

Call for Submissions to the April 2024 Issue of *Anabaptist Witness*

Mission and Peace in Ethiopia

Submission Deadline: January 1, 2024

In today's diverse and culturally rich Ethiopia, there are complex challenges. Political polarization, violence, and human rights concerns have become recent realities for Ethiopians. There is confusion and disagreement, with some stating that current events indicate the country is transforming into a more stable nation, while others argue to the contrary.

According to some reports, Ethiopia's evangelical church is growing and enjoying a revival, even though it had suffered severe persecution under the socialist regime thirty-two years ago. Many believers hold government offices and are considered a hope for the nation by the church. Nevertheless, many believers either support or participate in acts of violence. The current situation of the country and the church is unparalleled, which poses questions related to the church's role in the nation and how the gospel's subversive message shapes believers' identities amid this chaotic milieu. How can pastors and ministers help their congregants process the situation and act as disciples? How do church leaders contribute to the path of peace? Processing these and other questions allows the church to be a faithful witness and light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The guest editors of the April 2024 issue of *Anabaptist Witness* invite submissions related to the theme of "Mission and Peace in Ethiopia." All submissions should relate to the journal's overall focus on Anabaptist and Mennonite churches in mission, which in this case means the Meserete Kristos Church should be central to most submissions. Additional topics to investigate might include theological diversity in mission and peace, contextualized mission strategies in Ethiopia, the Ethiopian church's role in peacebuilding, and biblical hermeneutics in Ethiopian churches. Historical, biblical, and theological approaches are welcome.

Anabaptist Witness publishes academic essays as well as short reflection pieces and testimonies. We are also open to publishing sermons, poetry, interviews, and visual art. All selected submissions go through a peer review process.

Guidelines and deadline:

Submissions on this topic are welcome through January 1, 2024. Please familiarize yourself with our editorial process and technical requirements at <http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/guidelines/>.

If you would like feedback on a submission idea, please contact guest editors Abenezer Shimeles (asdejene@ambs.edu) and Henok Mekonen (htmekonin@ambs.edu) by December 1.

If you are interested in reviewing a book or film for *Anabaptist Witness*, please contact editor Jamie Pitts (jpitts@ambs.edu). Review suggestions are welcome.

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