



DATE

June 29-30, 2015, 9:00-5:00
Arrival on Monday before 9:00 or on Sunday

LOCATION

Bienenberg Conference Centre, Liestal, Switzerland, Bienenberg

COSTS

Registration 30 CHF
plus meals per Person 90 CHF
Accommodation per Person
Double room 63 CHF
Single room 85 CHF
Double (Budget) 50 CHF

DIRECTIONS

Train to Liestal station
Air: EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg (20 Min to Bienenberg)
Zurich airport (plus ca. 60-75 Minutes train to Liestal)
driving: Bienenberg 85 / Bienenbergstrasse Liestal
(to avoid toll roads: Grenzübergang Rheinfeld (A98) - Kaiseraugst/Augst - Füllinsdorf - Frenkendorf - Liestal)
pickup from Liestal train station (Parkplatz am Gleis 3) or Basel airport (Swiss side exit) is possible. Please state arrival time.

REGISTRATION

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Conflict Intervention as a Challenge for Peace Theology



WE CORDIALLY INVITE

Theologians, specialists in the field of Christian peace work, pastors

Against the backdrop of the tripartite political concept of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P as prevention, intervention, reconstruction) we are pursuing the question of what responsibility it involves and how it might be considered from a peace church perspective.

The intervention question arises as a particular challenge to the nonviolent position taken by Christians. Therefore, we invite you to a symposium of specialists who are interested in an internal mennonite-Anabaptist clarification process specifically engaging the heretofore neglected issue of intervention.

The conference is designed as an academic workshop involving experts and a process aimed toward the goal of producing a final document.

Lukas Amstutz, Bienenberg

Dr. Neal Blough, Paris

Frieder Boller, Bienenberg

Prof. Dr. Fernando Enns, Amsterdam/Hamburg

Fulco van Hulst, Amsterdam

Dr. Hanspeter Jecker, Bienenberg

Denis Kennel, Bienenberg

Dr. Jonathan Seiling, Hamburg

Michel Sommer, Bienenberg



AIM OF THE SYMPOSIUM

We will examine different approaches to engagement and their justifications and aim to make a contribution to the current interpretation from a peace church perspective, serving to clarify and develop internally Mennonite-Anabaptist position. We intend for the symposium to produce and publish a final document (a position paper on convergences and divergences). This statement will be intended primarily as a stimulus for broader discussion of the issue in our own Anabaptist-Mennonite Church in Europe and also in the ecumenical context.

A final document in the form of these or propositions could be added in a further step after the conference in terms of descriptions of the problem and paths toward solutions. The main contributions of this conference will be documented in a publication.

SPEAKERS

Dr. NEAL BLOUGH, director of Centre mennonite de Paris, professor of history at the Faculté libre de théologie évangélique.

Prof. Dr. FERNANDO ENNS, Institute for Peace Church Theology Universität Hamburg / Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Dr. J. JAKOB FEHR Peace Worker, Deutsches Mennonitisches Friedenskomitee, Bammental.

PETER PROVE, Director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA), Geneva.

Pastor ANTJE HEIDER-ROTTWILLM, Hamburg.

Dr. HANSPETER JECKER, Theological Seminary Bienenberg, Liestal.

ERNIE REGEHR, (Order of Canada) Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel University College, the University of Waterloo, The Simons Foundation of Vancouver.

Dr. JONATHAN SEILING, research associate, Institute for Peace Church Theology Universität Hamburg.

Dr. MARKUS WEINGARDT, research associate, Stiftung Weltethos, Tübingen.

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PROGRAM MONDAY, MAY 29, 2015

09:15	Greeting - Introduction to the Conference Opening Devotion	
09:40	1. "Responsibility to Protect"? What does responsibility involve? How can responsibility be understood?	Fernando Enns
10:20	2. taking responsibility in society 2.1 Considering Anabaptist-Mennonite historical developments	Hanspeter Jecker, Neal
10:50	Break	
11:15	2.2. Recent Anabaptist-mennonite peace church developments in the R2P debates	Blough, Jonathan Seiling
11:50	2.3. Recent Ecumenical developments in the R2P debates	Peter Prove
12:30	Lunch	
14:00	3. Intervention and Action: reconsidering Positions and Approaches	
14:00	3.1. Police Coercion with Nonlethal use of force <i>Speaker and Response</i>	Jakob Fehr
15:00	Break	
15:15	3.2. Police Coercion with Limited and exceptional use of lethal force <i>Speaker and Response</i>	Ernie Regehr
16:15	Break	
16:30	3.3. Nonviolent Intervention <i>Speaker and Response</i>	Antje Heider-Rottwillm
17:30	Conclusion of the Presentation of Positions	
18:00	Supper	
19:30	Alternative non-violent approaches in practice: a case-Study approach	Markus Weingardt
21:00	Evening prayer	

PROGRAM TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015

7:30	Breakfast	
09:00	Devotion	
09:15	Parallel Workshops to positions (see 3.1, 3.2, 3.3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis and deeper reflection on the positions presented, implications and management These reflections will contribute to the question of convergences and divergences (and preparation for a final document)	
10:30	Break	
11:00	Workshop Results Presented in Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addressing questions that arise	
12:30	Lunch Drafting of a final document	
14:00	Where do we stand now? Plenary: Results - Synthesis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of a final document	
15:30	Break	
15:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open questions• Final document - Conclusion (if possible) Next steps	
16:30	Closing Devotion	
17:00	Departure	

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

Speakers in English, German, French

Translation only in French-German and German-French

PREPARATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

participants will receive a short bibliography for personal preparation. It will be assumed participants are familiar with this document.