

Anabaptism at 500

Position Summary

Actively serves as one of twelve members on the Anabaptism at 500 Advisory Group. This Advisory Group will serve as a sounding board to the Project Director and Managing Editor for the Anabaptism at 500 Project. Members of the Advisory Group will provide counsel in the overall development of the suite of products, *sharing their knowledge, experience and critical analysis*. Advisory Group members will also serve on subgroups assigned to the development of specific products, communicating regularly to the Project Director and Managing Editor. This is a volunteer position, with an annual honorarium between \$500 to \$1,000 USD. All travel-related expenses will be reimbursed by the publisher.

Anabaptism at 500 Project

As the Anabaptist movement approaches its 500th anniversary in 2025, MennoMedia will commemorate the event with a suite of products, anchored by an Anabaptist Study Bible. These resources are intended to inspire Anabaptist Christians and encourage the church to carry forward a shared, living faith for present and future generations. The Anabaptism at 500 project will live in the space between where the church has been and where it is going.

Possible products for the Anabaptism at 500 Project:

- Anabaptist Study Bible (Print)
- Anabaptist Study Bible (Digital App)
- Children's Products (2-3 books)
- Yearlong Devotional that draws on the Bible
- Yearlong Anabaptist peace journal
- Quarter-long Bible study curriculum for adults
- Quarter-long Bible study curriculum for youth
- Quarter-long Bible study curriculum for children
- Intergenerational activities for congregations
- Quarter-long worship series
- Articles and blog posts
- "Why I'm Anabaptist" themed books (2-3)
- Podcast Series
- Photo Book

Key Performance Accountabilities

Advisory Group members will:

1. Be part of a collaborative team that shares their knowledge and gifts by providing counsel in the creation and production of the Anabaptism at 500 suite of products (including promotional marketing and events).
2. Commit to serving at least three years beginning March 2022 and concluding upon completion of the project.
3. Actively participate in two in-person meetings per year, each lasting 2-4 days, and Zoom meetings as scheduled.
4. Aid the editors in searching for appropriate contributors, with attentiveness to global and multicultural representations.

5. Work both independently and collaboratively on subgroups assigned to the development of specific products, communicating regularly to the Projector Director and Managing Editor.
6. Commit to learning, reading widely, researching carefully, and staying culturally relevant.

The Publisher will:

1. Reimburse approved expenses associated with specific tasks of the project (with accompanying receipts).
2. Disperse an honorarium to the Advisory Group members on a yearly basis.
3. Give Advisory Group members two complimentary copies of the published materials, and access to the digital products.
4. Assist Advisory Group members with a reimbursement of lost wages as a result of in-person meetings (to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Publisher).

Qualifications and Skills

1. Experience in congregational ministry of some kind (e.g., pastoral leadership, teaching Sunday School, leading a bible study) and/or experience working in an Anabaptist-related organization.
2. Willingness to engage in high quality conversations by communicating openly and sharing professional expertise and knowledge in a respectful manner with other Advisory Group members.
3. Willingness to travel to regular committee meetings, at least two times/year for 2-4 days per meeting (with additional Zoom meetings scheduled as needed).
4. Training or experience in Christian formation, communications, biblical studies, or theology preferred.
5. Readiness to represent the goals of Anabaptism at 500 with clarity and enthusiasm.

Organizational Fit

1. Committed to Jesus Christ and participating in a local Anabaptist congregation.
2. Committed to Anabaptist Church emphases in such areas as Christian formation, witness, service, peace, stewardship, anti-racism and church planting in many cultures.
3. Passion for sharing Anabaptist Christian values with the church and the world.
4. Readiness to work within the organizational framework and culture of MennoMedia.

Term

Volunteer position will end upon completion of the project. The suite of products is scheduled to be released in 2025.