

# A new office for the French Mennonite publishing house

For many years, La Prairie Mennonite Church in Montbéliard has been graciously housing the office of Editions Mennonites – the French Mennonite publishing house – on its premises.



In response to the lack of space for worship services and special meetings, the congregation in Montbéliard is planning to restructure its premises, especially in the construction of a new sanctuary with a seating capacity of about 500 places.

This reorganization is the opportunity to create a new space for the office of Editions Mennonites, as well as a place for the Center of French Mennonite Archives of the Association Française d'Histoire Anabaptiste-Mennonite (French Association for Anabaptist-Mennonite History).



In terms of surface, the needs for the new office and its storage are approximately 40 to 45 m<sup>2</sup> (450 sq. ft.). In this area, located on the south end of the current sanctuary, the renovation cost per square meter is 1300 € (120 € per sq. ft.), which represents a total cost of more than 50 000 €, as most of the current furniture can be kept as is.

We find it important to share with you about this project of expansion and update to current standards of the publishing offices that will benefit many congregations, as the Editions Mennonites reaches far outside the Mennonite circle. On the other hand, the publishing house does not have the financial means to support such an expense.



It is worth noting that the Editions Mennonites have been publishing for more than a century the monthly publication *Christ Seul*, created in 1901 as *Bulletin Mennonite* by Pierre Sommer (1874-1952), as well as, since 1980, *Les Dossiers de Christ Seul*, study booklets of 80-100 pages, which are published three times a year.

This is the reason we are contacting you, whether you are a Mennonite church leader or a *Christ Seul* reader, to ask for your support in this building project according to your means. The donations goal is set at 50 000 €.

For those interested by history, we would like to inform you of the possibility to financially support the extensive cultural center that is planned in the old La Prairie sanctuary with the creation of the Center of French Mennonite Archives adjoining a conference and exhibition room over 180 m<sup>2</sup> (1940 sq. ft.) with a cost of 230.000 € in partnership with the Association Française d'Histoire Anabaptiste-Mennonite.

We warmly thank you in advance for joining us in the completion of this project.

**The Board of Editions Mennonites**

## For your donations:

Please specify on the wire instructions that the donation is intended **for the office of Editions Mennonites**

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