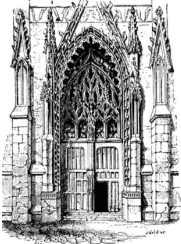






# EMCC Visual Timeline to 1993 Merger

## THE MISSIONARY STREAM




<p><b>1517</b></p>  <p><b>Germany</b> Martin Luther galvanizes the "Reformation" movement throughout Europe.</p>	<p><b>1536-1545</b></p> <p>"Anabaptist" groups spread in Holland, Germany, Switzerland, some of whom develop into "Mennonites" (named after their leader Menno Simons).</p> 	<p><b>1750-1900</b></p> <p>Due to persecution, 64,000+ Mennonites emigrate mainly to <b>Pennsylvania</b> and to the Vineland, Markham and Waterloo regions in <b>Ontario</b>.</p> 	<p><b>1854-1869</b></p>  <p>Some Waterloo Mennonites move north to <b>Port Elgin</b>, and through preaching of itinerant Evangelical ministers, many are converted (including Elder <b>Solomon Eby</b>).</p>	<p><b>1875</b></p> <p>Expulsions of some Mennonite groups (led by Elder <b>Daniel Brenneman</b>, Indiana, U.S.A. and <b>S. Eby</b>) result in organization known as <b>United Mennonites</b>.</p> 	<p><b>1875-1879</b></p> <p>Elder Brenneman travels throughout the north and mid-western United States, gathering converts and others of similar doctrinal persuasion.</p>
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This timeline was developed from *Common Bonds—The Story of the Evangelical Church of Canada*, by Eileen Lagerer. It represents only the 'beginnings snapshot' of the fascinating story of EMCC. *Common Bonds* was written to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Church's merger, and as this timeline shows, Eileen's book is full of rich imagery and detail about all who through God's blessing and grace accounted for the Church's development.

**MISSIONS 1890-1908**  
Eusebius Hershey sparks missionary vision by sailing for **Africa** in 1890. Individual Mennonite Brethren in Christ conferences send missionaries to **China, Turkey, India** and other agencies. In 1905 the Ontario Conference establishes a work in **Nigeria**.

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY 1884-1949**  
City Mission Workers evangelize urban centres in Ontario. In Alberta, women begin to pastor western congregations.

## THE EVANGELICAL STREAM

<p><b>1708</b></p> <p><b>Southern Germany</b> The 'Palatinate Brethren' sail to New York.</p> <p><b>1732</b> Palatinate <b>Johannes Albrecht</b> settles in Pennsylvania and his son <b>Jacob 'Albright'</b> is converted and begins ministry in 1796.</p>	<p><b>1752</b></p> <p><b>Maryland</b> William Otterbein moves from Germany to Lancaster County (Pennsylvania), then to Maryland.</p>  <p><b>1789</b> The <b>Church of the United Brethren</b> formed at Baltimore Conference.</p>	<p><b>1807</b></p> <p><b>The Evangelical Association</b> formed at first annual Conference and Jacob Albright becomes first Bishop.</p> 	<p><b>1838</b></p> <p>Itinerant preachers organize groups in mid-western states from <b>New York</b> to <b>Iowa</b>; also organize throughout <b>Ontario</b>.</p> 	<p><b>1839-1899</b></p> <p><b>Evangelicals</b> spread from Waterloo throughout Ontario and become a recognized Conference in 1863 with 6,000 members and 50 ministers. Works start in Winnipeg, Saskatchewan (1899) and Alberta (1902).</p>	<p><b>1891</b></p> <p>The Evangelical Association in the U.S.A. splits into two denominations over leadership issues, and the largest group becomes <b>The United Evangelical Church</b> (1894).</p>
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**MISSIONS 1850-1890**  
In the late 1850s, **Germany** becomes the first official mission, followed by **Switzerland, France** and **Russia**. Missionaries are sent to **Japan** in 1876 and to **China** in 1890 under interdenominational agencies.

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY 1903-1945**  
A **Deaconess Society** is established in **Chicago** in 1903, with women ministering to the sick, orphans and aged. Deaconesses in the **European** conferences continue ministry throughout WWII.

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