

CURRICULUM VITAE

Updated December, 2005

NAME: Jay Nelson Kraybill

26103 Vista Lane

Elkhart, IN 46517

Work: 574-296-6244; home: 574-293-2391; fax at work: 574-295-0092

Work: nkraybill@ambs.edu; home: nkraybill@maplenet.net

DATE OF BIRTH: October 5, 1954

PLACE OF BIRTH: Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

Family

- Born and raised in a Mennonite family in Pennsylvania; the sixth of seven children
- Married in 1977 to Ellen Graber of Aibonito, Puerto Rico
- Father of two children: Laura (1982), Andrea (1988)

Areas of scholarly interest

New Testament, the Apocalypse of John, pre-Constantinian early church, and leadership

Hobbies

Woodworking, sailing, photography, poetry

Education

1960-1970	Kraybill Mennonite School Mount Joy, Pennsylvania
1970-1972	Lancaster Mennonite High School Lancaster, Pennsylvania
1972-1978	Goshen College Goshen, Indiana (B.A., History)
Fall, 1973	Study-Service Trimester in Costa Rica (through Goshen College)
1975-1976	Universidad de Barcelona, Spain (Brethren Colleges Abroad program)
Summer, 1979	Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico Introduction to Hebrew Language
1980-1983	Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.)
Summer, 1982	Clinical Pastoral Education Abington Memorial Hospital, Philadelphia
1987-1992	Union Theological Seminary Richmond, Virginia (Ph.D., New Testament) Dissertation: <i>Cult and Commerce in Revelation 18</i> Advisor: Paul J. Achtemeier)
Summer, 1993	Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Summer term on Introduction to Conflict Mediation

Employment and vocational experiences

1970-1972	Editorial consultant, <i>With</i> magazine
Summer 1973	Unit director for <i>Outspokin'</i> (Mennonite bicycling organization)
1975	Editor, Goshen College yearbook
1977	Summer research assistant for Mennonite Central Committee Source Document project
1977-1978	Resident Director of men's dormitory at Goshen College
1978-1979	Teacher of Social Studies and Bible (for grades 7-10) Summit Hills Mennonite Academy San Juan, Puerto Rico
1981-1982	Student Pastor Doylestown Mennonite Church, Doylestown, Pennsylvania
1982-1983	Co-chair of Plowshares Peace Fellowship Princeton Theological Seminary
1983-1987	Pastor, Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship Taftsville, Vermont
1984-1987	Chairman, New England Fellowship of Mennonite Churches
1984-1987	Member, Goshen College Board of Overseers Chairman of Student Affairs Committee 1986-1987
1985	Ordained to the ministry Franconia Mennonite Conference (Pennsylvania)
Spring, 1986	Director of two-week Mennonite young adult work camp for earthquake reconstruction in Mexico City
June, 1989	Visiting lecturer at Mennonite <i>Centro de Estudios</i> in Montevideo, Uruguay Course: The Book of Revelation (taught in Spanish)
1988-1990	Member, Pastoral Council First Mennonite Church of Richmond
1988- 1991	Biblical/Theological consultant for Mennonite Education and Publishing Council (Project: <i>Journeys with God</i> , Anabaptist Bible Curriculum for Mennonite elementary schools)
1990	Visiting Lecturer at Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. January-May 1990 Course: Introduction to the New Testament.
1991-1996	Programme Director, London Mennonite Centre, England (Planned and coordinated teaching program of the Centre, served as theological resource to visiting scholars and seekers)
1991-1996	Occasional lecturer or preacher on themes of Anabaptism, Bible interpretation, peacemaking and conflict at: London Bible College, University of Newcastle, University of Leeds, Spurgeon's College, London Polytechnic Institute, Baptist Assembly, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Evangelical Peacemakers, Church and Peace, Anabaptist Network conferences, special interest academic groups, and numerous congregations in the United Kingdom

1992-1996	Co-editor, <i>Anabaptist Today</i> magazine (UK)
Summer, 1993	Visiting lecturer at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Course: The Book of Revelation
1994-1996	Member of leadership team at Wood Green Mennonite Church, London, England
1995-1996	Co-founder of Bridge Builders Mediation Service, London (mediating congregational conflict and teaching conflict transformation skills)
1997-	President, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
1998-	Various public speaking assignments for regional and national Mennonite conferences, congregations, colleges, seminaries and retreats.
1999	Staley Lectures (on eschatology) at Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas
2001-	Chair, Indiana Seminary Presidents Forum
2001-	Member, executive committee, Fellowship of Evangelical Seminary Presidents
2002-2005	Consulting editor, <i>Leader</i> magazine
2002-	Member of Mennonite World Conference core convictions theology group (six theologians from five continents drafting a succinct statement of shared convictions in the global Anabaptist church)
2003-	Member, Personnel Committee, Prairie Street Mennonite Church
2004	Bible teacher for three-day gathering of Ecumenical Stewardship Council in St. Petersburg, FL, with leaders of 24 denominations.
2005	Preacher at Central District Conference assembly, Fort Wayne, IN
2005	Preacher at MC USA and MC Canada joint assembly at Charlotte, NC

Publications

Miscarriage: A Quiet Grief (a 16-page pastoral care booklet, co-authored with Ellen G. Kraybill). Scottdale: Herald Press, September, 1990.

Imperial Cult and Commerce in John's Apocalypse. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic press, 1996.
Translated into Portuguese by Barbara Theoto Lambert, *Culto e Comércio Imperiais no
Apocalipse de João* (São Paulo: Paulinas, 2004, <www.paulinas.org.br>).

“Entrepreneurs with Treasures in Heaven,” *Marketplace*, November-December 1997, pp.

“Power and Authority: Helping the Church Face Problems and Adapt to Change,” *Conrad Grebel Review*, Vol. 17.1, winter 1999, pp. 17-34. Also in Erick Sawatsky, ed., *The Heart of the Matter: Pastoral Ministry in Anabaptist Perspective* (Telford, Pa.: Cascadia Publishing House; and Scottdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 2004, pp. 213-227).

On the Pilgrims' Way: Conversations on Christian Discipleship During a Twelve-Day Walk Across England. Scottdale: Herald Press, 1999.

“Every Tongue Shall Confess: Truth and Pluralism in the New Testament,” in *Practicing Truth: Confident Witness in Our Pluralistic World*, Linford Stutzman and David W. Shenk, eds. Scottdale: Herald Press, 1999, pp. 64-81.

“Apocalypse Now” (economic and political message of the book of Revelation), *Christianity Today*, October 25, 1999, pp. 30-40 (fourth-place winner in annual awards, Bible interpretation category, by Evangelical Press Association).

“Emperor Worship and Revelation,” in *The New Lion Handbook to the Bible*, Pat Alexander and David Alexander, eds. Oxford: Lion Publishing Co., 1999, pp. 766-67.

“Seeking the headwaters of Mennonite spirituality,” *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*, Fall 2000, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 5-8.

Foreword to *Without Spot or Wrinkle: Reflecting Theologically on the Nature of the Church* (Institute of Mennonite Studies Occasional Papers 21, 2000, pp. 1-2).

“Is Our Future Evangelical?” *Canadian Mennonite*, Feb. 11, 2002, pp. 6-7; *The Mennonite*, March 5, 2002, pp. 14-16; DIE BRÜCKE Täuferisch-mennonitische Gemeindezeitschrift (Germany), May, 2002; *Our Faith*, Summer, 2002

“Jesus Sends the Church,” in Lois Y. Barrett, ed., *Mission-Focused Congregations: A Bible Study* (Scottdale: Faith & Life Resources, 2002), pp. 17-26.

“What madness possessed you? Catechesis for new allegiance,” *Vision*, Fall 2003, Vol. 4, No. 2, pp. 5-12.

“Shared Convictions for a Global Anabaptist Church,” *Menno-Hof Reunion*, Autumn 2003, Vol. 13, Issue 1, pp. 1-2.

“Living in Divine Suspense,” *The Mennonite*, September 16, 2003, pp. 14-15.

“Four Spiritual Truths of a Peacemaking God,” *The Mennonite*, November 4, 2003, 8-11. Honorable Mention for Theological Reflection (Long Format), Associated Church Press awards 2003.

“Foreword,” *Beautiful Upon the Mountains: Biblical Essays on Mission, Peace, and the Reign of God*, ed. Mary H. Schertz and Ivan Friesen (Elkhart, Ind.: Institute of Mennonite Studies, 2004), pp. ix-x.

"Here be Dragons," and "System Failure," Living by the Word series, *Christian Century*, May 4, 2004, 20-21.

“A Christian Pledge of Allegiance,” *The Mennonite*, August 3, 2004, 88-11.

“The Life Force of Our Witness: Living Our Faith with Abandon,” *Leader*, Winter 2004/05, 15-17.

“Making Leaders,” book review of Larry A. Witham, *Who Shall Lead Them* (Oxford University Press), *Christian Century*, -----, 34-35.

[Book manuscript nearing completion: *Revelation and the Politics of Worship*, a popular-style book on the function of emperor worship in the first centuries and how the book of Revelation and other early Christian writings steered the church toward radical commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord, with modern parallels cited in each chapter.]