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Re: At the Crossroads: Promise and Peril  
Assembly & People's Summit for Faithful Living, 2008

Dear Friends across Mennonite Church Canada:

From July 7-10, nearly 600 people representing congregations and organizations from across Canada and from numerous places in the USA were inspired and challenged by deeply thinking about the gift that God's church is and has been throughout history.

We challenged each other to be more pragmatic than academic about our beliefs and values. We prayed with and for each other. We listened to and visited with church leaders from Chile and Mexico. We heard from some of our best teachers and preachers. We raised awareness and advocated for US war resisters seeking sanctuary in Canada.

Enclosed in this issue of Equipping are copies of all issues of *Crossroads Current*, the daily news sheet of this event. The *Crossroads Current* contains stories about the week's events, and inspiration for living faithfully as "a wise and discerning people" (theme text Deut. 4:6).

I invite you to post copies of the *Crossroads Current* on your bulletin board(s), place them in your church library, promote their availability during Sunday morning announcement times, help inform your congregation about what their wider church is and has been doing—and invite them to participate in this bigger picture of what it means to be the church in the world today.

Thank you to each one of you for your support of Mennonite Church Canada and the wider ministry we do together.

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