

for a few years of faith and cultural formation. I could not help but think of ways that insider Anabaptist practices likewise reduce the effects of Anabaptist peace-charisms on the greater Christian church.

A couple of quibbles with the book: I would have preferred a better summary of the history of the Muridiyya and the French colonization of Senegal. More effectively placing Bamba and the Murids in that context would have deepened my understanding of Bamba's version of pacifism and how it developed. Furthermore, there is a bit of repetition in the book as some of the same events are revisited. However, the conclusion itself is a summary worth reading even if one does not read anything else. It is a mere ten pages. The glossary and effective appendices and index are also helpful. Therefore, I will reiterate: In learning to know the Murids, we Anabaptists will better know ourselves—as minority groups and nonviolent practitioners in larger faith traditions. *Alhamdulillah!*

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Peter M. Sensenig, *Good Guestwork: Christians and Muslims as Guests and Hosts*, Santos Books, 2025. 239 pp. \$24.99 USD. ISBN-13: 979-8218821432.

After a year of living in Zanzibar with his family as Christian missionaries, Peter Sensenig hesitantly accepted his Muslim friends' invitation to pray at the mosque. The result? "I felt closer to Jesus in the mosque than I did anywhere else in Zanzibar," concluded Sensenig. "I hope that my Muslim friends receive the same warm hospitality when they cross the threshold of a church building" (38, ch. 3, "Strangers Say Yes").¹

Examples like these abound in Sensenig's book, which is a powerful plea, in a time of travel bans and fear of terrorist attacks, for Western Christians to embrace a radically new understanding of their missional calling by learning to be both hosts and guests of Muslims—and encountering Jesus in new ways in the process. His book overflows with vivid and moving stories of surprising encounters with Muslim believers—and, through them, with Jesus—in Chad, Iran, Somalia, and elsewhere. Sensenig weaves these personal stories seamlessly together with biblical analysis and theological exhortation. In this engaging way, he develops a provocative call to radical hospitality that challenges preconceived religious categories

¹ Page number references are from an e-version of the book and may vary slightly from the print version.

and redefines “mission” as the kind of “good guestwork” that helps us to “hear and see Jesus in the vulnerable other” (53, ch. 5, “Noticing Jesus as the First Task”).

If Sensenig’s book defies easy categorization, it is because it is itself an effort to cross divides within the Western church. This is a nontraditional missionary story that is informed by recent biblical scholarship and mission theology and an up-to-date understanding of geopolitical context. It is grounded in a radical commitment to nonviolence while also being rooted in a commitment to spiritual renewal through an encounter with Jesus.

North American Mennonites wary of “mission” but committed to “peace” might find this book challenging; so will those committed to evangelizing Muslims by getting them to assent to Christian doctrines. But both need to hear and heed Sensenig’s plea to stop following “half gospels” that artificially separate mission from peace theology, or personal from social understandings of salvation, and to open ourselves to the radical renewal that comes from embracing a posture of vulnerability, exile, and friendship (82, ch. 7, “Why Pacifism Must Be Missional”). As we follow this call, we can begin to participate in “peace cells” together with our religious siblings, who “offer Christians . . . a chance to encounter Jesus like never before.” The stakes, according to Sensenig, are nothing less than the “spiritual vitality of the church” and “world peace” (3–4, “Introduction”)!

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Kenny Wollmann, ed., *Navigating Tradition and Innovation: Essays Commemorating the Permanent Settlement of Hutterites in Manitoba*, Hutterian Brethren Book Center, MacGregor, MB, 2024. 401 pp. \$57.89. ISBN-13: 978-1-927913-86-4.

In his helpful introduction to this edited volume, Kenny Wollmann sets the stage for the publication of this book as an (overdue) attempt to commemorate the centennial (2018) of Hutterites’ arrival in Manitoba. Wollmann describes the story of Hutterites in Manitoba as “a microcosm of the longer Hutterite story: a story of persecution, displacement, and intense internal struggle, all while attempting to live out a concrete vision of the kingdom of God” (i). The introduction signals that while there is much to be celebrated, this will not be a hagiographical history, as Wollman cites challenges associated with recent prosperity, oscillates (or vacillates) between “preserving tradition versus implementing