

THE REFORMATION



AND THE ANABAPTISTS

STEPS TO RECONCILIATION

**Saturday, 26 June 2004
Zurich, Switzerland**



Swiss Mennonite
Conference



Evangelical-Reformed Church
of the Canton of Zurich

CONFERENCE

The Reformation and the Anabaptists *Steps to reconciliation*

The Swiss Reformation started as a movement of renewal, but soon became a story of separation and persecution. The Reformed Church of Zurich wishes to acknowledge this era of intolerance in the historic city, where the roots of both the Reformed and the Anabaptists are found. Heinrich Bullinger, successor of Zwingli, born 500 years ago, has been recognized by a memorial on the northwest wall of the *Grossmunster*. On June 26th a historical marker for Felix Manz and his friends will be placed by the Limmat River, where they were drowned as martyrs of the Anabaptist Movement.

During this *conference* we will recall that era of separation and persecution.

Workshops will offer a deeper look at various aspects of our history, and will help us reflect on the possibilities of a common future.

A festive *service* in the Grossmunster will recognize the common bond both groups share in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A *cultural evening* program will conclude this historic occasion.

This conference is a common project of the *Evangelical-Reformed Church of the Canton of Zurich* and the *Swiss Mennonite Conference*.

PROGRAM

10 am Conference in the Grossmunster *Witnesses of the past and the present in word and music*

With Larry Miller, Mennonite World Conference, Setri Nyomi, World Alliance of the Reformed Churches, and guests from North America and around the world.

12 am Lunch

2 pm Workshops

- 1 Reformed and Anabaptists today
- 2 On the traces of the Anabaptists in Zurich
- 3 Peace, State and the Church
- 4 Anabaptist roots in Switzerland
- 5 Reformed and Mennonites in dialogue
- 6 Sense and nonsense of today's "events of reconciliation"

4:15 Festive service in the Grossmunster *Steps to reconciliation*

6 pm Dinner

8:00 Inauguration of the memorial for Felix Manz at the Limmat River

9 pm Cultural Evening Programme in the Grossmunster - Mennonite and Amish stories by John Sharp featuring Roland van Straaten, Blues Harp - New Swiss Folk Music