

## Foreword

We are delighted to present this special issue on The International Criminal Court and the Responsibility to Protect: Challenges and Opportunities for the Peace Church Tradition.

We hope that this issue, produced under the auspices of the new Centre for the Study of Religion and Peace at Conrad Grebel University College, will make a useful contribution to the discussions already underway – within the historic peace churches and elsewhere – on such matters as the role and value of the International Criminal Court and the strengths and weaknesses of the Responsibility to Protect (“R2P”) doctrine.

We thank Lowell Ewert, Director of Peace and Conflict Studies at Conrad Grebel University College, for conceiving the theme and for animating the process that resulted in the articles that now appear in this issue. That process and the background to it are briefly outlined in the Introduction that follows next. We thank all the authors and peer-reviewers who participated, and we regret that we could not publish every submission.

Also included in this issue are book reviews on a wide range of subjects. New reviews are posted regularly on [www.grebel.uwaterloo.ca/academic/cgreview/reviews.shtml](http://www.grebel.uwaterloo.ca/academic/cgreview/reviews.shtml).

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Upcoming issues will include one devoted to a discussion of the newly-published *Nonviolence – A Brief History: The Warsaw Lectures* (lectures given by John Howard Yoder in 1983), and omnibus issues featuring the 2010 Benjamin Eby Lecture, “Peace Starts Now: Religious Contributions to Sustainable Peacemaking” by Professor Nathan Funk, as well as articles on a wide range of topics.

We encourage readers to submit Articles and Reflections for consideration. Readers might also invite their home institutions, churches, and other organizations to subscribe to the journal.

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