#### **Confession of Faith** in a Mennonite Perspective

1. God 4. Scripture 2. Jesus Christ 5. Creation 3. Holy Spirit

#### **Outline**:

Articles 1-8 – Common themes among Christian churches

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Article 24 – The reign of God

# 2 Timothy 3, NIV

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



## (Article 4)

We believe that all **Scripture** is inspired by God through the Holy Spirit for instruction in salvation and training in righteousness. We accept the Scriptures as the Word of God and as the fully reliable and trustworthy standard for Christian faith and life. Led by the Holy Spirit in the church, we interpret Scripture in harmony with Jesus Christ.

# Seeking God through Scripture

- The goal is to know Jesus
- •A good interpretation leads us to practice the love of Jesus
- Learn from others (Our community and beyond)
- •There's always more to the story, but receive what you can

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.
- 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.
- 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.
- In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- 5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,

like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. Psalm 19:1-6

# (Article 5)

We believe that God has created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and that God preserves and renews what has been made. All creation has its source outside itself and belongs to the Creator. The world has been created good because God is good and provides all that is needed for life.

## Questions

- 1. In what ways do you believe God speaks? How have you listened for God's voice?
- 2. How can we learn to talk about how we read and interpret the Bible with the openness of our interpretation being challenged?
- 3. How does the teaching of God's creation impact how we care for creation?