

**Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies
Fresno, California**

**General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches
Board of Faith and Life
An Inventory of Records**

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Creator: General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. Board of Faith and Life.
Title: Records of the Board of Faith and Life.
Inclusive dates: 1990-1999
Quantity: 0.75 linear ft.
Record Group No.: A380

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Board of Faith and Life came into existence as part of the General Conference Restructuring of 1990. According to that proposal, this board had five primary functions: 1) serve as the guardian of the Confession of Faith; 2) watch over the spiritual life of the General Conference and its churches and gives guidance and direction in matters of faith, doctrine and ethics; 3) function as an advisory board to national and district/provincial conferences in matters of doctrine, ethics and polity; 4) initiate appropriate disciplinary action when conditions contrary to the teaching of the Bible and the principles of the General Conference exist in our churches or conferences; 5) convene study conferences for purposes of study and discernment on issues of faith, discipleship or polity.

The board consisted of twelve members: seven elected by the convention (three from Canada, three from the U.S. and one member-at-large); The General Conference executive officers (moderator, assistant moderator and secretary); one representative from each comparable national board (the Board of Faith and Life in Canada and the Board of Church Ministries in the U.S.); the General Conference Executive Secretary.

For the most part, this board continued the work of the Board of Reference and Counsel (Record Group A220). The Board of Faith and Life, however, was no longer responsible for the General Conference administrative tasks that were handled by BORAC. Those administrative responsibilities became the responsibility of the Executive Council (Record Group A390) as part of the 1990 restructuring plan.

The Board of Faith and Life ceased to exist in 2002 with the dissolution of the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

This record group contains, minutes and reports, correspondence and study conference proceedings created by the Board of Faith and Life, 1990-1999.

CITATION GUIDELINES

Cite as: General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches Board of Faith and Life Records, Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Fresno, Calif.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Minutes, 1991-1999

Correspondence

 General, 1990-1999

 Roland Reimer, 1992-1995

 Lynn Jost, 1992-1999

Confession of Faith, 1992-1995

Hymnal project, 1991-1994

River East Mennonite Brethren Church (women in ministry), 1991-1996

Women in ministry, 1992-1999

North American Church Growth Consultation (2-4 April 1991), 1991

Vision '92 Study Conference (1-4 April 1992), 1992

Study Conference (7-9 April 1994)

New Pastors Orientations, 1991-1999

Other material, 1992

Brochures, 1996 & undated