**“Engaging Women’s Voices on the Church, Theology, and Mission: A Task for the Church and the Academy”**

One-Day Symposium, May 9, 2015, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

*Hosted by the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre and Mennonite Church Eastern Canada*

Outline:

* Registration (9:30 – 9:45 am)
* Introductory Comments and Prayer (Kim Penner) (9:45 – 10:00 am)
* Session: “What is ‘mission’ and why is it important that the church seek a feminist framework for mission?”
	+ Description: What is “mission”? What biblical texts inform our understanding of it and who gets to decide what it is? How have various understandings of mission in the church impacted womens' roles in directing and defining mission? This session will explore brief responses to these questions and promote an understanding of the church’s mission that seeks liberation within a feminist framework.
		- Led by: Allison Murray, Ph.D. student Emmanuel College, and Kimberly Penner, Th.D. student Emmanuel College (10:00 – 10:20 am)
			* Questions/Discussion (10:20-10:30 am)
* Paper Presentation (Moderated by Allison Murray)
	+ Presenter: Abigail Lofte, Ph.D. student St. Michael’s College, “Rethinking Humanity’s Relationship with Earth and its Implications for the Church’s Mission in Light of the Resurrection” (10:30 – 10:45 am)
		- Respondent: Henry Paetkau, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) Area Church Minister (10:45-10:50 am)
			* Questions/Discussion (10:50-11 am)
* \*Break\* (11 – 11:15 am)
* Paper Panel (Moderated by Kim Penner)
	+ Presenter: Ajeng Chrissaningrum, Th.M. student Wycliffe College, “Hard Pressed But Not Crushed: The Suffering and Witness of Javanese Christian Women in Indonesia” (11:15 – 11:30 am)
		- Respondent: Brian Bauman, MCEC Mission Minister (11:30 – 11:35 am)
			* Questions/Discussion (11:35 – 11:45 pm)
* Presenter: Susanne Guenther Loewen, Th.D. Candidate, Emmanuel College, “Can the Cross Be ‘Good News’ for Women?” (11:45 am – 12:00 pm)
	+ Respondent: Susan Kennel Harrison, Ph.D. Candidate, Emmanuel College, Chaplain at Ecumenical Chaplaincy at Toronto School of Theology (12 – 12:05 pm)
		- Questions/Discussion (12:05 – 12:15 pm)
* Lunch and Wrap Up (12:30 – 1:30 pm)