

California Mennonite Historical Society Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Afternoon program

(4:00 p.m. in Marpeck 108 at Fresno
Pacific University, 1717 S. Chestnut):

“The History Within Us: Using Genealogy to Discover Our Place in History”

Alan Peters will lead a working session in which he uses the GRANDMA database to help pinpoint how we each have been part of larger events in history. Alan will start with examples from his own family that reflect its role in larger community and world history. He will then ask participants to share additional stories that come out of their own family conversations and memories. In this way we will "cement" the connection between genealogy and the larger themes of history.

Dinner & Business Meeting

**6:00 in the Seminary British
Columbia Lounge (4824 E. Butler Ave.)**

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 video or for the 7:30 program alone. Reservations for the dinner must be made by March 10. Call 559-453-2225 for reservations or further information.

Parking is available at both FPU and MBBS

This year's featured program

“Planting Sequoias: Why Healing the Body of Christ Should Start Close to Home . . . and Why it Will Take a Long Time “

John D. Roth

(7:30 in the seminary chapel, 4824 E. Butler Ave.)

The year 2010 is the 150th anniversary of the founding of both the Mennonite Brethren and General Conference Mennonite Churches. In that context, historian John D. Roth will offer perspectives on issues of division and unity within the Mennonite world.

John D. Roth is a professor of history at Goshen (Indiana) College, where he also serves as the director of the Mennonite Historical Library and editor of *The Mennonite Quarterly Review*. Roth has written and edited numerous books, including *Anabaptism: Conversations With a Radical Tradition*, *Beliefs: Mennonite Faith and Practice*, *Stories: How Mennonites Came to Be*, *Practices: Mennonite Worship and Witness*, and *Choosing Against War: A Christian View*.