

## Foreword

The lead-off article in this issue is the Fall 2013 Benjamin Eby Lecture given at Conrad Grebel University College by College President Susan Schultz Huxman. Publication of the Eby Lectures is a time-honored tradition of this journal, and the President's address is the latest in a series stretching over three decades. One of the two articles that follow her lecture calls for "replacing" ecological theory and practice, while the other focuses on Christ's cross in the drama of reconciliation. Book reviews and a call for papers round out the issue.

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### THE BENJAMIN EBY LECTURESHIP

Established at Conrad Grebel University College in the 1980s, the Benjamin Eby Lectureship offers faculty members an opportunity to share research and reflections with the broader College and University community. Benjamin Eby (1785-1853) was a leading shaper of Mennonite culture in Upper Canada from the 1830s on. He and his wife Mary arrived from Pennsylvania in 1807. By 1812 he was an ordained bishop, and by 1813 the first Mennonite meetinghouse in the Waterloo area had been erected. About 1815 Eby saw to the building of the first schoolhouse. He continued his outstanding leadership in the church and in education throughout his life, all while supporting himself as a farmer. A lover of books, Eby wrote two primers for public school children, compiled the *Gemeinschaftliche Liedersammlung*, a new hymnal for Mennonites in Ontario, and edited a volume of articles by Anabaptist and early Mennonite authors. The latter is noteworthy especially because it preserves in a ministers' manual the traditional worship practices of the (Old) Mennonite Church. The Lectureship honors Eby's belief that the motivation to learn is a response to the Christian gospel.