

Anabaptist Theology and Mennonite History

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Text: Loewen, Harry and Steven Nolt. Through Fire and Water: An Overview of Mennonite History. Waterloo: Herald Press, 1996

Resources

Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopaedia Online <http://www.gameo.org/>
Third Way Café www.thirdway.com

Purpose:

- to gain an appreciation and knowledge of the rich religious and cultural background of the Mennonite and other Anabaptist people.
- to compare the changing political, economic and social climates in the countries of residence with the strong religious beliefs of the Mennonites.
- to connect these divergent political and religious goals with the frequent migrations of Mennonites to various parts of the globe
- to investigate the application of Anabaptist theology to the modern world.



Course Outline

Unit I: Church History 101

Unit II: The Radical Reformation

- a look at the founders of the faith
- a look at the foundation of the faith - The Schleithem Confession

Unit III: Mennonites in Russia

- the formation of a 'culture'
- questions of non-resistance

Unit IV: Mennonites in the Americas

- a brief look at the Amish and the Hutterites
 - a discussion on living a simple life/in the world but not of it
- Mennonite Migrations to Canada and the US
 - A focus on Manitoba

Unit V: To the Ends of the Earth

- Mennonite migrations to Mexico and South America
- Evangelism and Missions
- A Social Conscience – MCC



Course Outline

Course Work 40%

Tests 30%

Final Project 30%

On-line Course Information

Required readings, supplementary reading, links as well as Lecture Note, Assignments and due dates will be posted on-line. The use of this site will serve these purposes:

- to reduce the amount of printed paper
- to allow students to access course material at home.
- to allow students to read ahead
- to allow students who missed classes to easily access missed material
- to allow students to further their understanding of the course material by leading them to more sources
- to allow easy communication between teacher and student

You are expected to visit the Course Site on a regular basis to look for updates and to access important material. The more you use the site, the more you will succeed in this class. Enjoy.

Assignment Policy.

All assignments that are late will be docked 10% per school day late, up to a total of 50%.

Plagiarism.

What you are doing when you plagiarize is:

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- Not informing the reader that the information that they are reading has come from an outside source
- Not giving the reader the opinion of consulting the original person or group's work to gain more knowledge on the information being shared.

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