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### **After the Hurt: Can there be Reconciliation?**

WINNIPEG—In the aftermath of conflict, both perpetrator and victim want and need to be heard. It is a time for healing, understanding, and forgiveness. **On Friday, March 11 Menno Simons College will present *Reconciliation: Taking Wrongs Seriously***, a one-day conference designed to address the issue of reconciliation after devastating conflict.

“There are a number of countries across the globe in war situations right now,” says Lois Edmund, professor of Conflict Resolution Studies at Menno Simons College. “The reconciliation conference will raise awareness and sensitization to the possibility of hope and reconciliation after war.”

Keynote speaker Trudy Govier will highlight acknowledgement of wrong, forgiveness, and the roles of victim and perpetrator in the reconciliation process. Currently the Esau Distinguished Professor of Conflict Resolution at Menno Simons College, Govier will also address techniques and procedures for moving forward post-resolution.

J. R. Miller, historian from the University of Saskatchewan, will provide an account of the Aboriginal experience in Canadian residential schools, touching on both the history as well as recommendations for movement toward reconciliation. Miller will be available for interviews on Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11.

Co-sponsored by Menno Simons College and -----, the conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Booth College Chapel, 447 Webb Place. For registration information, contact Sherry Peters at 204.789.1428. Located on UWinnipeg’s campus, Menno Simons College is affiliated with The University of Winnipeg.

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