

A Call for Submissions for the October 2015 issue of *Anabaptist Witness*

Taste and See: Anabaptism, Food, and Mission

Submission Deadline: May 1, 2015

In the beginning God created. This chef of all things cooked up a feast of earth, plants that grow fruit, and beings to enjoy and care for this abundance. And God called these creations good.

We are the custodians of this good earth. Every meal we eat we are connected with those who dreamed up the recipes, nurtured the soil, picked and washed and shipped the goods, and sold the ingredients to us in our markets and stores. From the bread we break at the Lord's Supper, to the potlucks we share and the cookbooks we produce, our interaction with food connects us with our creator and sustainer, and to individuals living around the world.

In this issue of *Anabaptist Witness*, the Co-Editors invite you to reflect and engage Anabaptist understandings of food and mission. Share with us your stories of students learning to farm so that their ministries might be sustainable. Consider what response we are called to when we are vegetarian, but we live in a community where meat is a rare commodity shared with us in a feast of thanksgiving. Question what it means for us to be a people committed to non-conformity when living in a culture of excess, or how we might reconcile God's abundant and giving love with the reality of missed meals when food is scarce.

Because we hope for this journal to be an exchange among peoples from around the world, from laity and pastors to academics and administrators, Co-Editors welcome submissions from a variety of genres including reflections on recipes, photo-essays, prayers, poems, interviews, biographies, and academic papers. We also encourage submissions in languages other than English, particularly in French and Spanish.

Guidelines and deadline:

The Co-Editors welcome submissions on this topic through May 1, 2015. Through a peer-review process, we will choose 3-4 shorter submissions of approximately 1,500 words in length, and 5-6 academic papers of no more than 7,500 words (including footnotes). Please review the complete guidelines for submissions at www.anabaptistwitness.org/guidelines. If you have an idea you'd like feedback on, you are welcome to submit an abstract by April 1, 2015.

Given the scope of *Anabaptist Witness*, we ask that authors clearly contextualize or define their use of terms such as (and related to) Anabaptism, Mennonite, mission, church, peace, and evangelism. We encourage gender-inclusive language when referencing God, and nonspecific references to people should be inclusive, not gender-specific.

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