

Associate Editor Report

GAMEO Statistics March 2019

	Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Mar 2019
Users per Day	967	1,324	1,219	1,074	1,050	1,032	1,317
Articles in GAMEO	15,463	15,644	15,938	16,128	16,238	16,483	16,539

In March 2019 the GAMEO site had a total of 49,789 sessions/visits and 40,814 users/visitors. The number of pages visited per session was 1.89, and the average session duration was 1 minutes and 22 seconds (down 10 seconds from December). The bounce rate (the percentage of visitors who enter the site and "bounce" [leave the site] rather than continue viewing other pages within the same site) was 74.58%. The user numbers for March are always higher than December since educational institutions are less active in December.

In terms of the language of our visitors in March 93.13% were English-speaking, 1.57% were German, 0.44% were Dutch, 0.47% were French, and 0.32% were Spanish. The non-English percentage was down about 3% from last October's report.

The top ten countries in which the visitors were located were: United States, 52.78%, Canada, 36.78%, Germany, 1.57%, United Kingdom, 0.96%, Netherlands, 0.66%, Australia, 0.49%, India, 0.38%, Poland, 0.33%, Mexico, 0.32%, and France, 0.31%. The USA percentage was up significantly from last October; the percentage from outside North America dropped. The most visitors from one city in March 2019 came from Chicago, Illinois—7,010 visitors, which is a very high number that has no explanation. Second was Calgary, Alberta; it was first in the previous two statistical reports. Seven of the top nine cities are all in Canada; the second USA city is New York which came in 6th (which may be due primarily to Charlie Kraybill of the Marginal Mennonite Society who posts references to Anabaptist martyrs on Facebook every day).

The top pages visited in March were: 1) Welcome to GAMEO; 2) Church of God in Christ, Mennonite; 3) Molotschna Mennonite Settlement; 4) Hutterian Brethren; 5) Chortitza Mennonite Settlement; 6) Mennonite Encyclopedia, The; 7) Dordrecht Confession of Faith (Mennonite 1632); 8) GAMEO: Community Portal; 9) Dariusleut; 10) Beachy Amish Mennonite Fellowship; 11) Mennonite Confession of Faith (1963); 12) Names (Mennonite); 13)

Menno Simons; 14) Prairie Home Hutterite Colony (Conrad, Alberta, Canada); 15) Nationwide Fellowship Churches. Most articles in this list have been on previous “top page” lists.

The new articles since October 2018 come from a mix of Bert Friesen’s Hutterite-related colony stubs, some new congregational entries, and a smattering of new biographies from various sources. A list of articles added to GAMEO since October 2018 is attached. Many of the articles on North American Mennonite post-secondary institutions were updated in the past year.

Editors

Active editors in 2018 and early 2019 have included Alf Redekopp, Bert Friesen and Sam Steiner. More limited editorial work has been done by Richard Thiessen, Susan Huebert and Jason Kauffman. John Roth and Jon Isaak have provided valuable input on several theological articles, and John Roth has solicited several articles of greater length. A new editor who is offering to provide some updated content from Kansas is Jason A. Miller of Newton. Hopefully this will generate some content from a Mennonite area with a long, complex history from which we have not been able to get much activity.

Regional Editorial Committees

There are still nominal regional groups in Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They have produced a limited number of articles.

PeaceWorks

Although we have experienced a few outages in GAMEO in the past six months, they have not been terribly onerous. I do have some increasing concerns about the fiscal viability of PeaceWorks over the long term; they have had several changes in CEO in the past several years, and some persons who worked extensively for us on GAMEO projects are no longer with PeaceWorks. This may force us to look at pricier alternatives in future. Bert Friesen has had more contact with PeaceWorks recently and may have other thoughts on this issue.

Person Activity

My own activity on GAMEO has focused on editing and posting articles submitted from elsewhere, responding to emails that come to the GAMEO email address, updating congregational articles that come to my attention through Mennonite media that have changes, writing biographies of some

conservative leaders featured in the “Profiles of Leaders” section of *The Historical Journal* published by the Eastern Pennsylvania Mennonite Church, adding Nationwide Fellowship Churches when short historical information is provided to me by Samuel Hoover from some of that group’s yearbooks, and occasionally writing biographies of Ontario (and other) leaders.

I don’t believe I will be able to attend the Management Board meeting in person this year. My wife, Sue Clemmer Steiner, has stage 4 lung cancer that has metastasized to the brain, liver and spine. She has ceased aggressive treatment against the treatment, and we have recently begun symptom and pain management at home. She is still somewhat active, gets out of the house for appointments, visits with friends, Sunday morning church and countryside drives, and thankfully has experienced no pain. I am not willing to be gone from her overnight, so I hope that I can be part of the meeting by Skype for an hour or so on Tuesday morning. Alf Redekopp has volunteered to take minutes for the meeting.

--Sam Steiner, Associate Editor, April 4, 2019

New Articles in GAMEO (from a list maintained by Richard Thiessen)

30 March 2019

- Crosshill Independent Old Order Mennonite Meetinghouse (Crosshill, Ontario, Canada)

21 March 2019

- Northend Church (St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada)

18 March 2019

- Baer, Mervin Joseph (1915-2009)

16 March 2019

- Fransen, Jacob (1930-2012)

26 February 2019

- Grass Land Hutterite Colony (Great Falls, Montana, USA)

24 February 2019

- Danner, Richard Emanuel (1907-1982)

22 February 2019

- Peckham Community (Lewisham, London, United Kingdom)
- Villa Primavera Community (Barrio Mariscal Estigarribia, Asunción, Paraguay)
- Sannerz Community (Sannerz, Hesse, Germany)

21 February 2019

- Holzland Community (Bad Klosterlausnitz, Thuringia, Germany)
- Danthonia Community (Elsmore, New South Wales, Australia)
- Armidale Community (Armidale, New South Wales, Australia)
- The Mount Community (Esopus, New York, USA)
- Bucher, Simon Gingrich (1887-1972)

19 February 2019

- Spring Valley Community (Farmington, Pennsylvania, USA)
- Rondout Community (Kingston, New York, USA)
- Pittsburgh House Community (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA)
- Parkview Community (Albany, New York, USA)
- Harlem House Community (New York, New York, USA)

16 February 2019

- Moberly Mennonite Church (Moberly, Missouri, USA)

15 February 2019

- Fox Hill Community (Walden, New York, USA)
- Durham Community (Durham, North Carolina, USA)
- Bellvale Community (Chester, New York, USA)
- Bayboro Community (St. Petersburg, Florida, USA)

12 February 2019

- Goerzen, Susie Mae “Sue” (1925-2006)
- Burning Times, The (Film)
- Mennonite Messianic Mission (Ephrata, Pennsylvania, USA)

8 February 2019

- New Meadow Run Community (Farmington, Pennsylvania, United States)
- Maple Ridge Community (Ulster Park, New York, USA)
- Darvell Community (Robertsbridge, East Sussex, United Kingdom)
- Platte Clove Community (Elka Park, New York, USA)
- Beech Grove Community (Nonington, Kent, United Kingdom)

6 February 2019

- Neuenschwander, Jesse (1933-1999)

2 February 2019

- Luseland Hutterite Colony (Luseland, Saskatchewan, Canada)

1 February 2019

- Rod and Staff Publishers (Crockett, Kentucky, USA)

31 January 2019

- Institute of Mennonite Studies (Elkhart, Indiana, USA)

24 January 2019

- Huebert, Abraham (Abram) A. (1884-1965)

22 January 2019

- Warkentin, Henry (1923-2017)

17 January 2019

- Wiebe, Anne (1918-2013)

10 January 2019

- Benner, Richard “Dick” (1939-2017)
- 21 December 2018
- California Mennonite Church (Montgomery, Michigan, USA)
- 20 December 2018
- Coldsprings Mennonite Church (Mancelona, Michigan, USA)
- 11 December 2018
- Witmer Heights Mennonite Church (Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 8 December 2018
- Weaver, George W. (1818-1883)
 - Rosewood Hutterite Colony (Czar, Alberta, Canada)
- 7 December 2018
- Mennonite Church of Warsaw (Warsaw, Indiana, USA)
- 5 December 2018
- Enns, Henry (1943-2002)
- 30 November 2018
- Bourbon Chapel (Bourbon, Indiana, USA)
- 29 November 2018
- Rufus, Vedula Kanakaiah “V. K. Rufus” (1942-2003)
- 26 November 2018
- Martin, Lester Stauffer (1929-2008)
- 19 November 2018
- Anabaptist Identity Conference
- 18 November 2018
- Lynedoch Mennonite Church (Delhi, Ontario, Canada)
- 15 November 2018
- El Manantial Mennonite Church (Ascensión de Guarayos, Santa Cruz, Bolivia)
- 8 November 2018
- Renick Christian Fellowship (Renick, West Virginia, USA)

- Iglesia Menonita de Choluteca (Choluteca, Honduras)

6 November 2018

- Sierra Valley Christian Fellowship (Beckwourth, California, USA)

2 November 2018

- Gemeinde (word)

29 October 2018

- Lebold, Ralph Arthur (1934-2017)

26 October 2018

- High Falls Mennonite Church (Robbins, North Carolina, USA)
- Mill Creek Mennonite Church (Spring Hope, North Carolina, USA)

23 October 2018

- Roth, Lorraine Marie (1930-2013)

6 October 2018

- Miner Creek Hutterite Colony (Crooked River, Saskatchewan, Canada)
- May City Hutterite Colony (Torrington, Alberta, Canada)