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| <p>1978 Marlin Miller, Professor of Theology at Goshen (Indiana) Biblical Seminary. Mennonites and Contemporary Theology.</p> <p>1979 Lectures cancelled.</p> <p>1980 J. Gerald Janzen, Professor of Old Testament at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Terrors of History and the Fear of the Lord.</p> <p>1981 Frank H. Epp, Professor of History at Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo Ontario. Mennonites with the Millennium on Their Mind.</p> <p>1982 Jürgen Moltmann, Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Tübingen, Germany. Responsibility for the World and Christian Discipleship.</p> <p>1983 Cornelius J. Dyck, Professor of Anabaptist and Sixteenth Century Studies at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, Elkhart, Indiana. Rethinking the Anabaptist Vision.</p> <p>1984 Kenneth Bailey, Professor of New Testament at the Near East School of Theology, Beirut, Lebanon. Jesus Interprets His Own Cross: A Middle Eastern Cultural Approach.</p> <p>1985 Orlando Costas, Professor of Missiology at Andover Newton Theological School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Crisis of Mission in the West and the Challenge of World Missions.</p> <p>1986 Susan Muto, Director of the Institute of Formative Spirituality at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Christian Spirituality and Everyday Living: A Practical Approach to Faith Formation.</p> <p>1987 Walter Klaassen, Research Professor of Religious Studies and History at Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, Ontario. The Emancipated Laity: Anabaptism in Its Time</p> <p>1988 W. Sibley Towner, Professor of Old Testament at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. The Bible and Our Human Nature.</p> <p>1989 Stanley Hauerwas, Professor of Theology and Ethics at the Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Resident Aliens: The Church and Its Ministry.</p> <p>1990 Werner O. Packull, Professor of History at Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, Ontario. Rereading Anabaptist Beginnings.</p> <p>1991 I. Howard Marshall, Professor of New Testament at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. The Theological Message of the Letter to the Philippians.</p> <p>1992 George Lindbeck, Professor at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut. The Church as Hermeneutical Community: Jews, Christians and the Bible.</p> <p>1993 Phyllis A. Bird, Associate Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Garret-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. Feminism and the Bible.</p> | <p>1994 David Augsburg, Professor of Pastoral Counselling at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. Shepherding, Reconciling, Healing: The Church and Christian Counselling.</p> <p>1995 George Rawlyk, Professor in the Department of History, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Is Jesus Your Personal Saviour? In Search of Canadian Evangelicalism in the 1990s.</p> <p>1996 Nancy Murphy, Associate Professor of Christian Philosophy at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. Christian Faith in a Scientific Age.</p> <p>1997 Richard B. Hays, Professor of New Testament at Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina. New Testament Ethics: The Story Retold.</p> <p>1998 Eugene H. Peterson, James M. Houston Professor of Spiritual Theology at Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia. Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places.</p> <p>1999 T.D. Regehr, Professor Emeritus of History, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Peace, Order and Good Government: Mennonites and Politics in Canada.</p> <p>2000 William P. Brown, Professor of Old Testament at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. God and the Imagination: A Primer to Reading the Psalms in an Age of Pluralism.</p> <p>2001 Letty M. Russell, Professor of Theology, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut. Practicing God's Hospitality in a World of Difference.</p> <p>2002 Sean Freyne, Professor of Theology and Director of the Centre for Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies, Trinity College, Dublin. Jesus, Jews, and Galilee.</p> <p>2003 Paul G. Hiebert, Professor of Mission and Anthropology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois. Doing Missional Theology.</p> <p>2004 Peter C. Erb, Professor of Religion and Culture at Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario. Late Medieval Spirituality and the Sources for Peace and Reconciliation.</p> <p>2005 Paul J. Griffiths, Schmitt Professor of Catholic Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago, Illinois. Curiosity: Towards a Theology of Intellectual Appetite.</p> <p>2006 Joel J. Shuman, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Theology, and Director of the Center for Ethics and Public Life at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. To Live Is to Worship: Bioethics and the Body of Christ.</p> <p>2007 Ellen Davis, Professor of Bible and Practical Theology, Duke Divinity School. Live Long on the Land: Food and Farming in Biblical Perspective.</p> <p>2008 Mark A. Noll, Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame. A Yankee Looks North: Toward an Appreciation and Assessment of the History of Christianity in Canada.</p> |
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# THE FREE CHURCH AND ISRAEL'S COVENANT

A groundwork for a Mennonite-Jewish theological dialogue



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These four lectures offer groundwork for a Mennonite-Jewish theological dialogue. One context for the dialogue is a sphere of overlapping interests among Jews and Mennonites who have returned to consider the power of scripture at a time when both secularism and radical anti-secularism have lost their luster. Another context is the publication of John Howard Yoder's *The Jewish-Christian Schism Revisited*. Yet another context is an emerging effort among Jewish, Christian, and Muslim scholars to meet together in peace and through conversations about scripture. A final context is the on-going loss of life, justice, and hope in Israel-Palestine. *The Free Church and Israel's Covenant* introduces Mennonite-Jewish theological dialogue as a contribution to the work of inter-Abrahamic peace and of scriptural truth.

**October 20, 10:30 AM**

John Howard Yoder's Repair and Not Repair of the Jewish-Christian Schism

**October 20, 7:30 PM**

Biblical Israel, Rabbinic Judaism and Sola Scriptura

**October 21, 10:30 AM**

Abrahamic Scriptural Reasoning and/in the Mennonite World Mission

**October 21, 7:30 PM**

The Free Church, Israel, and Islam Today

**Peter Ochs** is Edgar Bronfman Professor of Modern Judaic Studies at the University of Virginia, and co-director of the Society for Scriptural Reasoning and of the Children of Abraham Institute. He has authored, co-authored or co-edited a number of books including *Another Reformation: Postliberal Christianity and the Jews*; *The Jewish-Christian Schism Revisited*; *Peirce, Pragmatism, and the Logic of Scripture*; *Reviewing The Covenant: Eugene Borowitz and the Postmodern Renewal of Theology*; *Christianity in Jewish Terms*; *Reasoning after Revelation: Dialogues in Postmodern Jewish Philosophy*; *The Return to Scripture in Judaism and Christianity*; *Understanding the Rabbinical Mind*; and *Reviewing the Covenant*. With Stanley Hauerwas, he co-edits the book series *Radical Traditions: (Jewish, Christian, and Muslim) Theology in a Post-critical Key*. Professor Ochs serves on the editorial boards of *Modern Theology*, *The Journal of Culture and Religion*, and *Crosscurrents*.



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- Oct. 20 - 21 **J.J. Thiessen Fall Lecture Series**
- Oct. 24 **Fall Dessert Evening & Fundraiser**
- Nov. 17 - 18 **John & Margaret Friesen Lectures**, Mennonite Women in Canada. Lecturer: Marlene Epp, Associate Professor of History and Peace & Conflict Studies Conrad Grebel University College
- Nov. 15 Vespers Worship Service, 7:30 PM
- Nov. 29 Christmas at CMU
- Dec. 20 Vespers Worship Service, 7:30 PM
- Jan. 25 - 26 **Church in Ministry Seminar** Mapping the Way: Finding Pathways Through Challenging Issues. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tim Geddert
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