

Call for Submissions to the October 2019 Issue of *Anabaptist Witness: Mission and Migration*

Submission Deadline (EXTENDED): May 1, 2019

“No tenemos pertenencias, sino equipaje,” Jorge Drexler sings in his song about human migration, “Movimiento.” “We don’t have belongings, but only luggage.” News headlines scream about crisis; ordinary people make extraordinary choices; in every corner of the world, cultures and hospitalities meet. In 2018, there are an estimated 244 million people on the move. Global displacement is also at a record high, with over 40 million internally displaced people and more than 22 million refugees. Yet migration, and those who migrate, have shaped our world for as long as humans have been in existence. Migration rhetoric may serve to divide, but migration also brings us together as we reflect on what it means to be part of a journeying humanity. Migration is part of who we are.

For Anabaptists and Mennonites, migration is also an integral part of our story, currently and historically. From the early days of the Reformation, when early European Anabaptists fled violence and threats, to the spread of Anabaptism and Mennonites all over the world, movement has marked and formed faith and practice. Churches receive people on the move and are made up of people on the move. To engage in mission is often associated with migration as well, connected to a journey to a different place. As the good news faces political borders and immigration laws, the Great Commission becomes a question of power and privilege.

The October 2019 issue of *Anabaptist Witness* is a conversation around migration. To talk about migration is also to talk about borders and belonging, to talk of exclusion and inclusion. How does mission and the work of the church challenge or reinforce our understandings of identity and boundaries, of travel and power and privilege? How has migration shaped the church’s understanding(s) of mission and theology? How has mission shaped the church’s understanding(s) of migration, both historically and in the present? Is hospitality mission and can mission be hospitality? Do current migration laws, internationally and domestically, hinder the church’s mission? What do we do when mission work arrives at our doors? Do short mission trips help deconstruct xenophobia or contribute to unequal balances of power? These and similar questions represent possible topics for exploration in this issue of *Anabaptist Witness*.

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.

The guest editors for this edition of *Anabaptist Witness* are Anna Vogt and Saulo Padilla. Both work with Mennonite Central Committee and have extensive experience examining the different facets of migration and hospitality.

Guidelines and deadline:

We welcome submissions on this topic through May 1, 2019. 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 September 15, 2018.

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Book and film reviews:

Anabaptist Witness welcomes reviews of books and films related to mission and missiology. Reviews do not need to be related to specific issue themes. Contact our review editors Steve Heinrichs (sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca) and Isaac Villegas (isaac.villegas@gmail.com) for guidelines.