

Call for Submissions to the October 2018 Issue of *Anabaptist Witness*
The Mission of God and Global Partnerships
Submission Deadline: May 1, 2018

What shape will mission partnerships between churches of the global North and churches of the global South take in the future? The demographic center of global Christianity has shifted to the global South, where churches are experiencing rapid growth and are animated by a passionate commitment to sharing the Gospel in word and deed with their neighbors near and far. The rise of global Christianity is challenging our understandings of mission as unidirectional (as from North America and Europe to the rest of the world) and as requiring western finances and status to be successful.

New visions of mission have slowly emerged as multi-directional, global partnerships of churches (be they from the North or the South) join the work of God's reconciling Spirit in the world. Yet churches in the global North retain significant power, both in terms of financial resources and access to other resources (networking, education and training, etc.), and such power imbalances can lead to distorted mission partnerships.

The October 2018 issue of *Anabaptist Witness* examines what makes for robust global partnerships through reflection on questions like these: What missiological visions have emerged among Anabaptist churches across Africa, Asia, and Latin America? How do these churches hope to partner with churches in Canada and the US as they develop these visions? What are elements of successful mission partnerships that are marked by mutual transformation, support, and sharing? What element/s of Anabaptist and/or Mennonite faith might aid us in fostering effective and healthy global partnerships? What practical steps can we take to ensure mutuality in mission partnerships when imbalances in access to and control of financial and other resources threaten to undermine such mutuality? What lessons can we learn from our past about what hinders and fosters mutual mission partnerships? What patterns continue today and how can we avoid colonial patterns of mission?

This issue of *Anabaptist Witness* shares its theme with the Council of International Anabaptist Ministries 2018 Plenary, and welcomes submissions from CIM presenters and others. Ecumenical and interreligious perspectives on these topics are welcome, insofar as they connect with Anabaptist and Mennonite mission.

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

papers. We also encourage submissions in languages other than English, particularly in French or Spanish.

Guidelines and deadline:

We welcome submissions on this topic through May 1, 2018. 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 and other artistic 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 April 15, 2018.

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