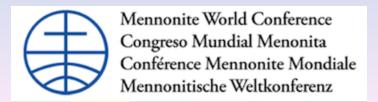
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I. Preliminary Remarks

- "Where there is faith, there is freedom." (Zwingli 1523)
- "The Anabaptists, who really should finally be cast to the ravens, are disturbing the peace of the pious among us. But I believe that the axe has been laid to the root of that tree." (Zwingli 1527)

II. "Steps to Reconciliation"

III. Anabaptist Emphases on Church, State and Politics

- 1. The Voluntary Nature of Faith and Church Membership
- 2. New Approaches to the Christian Faith in Place of Compulsory or Habitual Participation
- 3. "Seek the Welfare of the City" (Jer 29,7)

III. Anabaptist Emphases on Church, State and Politics

4. "Do Good to Them" - Just Peace and the Rejection of Lethal Violence

"What kind of Christians would we be if we wanted to take revenge on those who persecute us? We have not come to know Christ in such a way that we should inflict pain and evil on those who harm us; rather, we should do good to them. This is what we want to do as long as we live."

(Hans Seckler, 1527)

IV. Conclusion

"Strengthening our mutual testimony through dialogue" (Ruedi Reich, 2004)