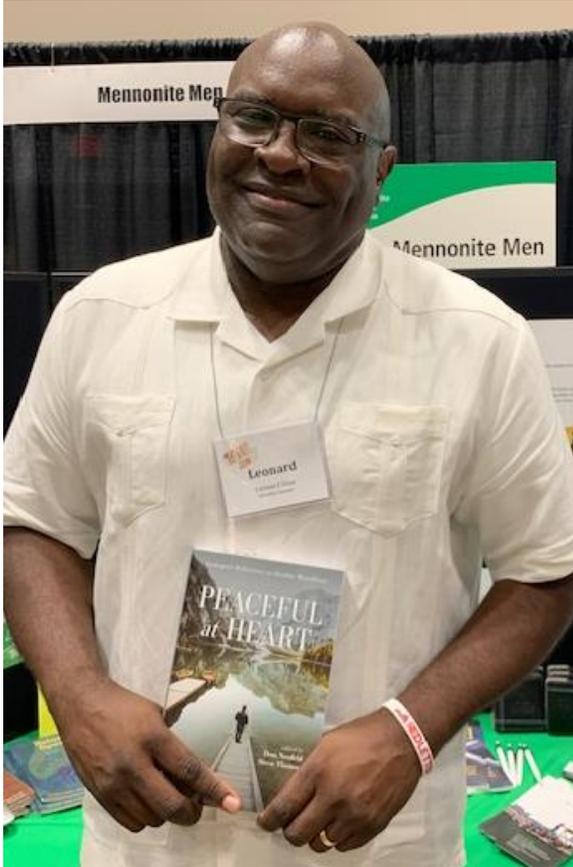


Healthy Masculinity Featured at Convention

Mennonite Men debuted their new book at Mennonite Convention in Kansas City, MO, just hot off the press.



Leonard Dow, one of the authors, with copy of book.

At the Mennonite Men luncheon with nearly a hundred men and one woman, Steve Thomas, U.S. Coordinator for Mennonite Men, introduced our new book, *Peaceful at Heart: Anabaptist Reflections on Healthy Masculinity* (Institute of Mennonite Studies and Wipf & Stock). Strong interest was expressed for this resource for men and churches.

For details about the book and to purchase a copy go to <https://wipfandstock.com/peaceful-at-heart.html>.
In Canada <https://www.commonword.ca/Home>.



Our remote control R2-D2 unit recruiting young males.

In a preconvention gathering focused on peace building, leaders from various organizations participated in an exercise to determine areas for peace work. Promoting healthy masculinity was identified as a high priority. So Mennonite Men will continue to focus on this in its work.

In another convention event, Steve Thomas with Mennonite Men and Jes Stoltzfus Buller with Mennonite Central Committee co-led two seminars on *Making Peace with Conflict*. This interactive event engaged participants in learning how to transform interpersonal conflict.

Later in the week, Steve led the seminar *Healthy Masculinity: On Being A Man* in which men examined traits of dominate and healthy masculinity. In comparing expectations of "real men" with expressions of "good men" with the "man box" exercise, participants saw that these are often in tension with each other.



Steve Thomas leads discussion at Mennonite Men luncheon.

In the seminar Steve shared this vision: "In our vision of healthy masculinity, we image men who:

- Embrace who they are as beloved sons of God.
- Respect females as beloved daughters of God.
- Follow the way of Jesus, the image of God and model human being.
- Serve the mission of reconciliation for "one new humanity" (Eph. 2:15).
- Work to establish God's love and justice for marginalized people.
- Allow the Spirit to make us "strong, loving and wise" (2 Tim. 1:7).
- Are peaceful in heart and peaceful in life, extending God's shalom.

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