

# California Mennonite Historical Society

## 2007 Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 24

Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary  
4824 E. Butler Ave., Fresno, California

### Schedule of Events

3:00 (Manitoba Room)

**Tim Janzen**

*"Genetic Genealogy: A New Tool for Mennonite Genealogists"*

Dr. Tim Janzen's presentation will describe recent advances in genetic testing and explain potential uses of this testing to help solve genealogical research questions. He will summarize early results from the Mennonite DNA project that is underway and will give attendees the opportunity to donate DNA samples as part of the project if they are interested in this. Tim Janzen is a family practice doctor at South Tabor Family Physicians in Portland, Oregon. He has had an interest in genealogical research for over 30 years and has been particularly involved in Mennonite genealogical research for the past 10 years. He has given many presentations about Mennonite genealogy in the United States and Canada. If you are willing to donate a DNA sample, please also bring your GRANDMA record number or a pedigree chart so that we can most easily identify your known ancestral information.

6:00 (British Columbia Lounge)

**Dinner & Business Meeting**

Reservations required. See below for details.

7:30 (Chapel)

**Piet Visser**

*"Dutch Mennonites and the Visual Arts"*

This illustrated lecture will explore famous Mennonite artists of the Golden Age of Dutch culture. It also will explore the way that Mennonites, as increasingly affluent members of Dutch society, were portrayed by various artists. Dr. Piet Visser is professor of Dutch Anabaptist/Mennonite history at both the Mennonite Seminary and the Theological Faculty of the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. Prior to this appointment he was the chief curator of the Special Collections Department of the library of the Universiteit van Amsterdam, including the famous Mennonite Library. He is the author and editor of several books and articles on church history and the history of Dutch Anabaptists and Mennonites. He also chairs the board of editors of the *Doopsgezinde Bijdragen*, the annual scholarly journal of the Dutch Mennonite Historical Society.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10.00 for Historical Society members; \$15.00 for non-members. New memberships (\$25) paid at the door will qualify for the member ticket price. There is no charge for the afternoon genealogical workshop or for the 7:30 program alone. Reservations for the dinner must be made by March 21. Call 559-453-2225 for reservations.