

an interdisciplinary conference
that explores historical and contemporary
anabaptist convictions with particular
attention to marpeck and the marpeck circle

anabaptist convictions after marpeck

Scholarly and popular interest in Pilgram Marpeck, Anabaptist theologian, minister, and engineer, has grown significantly in recent years. This has resulted partly from the availability of new source material (below) but more so because of the themes that dominated Marpeck's thought. In Free Church circles today there is a new excitement about themes that are at the heart of Marpeck's thought, among them, the Trinity, the Incarnation, and their role in the relationship between the spiritual and material and their significance for sacraments.

Part of the impetus for a conference on Marpeck now is the publication of new texts and interpretations. In 2007 Heinold Fast and Martin Rothkegel brought out a critical edition of the Kunstbuch, forty-two long lost treatises by Marpeck and his Circle; it is the most significant publication of Anabaptist sources in a generation. That same year Malcolm Yamell's *The Formation of Christian Doctrine* appeared, featuring Marpeck as a defining thinker, followed by Neal Blough's study of Marpeck's christology, *Christ in Our Midst*, in English translation. This year two Marpeck specialists, Walter Klaassen and William Klassen, co-authored *Marpeck: A Life*, sure to be the definitive biography. In spring of 2009 an English translation of the Kunstbuch, edited by John Rempel, will appear in publication.

The purpose of 'anabaptist convictions after marpeck' is to take the measure of recent scholarship and pursue its relevance for theology, spirituality, sacramental life, and the role of church in society today. We anticipate a conference that is inter-disciplinary as well as one in which established scholars, students, and ministers engage one another. These and others exploring theological and pastoral questions in light of Marpeck are warmly invited to submit a proposal for a paper.

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