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The objectives of the Sider Institute include the following:

- **To support programming** that encourages and promotes a greater understanding of Anabaptism, Pietism and Wesleyanism
- **To promote the understanding and exploration** of Brethren in Christ history and contemporary life
- **To promote peace and conflict studies** (PACS) and to oversee the PACS program at Messiah University, especially the peace and conflict studies major and minor in the Messiah University curriculum

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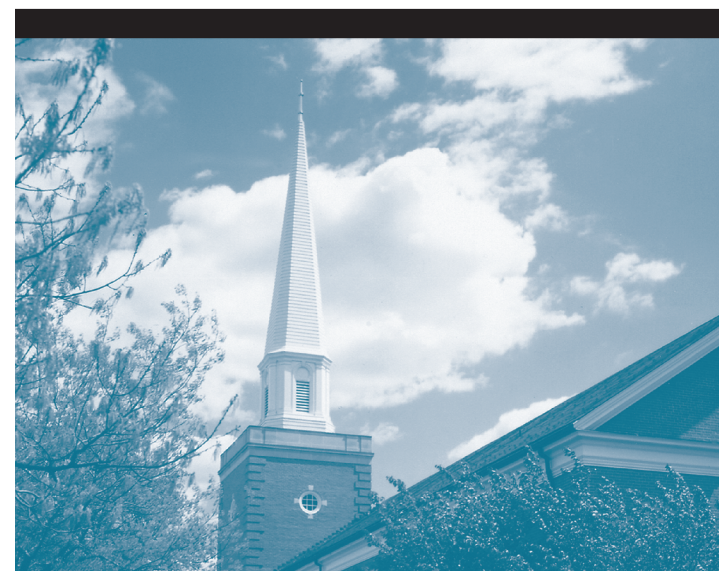
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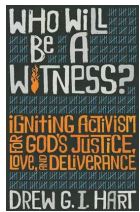
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# THE 2021 ANNUAL SCHRAG LECTURES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on large, in-person gatherings, the Schrag Lectures are looking a bit different this year!

The **Virtual Anabaptist Book Festival** will highlight recently published books by Anabaptist authors on a variety of topics: biblical pacifism, antiracist activism, Christian hope and more. Each webinar will feature a conversation with the author about their work and a virtual Q&A session with the audience. **The event is free, but pre-registration is required.**

## FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

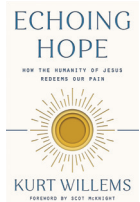


### "Who Will Be a Witness?"

**A conversation with Drew G. I. Hart**

*Monday, April 5 at 7 p.m. EST*

Hart will discuss his work as a public theologian and social activist, and will discuss his latest book, "Who Will Be a Witness?: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance" (Herald Press, 2020).

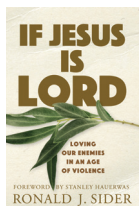


### "Echoing Hope"

**A conversation with Kurt Willems**

*Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m. EST*

Willems will discuss his new book "Echoing Hope: How the Humanity of Jesus Redeems Our Pain" (WaterBrook, 2021).



### "If Jesus is Lord"

**A conversation with Ronald J. Sider**

*Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. EST*

Sider will discuss his recent book, "If Jesus is Lord: Loving Our Enemies in an Age of Violence" (Baker, 2019), and reflect on his long career as a prolific writer, teacher, speaker and founding president of Christians for Social Action.

## ABOUT THE FESTIVAL SPEAKERS



from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

**Drew G. I. Hart** is assistant professor of theology at Messiah University. He is also an activist, speaker, and writer with experience in pastoral ministry. He holds a master of divinity degree from Biblical Theological Seminary and a PhD



University of Washington. He and his wife, Lauren, have two daughters and reside in Seattle, Washington.

**Kurt Willems** is a pastor, BIC church planter and writer. He is also the host of the "Theology Curator" podcast. He has a master of divinity degree from Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary and a master of arts in comparative religion from the



University of Washington. He and his wife, Lauren, have two daughters and reside in Seattle, Washington.

**Ronald J. Sider** is distinguished professor emeritus of theology, holistic ministry and public policy at Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University (St. Davids, Pa.) and the founder and president emeritus of Evangelicals for Social

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2013 David W. Shenk	2002 Tom Yoder Neufeld
2012 James Forbes	2001 Alan and Eleanor Kreider
2011 Ronald J. Sider	2000 Myron S. Augsburg
2010 Nathan Emerson Yoder	1999 John D. Roth

## IN HONOR OF THE SCHRAGS



The Schrag Lectures are named to honor Martin Schrag (1919–2002), professor emeritus of church history at Messiah University, and his wife Dorothy Schrag (1918–2017), assistant professor emerita of music. Both were also active in the Brethren in Christ Church.

Martin was an outstanding scholar of Anabaptist history and theology. His best-known publication was "The European History (1525-1874) of the Swiss Mennonites from Volhynia" (1974), in which he traced his ancestors' journey from Switzerland to Russia and then to the United States. With co-author John K. Stoner, he also wrote "The Ministry of Reconciliation" (1973). His last book, "Christian Leshner: Nineteenth-Century Brethren in Christ Bishop" (2003), was in press at the time of his passing. Martin's biography is one of three that is featured in "Embracing Scholarship, Piety and Obedience" (2009), published by the Brethren in Christ Historical Society.



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