



Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre

Call for Proposals

Graduate Student Conference IX

Hope, Despair, Lament

June 18-20, 2020. Harrisonburg, VA (Eastern Mennonite University)

"O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?" Habakkuk 1:2 (NRSV)

What is the role of hope, despair, and lament for a people of peace in a world marked by polarization, violence, and ecological catastrophe? How might church make sense of an uncertain future, and what possible futures might emerge from and for the church? Are there resources within Anabaptist/Mennonite faith traditions that speak to our current moment?

The ninth biennial Graduate Student Conference hosted by the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre (TMTC) invites you to help us explore these and related questions. We invite proposals for scholarly papers and other presentations aimed at a scholarly audience that explore hope, despair, and/or lament. The primary purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for graduate students who work on Anabaptist/Mennonite related topics and/or who belong in some way to Anabaptist/Mennonite traditions to present their academic research in an interdisciplinary and ecumenical context and engage with each other as colleagues and peers.

We welcome proposals from disciplines including but not limited to theology, biblical studies, patristics, pastoral/practical studies, ethics, philosophy, religious studies, peacebuilding and conflict transformation studies, anthropology, sociology, gender studies, diaspora and transnational studies, history, literature, and musicology.

TMTC expects to make travel bursaries available to qualifying presenters, and details about accommodations will be released closer to the conference date. For more information see: <http://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/tmtcgradconference>

Please send paper proposals, including a title, of maximum 300 words to mennonite.centre@utoronto.ca by **February 1st, 2020**. For the purposes of blind review, please do not include your name and affiliation in your paper proposal – only in your email message.