

NATIONS UNITING HOSTING BIBLE STUDY

Nations Uniting will be hosting a Bible study based on the book Unsettling the Word: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization which is edited by Steve Heinrichs and published by the Mennonite Church.

The following is the book's introduction:

“FOR GENERATIONS, the Bible has been employed by settler colonial societies as a weapon to dispossess Indigenous and racialized peoples of their lands, cultures, and spiritualities.. Given this devastating legacy, many want nothing to do with it. But is it possible for the exploited and their allies to reclaim the Bible from the dominant powers? Can we make it an instrument for justice in the cause of the oppressed? Even a nonviolent weapon toward decolonization?”

In *Unsettling the Word*, over 60 Indigenous and Settler authors come together to wrestle with the Scriptures, re-reading and re-imagining the ancient text for the sake of reparative futures.

Created by Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations program, *Unsettling the Word* is intended to nurture courageous conversations with the Bible, our current settler colonial contexts, and the Church's call to costly peacemaking.”

The scriptures and stories are short and will be read at the sessions – no need to purchase the book or read ahead just come prepared to listen, be open to a new perspective and an opportunity to be in conversation.

Our first session is planned on June 20th from 1:30 – 4:00. Further sessions will be scheduled by the group. Hope you can join us!

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