

## REGISTRATION FORM

Mennonite Historical Society of BC Genealogy Workshop 2017  
1818 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford, B.C. V2T 5X4

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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- \$20.00 Friday night DNA session  \$40.00 (Sat. 1 person)  \$70.00 (Sat. couple or both \$90)  
 \$50.00 for single both days.

The Mennonite Historical Society of BC was organized on 12 Dec 1972. Through its 45 year history the focus has shifted from the goal of developing a Museum depicting Mennonite life in Russia and western Canada and displaying a sizable collection of artifacts to developing and maintaining an environmentally-controlled Mennonite archive and research centre. The earlier idea of a Mennonite museum was supported by many of the older pioneers. Their intent was commendable – to establish for the coming generations a visible symbol of gratitude to God. Gradually a new vision emerged – a vision that attracted the imagination of another group of people keen to establish a Mennonite research centre.

Earliest attempts to salvage treasured Mennonite archival materials began at the Clearbrook Community Centre during the 1980s where some work was done to organize and record these materials. In 1986 an agreement was signed to transfer the files and other materials to Columbia Bible College. Subsequently, in 1987, the Mennonite Archival Association of BC was formed to oversee the development of the archives. Basement rooms at CBC were used for sorting and display from 1986 to 1991. In 1992, the Archives moved into excellent new facilities in the CBC Resource Centre and in 1994 the ownership of the Archives was transferred to the MHSBC. In 1997 the Society moved to Garden Park Tower.

In the fall of 2015, MHSBC relocated once again to the Mennonite Heritage Museum, where the Society has ample space for its research library, archival holdings, and volunteer activities.



## GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP FALL 2017

**Friday, November 3, 2017**  
**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**  
**8:30 – 4:00 pm**

**Dr. Glenn Penner**

**Dr. Timothy Janzen**

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Registration - \$40.00  
(This includes lunch)

(Visa, Master Card, Discover &  
Debit cards accepted)

**Glenn Penner** is a chemistry professor from Guelph, Ontario who grew up in Plum Coulee, Manitoba. His interest in Mennonite history and genealogy was sparked by the



centennial of the coming of the Mennonites to Manitoba in 1974. He gave his first presentation at a Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society genealogy workshop in Altona, MB in 1976. Since then he has given numerous presentations. His current interests are in the history and genealogy of the Mennonites in Prussia and the use of DNA testing as an aid to genealogical research. He and Tim Janzen (of Portland, OR) run the Low-German Mennonite DNA Project.

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**Tim Janzen** is a medical doctor in the Portland, Oregon area. An avid bird watcher he is married to Rachel. They have two boys and two girls. Tim has been involved in various genealogy projects for many years, including the GRANDMA project and a number of microfilming projects



in the former Soviet Union. He is also involved in genetic genealogy.

Email: [mennonites@timjanzen.com](mailto:mennonites@timjanzen.com)

Notes:

**November 3**

6:00 pm

**Evening Registration**

6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Tim Janzen:** “What do I do with my Autosomal DNA Results?”

**November 4th**

8:30 – 9:00 am

**Registration/Coffee**

9:00 – 10:15

**Glenn Penner:** A study of early Hiebert/Huebert Families.

10:15 – 10:45

**Break**

10:45 – 11:30

**Tim Janzen:** Review of the major online genealogical websites. with Q & A

11:45 – Noon

**Glenn Penner:** What kind of genealogist are you?

12:00 – 1:15 pm

**Lunch**

1:15 – 2:15 pm

**Glenn Penner:** “Using the Mennonitische Rundschau and other early newspapers for genealogical research.”

2:15 – 3:00 pm

**Tim Janzen:** A review of Mennonite and Germans from Russia genealogy websites.

3:00 - 4:00pm

Free time