

**Study Questions for “The Brethren Witness and the Search for a Culture of Peace in Africa” by Donald Miller**

1. Donald Miller asks whether the Church of the Brethren has made any difference in the development of Christian life and faith in Africa? What do you think?
2. When you think of mission and evangelism, what role does the peace witness of the church play in the development of new churches—in the United States or elsewhere? Why do you suppose the peace witness of the church was downplayed in Africa as EYN was developing?
3. Don Miller describes the unique contribution of the Brethren to Christianity in Africa as a “new spirit.” This new spirit has “introduced a commitment to a gospel of love.” How is that different than the other Catholic and Protestant missions at work in Africa or elsewhere?
4. It was more difficult for the early Brethren than it is for us to commit themselves to pacifism in the eighteenth century during European wars and wars in the New World. How difficult might it be for Sudanese Christians or Nigerian Christians to choose pacifism today? Should we as Brethren still profess a gospel of peace and nonresistance?
5. Which is more important in your mind: teaching a theology of peace to the African church or establishing more EYN congregations so that more people are exposed to the Gospel? Why?