

Foreword

This issue offers us an opportunity to present selected papers from two recent “Mennonite Scholars and Friends Forums.” These events are regularly held in conjunction with meetings of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature. The Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre and the Institute of Mennonite Studies (AMBS) jointly oversee the forums and a rotation of institutional hosts.

We’re using the 2002 conference title, “Radical Reformation and Radical Orthodoxy” for material from that event, and “Anabaptist Witness in the Public Square” to capture the overall theme of the 2004 gathering. The 2002 session focused on Radical Orthodoxy, particularly the work of theologian John Milbank, and considered points of contact with the Radical Reformation. The 2004 gathering centered on Anabaptist Faith and American Democracy — that is, the argument developed by Ted Grimsrud in a challenging article published earlier that year in *MQR* under the same title. Milbank and Grimsrud actively participated in the respective events, which featured papers specially prepared for the occasion and produced a very lively exchange of views.

We thank everyone who helped collect and shepherd the Forum papers through our production process, especially Jim Reimer, Jeremy Bergen and Thomas Reimer. We invite new contributors and subscribers to enter *CGR*’s own long-established forum for the thoughtful, sustained discussion of spirituality, ethics, theology and culture from a broadly-based Mennonite perspective.

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