

The Historical Commission, through its four archives (Fresno, Abbotsford, Hillsboro, and Winnipeg), offers research and archiving services to MB churches—

their institutions and their people—for the mission of God that we share. Each archive generates two "deliverables": archival resourcing and interpretive resourcing.

1. Archival resourcing	2. Interpretative
includes preserving,	resourcing includes
describing, and making	offering analysis on
accessible church records	questions of Mennonite
and resources (photos,	theology and history, as
meeting minutes,	requested by individuals,
periodicals, congregational	congregations, and
records, reports, statistics,	conference ministers.
study papers, etc.).	

The Commission funds the initiatives listed below. For application criteria and details concerning these and other initiatives—and the news releases announcing past recipients and their projects—see the Commission's website, <u>mbhistory.org</u>.

• Profiles of Mennonite Faith, distributed to MB Churches in the U.S. and Canada. These pamphlets feature stories of remarkable men and women who overcame great odds to share their Christian faith. Recent *Profiles* include Helen Toews, Kusangila Kintondo, and Larry Warkentin. See <u>https://mbhistory.org/profiles/</u> for all profiles.

• Katie Funk Wiebe Research Grant of up to \$2,000 supports research, creative productions, and publication on the history and contributions of Mennonite Brethren women around the world. For application details, see <a href="https://mbhistory.org/opp/kfw-grant/">https://mbhistory.org/opp/kfw-grant/</a>.

• **MB Studies Project Grant** of up to \$2,500 supports research on topics of historical and theological interest to Mennonite Brethren generally. For application details, see <a href="https://mbhistory.org/opp/mb-project-grant/">https://mbhistory.org/opp/mb-project-grant/</a>

• Alfred Neufeld Global Church History Project Grant of up to \$2,000 supports church history projects, focusing on churches associated with the International Community of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB) outside North America. See https://mbhistory.org/opp/global-church-grant/

• J.B. Toews Scholarships of \$1,000 support students distinguishing themselves in Anabaptist-Mennonite studies at MB affiliated colleges (FPU, CMU, CBC).

• Book Publications. Since 1955, history and theology books have been published by the Conference to resource MB congregations. Over 120 of these books (see screen shot below) are now viewable online as "open-source documents" at the Internet Archive. See <u>https://archive.org/details/@jonisaak/</u>

For more information on any of these services, contact Jon Isaak, executive secretary, jon.isaak@mbchurches.ca

Since its formation in 1969, the Commission has helped coordinate the MB archiving services. It is a funded ministry of both the U.S. Conference of MB Churches and the Canadian Conference of MB Churches.

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