

Call for Papers

Life, Land, and Community

Mennonite Graduate Student Conference – Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario
August 5-7, 2011

Once thought of as the 'quiet in the land,' Mennonites are increasingly considering what it means to live responsibly on the land, sometimes even within the concrete confines of the city. "The land," broadly conceived, signifies a movement toward sustainability and interrelatedness that encompasses both urban and rural realities. Also, land is not simply about farming, but about location, community, quality of existence, and justice. The topic Life, Land, and Community is a way of framing the current term "agrarianism" and is meant to be broad and inclusive of many academic disciplines.

This is the fifth Mennonite Graduate Student Conference planned by the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre. The primary purpose of this conference is to provide Mennonite and like-minded graduate students an opportunity to present their academic research in a collegial interdisciplinary context. Therefore, participation of students from a wide variety of disciplines is encouraged (e.g. Human and Natural Sciences, Peace studies, Religious studies, Theology, Philosophy, English, Biblical Studies, Ethics, and History).

Topics may include but are not limited to the following:

- good food, work, or community
- connection to and enjoyment of place
- frugality, greed, gift, gluttony, patience
- practices and witness of the church in diverse communities
- the miracle and interconnectedness of life
- violence against persons and against the natural world
- sustainable agriculture and appropriate technologies

Send proposals (300 words max.) by **MARCH 15, 2011** to mennonite.centre@utoronto.ca.
Presenters will receive substantial travel and accommodation bursaries.



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