

Title: Project Director, Anabaptism at 500

Reports to: Executive Director, MennoMedia

Location: Remote

FTE: 1 FTE, salaried

Project priorities

The 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist movement in 2025 provides a remarkable opportunity for Anabaptist Christians to reflect on their faith. MennoMedia will publish a suite of products that invite Anabaptists and those interested in Anabaptism to consider this history of this movement, the ways and tenets of the Anabaptist faith that have sustained us, and how we live out our Anabaptist faith today.

The Anabaptism at 500 project will live in the space between where the church has been and where it is going. It will give voice to the change that early Anabaptists demanded of the church and the changes that have happened in the movement these past 500 years. It will look at the ways that our Anabaptist faith is expressed around the world. We intend for this project to unite us in our understandings of what has been while also inviting us to lean into a new future with the Spirit's leading.

This forward-looking project will be developed by MennoMedia in consultation with Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada and will use the NRSV translation of the Bible. It will draw theologically from [Mennonite World Conference Shared Convictions](#) and [Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective](#), among others.

Products may include the following:

- Study Bible, in print and available as a digital app, with contributions from up to 500 Anabaptists around the world
- Children's products (2–3 books)
- Yearlong devotional that draws on the Bible
- Yearlong Anabaptist peace journal
- Quarter-long Bible study curriculum for adults
- Quarter-long Bible study curriculum for youth
- Quarter-long curriculum for children focused on Anabaptist hero stories from around the world
- Intergenerational activities for congregations
- Quarter-long worship series
- Articles and blog posts
- Book (or 2–3) along the theme of “why I'm an Anabaptist”
- Podcast series
- Website resources and videos

Position Summary

Serve as project director to envision and bring to completion a suite of Anabaptism at 500 resources. The work includes casting a wide vision for the breadth of the project as well as overseeing all aspects the work. The project director will oversee a full-time managing editor; appoint and oversee various committees, reading groups, and freelance editors; and will report to the MennoMedia executive eirector.

Key performance accountabilities

The Project Director will:

- Cast a wide vision for the scope of this monumental project and work with MennoMedia's leadership team to set project goals.
- Plan and develop strategies to network with and solicit input from the global church as well as North American Anabaptist denominations.
- Establish committees and/or subcommittees to support this work.
- Lead the development of short- and long-term strategies to ensure publication of a suite of resources by early 2025.
- Oversee quality throughout the scope of the project by setting and maintaining schedules for all aspects of the work, with careful attention to accuracy, project budget, and project production parameters.
- Work closely with a managing editor to search for, solicit, and review contributions from 500 Anabaptists around the world for this suite of products. This work will include researching potential contributions, networking with and soliciting content from global Anabaptist leaders, being attentive to scholarly concerns, and providing timely feedback for suggested rewrites.
- Work with a managing editor to edit all content for the breadth of the project, or contract with skilled persons to do so.
- Work with MennoMedia, denominational, and contract staff in a variety of capacities, including production, training, permissions, typesetting, copyediting, and proofreading.
- Supervise and work with a managing editor.
- Keep an accurate record of decisions.
- Continue to learn, read widely, research carefully, and stay culturally relevant.

Qualifications and Skills

1. Skilled communicator who can cast a wide, motivating vision.
2. Excellent problem-solving skills.
3. Experience in project management, with the ability to prioritize between tasks and to deliver expected results on time and on budget.
4. Experience articulating personal Anabaptist faith.
5. Proficiency in biblical languages.
6. Accuracy and attention to detail.
7. Ability to work collaboratively.
8. Willingness to travel.
9. Terminal degree in biblical studies, church history, theology, Christian education, or communication.
10. Professional attitude and presentation both in person and in writing.

Organizational Fit

1. Passion for sharing Anabaptist Christian values with the church and the world.
2. Knowledge of or willingness to work within Mennonite and related Anabaptist business and church culture.
3. Committed to Jesus Christ and participating in a local congregation.
4. Committed to Mennonite Church emphases in such areas as Christian formation, witness, service, peace, stewardship, anti-racism and church planting in many cultures.

Experience and education

- Three or more years of experience in project management or related professional skills.
- Terminal degree in biblical studies, church history, theology, Christian education, communications, or related field.
- Preference given to active members of Mennonite Church Canada or Mennonite Church USA.

Term

The Anabaptism at 500 collection is scheduled to be released in early 2025. Position will end upon completion of the project.