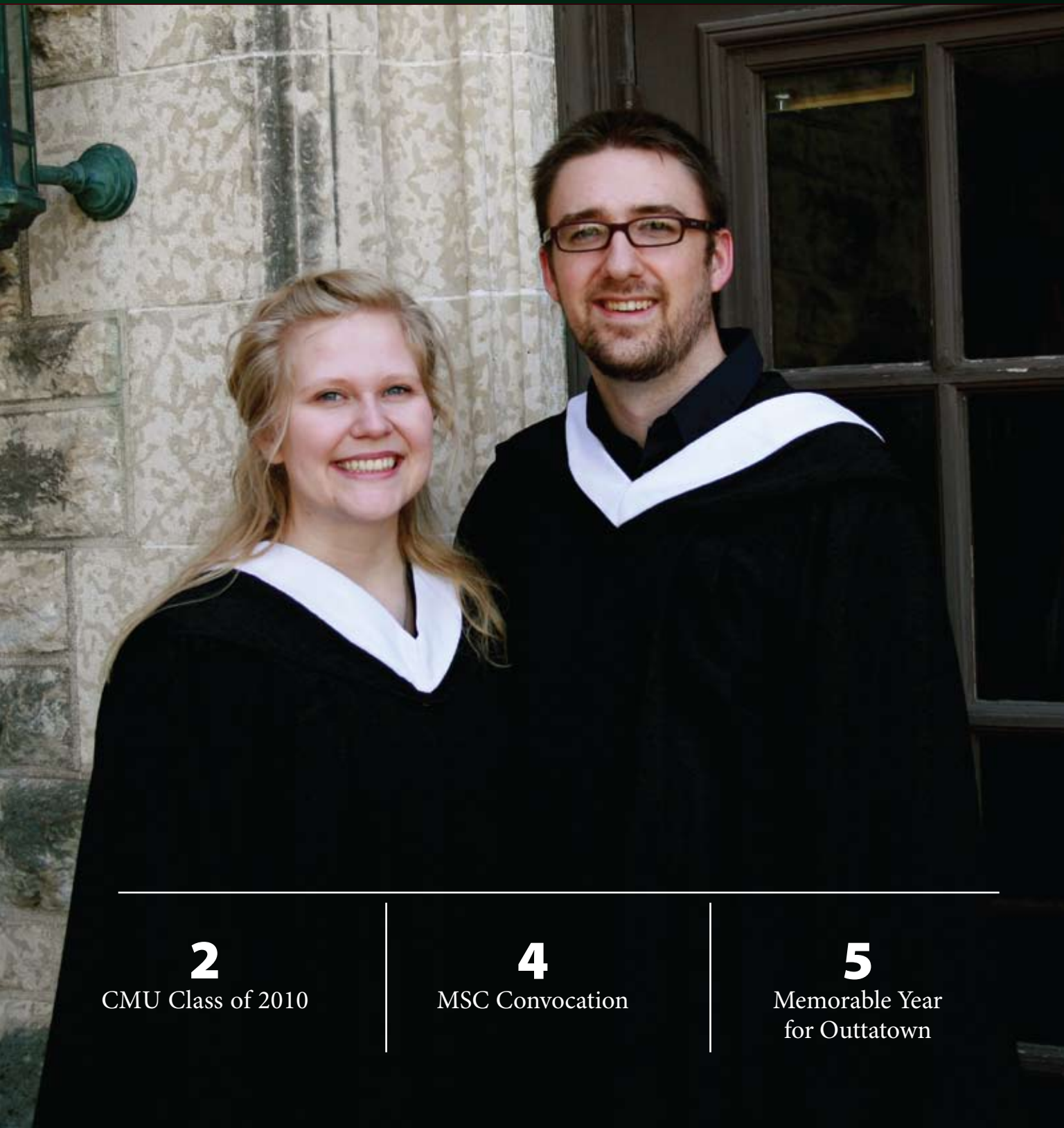


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## EDITOR'S NOTE

As a society, we hold anniversaries to be special occasions. They refresh us. They give us an opportunity to pause, reflect, consider, thank God, celebrate, and plan.

For recent graduates, this will be their first year in their new relationship with CMU as Shaftesbury Campus, Menno Simons, or Outtatown grads. The time of their anniversary in this new role is on the horizon.

In summer, CMU joined in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Mennonite Brethren and Mennonite General Conference churches, sharing faith and life stories. This was indeed a memorable time and a special anniversary.

CMU's Menno Simons College marks its 20th Anniversary this year and moves boldly ahead with the purchase of new property in downtown Winnipeg. MSC will be celebrating its anniversary in various ways, including a celebration evening at the West End Cultural Centre on Friday, November 12, and a student and alumni event in the winter of 2011.

July 30 and August 1 sees Mennonite Brethren Bible College alumni ('75 - '81) celebrating their class reunions at CMU.

The September 24-25, 2010 Homecoming for CMU friends and alumni is one of CMU's many 10th anniversary events this year.

And, CMU has planned a special 10th anniversary event to be held October 29 in conjunction with its annual CMU Fall Fundraiser.

We are, with God's grace, never stagnant as individuals. And our relationships to our Lord, to one another, and within and between our institutions, is ever changing.

To CMU students, faculty, staff, friends, and alumni, may the year 2010 continue to provide you with opportunities to reflect, to grow, and to celebrate.

*Nadine Kampen*  
Communications and Marketing Director

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## ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY



**I**f only you set your mind to it, anything is possible.” Encouraging words like that are frequently shared with children and young adults as they prepare for life.

That catchphrase well reflects the generally optimistic view of life conveyed by western liberal society and its educational system. Schools, whether elementary, secondary, or post-secondary, tend to imply that if the right knowledge and skills are taught, individual success will result. Even if it is not stated explicitly, the overall message is that we are masters of our own fate, with the responsibility to prepare and

plan wisely, and then act accordingly.

The positive value of this message with its underlying assurance is accepted. People should have dreams, for themselves and their world. It is true that knowledge and skills, especially when combined with confidence and vision, contribute to success. Careful strategic planning does make arriving at a goal more likely. The ability to work hard unquestionably is an asset.

But at the same time, this approach represents a denial of reality, and teaches a lie. The recent recession made the carefully developed financial plans of many a business and individual

irrelevant. A hailstorm or tornado can shatter the dreams of a farmer or homeowner. A serious illness will disrupt the plans of an individual and family. Corporate ventures – and everyone participates in many, whether business, congregation, or institution – can be negatively impacted by what happens in the individual lives of its members. In each case, the easy optimism of liberal education is defied. It is surprising how comfortably we live with the tension between this generally prevailing stance and the reality we all know to be the case.

Of course, this does not surprise people of faith. As Christians we know about surprise and tragedy and sin, even as we have confidence that ultimately God is in control of this world, not we human beings. This does not mean we cease planning or analysis, but we do this humbly, knowing that unexpected twists and turns may undercut those plans. Although we may not say the phrase “God willing” as much as we should, we believe that to be the case.

This also applies to an institution like CMU. CMU has taken considerable time to develop a vision statement and academic plan. Currently we are planning for a new library. We believe those are wise and necessary. But we do that prayerfully, acknowledging God’s sovereignty and control.

And perhaps more importantly, this recognition also must affect our educational programming. We still see value in learning knowledge and skills in preparation for the future, and we encourage students to dream dreams and make plans. But at the same time, we must ground students not in their abilities and plans, but rather in their faith in a Jesus Christ who is our foundation and guide, regardless of what happens.

*Gerald Serbunct*



# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2010

By R. Bergen & N. Kampen

Canadian Mennonite University this spring celebrated the graduation of 95 students at its Shaftesbury campus and, in June, recognized 60 graduates in Conflict Resolution Studies and International Development Studies at its Menno Simons College, located in downtown Winnipeg at The University of Winnipeg. In April, CMU also celebrated the arrival back in Canada and program completion of 64 Outtatown students returning from South Africa and Guatemala. In total, CMU celebrated the accomplishments of 219 students in recent ceremonies.

“We applaud our graduates for their achievements,” says CMU President Gerald Gerbrandt. “As CMU students enter into their careers or continue with further studies, we take deep satisfaction from the fact that their achievements have been earned not only by their own efforts, but also through the support of parents, faculty, staff, friends and donors. It is gratifying to consider how our community helps and encourages our students to shape their faith and their futures through their studies and experiences, while also helping our University to attain its overall vision and mission.”





## CMU SHAFTESBURY CAMPUS HOLDS LARGEST-EVER GRADUATION

At the April 25 graduation services, the Canadian Menonite University Shaftesbury campus saw a weekend of special activities as the community celebrated CMU's largest graduating class to date. Of the 95 graduates, degrees were awarded as follows: four with four-year Bachelor of Arts degrees with honours; 39 with four-year Bachelor of Arts degrees; 35 with three-year Bachelor of Arts degrees; three with Bachelor of Arts in Church Ministries degrees; 11 with Bachelor of Music degrees; two with Bachelor of Music Therapy degrees; and one with a Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies.

Convocation this year was held at Immanuel Pentecostal Church in Winnipeg, a venue large enough to accommodate graduands and guests. Invited to speak at the event was Dr. David T. Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba. Offering a context for the graduates in decision-making after leaving university, Barnard invited the Class of 2010 to "read responsibly, and then live responsibly."

Valedictorian Michael Bueckert, a four-year Bachelor of Arts graduate majoring in International Development Studies (IDS), encouraged his peers to take a broad view of their education, acknowledging that education is a gift from many people. Bueckert told the graduates that, while they have had a hand in this process, education is not a product that they created, or even earned, but rather a gift bestowed in many ways, including through experiences inside and outside of

the classroom. Bueckert drew on examples from his own practicum in Kenya.

"Real learning often derives not from what we actually do but simply from our openness to receive," he said. "When I was doing my practicum in the rural village of Olepolos, I learned about Maasai culture by being invited into the kitchen each night, as the women cooked by lantern light over a charcoal stove. I learned about pastoralism by walking with my host brothers as they led their sheep through the bush. And I learned about social change by listening to the elders as they recounted local history over copious amounts of creamy, sugary tea. It is these experiences that show me how little my education was of my own doing, and how much it was given to me through unprecedented acts of generosity and hospitality."

Bueckert commented that CMU had woven "threads of nonviolence, simplicity, and social justice throughout our courses," which, taken together, "contributed to a unique, critical perspective that will influence the ways in which we will come to understand and interact with the world." In closing, said Bueckert, "Let us today celebrate the gifts we have so generously been given, that we might put them to use tomorrow and in the days to come."



## MENNO SIMONS COLLEGE CELEBRATES CONVOCATION AT DOWNTOWN CAMPUS



Candace Préjet

The Menno Simons College (MSC) graduation services took place June 10 in beautiful Convocation Hall, following The University of Winnipeg's morning convocation services. MSC graduates and families were then welcomed to a luncheon and a special graduation program. Of special note, among this year's 60 graduates was the winner of three UWinnipeg gold medals, MSC graduate Caitlin Eliasson. Program participants included (outgoing) Dean Dr. Paul Redekop, CMU President Dr. Gerald Gerbrandt, and UWinnipeg's Global College Principal

Dr. Marilou McPhedran, with reflections shared by new Menno Simons College Dean Dr. Richard McCutcheon and CRS and IDS major, student Candace Préjet.

In her address, Préjet expressed appreciation on behalf of the graduating class to faculty and staff who are "the heart and soul" of MSC and "whose time, effort, and dedication make it such a great place to be." Préjet spoke in particular about what she sees as a significant challenge to today's society – that of indifference. "We have lost touch with our sense of community and with it, our responsibility to that larger community." Yet, she reminded her audience, "One person can be incredibly powerful and transformative." She encouraged her fellow graduates to "choose the route that requires courage, sacrifice, compassion, caring, responsibility, and engagement" rather than the route of indifference – and silence – on inequalities and social ills that plague today's communities. "You can make

a difference," she said. "We all have something of value to contribute to those around us."

Menno Simons provides education flowing from Anabaptist Mennonite understandings of faith, peace, and justice while engaging other religious traditions and intellectual perspectives. The College fosters a learning community that prepares students from diverse backgrounds for participation and leadership in local and global communities. Considered a pioneer in International Development Studies and Conflict Resolution Studies, MSC offers a wide range of courses and experienced faculty in these areas, along with practicum opportunities and supporting scholarships.





Site Leaders



Site 1: Guatemala



Site 2: South Africa

# OUTTATOWN CELEBRATES MEMORABLE YEAR

On April 17 and 18, the week prior to the general CMU graduation services, Outtatown celebrated the homecoming of its site leaders and 64 student participants who just returned from their memorable year in the Outtatown discipleship program, having recently experienced the patterns of daily life, faith journeys, and hospitality of their host communities in South Africa and Guatemala.

“The opportunity for students to leave their comfort zones, entering into a cross-cultural learning environment that examines world issues from a Christian faith perspective will give shape to their faith, their self-understandings, and their direction in life,” says Outtatown Director Paul Kroeker. During this eight-month program, which is eligible for university credit, students travel together in what many refer to as a “spiritual pilgrimage,” as they learn to know God, to know their own gifts and abilities, and to open themselves to personal growth and transformation.



# ANNOUNCING CMU'S 2010 DISTING

CMU's Alumni Blazer Awards, established in 2007, honour alumni who embody CMU's values and mission of service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society through all that they do.

CMU's outstanding 2010 recipients represent such professional fields as law, journalism, ministry, and higher education. Awards will be presented at Homecoming 2010.

## SARAH BUHLER



Among her many achievements, alumna Sarah Buhler was involved in establishing the clinical law program at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Law. Buhler worked as the Executive Director and Supervising Lawyer at Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner-City (CLASSIC), a community legal clinic that works in conjunction with the law school to provide free legal assistance to low-income members of the Saskatoon community. In recognition of her work at the clinic, Buhler received the University of Saskatchewan award for Distinction in Outreach and Engagement in 2007. Buhler, who has presented at both regional and national law conferences, was recently appointed Assistant Professor of Clinical Law at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Law.

Buhler completed an undergraduate degree in theology at Canadian Mennonite Bible College (1996), a BA in Conflict Resolution and Women's Studies at The University of Winnipeg (1997), where she earned the University's Gold Medal for highest standing in Conflict Resolution Studies, and a Bachelor of Laws at the Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. She is currently a candidate for a Master of Laws at the College of Laws at the University of Saskatchewan. Buhler received the Saskatoon Bar Association award for Highest Standing in the 2003 Saskatchewan Bar Admission Examinations.

Buhler's involvement with justice in inner-city areas began with her work as volunteer coordinator for Inner Cities Ministries and program supervisor for Winnipeg's West Broadway Community Services.

With her husband, Charlie Clark, and their two children, Buhler attends Osler Mennonite Church in Saskatchewan.

## HAROLD JANTZ

For Harold Jantz, one of the great adventures of his life was helping to create *Christian Week*, a national evangelical tabloid of news and commentary, in 1987. (The other, he notes, was probably an overland trip with a VW Westfalia in 1973, during a sabbatical leave and with his family in tow, from Canada to Paraguay, South America.) He joined in the broader publishing project after two decades in denominational publishing with the Mennonite Brethren Church, editing the *Mennonite Brethren Herald*. That experience, which came after three years as a high-school teacher in the Ontario Mennonite Brethren high school, Eden Christian College (now Eden High School), allowed Jantz to enter deeply into the faith and practice of the church

in which he had grown up. Working in such a denominational setting was a privilege Jantz cherished deeply.

His work was recognized when he received the Leslie K. Tarr Award in 1993 for his contributions to Christian writing in Canada.

Since leaving full-time editorial work in 1996, Jantz has served on numerous boards and provided consulting and editorial services for a variety of church-related projects. He chairs the local board of Living Waters Canada, which ministers to people who struggle with a variety of sexual issues, as well as serves on the board for House of Hesed, which provides a shelter and home for persons with HIV/AIDS.

Recently, Jantz edited and partially wrote a collection of 25 biographies of people who helped shape the Mennonite Brethren Church during its century as a conference in Canada (*Kindred Productions: Leaders Who Shaped Us*). He also enjoys writing in various other venues, both church-related and non-church. In their home congregation, River East Mennonite Brethren, Jantz and his wife, Neoma, have served as deacons and various other roles.





# UIISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

By Eleonore Braun

## KAREN HEIDEBRECHT THIESSEN



Karen Heidebrecht Thiessen began her post-secondary studies at MBBC and has been involved in pastoral ministry for 20 years. In 1990, after completing a Master of Divinity from MBBS in California, Heidebrecht Thiessen began serving as lead pastor at River East Mennonite Brethren Church in Winnipeg – becoming the first female Mennonite Brethren lead pastor in North America and generating considerable discussion among church leadership. Heidebrecht Thiessen feels River East MB Church deserves significant credit for supporting the principle of gender inclusivity in ministry.

Heidebrecht Thiessen served on various committees, including MCC's Peace Colloquium Committee and the Manitoba MB Ministers and Deacon's Committee. In May and June, 2010, she served overseas with MC Canada Witness at Meserete Kristos College in Ethiopia.

In 2000, Heidebrecht Thiessen was called to lead the West Abbotsford Mennonite Church. Heidebrecht Thiessen's role was to help the church evaluate, rediscover, and articulate its purpose. Her greatest joy in ministry has been "seeing this congregation be transformed and rebirthed by a

passionate sense of calling." In 2009, West Abbotsford Mennonite Church and Wellspring Christian Fellowship together formed Level Ground, its name coming from the guiding conviction that the ground really is level at the foot of the cross – a meaningful title for a diverse congregation with about one third of attendees coming from backgrounds of substance abuse and homelessness.

A sought-after speaker, she presented a seminar at the MC Canada Assembly in July 2010 on becoming a church that welcomes people who are in recovery from addictions. This winter, the *Leader* magazine will publish her article titled, "Providing pastoral care for people in recovery from addictions."

Heidebrecht Thiessen, who grew up as a pastor's daughter, has served the Mennonite Church British Columbia (MCBC) in various capacities and has represented MCBC at the MC Canada Board. Heidebrecht Thiessen and her husband, Richard Thiessen, have three children: Abram, Solomon, and Isaac.

## A. JAMES REIMER

For the period 1986 to 2008, A. James Reimer, PhD, was a member of the Religious Studies faculty at the University of Waterloo and Conrad Grebel University College, teaching courses in theology and ethics. He had a central role in establishing Conrad Grebel's graduate program in theology and was an important figure in establishing Mennonite theology as a study field in the discipline of Theology. Teaching as well at the University of Toronto's School of Theology from 1982 – '98, Reimer was the founding director of the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, which is a graduate teaching and research centre affiliated with the Toronto School of Theology.

Reimer's contributions in teaching, writing, and research have been outstanding and recognized in many ways, including the establishment of two endowed awards in his name at the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre and Conrad Grebel University College. Reimer was named Distinguished Professor Emeritus in 2008 at the University of Waterloo.

Author or editor of seven books, Reimer has also published over 75 journal articles and has made over a hundred scholarly presentations.

He completed an undergraduate degree in theology at Canadian Mennonite Bible College (1963), a BA in History and Philosophy at the University of Manitoba (1971), a MA in History at the University of Toronto (1974), and a PhD in Theology at the University of St. Michael's College (1983).

A member of Rockway Mennonite Church, Reimer grew up in a Mennonite community in southern Manitoba, where he enjoyed his first job after graduating from CMBC as a reporter for Altona's weekly newspaper. He is married to journalist Margaret Loewen Reimer, PhD, and has three grown children.





## MENNONITES CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

### A TIME OF SHARING FOR MB AND MC CANADA CHURCHES

By Rachel Bergen

Celebrations this year are underway across Canada as Mennonites pause to share stories and reflect on the historical events 150 years ago that shaped and set the course for identity and growth in the Mennonite churches.

Both the Mennonite Brethren (MB) Conference and the General Conference (GC) Mennonite Church were formed in 1860, in Russia and North America respectively. At Canadian Mennonite University (CMU), President Gerbrandt and emeritus faculty formed a plan to host and help celebrate the 150th anniversary of these two conferences by a conference on campus.

"The conference provided an opportunity for people to celebrate, to learn something about each other and from one another, and to reflect on where there have been intersections in the stories," said CMU President Gerald Gerbrandt.

CMU's June 5, 2010 150th Anniversary Conference created a time of sharing, with stories of founding and of settling, and varied workshops led by CMU professors and church leaders. Topics included Confessing our Faith; Exploring Stereotypes; Marriage Across the MB-GC Divide; Worshipping and Working Together; Periodicals as Windows; and Worship in the Two Stories. CMU students and faculty shared their reflections on both traditions, along with Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches Executive Director, David Wiebe, and Mennonite Church Canada Executive Secretary, Robert "Jack" Suderman.

Leaders and participants embraced the opportunity. Learning together was an invitation to "move beyond the MB-GC divide," CMU Professor Gordon Zerbe said.

Commented Suderman, "[Challenging] where the dominant church is at is

a fundamental need of God's church."

In the past, "there has been distance and disapproval on both sides," Professor Sheila Klassen Wiebe noted. Now and in to the future, Mennonites of the GC and the MB tradition must "assume less and strive to learn more... [because] the Church exists to form Christ-like people who practise Christ-like love," a Pastor of River East MB Church, Connie Epp, said.

The conference culminated in a celebration worship service at Portage Avenue Church in the evening, with hymn singing, a sermon, a Litany of Remembrance and Commitment in One Voice, and a thrilling performance by the Oratorio Choir singing pieces from Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*.

# DAVID EWERT: TEACHER, PREACHER, SCHOLAR

By N. Kampen, with appreciation for text excerpts from Gerry Ediger, Harold Janz, and GAMEO biographical detail

Dr. David Ewert, leading Canadian theologian, churchman, and former President of Mennonite Brethren Bible College (MBBC), died on April 23, 2010 in Abbotsford, BC, at the age of 87. David Ewert is survived by his wife Lena (formerly Hamm) of 65 years and five children and their families.

Ewert came to Canada as a three-year-old, arriving from the Ukraine with his Mennonite parents. He grew up in Coaldale, Alberta, where he studied and eventually began his 65-year teaching career. Ewert spent 25 years at MBBC. He also taught in Bible schools, at Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Virginia, and at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno. He was highly involved in the life of the church and wrote more than 20 books.

CMU Professor Gerry Ediger recalls hearing the Rev. David Ewert deliver a sermon when Ediger was a teenager. “I remember well sitting on my accustomed bench, my attention riveted by this visiting preacher – a different kind of preacher. German or English, it didn’t matter – I could hear him, see the linear clarity of his thought development, travel with him in his illustrations, begin to sense that there was so much more beneath the surface that I could not hear or see. Such memories are treasures that I hold in common with countless men and

women across the church and throughout the world.”

“He displayed great natural ability and love for the Scriptures and the God of the Scriptures, and went on to become a teacher in ... both Canada and the United States,” writes Harold Janz in a tribute in *ChristianWeek*. Janz notes that Ewert “also taught summer and inter-session courses at schools as widely separated as Regent College, ACTS at Trinity Western University, Tyndale Seminary, and Union Biblical Seminary in India. At various times, he taught on five continents.”

Ewert came to Manitoba in the 1950s as a faculty member at MBBC, where he served for 19 years. He later joined the Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Virginia, following which he moved to the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in California.

Ediger recalls the details of a lecture he had with Ewert at MBBS. “I was a little early for class,” he says, “but the chalkboard was already crammed with a detailed outline. Dr. Ewert – David, that is – awaited us, patient and friendly, immaculate in his white shirt and conservative suit and tie. On the dot of the hour, he took his place and his sonorous voice commanded our attention: ‘Good morning! Today we pick up our study of the Apostle Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians, the third chapter’ – and we were off!

“Without apparent hurry,



Photo Courtesy of GAMEO

in total command of his material, translating extemporaneously from his open Greek New Testament, the outline blossomed, unfolding to reveal a garden of scholarship. Nuances of hermeneutics were meticulously placed into their historical context. Ambiguities were deftly parsed grammatically. Insights for ministry or personal application sparkled with crisp anecdotes – never too long – just enough to make the point. And controversies were conscientiously dissected, spreading out the range of positions, the last one describing always the one that David himself favoured.”

When Ewert returned to Manitoba, it was to take on the role of President of MBBC, a position that he held from 1982 until his

retirement in 1988.

Says Ediger: “A tireless servant of the Mennonite Brethren Church, David Ewert also opened to his hearers a generous understanding of the broader scope of Christian faith and life. An exacting scholar and professor, David was able to minister across cultures and generations sharing with wisdom and sensitivity the Word of God open to all. A dedicated disciple of “Our Lord,” as he often said, and a humble student of the Bible and of church history, David addressed with courageous conviction the divisive questions that threatened his people. In the best sense of that old-fashioned appellation, David Ewert was a churchman – helping us to find our way. Thank you, David.”

# CMU STUDENT MOVED BY EXPERIENCE WITH CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAMS ON THE STREETS OF COLOMBIA

By CMU Student Brandi Friesen

Some realities are different from our own. Some involve daily paralyzing fear of unjust arrests, of men walking past homes with automatic weapons, and of the unseen people trying to take away lands and livelihoods, not caring if your life is the cost. It is incomprehensible, and it is real.

This is the reality I entered into when travelling this summer in Colombia, a country full of military occupation, corrupt politics, international greed, rebel groups, drugs cartels, and assassinations.

Being at CMU the last three years, a very familiar reality, I have learned much and yet come away with more questions than when I began. It is one thing to learn of injustice and the struggle of a people; it is another thing entirely to witness them firsthand. While I have participated in and led CMU's student-led initiated weeks of solidarity over the years, it was walking and living among the poor of the Colombian people when I experienced understanding. Being told of a local man's assassination, I was asked not to feel sorry for the loss of this man to his community, but to be in solidarity, to be a sister and mourn with them. I was to join them.

Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) in Colombia, which facilitated a peace delegation during my stay, does exactly this: it makes a difference in joining and supporting local communities in their fighting struggle to find justice. While the peace delegation I took part in was in the occupied San Pedro area, I was shown the simple gold mines in which they worked with bare hands. These people had almost nothing,

and yet there were those in power attempting to remove the rights to the little they did have. Repeatedly I am struck by the spirit of the Colombian people who refuse to give up, despite all hardships and injustice. I was talking to one woman in particular who worked with displaced peoples, and was herself displaced. She told me of how her work was heartbreaking, but she did it with love and strength from God. Her faith was a tangible reality that had literally walked through bullets and poverty.

Through lessons learned, both at CMU and Colombia, my own faith has a tangibility, as well. I am, and will continue to be, humbled by how the Colombian people continue to struggle and how they continue to be faithful and vibrant people. I am honoured to be called "sister" by them.

*Brandi Friesen, a four-year Peace and Conflict Transformation (PACTS) major at CMU, wrote her article on returning from a month of travel in Colombia, where she spent two weeks with Christian Peacemaker Teams on a peace delegation, and two weeks in the community where she was worked two years ago with a small agency helping street children.*



# CMU AND HESSTON COLLEGE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT DISASTERS FIRSTHAND IN RESPONDING TO MISSISSIPPI TORNADO

Source: MDS News Release; by Brian Pipkin



Joseph Stothers of CMU

“Coming to Weir, Mississippi and seeing what a tornado can actually do is astonishing. I have heard a lot about tornadoes, but have never seen firsthand what they are capable of,” explained David Hochstetler, a student in the Disaster Studies Program at Hesston College.

Seven first-year students in the Disaster Management Program at Hesston College and two students in the Disaster Recovery Studies at Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) took one week out of their regular eight-week Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) internship to respond to the tornado that touched down in Weir, Mississippi. The April 2010 tornado killed up to 10 people and severely damaged the small town of 500.

The disaster left behind gave students a firsthand opportunity to integrate classroom studies with practical experience.

“It’s not the studies I love, but the hands-on work that comes from it,” explained Joseph Stothers from Vancouver, BC. “Our work, not our words, communicates the MDS story.”

For Daniel Winstanley of Winnipeg, MDS Studies is about “helping people who are most in need.”

Working on upwards of six projects, mostly roof repairs, and mostly in the hot Mississippi sun, many students commented that working with homeowners not only personalizes

their construction service to those in need, but also strengthens their personal faith.

Students were privileged to have the opportunity to hear a story from a local disaster survivor, Mr. Martin of Weir. “Although my house was gone, I was relieved to have my kids standing next to me, unharmed,” said Martin, whose house was literally tossed like a feather over his family’s head, landing in a dense nearby forest. He heard his immediate neighbour’s cry for help coming from the trees and shrubs.

“After the tornado destroyed our home, Ashley, my daughter, said, ‘Jesus save us, Jesus save us, Jesus save us.’ I said get up, he has already saved us.”

“Every day, people showed up to help us; what a blessing,” he explained. “This disaster brought me back closer to God, and because of this I am a stronger follower of Jesus.” He adds that “this tragedy restored my faith in people and God.”

Mennonite Disaster Service is a volunteer network through which various constituencies of the Anabaptist church can respond to those affected by disasters in Canada and the United States. Its main focus is on cleanup, repair, and rebuilding homes, offering a means of touching lives and helping people regain faith and wholeness.



John Schoenhals (top), Hesston College & Daniel Winstanley, CMU



# LIFE WRITING CLASS POPULAR AT CMU'S FOURTH-ANNUAL SCHOOL OF WRITING

STUDENTS GAIN CONFIDENCE AND SKILLS

By Carla Lowe

A diverse group of eager students gathered for The School of Writing 2010, held at CMU's Shaftesbury campus, and benefitted from personal interaction with renowned instructors and published authors visiting from across Canada and abroad. This year's School offered sessions in Writing for Children and Young Adults with Anita Daher, Poetry with Barbara Nickel, Fiction with Margaret Sweatman, and Life Writing with Joanne Klassen.

"The School of Writing has helped hundreds of writers receive important support and guidance, and we were delighted once again to offer such a high calibre of instruction and guest speakers," says School Director Sue Sorensen, Assistant Professor of English at CMU who, along with 2010 School Administrator Michael Van Rooy, maintained the School's commitment to providing a supportive and challenging environment for writers of many skill and experience levels.

Klassen's Life Writing class, which she has taught at the School since 2007, was again a popular class. As founder and director of Winnipeg's Heartspace Writing School and a published author, Klassen has helped hundreds of writers and aspiring writers move closer to their goals.

"Many people have a story they want to share, to write," says Klassen. "This class helps them get there."

Through Klassen's own Transformative Writing™ process, students learn valuable activities and tools to help them move past the "inner critic," increase their confidence, and bring motivation and satisfaction to the writing process.

"I want students to delight in the pieces they've written and become excited about the process of writing more," says Klassen.

Lana Shepherd, who has taken Life Writing with Klassen three times, says she's impressed with how the classes have

changed her writing. "I've been writing for 10 years, and have taken other classes, but I'd always think, 'Who wants to read this?' and give up. But Joanne's techniques and the comfort level of the group make it easy to open up, get that story out, and go places you might not otherwise go," she shares.

Klassen incorporates new material each year to keep the class "fresh" for returning students like Shepherd.

"This year's focus was 'forces that have shaped us,'" Klassen explains. "Significant people, places, events, and challenges have shaped our lives; writing about them is very satisfying. The class is a safe place for that."

Brian Hay, a 2010 class student and lawyer who has been writing for 10 years, would agree. "I was able to write freely, breaking through the boundaries that held me back, and share that writing with others. I've gained a whole new perspective on my writing and am inspired to do more, to enjoy my writing more."

Hay was new to not only the class, but also CMU. "I had no idea what to expect," he says. "But I was very impressed and loved the atmosphere."

The atmosphere is part of the appeal of Klassen's class. Students are drawn into an intimate circle of likeminded writers offering support, feedback, and encouragement.

"The class often becomes close-knit and stays in touch," adds Klassen. "This year, we had an extremely cohesive group that has already held reunions since the class ended."

"It was safe, encouraging, motivational, and awe-inspiring," says Hay. "We became great friends and bonded over writing. It was a spiritual experience for me. I recommend it highly."

For program details, visit [www.cmu.ca/schoolofwriting](http://www.cmu.ca/schoolofwriting).

# CMU WELCOMES WORLD PEACEBUILDERS TO CANADIAN SCHOOL OF PEACEBUILDING 2010

By Rachel Bergen

It takes imagination and genius to shift society from a culture of violence to a culture of peace, said Jarem Sawatsky, Professor of Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies at Canadian Mennonite University and Co-Director of Canadian School of Peacebuilding (CSOP).

In order to foster this approach in prospective peacebuilders of the world, CMU started CSOP in 2008, inviting exceptional instructors from all over the world.

The second-annual CSOP took place at CMU from June 14-July 2, 2010 and featured the instruction of both international and local peacebuilders, like Chief Ovide Mercredi, Howard Zehr, and Marc Gopin. CSOP's co-directors Sawatsky and Valerie Smith said they felt honoured to welcome this year's instructors to CSOP 2010.

The courses that CSOP offered this year discussed subjects such as contested food systems, indigenous practices of non-violence, the music of social justice, restorative justice, Mennonite approaches to peace, intractable conflicts, peace skills practice, and congregational peacebuilding.

Mercredi, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Canada, current Chief of Misipawistik Cree Nation in Grand Rapids, Manitoba, and Chancellor of University College of the North, instructed "A Cree Perspective on Non-Violence."

To Mercredi, living in a country and ascribing to a faith that says "respect all people" and "Christ loves all people the same," respectively, didn't stop him from experiencing racism.

"It was 'in-your-face' racism... and I don't deserve to experience this. I told myself, 'Some day, when I can do something about it, I'm going to do something to love my people,'" he said.

Mercredi is optimistic that the students he instructed in his class at CSOP



want to understand his people in order to make things different for the First Nations, the Métis, and the Inuit people of Canada.

It was an honour to participate in the "International Perspectives on Restorative Justice" class, taught by Zehr, the grandfather of the restorative justice movement, many of the students of the course said.

Anna-Marie Janzen, a Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies (PACTS) major at CMU, couldn't believe how much the class influenced her life, not only because of Zehr, but also because of the other students from different backgrounds and cultures with new perspectives to share.

Gopin, Professor at George Mason University in Washington as well as the university's Director of the Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution, an ordained Jewish rabbi, and published author, taught a course entitled, "Agents of Change in Intractable Conflicts: Lessons from Middle East Peacebuilding." Students

learned to understand and measure their own potential impacts on war and peace.

Several CMU professors, including Irma Fast-Dueck, Harry Huebner, Ray Vanderzaag, and Kenton Lobe, taught courses, as did professors from the University of Manitoba, The University of Winnipeg, and Menno Simons College.

"We bring peacebuilders from around the world together in a collaborative learning community" in order to benefit a wide range of non-governmental organizations, practitioners, and learners of peace, Smith said.

According to Lisa Obirek, a PACTS major, CSOP provides a space for people who take peace seriously to connect with others who feel similarly, when in many cases, people are shunned for such desires. "To be able to participate in a school like this is a privilege and a gift," she said.

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# CMU'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC & THE ARTS

By N. Kampen

## FOUR YEARS STRONG AND GROWING

The Community School of Music & the Arts (CSMA), a program of CMU, successfully completed its fourth year of music and arts lessons and classes. This past year, more than 40 instructors and 270 students participated in individual voice and instrument lessons as well as music and arts classes.

"The School aims to provide individual and group instruction in music and the arts that encourages children, youth, and adults to develop their talents and abilities and challenges them to be the best they can be," says CSMA Director Arlene Kroeker. "It's a place where students receive instruction from excellent and well-qualified instructors in an educational atmosphere."



Keeping the program fresh and meeting needs in the community is something CSMA strives to achieve. "We were pleased this year to have Lilian Guenther offer lessons on the Paraguayan harp," says Kroeker. Kurt Tittlemier, one of CSMA's guitar instructors, introduced a Guitar Ensemble. "We found that our students enjoyed the group setting, grew as musicians, and played well," she notes.

Among the year's highlights is the opportunity for students to perform at CMU's six student recitals, which Kroeker describes as a positive experience allowing students to showcase their musical development.

In addition to individual lessons, CSMA offers group activities for students. Vocal Fusion is a unique, small group voice class of three to five students for elementary-school ages. The one-hour class includes group and individual vocal training followed by time for singing a wide variety of music together. Saturday mornings at CSMA are filled with two- to six-year-olds singing, moving, and making music together in Music for Kids classes.

CSMA offers Art Classes in four-week sessions. "More and more students are registering for all five sessions," says Kroeker. The acrylic painting class, in which students paint on canvases made possible by donation, is a favourite.

This past year, "Kids Act Out" for grades 2 to 4 and "Creative Drama" for grades 5 to 8 were enthusiastically attended. "Taking the Stage," an advanced class for grades 5 to 8, was a new addition. This coming year, the program will expand to include an advanced class for grades 2 to 4.

"We are excited to be starting a 10-session Musical Theatre class for grades 4 to 7 this fall," says Kroeker. "As a unique twist, two classes will offer vocal instruction and coaching by vocal instructor Karis Wiebe, with Erin Hammond, our acting and choreography instructor, teaching the other eight classes." The final class will include a performance.

This past year, CSMA introduced Master Classes, a valuable teaching tool made possible by a generous donation from the Kuhl Foundation. Piano, voice, violin, and classical, electric, and flat-picking guitar students benefitted from the musical expertise of knowledgeable clinicians. Among the instructors were CMU's Verna Wiebe and Cheryl Pauls.

Bursaries are available for students thanks to the Kuhl Foundation, which has provided financial support from CSMA's first year of operation. "We are really pleased and grateful to be able to offer these awards, making it possible for talented students to develop their God-given abilities," says Kroeker.

"The Community School of Music & the Arts is an extension of CMU, encouraging excellence in music and the arts," says Kroeker. "God clearly continues to walk ahead, providing superb instructors, sending students who want to learn, giving new ideas, and adding His blessing"





# CMU PRESS PUBLISHES NEW TITLES IN LITERATURE AND THEOLOGY

By Jonathan Dyck

It's been a busy summer for CMU PRESS. May 2010 saw the release of *This Hidden Thing*, the second novel by Winnipeg writer Dora Dueck. *This Hidden Thing* tells the story of Maria Klassen, a deeply private, faithful, and stubborn Mennonite woman who immigrates to Winnipeg in the 1920s.

Poet Sarah Klassen calls *This Hidden Thing* a "powerful and deeply engaging novel," while Ann Hostetler, Professor of Creative Writing and Literature at Goshen College, praises Dueck for inhabiting "her characters in such a way that the reader is drawn into a living, breathing world that lingers even after the covers of the book are closed."

After a successful launch at McNally Robinson Book-sellers in Winnipeg and author readings in Winkler and Steinbach, *This Hidden Thing* continues to be CMU PRESS's best-selling title.

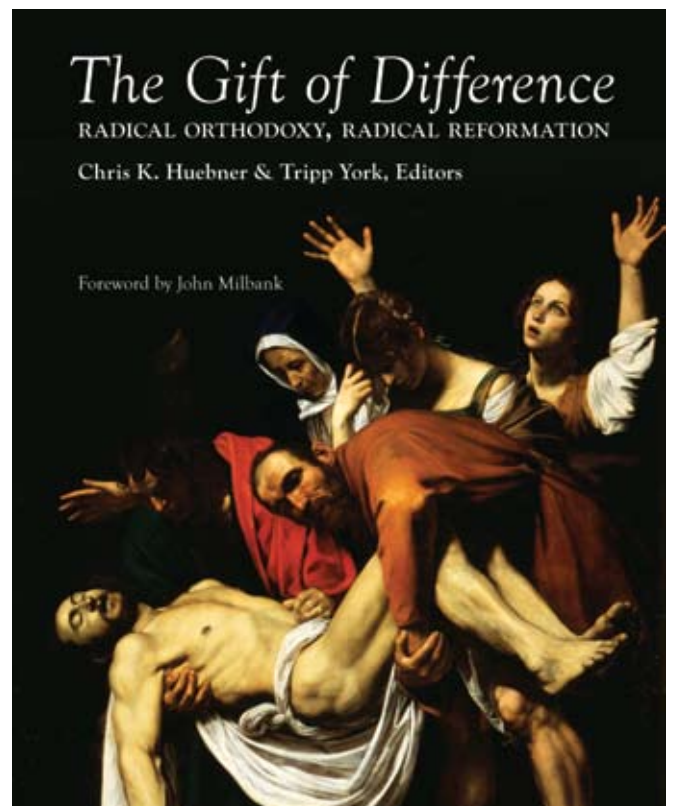
In July, CMU PRESS published *The Gift of Difference: Radical Orthodoxy, Radical Reformation*, edited by Chris K. Huebner and Tripp York. The essays in this collection

bring leading theologians from the Anabaptist tradition into dialogue with the theological movement known as Radical Orthodoxy.

Mennonite theologian A. James Reimer calls this book "a breath of fresh air... [I]t is both faithful to tradition and innovative, offering a third way between liberalism and conservatism, one which sees theology as critical for public life."

Forthcoming books from CMU PRESS include *The Free Church and Israel's Covenant* by Peter Ochs and a collection of papers presented at a Muslim-Mennonite dialogue on peace and justice in Iran, edited by Harry J. Huebner and Hajj Muhammad Legenhausen.

*Books from CMU PRESS can be ordered from the CMU BOOKSTORE: email [cmubookstore@cmu.ca](mailto:cmubookstore@cmu.ca), or call 204.487.3300 (877.231.4570 toll-free). For more information about CMU PRESS, visit [www.cmu.ca/cmupress](http://www.cmu.ca/cmupress).*



## VISION ACCEPTED INTO THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY DATABASE

From CMU & AMBS joint news release

*Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*, copublished by Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) and Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), has been accepted by the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) for inclusion in its online collection.

At a celebration of this milestone on April 29, AMBS Librarian Eileen Saner explained that more than 1,500 libraries around the world subscribe to the ATLA Religion Database index. Patrons can look in the ATLA Religion Database by topic, author, or scripture text and identify articles in thousands of books and journals, and *Vision* will now be accessible in this same manner. In addition, more than 1,200 seminary and university libraries subscribe not

only to the database, but also to the full texts of all the publications that are included.

“I trust this will foster increased dialogue between our Anabaptist-Mennonite voice and many others who now will have greater access to this journal,” said CMU President Gerald Gerbrandt. “The editorial council, the editors, and the authors are to be congratulated for the work they have done with and in *Vision*.”

*Vision* began in fall 2000 with CMU’s Gordon Zerbe, followed by Dan Epp-Tiessen, and currently Abe Bergen serving as editors for the issue’s spring editions; the fall issues are coordinated by AMBS editor Mary H. Schertz.



Abe Bergen, CMU editor; Mary Schertz, AMBS editor; and Barbara Nelson Gingerich, managing editor of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*. Co-published by CMU and AMBS, the journal celebrated 10 years of publication this summer. Photo: Mary E. Klassen

## HOT PURSUIT 2010 SPANS FOUR PROVINCES

Volunteers raced to raise funds for students and kids July 17 to 21, 2010 with five Team CMU cyclists, including CMU professors, **Chris Huebner** (Philosophy, Theology) and **John Brubacher** (Biology), participating in a Hot Pursuit cycling challenge and fundraiser against avid ultra-marathon cyclist, **Arvid Loewen**.

The event start date of July 17 had cyclists racing from Vancouver to Winnipeg. The teams cycled around the clock in “hot pursuit” of Loewen in an attempt to catch him before he reached Winnipeg.

CMU raised close to \$30,000 towards international student and international practicum funding. Loewen was racing to support Mully Children’s Family Charitable Foundation. Also racing for charity, with their own distinct fundraising goals in place for The Children’s Wish Foundation and



Arvid Loewen (centre), and members of Team Winnipeg Police-Cops for Kids, Team Gogos, and Team CMU gather at Manitoba’s legislative grounds July 21, at the close of Hot Pursuit 2010.

for Mully Children’s Family Charitable Foundation, were Team Winnipeg

Police-Cops for Kids and Team Gogos from Calgary.



## CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY WELCOMED DENOMINATIONAL LEADERS JACK SUDERMAN AND DAVID WIEBE

Canadian Mennonite University on June 18, 2010 welcomed denominational leaders on campus as part of its ongoing commitment to maintain vital relationships with two church bodies, Mennonite Church Canada and the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. 2010 marks significant leadership transitions within both denominations.

Jack Suderman, Executive Secretary of Mennonite Church Canada, retires in summer 2010 after serving in this capacity since 2005. David Wiebe, Executive Director of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, transitions from his leadership position at the end of 2010, having served in this capacity since July 2000.

At the invitation of CMU, Suderman

and Wiebe today joined faculty and staff for a time of reflection, at which event the University acknowledged the significance of their leadership commitments and created an opportunity for conversation with CMU faculty and staff.

“It proved to be an absorbing hour of interaction as both church leaders reflected on the present and future of each denomination,” says CMU Vice-President (External) Terry Schellenberg. “Both David and Jack expressed gratitude and joy in the personal and congregational relationships that they have cultivated during their leadership tenure. Each reflected on the deep and faithful integrity of so many within the church. And each spoke about the present reality of their respective denomina-

tions and the challenges their churches face within Canadian society.” Suderman and Wiebe also identified the hope and optimism they hold in and for the church in the coming decades, even as they spoke about the significance of the challenges that lie ahead for the church.

This was an important opportunity for a university community, committed to be a “university of the church for the world,” to be in direct dialogue with leaders of the church with whom they partner. “David and Jack affirmed the work and importance of faith and leadership formation as it is occurring at CMU,” said Schellenberg. “They reflected on the fact that each of their children graduated from CMU, with each having been formed deeply by their experience.”

CMU's spring **Southern Manitoba Concert**, held March 21, was a treat for choral and classical guitar music lovers in the Southern Manitoba area. The Concert, held at the Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church, featured the performances of the CMU Men's Chorus conducted by Rudy Schellenberg, and the Guitar Ensemble directed by Willie Wiebe.

CMU honoured its 2009-2010 athletes at its annual Blazers Athletics Award banquet. Fifth-year History major **Christie-Anne McCullough** was named Female Athlete of the Year and Most Valuable Player for the CMU Blazer's Basketball Team. Fourth-year Psychology student **Paul Muns** was named Male Athlete of the Year. A member of the Blazer men's basketball team, Muns was the Manitoba Colleges Athletic Confer-

ence (MCAC) leading scorer. Of special note, out of 85 CMU athletes, 59 athletes were honoured for achieving a 3.0 grade point average or higher at the end of their respective sports seasons.

**Student Council's Creation Care Committee** organized a "Wet and Wild Water Challenge" before 2010's final exams. They raised money in conjunction with MCC and The Water Project to go towards African and Indian communities that do not have access to clean, safe water. The fundraising event included an obstacle course for students and faculty.

Congratulations, CMU faculty, staff, and students – this season's Winnipeg Fringe Festival saw five shows entered by CMU staff, student, or alumni: *The Devil Next Door*, a play

from the Crosseyed Rascals featuring CMU staff **Mitch Krohn** and student, **Brad Zacharias** in his Fringe Festival debut; *Mid-Life: The Crisis Musical*, a musical sketch comedy with **Mitch Krohn** and **Deb Rogalsky**, and featuring **Julian Vanderput** as Musical Director; *StarBach's: The Coffee Cantata*, a "caffeinated" version of J.S. Bach's mini-masterpiece featuring **Verna Wiebe** at keyboard and cast member **David Klassen** (sessional voice instructor at CMU); *The Second-handpants Science-Folkition Musical Adventure*, putting on their very first full-blown musical with **Curtis L. Wiebe**, **Rick Unger**, and **Marlon Wiebe** making their festival debut; and *The Wild Things*, an original rock opera with **Jesse Krause**, **Paul Schmidt**, **Steve T. Kay**, **Lindsey Collins**, **Bucky Driedger**, and **Darren Grunau**.

## FIRST-YEAR STUDENT REIMER WINS PEACE SPEECH CONTEST

In spring 2010, six CMU students participated in the C.H. Smith Oratorical Contest, an MCC-sponsored peace speech contest that occurs at Mennonite colleges and universities across North America. At CMU, Jami Reimer won the first prize of \$200, Scott Bergen won second prize, \$125, and Erin Weaver won third prize, \$75. CMU judges were Sue Sorensen, Irma Fast-Dueck, and Jarem Sawatsky.

Reimer, a first-year CMU student from Maple Ridge, BC, chose to write about peace and the environment and restitution with God's creation. "Until we experience renewal," she says, "we cannot enter a proper perspective to build peace with the earth, or to attain or be in proper relationship with nature, because we are part of nature. Through an ethic of renewal, like that offered by Christ, we enter into



renewal with all God's creation in a way that is wholesome."

"Studying at CMU has been a big learning experience on so many levels," she says. "I have been thirsting for this kind of education for a long time. My high school was great and had lots to offer, but the dynamic at CMU offers space for dialogue within a Christian faith perspective. It is invigorating to be able to explore

in-depth with faculty support. People here are interesting and diverse, and the subject material is really exciting. It opens life up in a new way. Universities do that in general, but CMU does so in a fresh way."

Reimer, who studies piano and voice as well as taking courses in the social sciences, hopes to bridge the arts and humanitarian work some day.

**Edgar Schmidt** (CMBC '73) serves as General Counsel in the Legislative Services Branch of the Department of Justice. Edgar still enjoys making music, is experimenting with pottery, and has recently built a straw-bale insulated garage/studio and a post-and-beam house in the Gatineau Hills North of Ottawa.

**Sandra Schroeder** (MBBC '83) lives in Creighton, SK with her husband, Marlowe Rempel, and their two kids, Henry (12) and Naomi (10). Sandra works seasonally in a tax office. She serves as treasurer of Cornerstone Community Church, an MB congregation in Flin Flon, MB and preaches occasionally. Sandra is active in the local quilt guild and is happy to be a breast cancer survivor.

Paul and **Lori Westhoff** (Willems, CMBC '83-'84) and their four daughters, Mycah (17), Erika (14), Tasha (12), and Nora (10) live in Newton, KS. Lori has worked for the past few years with special education at the middle school level; however, she stayed home this past school year due to their youngest daughter being diagnosed with thyroid cancer and needing Lori at home. Paul works for a construction company that specializes in the building of churches and retirement homes. Lori and all four daughters participate in many music theatre productions in Newton.

**Jerry Semchyshyn** (MBBC '86-'88) teaches guitar and recording technology at Tec Voc High School. Jerry continues to be involved in music; currently, he's composing music for an upcoming GroundSwell event and has recently been commissioned by the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra to create a piece for guitar ensemble and strings.

**Gord Sawatzky** (CMBC '96) and **Tara Forshaw** (CMBC '98) are happy to announce the birth of Sasha Garnet Forshaw Sawatzky, born April 27,

2010. Avery (3) is excited about his little brother.

**Melanie Stade** (OT '04) was married to Jethro Bartelings on August 18, 2008. They reside in Winnipeg, where Melanie works as a grade 3/4 teacher. This summer, she is looking forward to meeting her husband's extended family in the Netherlands for a month.

**Stephanie Dueck** (OT '05, CMU '09) has been serving as Youth Pastor at Morden Mennonite Church in Manitoba since March 2010.

**Andrew Plett** (CMU '04) and **Theresa Guderian** (CMU '05) are happy to announce the birth of their first child, William Arthur Guderian Plett, born March 9, 2010. Andrew works as a cabinet maker and Theresa is on maternity leave from her work at Mclvor Ave MB Church.

In August, **Kyle Penner** (CMU '05) will begin serving as Associate Pastor at Grace Mennonite Church in Steinbach.



This fall, **Laura Snyder** (CMU '05) will be attending Saint Mary's University in Halifax to start work on a Master's in International Development Studies.

**Joani** (Goerzen, CMU '06) and **Paul Neufeldt** (CMU '01-'02) are excited to announce the birth of their first child, Cayden Isaac Neufeldt, born May 13, 2010. Joani is on maternity leave while Paul works as a mechanical engineer at Alta Steel in Edmonton, AB.

**Alyssa Heidebrecht** (OT '07) is in her final year of the Bachelor of Music-Education Honours program at Wilfrid Laurier University. Alyssa has enjoyed staying in touch with many Outtatown friends in her travels. Alyssa and **Mark Klausen** (OT '07) are planning for a July 2011 wedding.

**Rebekah Hiebert** (CMU '09) has been accepted into the University of Victoria Law School. Rebekah will begin studies in fall 2010.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Events listed below are on the Shaftesbury campus, unless otherwise noted.

### September

6 Residential students arrive  
7 Opening Chapel @ 9:00 am  
7-8 In-person registration and orientation  
9 Classes begin  
24-25 Homecoming Weekend

### October

1-2 Peace and Justice Conference - Hosted jointly by MSC and UWinnipeg  
11 Thanksgiving Day - University closed  
17 Vespers 7:30pm  
19-20 JJ Thiessen Lectures - Belden Lane  
29 CMU 10th Anniversary and Fall Fundraiser Celebration

### November

11 Remembrance Day - University closed  
21 Vespers 7:30pm  
27 & 28 Christmas@CMU

### December

7 Classes end for first semester  
9-18 Exam days (including Saturdays, Dec. 11 and 18)  
19 Vespers 7:30pm



MSC Associate Professor Paul Redekop, PhD

## “THANK YOU, PAUL REDEKOP”

By N. Kampen

For Paul Redekop, as the outgoing Dean of Menno Simons College, 2010 convocation was particularly meaningful.

A senior member of the Conflict Resolution Studies faculty, Redekop has taught conflict resolution studies along with numerous special courses and tutorials. “I take a strong interest in the ability to transform conflict with others as well as inner conflict through methods of conflict resolution, and the effective use of restorative responses in all kinds of conflict situations,” says Redekop.

“We are grateful for Paul’s services as Dean of Menno Simons College,” says CMU Vice-President Academic Earl Davey. “His commitment and leadership has benefitted our students and our institution in important ways, furthering the College’s role as a vital centre for peace and international development studies.”

In addition to his teaching role, Redekop continues to focus on writing. His published works include *Changing Paradigms: Punishment and Restorative Discipline* (Herald Press, 2008); he is co-editor of *Between Rhetoric and Reality: Social Justice and Human Rights in Global Perspective*; and is also working on *Living the Restorative Life: Restorative Paradigm in Action*.

The new Dean of Menno Simons College and Canadian Mennonite University’s Faculty of Social Science is Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution Studies Richard McCutcheon,

PhD. “I look forward to taking up this role, helping to develop the kind of leaders that our world needs— people with the critical skills to help in the areas of international development and conflict resolution,” says McCutcheon.



Richard McCutcheon, PhD

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## Class Reunions\*

### MBBC/Concord

- 1960** Harold Jantz, Neoma Jantz & Elvira Lysack
- 1970** Leonard Ratzlaff
- 1980** Took place July 30–Aug 1, 2010
- 1990** TBD
- 2000** Amy Roebuck

### CMBC

- 1960** Cornel Rempel
- 1970** Erwin Warkentin & Val Warkentin
- 1980** Carol Martens
- 1990** LeAnne Friesen & Krista Neustaeder-Barg
- 2000** TBD

\* Please contact class representatives care of alumni@cmu.ca for information about class reunions.

## Friday, September 24

### 5:30 PM

Official Opening & Dedication of CMU's New Science Laboratory, South Campus

### 6:30-10:30 PM

Alumni Men's Basketball, Loewen Athletic Centre

### 7:00 PM

Homecoming Recital & CMU Faculty Lecture—Science & Faith, Great Hall

### 8:30 PM

Homecoming Reception, Great Hall

## Saturday, September 25

### 12:00-4:00 PM

Menno Cross (Cyclo-Cross) Bike Race, North Campus

### 12:00 PM

Women's Soccer Team vs. Portage Blaze, Soccer Pitch

### 1:30-3:30 PM

Family Festival, featuring SmallTall Music with Bryan Moyer Suderman, North Campus

### 2:00 PM

Men's Soccer Team vs. St. Boniface College, Soccer Pitch

### 3:00 PM

Campus Tours, departing from North Campus

Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

### 3:00-5:00 PM

Class Reunions

### 5:00 PM

President's Alumni Dinner & Alumni Blazer Awards, Great Hall

### 7:30 PM

Choral Evensong, Loewen Athletic Centre

## Sunday, September 26

### 2:00 PM

CMU Women's Soccer Team vs. Providence College

### 4:00 PM

CMU Men's Soccer Team vs. Providence College

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