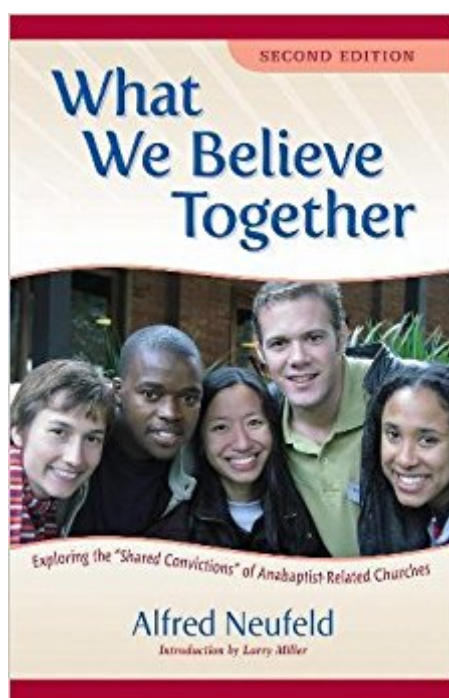


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What We Believe Together: Exploring The 'Shared Convictions' Of Anabaptist-Related Churches



Synopsis

Today, more than 1.7 million Christians are members of Mennonite-related churches. They are scattered across eighty-three countries. They trace their history to the Anabaptist movement, a part of the sixteenth-century Radical Reformation in Europe. What beliefs do these heirs of the free-church movement, only loosely connected to each other, hold in common today? This first-of-its-kind book explores seven convictions shared by these churches, now on six continents, who have always insisted that what they believe will be reflected in how they live. Theologian and teacher Alfred Neufeld, of Asunción, Paraguay, was asked by Mennonite World Conference to write this commentary on the seven convictions. In a rich and readable style, he fills out their meaning and significance, drawing upon Old and New Testament scriptures as well as examples and stories from history and current church life around the world. Writing as a member from the Southern Hemisphere, Neufeld brings a fresh view to a movement that for more than four hundred years was active primarily in Europe and North America. (The majority of members now live in the global south.) This book offers a fresh and up-to-date look at the core beliefs and the practices that have developed from them, held by Mennonite-related groups around the world today. This newly updated edition contains vibrant full-color photos throughout.

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Alfred Neufeld is a Mennonite theologian from Paraguay. An ordained minister, he has spent most of his professional life teaching and building up educational institutions. Neufeld is currently rector (president) of the Universidad Evangélica del Paraguay, a Protestant university owned by the

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A very helpful collection that reports on beliefs held by Anabaptists. It is interesting because what holds the Anabaptists together is not a collection of beliefs, but a commitment to follow Jesus. This book discusses the commonly shared beliefs that are held by most Anabaptists, thus it is very helpful. But the reader should remember that Anabaptists are not held together by a rigid doctrinal belief system that all members are expected to accept. There are many Anabaptists with more Fundamentalist leanings who wish this would be true, and they do have a following, but that is a semi-distortion of the central element of Anabaptist faith which is "are you following Jesus". But the book is a good presentation of what most Anabaptists accept.

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