

Wade in the Water

Plenary Session #1

Friday, July 4



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger #mennonpeg

“A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.”

- Mark 4:37



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger #prairieboy



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger #hipstertheology

“Ain’t it like most people, I’m no different.
We love to talk on things we don’t know
about.”

- The Avett Brothers



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger

The Being a Faithful Church process has been clear from the beginning that discernment is ongoing and that both the Bible and church have gone through periods where it re-affirmed, modified, and changed positions.

@David_Driedger

One image of faithfulness is possessing the
essence of an unassailable truth;



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger

One image of faithfulness is possessing the essence of an unassailable truth;
that the church is sufficient and superior prior to encountering anything unknown.



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger

Despite the best of intentions these
unattainable or otherworldly ideals become
tools for the powers around us.



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger

The people in power get grace and those on the fringes don't.



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger

*Ain't it like most people, I'm no different.
We love to talk on things we don't know
about.*



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger #didimakemy point?

This is NOT a choice between accepting or rejecting the Bible.
This is NOT a choice between accepting or rejecting the Bible.
This is NOT a choice between accepting or rejecting the Bible.
This is NOT a choice between accepting or rejecting the Bible.
This is NOT a choice between accepting or rejecting the Bible.
This is NOT a choice between accepting or rejecting the Bible.
This is NOT a choice between accepting or rejecting the Bible.
This is NOT a choice between accepting or rejecting the Bible.
This is NOT a choice between accepting or rejecting the Bible.

@David_Driedger

When I start reading the Bible it starts with a mess and spirit hovering in the darkness.



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger

It seems like God was already re-designing in the Garden, does that mean the original design was to be open to re-designing?



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger

The Bible begins in the thick of things and we should take that seriously.



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger

There is an image of faithfulness that asks if we are to be the community willing to wade in the water; the community out on the sea not the ones on the shore who have too often been making waves for others.



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger

We learn that faithfulness is a discipline, a practice, a way of relating and maintain a space; it is not the protection of an otherworldly ideal.



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly



@David_Driedger

“To love is to bear with the chaos. Not to like it or to foster it but to recognize there the unformed future.”

- Catherine Keller



Mennonite Church Canada Assembly

