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A native of rural Lancaster County, Rebecca grew up heavily influenced by evangelical Christianity and Pentecostalism but was drawn to the peace witness of the Mennonite church and the kindness of Mennonite elders in her community. After earning her undergraduate degree at Juniata College, she attended the University of Kansas to pursue a PhD in American studies, where her faith was deepened at Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence. After graduation she taught sociology, history, and anthropology at Hesston College and Bethel College and was a member of New Creation Mennonite Fellowship. She has been fortunate to have been pastored by some of the most generous and insightful pastors in MCUSA.

Rebecca's scholarship focuses on religion, hate, sexuality, gender, race, class, and rightwing social movements ranging from conservative politics to terrorism. She is the author of God Hates: Westboro Baptist Church, American Nationalism, and the Religious Right (University Press of Kansas 2016), an ethnographic study based on years of research with American's most infamous anti-gay church. She writes for numerous publications and blogs. You can find links to her scholarly writing at AnyGoodThing.com, and those interested in her commentary on current events can find her blogging at Sixoh6, "a (mostly) Mennonite" take on politics, culture, and family.



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Unsustainable: Why Churches Must Counter Hate and How They Can Do It Now



Seminar Leader:
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Monday, April 8th

1:00 Registration
2:00 Devotional
2:30 - 4:30 Session 1
The State of American Churches
John 21:1-17 & 2 Chronicles 7:14
5:00 Dinner
7:00 - 8:30 Session 2
American Hate: A History and Sociological Snapshot
John 20:21-29 & Micah 6:8

Tuesday, April 9th

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Devotional
9:30 - 11:30 Session 3
The Uses of Hate
Judges 19-21
12:00 Lunch
1:30 - 3:30 Session 4
Why Addressing Hate is Central to the Church's Survival - But Why We Don't Do It
Judges 9:7-21 & Matthew 25:33-40
5:30 Dinner
Free Evening

Wednesday, April 10th

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Devotions
9:30 - 11:30 Session 5
Re-reading the Samaritan Story
Luke 10:25-47 & Leviticus 19:33-34
12:00 Lunch
1:30 - 3:30 Session 6
Who is My Enemy?
Galatians 6:10-11 & Jonah 4:1-11
5:30 Dinner
Free Evening

Thursday, April 11th

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Devotions
9:30 - 11:30 Session 7
But What About Hate in the Bible?
Jude 1:20-23 & Exodus 23:4-5
12:00 Lunch
1:30 - 3:30
Participants' Roundtable
3:30 Goodbyes and Departure

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Amount Enclosed: _____

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