

Foreword

Articles in this issue are responses to a call for papers on the topic of Revisiting Mennonite Peace Theology. We invited contributors to use *Mennonite Peace Theology: A Panorama of Types* (Akron, PA: Mennonite Central Committee Peace Office, 1991) as a point of departure. J. Denny Weaver and Malinda Elizabeth Berry propose new types, respectively Jesus-Centered Peace Theology and Shalom Political Theology. Paul C. Heidebrecht develops the themes of political engagement and advocacy which resonate across a range of types. Karl Koop explores the writings of the 19th-century Prussian Mennonite leader Wilhelm Mannhardt, whose arguments in favor of military service are part of diverse Mennonite reflections on peace.

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The mandate statement in our masthead now reads as follows: *The Conrad Grebel Review (CGR) is a multi-disciplinary peer-reviewed journal of Christian inquiry devoted to advancing thoughtful, sustained discussions of theology, peace, society, and culture from broadly-based Anabaptist/Mennonite perspectives.* The mandate itself has not changed, but the new statement more closely reflects our reality as well as our aspiration.

The change from “interdisciplinary” in the former statement to “multi-disciplinary” signals the fact that while few articles may be themselves be interdisciplinary, the journal does seek to publish contributions from diverse disciplines. Where the former statement had “spirituality, theology, and culture,” the new one has “theology, peace, society, and culture” on the understanding that theology includes spirituality. It is important that our mandate explicitly identifies both peace and society. Finally, the new statement asserts that there is no single “Mennonite perspective” but rather a range of “Anabaptist/Mennonite perspectives.”

Readers will also notice the new cover design, which reflects our intention to give the journal a fresh, contemporary look. We welcome responses to all the changes.

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We have established a formal editorial board, comprising the editorial staff, several faculty members of Conrad Grebel University College, and two external scholars. The board is responsible for CGR's overall intellectual direction and content. We also gratefully acknowledge the counsel and advocacy provided by the consulting editors who have completed their term, and we welcome six new consulting editors.

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