

## **Call for Submissions to the October 2024 issue of *Anabaptist Witness***

### **Witness in Palestine and Israel**

**Submission deadline: July 1, 2024**

Mennonites have maintained a continuous presence in Palestine and Israel since 1949, when Mennonite Central Committee volunteers arrived to assist Palestinian refugees in the West Bank. In 1953 MCC was joined by workers from multiple Mennonite Church-related mission boards collaborating as Israel Mennonite Mission. Over the past 75 years, Mennonites have been involved in a wide variety of relief, development, and peacebuilding projects in the area.

Palestine and Israel are marred by legacies of refugee dispossession, military occupation, and violent conflict. The shape of peace, however, is perhaps the most disputed question of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Mennonite activities in Palestine and Israel have not avoided controversy, as Mennonites grapple with internal and external dynamics related to antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Christian Zionism. As horrific scenes of violence continue to play out in Palestine and Israel, reflection on the past, present, and future of Anabaptist witness there is of vital importance.

Submissions related to theme of “Witness in Palestine and Israel” are welcome for the October 2024 issue of *Anabaptist Witness*. All submissions should relate to the journal’s focus on Anabaptist and Mennonite churches in mission. Topics might include the origins of Mennonite presence in the region in post-World War I relief efforts; specific ministries such as Nazareth Hospital, Nazareth Village, or the “Come and See” tours; engagements with Messianic Jews; interfaith witness; biblical and theological considerations on the land; Mennonite Central Committee’s relief, development, and peacebuilding programs; and views on the region of Anabaptists from outside of North America and Anabaptists who are not Mennonites. We invite reflections and explorations from historical, biblical, theological, and missiological approaches.

*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 July 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 editor Jamie Pitts (jpitts@ambs.edu) by June 1.

If you are interested in reviewing a book or film for Anabaptist Witness, please contact the editor. Review suggestions are welcome.

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