoon

"From Farm Boy on Young Chipewyan to Mennonite MP at

Upperwash," Ray Funk, Spruce River Research, Prince Albert

3:00-3:30 coffee

3:30-5:00 **PAUINGASSI**, Manitoba, Chair, Jennifer Brown, University

of Winnipeg

"Reflections by an Elder," Charlie George Owen, Pauingassi First Nation, translator Margaret Simmons, Eastern Manitoba Tribal Council, Winnipeg

"The Pauingassi Trading Post and Mennonites,"

Patricia Harms, Arizona State University, Phoenix

"Missionary Henry Neufeld and Syncretism among the

Ojibwa," Alvina Block, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg

5:00-6:30 Bannock and Butje Break

6:30-9:00 **ADVOCACY OVER TIME**

Chair, Ken Reddig, MCC Manitoba

Keynote: "From Bloodvein to Cross Lake: A 25 Year

Synthesis," Menno Wiebe, MCC Canada, Winnipeg

Respondent, Stan MacKay, Dr. Jessie Saulleaux Centre, Beausejour, MB