

GAMEO Management Board May 2023 AGM documents

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DRAFT Agenda
GAMEO Management Board
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Friday, May 12, 2023, 1-3pm Eastern time

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1. Opening and introductions: Jon
2. Review of agenda and Chair's report: Jon
3. Review of minutes of 2022 meeting held 15 May 2022: Alf
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 - Update on B.H. Unruh biography rewrite (Jon, Elizabeth)
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 - Report on the D.F. Plett initiative to update certain articles (Aileen)
 - Discussion on Ukrainian place names in GAMEO (Alf)
 - What are the tasks for this year? Who will take the lead on specific ones?
 - How are we doing with respect to past GAMEO priorities?
7. GAMEO priorities for the future: Jon
 - What should GAMEO look like in 10 years?
 - Are there strategies, technologies, or personnel that will help us get there?
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10. Other business
11. Date of next meeting: May 2024?
 - Could it be an in-person meeting in Goshen/Elkhart? We talked about alternating in-person and videoconference. Is this still a good idea?
12. Adjournment

"A reliable source of information on Anabaptist-related history and theology"

GAMEO Chair Report for AGM, 12 May 2023

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:18).

Welcome to each of you on the Zoom call today! Thank you for your part in making GAMEO “a reliable source of information on Anabaptist-related history and theology.”

In particular, I acknowledge the new General Editor, Elizabeth Miller, from Goshen College (Goshen, Indiana). Elizabeth is a Latin American Mennonite specialist and the new director of the Institute for Global Anabaptism (ISGA), replacing John Roth. In her report, she introduces herself and the new GAMEO entries developed with her ISGA students. We look forward to her leadership!

I also welcome Anicka Fast to the meeting, representing Mennonite World Conference (MWC). She is a mission specialist, focusing on Mennonite mission in Africa. She too has ideas for GAMEO going forward, especially increasing the biographical entries written by those from the African Mennonite faith communities involved.

As you know, GAMEO is a long-term project, largely dependent on volunteers like you and on generous donors, both institutions and individuals. It is a project that grows bit by bit each year. Over time, the growth has amounted to something quite impressive. Special mention goes to Bert Friesen and Alf Redekopp for their long and dedicated service to the encyclopedia project.

This year we meet by Zoom in the emerging rotation. Hopefully, next year we can meet in person at Goshen/Elkhart.

Reviewing the reports (financial, editorial, and statistical), you can see that this has been another solid and productive year for GAMEO.

My report sets up three items that will be processed in the meeting, as noted in the agenda.

- **Content**: As with any encyclopedia, content generation remains a high priority, both updating existing articles and adding new articles. We will discuss congregational statistical updates, rewriting B.H. Unruh biography, dealing with older terminology that is now politically charged (e.g., “Indian”), etc., and making submission of biographies and articles easier for contributors (e.g., students in Mennonite history classes).
- **Technology**: Like any institution, the developments of technology continue to be an ongoing opportunity and challenge. We will be processing some of these, too.
- **Structure**: Given the developments GAMEO structure over the year, we will review and assess them (e.g., Alf on admin and Lauren on stats, Aileen on Plett Foundation’s initiative to update certain articles, etc.)

I look forward to our meeting and the items to be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Isaak, Mennonite Brethren Historical Commission, GAMEO transition chair

GAMEO Management Board

Conrad Grebel University College & Zoom

2022 May 15 – 11:00 am

Present: Jon Isaak (Chair, Mennonite Brethren Historical Commission), Laureen Harder-Gissing (Mennonite Historical Society of Canada), John D. Roth (General Editor, Mennonite World Conference; Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism), Ken Sensenig (Mennonite Central Committee), Jason Kauffman (Mennonite Church USA), Aileen Friesen (D. H. Plett Historical Research Foundation), Sam Steiner (Associate Editor), Bert Friesen (Associate Editor)
Regrets: Alf Redekopp (Associate Editor)

1) Opening and introductions

Jon Isaak welcomed us to this hybrid meeting, especially welcoming Aileen Friesen representing GAMEO's newest partner, the D. F. Plett Historical Research Foundation. He also thanked Laureen Harder-Gissing for all her work with the Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters in Time and Place conference held just before this meeting at Conrad Grebel University College. John Roth expressed thanks for the conference on behalf of those who participated by Zoom.

Laureen Harder-Gissing acknowledged that our meeting is on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. Our meeting is also on the Haldimand Tract granted in 1784 to the Six Nations, which includes 10 kilometers on each side of the Grand River.

After additional words of welcome, Jon Isaak invited a round of introductions that included reflections on our maternal and paternal ancestry.

2) Review of Chair's Report and Agenda

Jon Isaak noted his written report. He said our discussion would focus on content, technology, and Management Board structure because John Roth was retiring from the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism (ISGA).

CONSENSUS 1: To accept the agenda as circulated.

3) Minutes of May 22, 2021

Jon Isaak reviewed the minutes of May 22, 2021, and we each reported on our assignments from that meeting.

- Laureen Harder-Gissing said she continues to work on Indigenous issues in GAMEO articles; this goes beyond simple term replacement.

- John Roth said the Indonesia article has not been updated. He's written a book on Indonesian Mennonites, but he did not get a volunteer to write an encyclopedia article.
- Ken Sensenig has submitted four "stub" articles on newer conservative Mennonite groups.
- Jason Kauffman did not get articles written on Mennonite leaders in Indiana and Michigan.
- Bert Friesen still hopes to get a Schmiedeleut Hutterite writing group functioning, even to the point of becoming a GAMEO partner. They would want to construct their own template for biographies. Bert needs to work slowly to get both "keepers" and more hesitant leaders to participate.
- Sam Steiner said he is slowly working on the Mennonite Church USA database, updating tables and adding stubs of newer congregations. He completed MC Canada a couple of years ago.
- Jon Isaak said that Richard Thiessen is working on Mennonite Brethren statistics from Canada and the United States.

CONSENSUS 2: To accept the minutes of May 21, 2021, as circulated and reviewed.

4) Reports circulated before the meeting

a) General Editor (John Roth)

John Roth noted his written report. He emphasized the need for a decision on his role as General Editor because he has retired from Goshen College and the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism (ISGA). However, he is happy to continue as the Mennonite World Conference representative to GAMEO. John is pleased that Goshen College has committed to ISGA funding into the future. Goshen has not yet announced John's replacement.

Several comments affirmed John's continuing representation from Mennonite World Conference and encouraged him to continue as Interim General Editor until the ISGA appointment is clarified.

CONSENSUS 3: To accept John Roth's resignation as General Editor, with the understanding he will continue to serve as Interim General Editor until the wishes of the new ISGA Director are known.

Aileen Friesen volunteered to write the news release arising from today's Management Board meeting.

CONSENSUS 4: Aileen Friesen will write a GAMEO news release following this meeting.

We had an extended discussion on the issues raised in John's report by Anicka Fast, the MCC representative in Burkina Faso. She works with the African Dictionary of Christian Biography. Anicka feels GAMEO's biographical template does not fit the African context

regarding length limitations, narrative style, and who qualifies for inclusion. Conversion stories and miraculous events are important in her context.

We discussed whether to create alternative templates for the Global Church and/or the Hutterites or whether to add a footnote to the current template that would acknowledge the need for exceptions to the template on a case-by-case basis.

We agreed on the need to make exceptions to the “Western” approach to encyclopedias. We wondered if consultation with John A. Lapp and Arnold Snyder, who edited the five-volume Global Mennonite History project, would be beneficial.

CONSENSUS 5: To add a note to the current biography template, in consultation with Anicka Fast and others as necessary. Jon Isaak will work on a draft note.

We then discussed our approach to correcting/rewriting current articles, especially concerning the Benjamin H. Unruh article that does not address his links to National Socialism.

CONSENSUS 6: John Roth will ask Arnold Neufeld Fast to write a new B. H. Unruh article in the 800-1000 word range. We will not retain the present and original *Mennonite Encyclopedia* articles.

CONSENSUS 7: John Roth will propose a modest edit to correct the Melchior Rinck article.

We discussed whether GAMEO should preserve the original *Mennonite Encyclopedia* articles. The preponderance of discussion said they should not be kept if replaced. Instead, it might be better to maintain an electronic copy of the print version on the Internet in consultation with Herald Press.

b) Associate Editor Statistical Report

In addition to his written report, Sam Steiner mentioned several recent interactions with PeaceWorks Technology Solutions, our Internet Service Provider. First, several weekends ago, GAMEO experienced a server outage. Sam did not demand weekend PeaceWorks service because of the potential cost. Second, Google no longer supports the Analytics program GAMEO had been using for its statistics; PeaceWorks needed to install a newer version. Finally, Samuel Hoover, a conservative Mennonite vendor in the U.S., requested another “dump” of GAMEO files that he uses to make GAMEO DVDs for conservative Anabaptist groups who use computers but not the Internet. He gets a dump from GAMEO every two years; last year, Hoover sold 97 copies.

We then discussed Sam Steiner’s request to retire as an Associate Editor. He wishes to be released from responding to emails sent to the generic admin@gameo.org; interacting with PeaceWorks when issues arise in GAMEO, e.g. outages, indexing issues, upgrading to new MediaWiki software, etc.; and preparing the annual statistical reports based on

Google Analytics. He would like new writers of GAMEO articles to use other Associate Editors for uploading or editing articles; he is willing to continue uploading and editing articles for authors with whom he's worked in the past. He would no longer attend Management Board meetings and would like to be considered an "Editor." He would continue to work on the MC USA congregational articles.

Several persons asked clarification questions about the tasks in question and expressed appreciation for Sam's years of work with GAMEO.

CONSENSUS 8: To accept the realignment of Sam Steiner's role in GAMEO. Jon Isaak will contact Alf Redekopp and Laureen Harder-Gissing to discuss how they might share the shifted duties.

CONSENSUS 9: Aileen Friesen will contact Richard Thiessen to ascertain his possible interest in again serving as an Associate Editor for GAMEO.

5) Technical Issues

a) Dedicated Server

Bert Friesen said GAMEO's dedicated server had worked well. PeaceWorks service with GAMEO has been good. Outages are infrequent. We will always need to update the MediaWiki software every several years. Staff turnover at PeaceWorks is sometimes an issue in support continuity.

6) GAMEO Priorities for 2020

a) Regional Committees and New Initiatives

Laureen Harder-Gissing said the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada still has a GAMEO committee composed of Bert Friesen, Aileen Friesen, Richard Thiessen, and Laureen Harder Gissing. Aileen Friesen has suggested the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies (CTMS) at the University of Winnipeg become an academic center for Canadian GAMEO research and writing. The Centre could help coordinate student projects and encourage academics to engage more in GAMEO since universities widely use GAMEO.

Although this did not require a Management Board action, Jon Isaak stated the Board's encouragement for CTMS and the Institute for Anabaptist Mennonite Studies (IAMS at Conrad Grebel) efforts to strengthen GAMEO.

b) Translating Theological Articles

John Roth said he has a list of MennLex articles that deserved translation for GAMEO. He hopes to translate two or three articles per year.

c) Addressing Older Terminology

Laureen Harder-Gissing said she may submit an article related to Mennonites and Indigenous education. She will continue to work on Indigenous questions in the next year and could be available to consult on Indigenous language issues.

CONSENSUS 10: Jon Isaak will search for Indian and Native terminology in current GAMEO articles.

d) Other Tasks for the year

Jason Kauffman said he would generate a list of Indiana-Michigan Mennonites deserving of a GAMEO biography. He is traveling to Mississippi and will try to get some basic information on congregations not yet listed in GAMEO.

Ken Sensenig said he would again build stubs for new conservative Mennonite groups.

Bert Friesen will continue his work with the Hutterites.

Using an earlier list created by Kerry Fast, Aileen Friesen will identify GAMEO articles that need to be updated or replaced.

7) GAMEO Priorities for the Future

a) What should GAMEO look like in 10 years

John Roth said that while he still affirms that encyclopedias would be curated with single authors, the Internet context allows some concerns like length to be more flexible

Sam Steiner said he expected more audio and video links. However, others cautioned that the links need to be judiciously utilized since many links die within a few years.

8) Promotion

a) News release

As noted in Consensus 4, Aileen Friesen will write the news release.

9) Finances

a) Financial Report for FYE 2021

Bert Friesen said he had not received an audited statement from Mennonite World Conference. We had more income than expenses; the income stream has been fairly constant. The primary expenses are web hosting and maintenance. He would like more clarity on the formula for MWC's management fees.

CONSENSUS 11: To accept the financial report for FYE 2021.

b) Fundraising Update

Jon Isaak said he sends invoices to about 20 schools and institutions. Ken Sensenig said he will provide Jon with information on Mennonite Life (formerly Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society).

c) **Finance Committee**

CONSENSUS 12: That Jon Isaak and Bert Friesen serve as a Finance Committee for the GAMEO Management Board.

d) **Budget for 2022**

Bert Friesen said he used numbers from last year.

CONSENSUS 13: To approve the GAMEO budget for FYE2022.

e) **Other Business**

CONSENSUS 14: Next year, the Management Board will consider scanning the five-volume *Mennonite Encyclopedia* for posting as a stand-alone document. This project will require consultation with Herald Press.

John Roth said there would not be a GAMEO presence at Indonesia's Mennonite World Conference Assembly.

f) **Next meeting – May 2023**

CONSENSUS 15: The Management Board will meet by Zoom on May 13, 2023.

In 2024 there should be an in-person meeting in the Goshen-Elkhart area.

10) Adjournment at 2:28 pm

Recorded by Sam Steiner

GAMEO General Editor Report
Elizabeth Miller
March 31, 2023

General Editor transition and introduction: In June of 2022, John D. Roth officially retired as director of the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism (ISGA) at Goshen College and, correlatively, as general editor of GAMEO. Following John's departure I began in August as director of the ISGA and have assumed the role of general editor of GAMEO as part of that position. My gratitude to Board Chair Jon Isaak, who has been particularly gracious in orienting me to GAMEO's structure and organization, as well as to the responsibilities of the general editor.

I studied history at Goshen College as an undergraduate, followed by graduate work in theological studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Near the end of my studies, I was invited to join the Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC's) program in Colombia as an Anabaptist history and identity promoter. In practice, this meant researching and writing a history of the Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren churches in Colombia. Church leaders were concerned that the memory of the church's earliest years would soon be lost, and they wanted a research project—rooted in oral history—that could be shared and studied in their congregations. This project took much longer than anticipated, but it was finally published in Colombia in 2022.

Following the initial years of research for that project, I returned to Indiana to finish my degree and begin collaboration with the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism. At this time the focus of the ISGA was very project-driven, and I helped build the Bearing Witness Stories Collection, launch the Spanish-language Anabaptist digital library (BiDA), and finalize the Global Anabaptist Profile. In 2017 my family and I returned to Bogotá to direct MCC's programming in Colombia and Ecuador. Last summer we moved back to the United States, and I began work with Goshen College. Currently I am teaching in the history department and directing the ISGA and the Mennonite Historical Library. I live with my husband, Neil Richer, and our two elementary-aged children in Goshen, Indiana.

Additions to GAMEO from global church conferences: Anicka Fast has worked with GAMEO over the past few years to establish flexible and accessible guidelines for biographies, and this collaboration has proved to be fruitful. Since GAMEO's last board meeting, for example, Anicka has submitted a new biography ([Kitondo James Jean-Pierre Kusangila](#)) and a congregational profile ([Église Mont-Sinaï](#)) of the Community of Mennonite Brethren Churches in Congo. One of the most exciting components of Anicka's contributions is that she provides training and support for church members and scholars to write these entries for inclusion in GAMEO.

At the ISGA we are attempting to join this initiative in various ways, as well. David Irala, one of the ISGA's current Research Fellows, is preparing a series of congregational profiles for inclusion in GAMEO, drawn from the previous research he did for the [Memoria Viva](#) project of the Mennonite Brethren in Paraguay. Students in my Anabaptist history course at Goshen College are also developing biographies for GAMEO, in collaboration with the authors of biographies previously published in other volumes and formats. From this semester, we hope to have at least three biographies to contribute, from Ibandla Labazalwane Kukristu e-Zimbabwe (BICC Zimbabwe) and the Mennonite Brethren Churches of Colombia. Finally, next year the ISGA will have an intern-scholar from the Meserete Kristos Church (MKC), who will prepare some

biographies of MKC leaders for inclusion in GAMEO. We hope to be able to post these entries in both English and a local language accessible to church members from the respective conference/denomination.

Ongoing discussions:

- a. **Benjamin Unruh article:** GAMEO has been proactive in seeking a rewrite of the Benjamin Unruh article, to better reflect recent research on Mennonite and National Socialism. Arnold Neufeldt-Fast was invited to write this article, but there has been a long delay in the process. Given GAMEO's current budget surplus and the visibility and relevance of recent scholarship involving Unruh, my recommendation is that as a GAMEO board we discuss possibilities for paying for a rewrite, accompanied by a deadline.
- b. **GAMEO domain ownership:** At the ISGA we are in the process of consolidating the ownership of our various web domains, so that they are all centralized at Goshen College. This helps to assure that in periods of transition or turnover, the maintenance and ownership of the domains remains secure. GAMEO's domain is currently held and renewed by Peaceworks, which also hosts and maintains GAMEO. As long as Peaceworks continues to exist, there is no problem with them holding the domain, but I did want to consult the preferences and advice of the board on this matter. Would you prefer Peaceworks continue to hold the domain or should Goshen College, as the institutional home of GAMEO, hold the domain? If Peaceworks holds the domain, what agreements are there to ensure the domain is turned over to another entity in the event of Peaceworks closing?
- c. **Ukrainian place names:** In December of 2022, a user raised a concern over the accuracy and consistency of various spelling of Ukrainian place names on GAMEO. In recent years the Ukrainian government has been changing place names to Ukrainian from Russian and/or Soviet-connected names. In the midst of the current armed conflict, this is an even more sensitive issue. Many present-day Ukrainian places in GAMEO are identified with the previous Russian name. In addition, GAMEO does not have a standard transliteration policy for Russian place names; sometimes they are transliterated into the English name, other times into German. How do we propose approaching this challenge?

Thank you to all members of the board for your gracious acceptance of me as a new member, and I look forward to working together to ensure that GAMEO continues to be an accessible and inclusive resource.

GAMEO “Admin” Report - 2023

After the 2021 annual GAMEO Management meeting some of the responsibilities of the former managing editor were divided between myself and Laureen Harder Gissing. In addition to functioning as an editor (editing, uploading and posting submissions), I also received any e-mails that were directed to the generic “admin@GAMEO.org” address and assisted other writers and editors as needed. This has included some discerning between “junk mail” and legitimate messages, which contained corrections or updates, additional content suggestions, editing and uploading new articles, and working with some writers.

An assignment that grew out of the Management meeting, included uploading updates to the Biography Template (including a French language version) at the suggestion of Anicka Fast and a flexibility note signaling GAMEO’s openness to a variance in style for submission from *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*. This also led to working with new French articles and their English translations written about church leaders and congregations from the Democratic Republic of Congo received via Anicka Fast. I also worked with Anicka’s suggestions pertaining to correcting or updating the categorization of existing articles about leaders and organizations in Burkina Faso and the DR Congo.

One other significant project was working on the Indigenous terms which Jon Isaak and Laureen Harder Gissing had identified as needing updating. All their suggestions for edits were reviewed and changes made where appropriate, except for changes related to two articles – “[Indians, North America](#)” and “[Indian Ministries, North America](#)”. These articles require a change in the title, which is a slightly more complex edit. It was also agreed that the two articles could be combined into one longer one with two parts (the people groups and the denominational engagements) with the authors remaining as Alfred Habegger and Malcolm Wenger. That work still needs to be completed.

One other major suggestion for improvement came from Victor Wiebe of Saskatchewan, who suggested that Ukrainian place names need to be reviewed. For example in May 2016 the Ukrainian government, as part of its Ukrainianization activities, changed the name of Dnipropetrovsk to Dnipro (Ukrainian: Дніпро). Searching GAMEO he found 52 articles using the word “Dnipropetrovsk” and “Dnipro” is absent. One recent estimate he encountered stated that there are 10,000 name changes in Ukraine in which Ukraine is changing names that have some form of Russian or Soviet connections. He also noted that GAMEO has used two different English spelling for Russian place names, depending on whether the transliteration was to English or German conventions like “Yekaterinoslav” versus “Ekaterinoslav.” Someone with both history and language knowledge will be required to work at this type of project.

Alf Redekopp
GAMEO Associate Editor
April 21, 2023

Global Anabaptist Encyclopedia Online (GAMEO) Report to MHSC for 2022

The MHSC GAMEO committee for 2022 was Aileen Friesen, Bert Friesen, Laureen Harder-Gissing, Richard Thiessen and Alf Redekopp. Laureen serves as the MHSC rep to the GAMEO management board. The board met in a hybrid meeting based at Conrad Grebel University College following the Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters conference. Some of the highlights were:

- Aileen Friesen welcomed as the representative for a new member organization, the Plett Foundation
- John Roth moved from General Editor to Interim General Editor, with his transition away from the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism and the appointment of a new ISGA director
- Discussion regarding how our biographical template may not fit the African context. The board committed to have some flexibility in relation to the current biography template and to engage in further consultation.
- Sam Steiner has stepped down as an Associate Editor but will continue to work on some congregational updates
- Activities for the upcoming year include reviewing Indigenous terms, Indiana-Michigan biographies, articles for new conservative Mennonite groups, continuing work with Hutterites and reviewing articles that need updating or replacement.

Canadian contributions to GAMEO in the past year can best be described as “semi-active,” with volunteers (provincial society groups and individuals) contributing and updating some content. New articles in 2022 are listed at the end of this report.

GAMEO Statistics Report, 2022¹

- Almost 88% of engaged users found GAMEO through an organic search (eg. “googling it.”). Almost 8% found GAMEO through a direct search (eg. typing the URL into a browser).
- The highest percentage of users were from the United States (47%) followed by Canada (41%) and then in descending order at less than 2% each: Germany, United Kingdom, Netherlands, China, Australia, India, France and Brazil. The top 10 regions of users accessing GAMEO were: Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia, Pennsylvania, Saskatchewan, Illinois, California, Texas and New York.
- The article pages with over a thousand views were (in descending order): GAMEO homepage, Molotschna Mennonite Settlement, Church of God in Christ Mennonite, Chortitza Mennonite Settlement, Hutterian Brethren, Dariusleut, Mennonite Confession of Faith (1963), Dordrecht Confession of Faith, Scotford Hutterite Colony, Beachy Amish

¹ Compiled by Laureen Harder-Gissing from Google Analytics

Mennonite Fellowship, Lehrerleut, Nationwide Fellowship Churches, Schmiedeleut, Anabaptism, Names (Mennonite)

- 117 articles were added to GAMEO in 2022, bringing the total to 17,091
- The vast majority of users were English-speaking, followed by German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Portuguese, Polish, Italian and Korean.
- The number of engaged sessions was 209,898, which works out to 832 per day. This represents 61% of all sessions.²

Editors

Active editors in 2022 included Alf Redekopp (Associate Editor), Bert Friesen (Associate Editor), Richard Thiessen, Jason Kauffman, Susan Huebert, Richard Loughheed, Zacharie Leclair, Emmy Maendel, Jason A. Miller, Richard Bowman, and Joe Springer

Regional Editorial Committees

There are still semi-active regional groups in Ontario, Manitoba, and British Columbia.

Report submitted by Laureen Harder-Gissing,

Chair, MHSC GAMEO Committee/MHSC rep to the GAMEO Management Board

List of Articles Added to GAMEO in 2022³

31 December 2022

- Iglesia Evangélica Emanuel (South Bend, Indiana, USA)

29 December 2022

- Peoria North Mennonite Church (Peoria, Illinois, USA)

28 December 2022

- Albany Park Mennonite Church (Chicago, Illinois, USA)
- Cedar Falls Mennonite Church (Cedar Falls, Iowa, USA)
- Detroit Mennonite Fellowship (Detroit, Michigan, USA)

27 December 2022

- Plow Creek Fellowship (Tiskilwa, Illinois, USA)

25 December 2022

- Iglesia Menonita Comunidad de Fe (Chicago, Illinois, USA)

24 December 2022

- Lafayette Mennonite Fellowship (Lafayette, Indiana, USA)

23 December 2022

- St. Paul Mennonite Fellowship (St. Paul, Minnesota, USA)

21 December 2022

- Southside Fellowship (Elkhart, Indiana, USA)

16 December 2022

- Schonwetter, Jurgen (1938-2021)
- Shalom Mennonite Congregation (Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA)

² I only have access to Analytics data beginning from April 23. Analytics defines engaged sessions as: longer than 10 seconds, had a conversion event, or had 2 or more page views

³ Compiled by Richard Thiessen. Does not include rewritten articles or articles with significant edits

- 14 December 2022
- Paoli Mennonite Fellowship (Paoli, Indiana, USA)
- 13 December 2022
- Open Table Mennonite Fellowship (Goshen, Indiana, USA)
- 7 December 2022
- Prairieview Mennonite Church (Gridley, Illinois, USA)
- 26 November 2022
- Morning Star Mennonite Fellowship (Muncie, Indiana, USA)
- 25 November 2022
- Mennonite Church of Normal (Normal, Illinois, USA)
 - Milwaukee Mennonite Church (Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA)
- 23 November 2022
- Dyck, Nick (1921-2022)
 - Thiessen, William E. (1918-2015)
- 19 November 2022
- Bloomington Mennonite Church (Bloomington, Illinois, USA)
- 17 November 2022
- Hope Mennonite Church (Columbiana, Ohio, USA)
- 13 November 2022
- Baier, George (1936-2021)
- 12 November 2022
- Redekop, John (1932-2021)
- 1 November 2022
- Maplewood Mennonite Church (Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA)
- 1 October 2022
- Madison Mennonite Church (Madison, Wisconsin, USA)
- 26 October 2022
- Joy Fellowship Mennonite Church (Peoria, Illinois, USA)
- 16 September 2022
- Florence Church of the Brethren Mennonite (Florence, Michigan, USA)
- 29 August 2022
- Faith Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana, USA)
- 13 August 2022
- Evanston Mennonite Church (Evanston, Illinois, USA)
- 4 August 2022
- Chicago Community Mennonite Church (Chicago, Illinois, USA)
- 2 August 2022
- Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship (Berne, Indiana, USA)
- 29 July 2022
- Columbus Mennonite Church (Columbus, Ohio, USA)
 - Silverwinds Hutterite Colony (Lomond, Alberta, Canada)
- 27 July 2022
- Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship (Cincinnati, Ohio, USA)
- 5 July 2022
- Assembly Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana, USA)
- 4 July 2022
- Église Mennonite Agape (Drummondville, Québec, Canada)

- Meeting Place, The (Dundas, Ontario, Canada)
- 18 June 2022
- Centre Béthésda Mennonite de Québec (Québec City, Quebec, Canada)
 - Église de Dieu Réparateur des Brèches (Montréal, Québec, Canada)
- 7 June 2022
- Unruh, Cornelius Heinrich (1873-1941)
- 27 May 2022
- Rose Bank Hutterite Colony (Foremost, Alberta, Canada)
- 18 May 2022
- Scripture, Anabaptist Understandings of
- 12 May 2022
- Worship
- 11 May 2022
- Peace Theology
- 10 May 2022
- Appalachian Mennonite Church
 - Haven Mennonite Fellowship
 - Little Flock Mennonite Churches
 - Northeastern Mennonite Conference
- 6 May 2022
- Country Hills Hutterite Colony (Main Centre, Saskatchewan, Canada)
 - Wind River Hutterite Colony (Cereal, Alberta, Canada)
- 29 April 2022
- Spruce Hill Hutterite Colony (Strongfield, Saskatchewan, Canada)
 - Summerland Hutterite Colony (Carmangay, Alberta, Canada)
- 11 April 2022
- Atlanta Mennonite Church (Atlanta, Georgia, USA)
 - Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship (Atlanta, Georgia, USA)
 - Berea Mennonite Church (Atlanta, Georgia, USA)
- 10 April 2022
- Traoré, Kassilé Abdoulaye (ca. 1936-2017)
 - Traoré, Kassilé Abdoulaye (ca. 1936-2017)(FR)
- 8 April 2022
- Église évangélique mennonite d'Orodara (Kéné Dougou, Burkina Faso)
 - Église évangélique mennonite d'Orodara (Kéné Dougou, Burkina Faso)(FR)
 - Mbombo wa Tshipongo, Esther (1936-2006)
 - Mbombo wa Tshipongo, Esther (1936-2006)(FR)
- 4 April 2022
- Asian Mennonite Community Church (Lombard, Illinois, USA)
- 24 March 2022
- Coulibaly, Massié Cécile (1970-2021)
 - Coulibaly, Massié Cécile (1970-2021)(FR)
- 23 March 2022
- Matungulu, Givule Floribert (1945-2019)
 - Matungulu, Givule Floribert (1945-2019)(FR)
 - Mbele Manteka, Daniel (1915-2011)

- Mbele Manteka, Daniel (1915-2011)(FR)
- 22 March 2022
- Ann Arbor Mennonite Church (Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA)
 - Shalom Community Church (Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA)
- 18 March 2022
- Ames Mennonite Church (Ames, Iowa, USA)
- 17 March 2022
- Agora Christian Fellowship (Columbus, Ohio, USA)
- 15 March 2022
- Pocomoke River Church (Pocomoke, Maryland, USA)
 - Quarryville Community Fellowship (Quarryville, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 14 March 2022
- Promilenio Iglesia Menonita Cristiana (New York, New York, USA)
 - Templo el Peregrino (Manhattan, New York, USA)
- 12 March 2022
- Bronx Spanish Mennonite Church (Bronx, New York, USA)
 - Iglesia Evangelica Menonita Eben-Ezer (Bronx, New York, USA)
 - Morris Heights Mennonite Church (Bronx, New York, USA)
- 7 March 2022
- Glad Tidings Mennonite Church (Bronx, New York, USA)
 - Good Shepherd Mennonite Church (Bronx, New York, USA)
 - King of Glory Tabernacle (Bronx, New York, USA)
 - Mount Pleasant Evangelical Missionary Church (Singhampton, Ontario, Canada)
- 4 March 2022
- East River Hutterite Colony (Rumsey, Alberta, Canada)
- 3 March 2022
- Immanuel Community Church (Flushing, New York, USA)
 - Redeemer Community Church, The (Flushing, New York, USA)
- 26 February 2022
- Andrews Bridge Christian Fellowship (Christiana, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 25 February 2022
- Boldt, Cornelius (1902-2000)
- 24 February 2022
- Big Laurel Mennonite Church (Creston, North Carolina, USA)
- 23 February 2022
- Rainbow Mennonite Church (Mountain City, Tennessee, USA)
- 19 February 2022
- Yoder, John Harvey (1881-1980)
- 18 February 2022
- Burkholder, John Richard "J. R." (1928-2019)
- 15 February 2022
- Gascho, Doris Yvonne (1933-2021)
- 14 February 2022
- Weber, Doris Barbara (1930-2021)
- 10 February 2022
- Bethany Grace Fellowship (East Earl, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 9 February 2022

- Faith Mennonite Church (Oxford, New Jersey, USA)
- 7 February 2022
- Lakeview Christian Fellowship (Chestertown, Maryland, USA)
- 5 February 2022
- Pursuit Church (Manheim, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 3 February 2022
- New Community Mennonite Church (Berwyn, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 2 February 2022
- Hopewell Christian Fellowship (Telford, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 31 January 2022
- Grace Reformed Fellowship (Bernville, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 30 January 2022
- LOVE Christian Fellowship (Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, USA)
 - New Life Mennonite Church (Downingtown, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 28 January 2022
- Hopewell Community Church (Pottstown, Pennsylvania, USA)
 - Petra Church (New Holland, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 26 January 2022
- Hopewell Mennonite Church (Reading, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 25 January 2022
- Spring City Fellowship (Spring City, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 23 January 2022
- Good Shepherd Community Church (Reamstown, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 18 January 2022
- Meadowview Mennonite Church (Lansing, North Carolina, USA)
 - Patkau, Esther (1927-2017)
- 15 January 2022
- Mennonite Historical Society of British Columbia
- 12 January 2022
- South Coatesville Mennonite Church (Coatesville, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 9 January 2022
- Living Truth Fellowship (Christiana, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 6 January 2022
- Ridgeview Mennonite Church (Gordonville, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 5 January 2022
- North Brook Hutterite Colony (Stirling, Alberta, Canada)
- 1 January 2022
- Pilgrims Mennonite Church (Akron, Pennsylvania, USA)

Mennonite World Conference
Budget Worksheet
For the year ending December 31, 2022

	2020	2021	2022	Previous Budget 2023	Updated Budget 2023
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INCOME					
Contributions	6,060	6,248	7,157	7,000	
Other Income	51	28	79		
Total income	6,112	6,276	7,236	7,000	
EXPENSES					
Staff Costs					-
Travel Costs	-	-	-		-
Office Costs	1,165	2,294	3,090	2,500	
Meeting Costs	-	-	73		-
Administration Costs	610	2,749	-	2,750	
Total expenses	1,775	5,043	3,163	5,250	
Exchange gain/(loss)	81	-			-
Net Fund Activity	4,418	1,233	4,073	1,750	
Beginning Balance	13,562	17,795	18,571	22,065	22,065
Management Fees	(485)	(457)	(579)	560	
Fund transfers	300	-	-	-	
Ending Balance	17,795	18,571	22,065	24,375	

2022 Contributions:

Donor	Amount CAD	Amount USD
Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Ch		300.00
Conrad Grebel University College		232.24
Canadian Mennonite University		300.00
Columbia Bible College		218.72
Steinbach Bible College		218.72
Mennonite Museum Society		218.72
D. F. Plett Historical Research Foundation Inc.		218.72
Bert Friesen	250.00	193.53
Sam Steiner	500.00	364.54
Troy Osborne	50.00	36.45
Mennonite Church USA Inc.		300.00
Eastern Mennonite University		300.00
Rosedale Bible College		300.00
Elizabethtown College		300.00
Bethel College		300.00
Hesston College		300.00
Goshen College		300.00
Goshen College		300.00
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary		300.00
Mennonite Central Committee		300.00
Fresno Pacific University		300.00
Bluffton University		300.00
Rolando Santiago		200.00
Marjorie Wall Hofer		1,200.00
Total for 2022		7,157.41