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**Holiday Inn Express** 6000 National Rd. East Richmond, IN 47374

PH 888-480-4427

**Quality Inn & Conference Center** 5501 National Rd. East Richmond, IN 47374

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**Fairfield Inn** 9797 National Rd. New Paris, OH 45347 PH 937-437-800

**Comfort Suites** 421 Commerce Rd. Richmond, IN 47374 PH 765-259-0077

**Lodging in Homes:** Rochelle Miller 937-604-9463

**Mission Statement**

1. To propose the truth of the good news of Jesus (the Gospel) in subjects that are relevant for our times.
2. To hold forth the ancient radical faith of those who've gone before us as examples for ourselves.
3. To provide a forum where question can be asked without fear.
4. To provide a forum to be able to think outside of the box.
5. To assist Anabaptist /Pietists in strengthening the things that remain and sending Anabaptist people back to their congregations to build up and encourage.
6. To provoke Anabaptist / Pietists to thoughtful consideration of Biblical truths that may be lacking in their lives and settings.
7. To provide fellowship for conservative Anabaptist/Pietist groups.
8. To respect all groups, encouraging a building up of the church of Jesus.

**Anabaptist/Pietist Beliefs**

Anabaptists/Pietists believe in salvation by grace through faith (not just by "grace alone"). We believe that grace empowers the believer to be Christ-like in all of life, and that "getting saved" is simply the beginning. We believe that Christianity is all about an obedient love-faith relationship with Christ. We believe that obedience to Jesus' teachings is not optional. To us, the goal of Christianity is the Kingdom and Glory of God, not just a "personal Salvation". To us, the Kingdom of God (in its representative form) begins now, and culminates in the future in its fulfillment and glory. It is a reality to be experienced now by living out the teachings of Jesus (especially the Sermon on the Mount). We understand the Epistles in light of Jesus' clear teachings in the Gospels. We believe in two kingdoms, (as taught by Jesus) and do not use force to impose a Christian ethic on society. We believe that in God's Kingdom the Gospel ethic is obeyed voluntarily without the use of carnal force. We see the Kingdom of God as the society God originally intended, made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that believers are empowered by the Spirit of God to conquer sin and demonstrate what the world would look like if everybody obeyed the King.

*Adapted from quote by John D. Martin*

# 19th Anabaptist Identity Conference January 30 & 31 & February 1, 2025

**Conference Location:**

Seedtime Acres  
759 Stephens Rd.  
West Manchester, Ohio 45382

Hosted by: Nathan & Matthias Overholt / The Christian Hymnary Publishers  
& the members of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church, New  
Conference.

*Who Are We? Where Have We Come From?  
Where Are We Going?*

*The birth of The Anabaptist Identity Conference was to awaken the  
conscience and arrest the alarming desertion of our people from  
radical Christianity.*

**Announcements**

- Please register by providing us with your name, phone number and how many people will be attending.  
PH. 615-268-4375 E-mail: [anabaptistidconference@gmail.com](mailto:anabaptistidconference@gmail.com).
- Looking ahead to 2026: Location of conference to be determined.
- Conference Line: 712-432-8773 Code: Grace (47223)
- Website: [www.anabaptistidentityconference.com](http://www.anabaptistidentityconference.com)  
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**Recordings of Previous  
Conferences:**

2007 – 2009, 2010 FL & PA  
2011 - 2024

**Victory Music Services**

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**Thursday Afternoon, January 30**

1:00 Songs, Welcome & Opening Prayer

**Biographical Sketch of Anabaptist Leader, Conrad Grebel**

.....Andrew Ste. Marie, Manchester, MI

**Media / Propaganda**.....Harry Argo, Virginia Beach, VA

**Neither Anabaptist nor Pietist: Rethinking the Dunker Dialectic**

.....Sam Funkhouser, Harrisonburg, VA

5 - 10 minute Question & Answer Periods Following Each Dissertation

**Thursday Evening**

5:00 Supper

6:30 Impromptu Youth Chorus

7:00 Songs, Welcome & Prayer

**Is the Anabaptist Vision Still Relevant?**.....David Bercot, Amberson, PA

**Jesus and the American Dream:** ..... John D. Martin, Chambersburg, PA

**Friday Morning, January 31**

8:30 Songs, Welcome, Prayer

**Salt, Light & Fire: Why Did the Early Anabaptists Evangelize**..... Andrew Ste. Marie

**Truth Testing Apostles and Prophets:** .....Paul Shirk, York , PA

**Are we Consistent In our Nonconformity?** One Dunkers Thoughts On Plainness

Today.....Sam Funkhouser

12:00 Lunch

**Friday Afternoon**

1:30 Songs, Welcome & Prayer

**Building Bridges Among Our People:** Harmonizing the Anabaptist & Brethren Views

of Baptism.....David Bercot

**Gospel To North Korea (20 minutes)**.....Name withheld to protect ministry

**Sports Addict to Street Evangelist (20 minutes)**.....Benji Grant, Dayton,OH

**Truth Testing Experiences & Teaching**.....Paul Shirk

**Friday Evening**

5:00 Supper

6:30 Impromptu Youth Chorus

7:00 Songs, Welcome & Prayer

**Fat & Kicking:** Dutch / Russian & Swiss Mennonite Cisterns.....

.....Chester Weaver, Itasca, TX

**Missions In Reverse:** Walking Away From Our Wonderful Heritage.....Harry Argo

**Saturday Morning, February 1**

8:30 Songs, Welcome & Prayer

**Fat & Kicking:** Brethren Cisterns.....Chester Weaver

**Deconstructing the False Dichotomy of World Denying Or World Engaging:**

.....Thane Boone, Covington, OH

9:30 Break

**Panel Discussion**.....

.....John D. Martin

Offering for expenses, Closing Remarks & Announcements

12:00 Lunch

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“We recognize a tree by its fruit, and we ought to be able to recognize a Christian by his action. The fruit of faith should be evident in our lives, for being a Christian is more than making sound professions of faith. It should reveal itself in practical and visible ways. Indeed, it is better to keep quiet about our beliefs, and live them out, than to talk eloquently about what we believe, but fail to live by it.”

*Ignatius of Antioch (50-110 A.D.)*

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**Seedtime Acres is a non-profit organization established for the purpose of communicating the stark reality of poverty through informational exhibits and interactive experiences. It is also a venue to provide family and group accommodations for fellowship and reflection. To learn more, or to donate to this charitable cause, please visit [seedtimeacres.com](http://seedtimeacres.com).**

There will be opportunity in the evenings for singing, and impromptu choruses by young people and others.

Special Thanks to those who helped prepare & serve food, and make this conference a reality!