

Amsterdam, 14 Jan 2021

Dear Students and Colleagues,

we look forward to our annual

European Mennonite Students of Theology Meeting (EMSTM).

Last year's EMSTM should have taken place at Dopersduin in School (The Netherlands), yet it had to be cancelled, due to the Corona pandemic.

The team in Amsterdam has taken it up again and we are committed to make it happen this year. Since we are still sitting in a lock-down in most of our European countries, and we do not see the end of that yet, we have decided to organize EMSTM 2021 **online!**

Mennonite students from the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland, from France, and probably many other countries – including those Mennonites from abroad who study in Europe at this time – will gather to study, discuss and share, pray and worship.

The theme (as planned for 2020 – and still relevant):

Tolerance, Power and Identity: Exclusion and Embrace from a Mennonite Perspective.

We have a draft program to share with you, and we do hope this meets your interest: (please see attachment)

We will start and end our days with morning and evening prayers.

Please indicate if you would be willing to do one of the morning prayers (about 15 minutes).

Online: All meetings will be organized as Zoom-session. We will send you the links shortly before the meeting. We hope to do as much interactive activities as possible.

And we have built in long breaks, especially in the afternoon. The whole program is much “lighter” than usually.

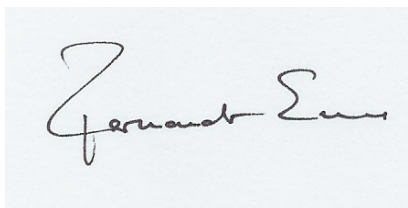
Language: we have become accustomed to use English as ‘lingua franca’ during our meetings, but we want to try to accommodate also those who speak other languages, as far as possible. Our goal is to be inclusive. Please indicate with your registration, if you need translation from/to English.

On Sunday, we plan to participate in the worship service of the Mennonite Congregation of Hamburg/Germany. Since Fernando is scheduled to preach that Sunday in Hamburg (possibly live streaming via youtube), we have the possibility to make that worship service part of our program, maybe including some of you in active roles.

For our planning, it would great to hear from you by **14 March**, if you plan to participate.

Please send a message to F.Enns@vu.nl

On behalf of the organizing team at Mennonite Seminary in Amsterdam,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature reads "Fernando Enns" in a cursive script.

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