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Elder Exchange

A Monthly Academic Forum Discussing Issues
of Christian Faith & Life

“A 50 Year Ecumenical Sojourn in Africa”

Harold F. Miller, Former African Mission/Service
Worker, Harrisonburg, VA

Thursday, July 12, 2019 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Detwiler Auditorium, VMRC

The Format: A thoughtful presentation will be shared, followed by two invited responders and then open group dialogue, to discern its resonance with vibrant Christian faith.

Presentation Synopsis: The demise of colonial political rule coincided with a leadership shift within Protestant missionary-instituted churches from foreign missionaries to Africans. Due to the spiritually intense dynamics of the East Africa Revival Movement, church leadership shifts were largely amicable. While political leadership shifts took place peacefully in many African colonies, various southern Africa territories forcefully resisted movement toward political independence. Nelson Mandela’s installation as South Africa’s first African President intensified collaboration between the now independent ‘church-and-state’.

Speaker Biography: Born (1935) into an Ohio Amish/Conservative Mennonite family, Harold Miller completed a term of MCC PAX service in Austria and Germany, earned a BA (history) from Eastern Mennonite (College) University and an MA (international affairs) from Pittsburgh University. For 50 years, Harold was affirmed by Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Central Committee as a “fraternal” staff member to several African Christian Councils and also served as MCC country/region representative in East Africa and Sudan. After retiring in 2005, Harold and spouse Annette resided in Kenya and then moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia in 2018.



Responders: Edith Shenk Kuhns, Former EMM African Missionary
Susan Godshall, Retired Chaplain & Former EMM African
Representative

Moderators: Roman Miller (romanjaymiller@gmail.com)
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