

Call for Submissions to the April 2017 Issue of *Anabaptist Witness*

Following the Holy Spirit in Mission

Submission Deadline: November 1, 2016

Throughout the New Testament the church is closely associated with the Holy Spirit, who empowers it to go "to the ends of the earth" to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. By following the Spirit into mission, the church joins Jesus, whom the gospels link closely to the Spirit, and the people of Israel, whose mission and leaders are inspired by the divine breath or wind (*ruach*).

Anabaptists and Mennonites have consistently drawn on the Spirit as a guide for mission. From the early Anabaptists who proclaimed that the "Age of the Spirit" had come, to the varied churches produced by the mixture of Pietist and Anabaptist currents in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, to the global twentieth- and twenty-first-century congregations influenced by Pentecostal and charismatic movements, we have sought to follow the Spirit.

The Co-Editors of *Anabaptist Witness* invite submissions on the relationship between the Holy Spirit and mission for the April 2017 issue. Possible questions to address include the following. How has Anabaptist and Mennonite mission followed the Spirit historically? How does our mission follow the Spirit today, and how should it in the future? Where is the Holy Spirit at work in practical aspects of mission, such as evangelism, justice seeking, administration, or leadership training? How does mission strategy respond to the Spirit, who "blows where it chooses" (John 3:8)? What does Spirit-following mission look like in an age of ecological catastrophe? How is the Holy Spirit related to other "spirits" encountered in mission? What is a Spirit-centered spirituality of mission? Ecumenical and interreligious perspectives on these and related topics are welcome, insofar as they connect to Anabaptist and Mennonite mission.

Because this journal is an exchange among peoples from around the world, from laity and pastors to academics and administrators, the Co-Editors welcome submissions from a variety of genres including sermons, photo-essays, reflections, interviews, biographies, poems, and academic papers.

Guidelines and deadline:

The Co-Editors welcome submissions on this topic through November 1, 2016. Through a peer review process, we will choose 3–4 shorter articles of approximately 1,500 words in length, and 5–6 academic papers of no more than 7,500 words (including footnotes). Image-based submissions are also subject to peer review. Please familiarize yourself with our editorial process and technical requirements at <http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/guidelines/>. If you have an idea you would like feedback on, you are welcome to submit a one-page abstract by October 1, 2016.

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