

**Request to have a Mennonite Brethren (Brudergemeinde)
Conference in Rueckenau, Molotschna: 1912
(with signatures)**

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In 1912 a group of congregations, including the Siberian Allgemeine Bundeskonferenz congregation and 14 Mennonite Brethren (Brudergemeinde) congregations requested permission to organize a conference in Rueckenau, Molotschna colony. The following is a translation of that request, together with the names of all members who signed the request.

It is of interest to see that the majority of signatories signed their names in Russian cyrillic, as opposed to the usual German gothic script.

1) Siberia, Barnaul I [Allgemeine Bundeskonferenz]

Certificate

on the establishment of a Mennonite ecclesial association for the Orlov Rayon, Wolost Barnaul, Tomsk Governorate.

On November 25, 1911, we, Mennonites, who settled on the state lands in the Orlov District, Wolost Barnaul, Tomsk Governorate, were summoned by the elder ***Jacob Gerbrandt*** to a brotherhood meeting. The elder was commissioned by the meeting of the elders of the Mennonite communities in southern Russia. The brotherhood Assembly decided to form a new association from the ranks of the Mennonite congregations of the 5 parishes: Orlov, Reinfeld, Grünfeld, Kleefeld and Markowski and give it the name "Church Mennonite Association Orlov".

In accordance with our rules, we have chosen the following preachers from our ranks:

from the congregation of Orlov: ***Peter Wiebe, Gerhard Wiebe, Abraham Neufeld, Isaac Friesen, Abraham Toews and Kornelius Dyck.***

from the congregation of Reinfeld: ***Franz Buller, Johann Bergmann, Gerhard Voth, Gerhard Friesen and Peter Ens.***

from the congregation of Grünfeld: ***Peter*** and Dietrich ***Epp.***

from the congregation of Kleefeld: ***Kornelius Wiens, Jacob Voth, Peter Enbrecht and Abraham Dyck.***

from the congregation of Markowski: **Jacob Enns, Franz Derksen, Peter Enns, David Becker, Peter Harder and Abraham Klassen.**

These persons have proved with deed and word their Christian character and have the necessary knowledge of the Christian faith and abilities to admonish.

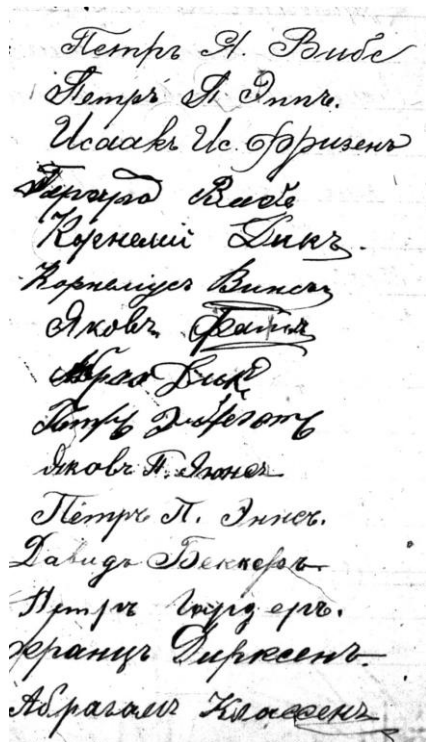
The elder preacher **Peter Jacob Wiebe** was commissioned by us to keep the registers, who is to carry out this task in accordance with the applicable laws.

Our organization is based on the general decision of the Mennonites and we invoke Articles 1104 – 1105 of the Statute on the Spiritual Activity of Foreign Faith Denominations and the Supreme Rescript of Emperor Paul I, of October 6, 1800. In the above-mentioned rescript it says in point 1: "Hereby we confirm to their descendants the promised free and unhindered exercise of their faith, in accordance with their laws and traditions".

The validity of this certificate on the foundation of the ecclesiastical Mennonite Association Orlov is certified with the signature:

The Aeltester: **Jacob Gerbrandt**

Preachers: **Peter J. Wiebe, Peter P. Epp, Isaac Is. Friesen, Gerhard Wiebe, Kornelius Dyck, Kornelius Wiens, Jacob Voth, Abram Dyck, Peter Elbrecht, Jacob P. Enns, Peter P. Enns, David Becker, Peter Harder, Franz Dirksen, Abraham Klassen**



Handwritten signatures in Cyrillic script, likely representing the members of the association mentioned in the text below.

Members of the association: **Wilhelm Peters, Jacob Klett, Jacob A. Schroeder, Peter Isaak, Peter Friesen, Peter Willms, Dietrich Loewen, Peter Dyck, Heinrich Kasdorf, Gerhard Berg, Peter Reimer, Abraham Dyck, Wilhelm Rempel, Jacob Dyck, Johann Hiebert, Jacob Fast, Heinrich Epp, Berhard Isaak, Isaak Penner, Dietrich Boldt, Johann Unrau, Abram Richert, Franz Schroeder, Isbrant Rempel, August Hamm, Jacob Reimer, Peter Loewen, Gerhard Baumann, Johann Warkentin, Peter Schulz, Martin Rempel, Isaak Wall, Heinrich Reimer, Nikolai Block, Johann Fast, Daniel Braun, Heinrich Goosen, Heinrich**

Reimer, Franz Engbrecht, Jacob Geddert, Jacob Penner, Peter Janz, Jacob .. Klassen, David Rogalski, Franz Loewen, Abraham Warkentin, Peter S. Penner, Johann Wedel, Franz Penner, Franz Dyck, Wilhelm Esau, Peter Dyck, David Zacharias, Heinrich Loewen, Franz Thiessen, Gerhard Martens, Jacob Derksen, Wilhelm Hiebert, Heinrich Friesen, Dietrich Geddert, Jacob? Heinrich Kliewer, Jacob Harder. Heinrich Teichrib, David Wiebe, Franz Flamming, Gerhard Peters, Gerhard Rempel, Abram Harder, Wilhelm Konrad, David Friesen I, David Friesen II, Johann Friesen, Abraham Teske, Peter Konrad, David Friesen III, Peter P. Harder, Isaac Goosen, Anton Loewen, Jacob Martens, Heinrich Thiessen, Hermann Ber. Classes, Peter Ab. Isaac, Jacob Epp, Peter Thun, Isaac Epp, Johann Loewen, Dietrich Braun, David Kanke?, Jacob Richert, Jacob Goosen, Jacob Reier, Johann Reimer, Peter Reimer, Peter Warkentin, Isaac Dirksen, Abraham Dyck, Franz Klippemstein, Abraham J. Klassen, Abraham Goerzen, Bernhard Friesen, David Block, Jacob J. Enns, Heinrich Plennert, Heinrich Cornies, Peter Reimer, Johann Unger, Peter Wall, Kornelius Ratzlsff, Kornelius Wolf, Jacob Klassen, Johann

The signatures of the members of the Orlov Community are confirmed on 1 February 1912 by the elder preacher of the ecclesiastical Mennonite Association: *P. J. Wiebe*

2) *Lugovsk, New Samara*



Mennonite *Brudergemeinde* Lugovsk, Samara Governorate, Ujesd Busuluk, 6 February 1912, No. 20, Post Office Pleshanov, Samara Governorate.

On February 6, 1912, members of the Mennonite Brotherhood of Lugovsk, Samara Governorate, Ujesd Busuluk, Wolost Jumurang-Tambyn, who signed below, under the direction of our spiritual leader *Abraham Martens*, decided at a brotherhood meeting in our prayer house in the village of Lugovsk in a regular meeting:

- a) To commission the preacher of the Mennonite *Brudergemeinde* of Rückenau (Molotschna) *Heinrich Jacob Braun*, to obtain permission in the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial meeting" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite *Brudergemeinde* Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Taurien Governorate. The meeting will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.
- b) To nominate the spiritual leader A. Martens of our congregation as deputies for this meeting.

What is decided is certified with our signatures: *Kor. Klassen, Franz Martens, Isaac Wiens, Jacob Wiens, Tobias Voth, Abraham Loewen, Johann Braun, Klaas Toews, Peter Loewen, Johann Reimer, G. Warkentin, Fr. Klassen, G. Unrau, Jacob Berg, Kornelius Unger, Jacob Engbrecht, Hermann Dyck, Heinrich Kliever, Peter Heide, Kornelius Bergen, Johann Toews, Peter Riediger, Kornelius Reimer, Peter Wiebe, Johann Reimer, Jacob Unger, Heinrich Janzen, Heinrich Loewen, David Goerzen, David Fast, Gerhard Reimer, Abraham Martens.*

The authenticity of the signatures confirms my signature and the Gemeinde seal

Aeltester: *Abraham Martens*



3) *Naumowo, Kharkov*

On February 4, 1912, members of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Naumowo, Kharkov Governorate, Ujesd Isjumski, Wolost Preleszny, under the leadership of our spiritual leader **Gerhard Siemens**, we held and decided on a regular brotherhood meeting in our prayer house in Vasilyevsk:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the relevant authorities to organize a "substantial meeting" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

b) To be nominated by our community as deputies for this congress: *Gerhard Siemens* and *Gerhard Froese*.

Signatures: *Peter J. Siemens, Aron Friesen, Johann Neufeld, Jacob Friesen, Julius Kasper, Isaac Bergen, Franz Willer, Gerhard Thiessen, Isaac Epp, Franz Redekopp, Jacob Willer, Jacob Klassen, Peter Falk, Bernhard B. Thiessen, Peter Ja. Dyck, Johann Klassen, Isaac Bergen, Claas Peters, Peter Klassen, Peter Dyck, Peter Wiebe, Johann Heide, Gerhard Tielmann, Johann Hiebert, Abraham Thielmann, David Buller, Peter Siemens, Jacob Pauls, Gerhard Thielmann, Peter Loewen, ...? Enns, Heinrich Block, Klaas Wiebe, Bernhard Bern. Dyck, Johann P. Frese, Peter J. Buller, Peter Fast, Peter Dyck, Johann Pauls, Isaac P. Klassen, Johann Block, Isaac Kopp, K. Frese, D. Frese, Jacob Redekop, Abr. Unruh, Johann Schellenberg, Peter Krause, Nikolas Wiebe, Heinrich M. Koslowski, Johann Klassen. David Klassen, Johann Klassen, David Bergen, Peter Hamm, K. Klassen, Peter Wiens.*

This consultative brotherhood meeting took part and agrees with the decision: *Gerhard Siemens*

4) Barnaul II (Brudergemeinde)

On January 22, 1912, members of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde in Tomsk Governorate, Ujesd Barnaul, Wolost Lenkowsk, under the leadership of our spiritual leader **Peter Gerhard Neumann**, we held and decided on a regular brotherhood meeting in the private home of our brother and preacher Peter Heinrich Enns:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

b) To be nominated by our community as deputies for this congress: **Jacob Wiens**.

Signatures: **Heinrich Unger, Abram Neufeld, Gerhard Neumann, Peter Epp, Isaac Enns, Jacob Giesbrecht, Jacob Walde, Franz Wiens, Heinrich Hübner, Johann Friesen, Heinrich Dyck**.

The authenticity of the signatures is believed with his unscripted letter and with the church seal of the elder preacher: **Peter Ger. Neumann**

5) Omsk, Akmolinsk (Brudergemeinde)



Mennonite Brudergemeinde Tschunewka, Western Siberia, 28 January 1912, No. 7, Address: St. Omsk, Chanaevka

On January 28, 1912, members of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Tschunewka, Akmolinsk region, Ujesd Omsk, Melnichnaya station, under the leadership of our spiritual leader **Jacob Vienna**, we held and decided to hold a regular brotherhood meeting in the Tschunewka prayer house:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

b) To nominate our congregation as deputies for this congress: the spiritual head of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Tschunaewka, **Jacob Gerhard Wiens** and the Mennonite preacher Jacob **Hiebert**. Margenau.

Signatures: **Heinrich P. Warkentin, Heinrich Ewert, Johann Maties, Peter David Paetkau, Franz Johann Voth, Franz Franz Balzer, Johann Johann Voth, Davied Regehr, Heinrich G. Warkentin, Heinrich Eck, Peter Reimer, David Johann Maties, Herbert Eck, Peter Siemens, Abraham Maties, Heinrich Goerzen, Dietrich Fast, Abraham Wiens, Gerhard Isaak, Peter Isaak, Heinrich Koslowski, Peter Peter Friesen, Jacob Abram Lepp, Johann P. Isaak, J. Hiebert, F. Frese, Aron Lepp, J. Funk, Peter Wiebe, Peter**

I believe that the signatures of the members of our Mennonite fraternity Chaunaevka are genuine and made by hand with my signature and with the ecclesiastical seal of the congregation. Chutor Tschunaewka, 28 January 1912.

The spiritual head and preacher: Signature. **J. G. Wiens**



6) *Miropol, Ekatenoslav*



The Mennonite *Brudergemeinde* Friedensfeld-Miropol, Governorate Ekatenoslav, village Miropol, February 4, 1912, No. 9, Nikopol Post Office, Jek. Gouv.

Decision

On January 6, 1912, members of the Mennonite *Brudergemeinde* Friedensfeld-Miropol, Governorate and Ujesd Ekaterinoslaw, Wolost Lescharev, under the leadership of our spiritual leader **Jacob Janz**, held and decided to hold a regular brotherhood meeting in the prayer house in the village of Miropol:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite *Brudergemeinde* of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

b) From our congregation as deputies for this congress are nominated: the spiritual head **Jacob Janz**, the preacher **Abraham Wall**, the preacher Franz **Peters**, the preacher Franz Krause, the deacon **Jacob Unger** and the member of the community **Peter Isaac**.

Signatures: **Jacob Funk, Peter Friesen, Johann Klassen, Peter Funk, Erhard Krahn, Abraham Ens, Abraham Voth, Abraham Friesen, Albert Schmidt, Peter Penner, Heinrich Friesen, Peter Isaak, Jacob Willms, Bernhard Krahn, Peter Boschmann,**

The authenticity of the signatures is saturated with his signature and with the church seal the spiritual head and preacher: **Jacob Janz**.



7) Caucasus, Kuban



M.V.D., The Mennonite Brotherhood Kuban, Municipality of Velikoknjaskoye, No. 131, 21 January 1912, Village of Velikoknjasheskoye, Post Office Velikoknjasheskoye, Batalpasch, Kuban region.

Decision

On January 14, 1912, we the members of the Mennonite brotherhood Kuban, Kuban region, Rayon Batapasch, Wolost Velikoknjaskoye, under the leadership of our spiritual leader

Kornelius Abram Wiens, decided to hold a regular brotherhood meeting in the prayer house in the village of Velikoknjaskoye:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

b) The spiritual leader **Kornelius Abram Wiens** and the preacher David Johann Klassen are nominated by our congregation as deputies for this *congress*.

Signatures: **Isaac Wiebe, Johann Lemmsten?, Peter Penner, Franz Martens, Johann Peters, Gerhard Friesen, A. Peters, Isaac Harder, .. Friesen, J. Wiens, Heinrich Kornelsen, Johann Toews, Johann Harder, Heinrich Friesen, Johann Kornelsen, Johann Dirksen, Heinrich Schmoor, Friedrich Lütt, Johann Dirksen, Johann Fast, G. Giesbrecht, Korn. Heinrichs, Peter Goerzen, Johann Isaak, Martin Schmoor, Jacob Engbrecht, Rudolf Jaak?, Jacob Klassen, Peter Neufeld.**

In the consultative brother meeting the spiritual head and preacher of the congregation took part and supported the decision: **K. Wiens**



8) *Caucasus, Terek*

Decision

On January 13, 1912, members of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Talmy, Terek region, Chassiv district. Jurta, village community Nikolaevka under the leadership of our spiritual leader **Jacob Derksen**, held a regular brotherhood meeting in the prayer house in the village of Talmy and decided:

- a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.
- b) From our congregation as deputies for this congress are nominated: the spiritual head **Jacob Derksen** and the preachers David **Welk**, **Kornelius Wittenberg** and Peter **Janzen**.

Signatures: **Wilhelm Penner, David Wiens, Johann Friesen, Heinrich Dirksen, Jacob Klassen, Kornelius Krecker, Nikolai Reimer, Heinrich Unrau, Kornelius Reimer, Gerhard Suckau, Jacob Lorenz, Heinrich Krecker, Johann Lehn, Johann Dall, David Wittenberg, Peter Regehr, Jacob Peters, Johann Fresen, David Welk, Kornelius Dyck, Paul Peters, G. Regehr, Jacob Regehr,**

The authenticity of the signatures is saturated with his signature and with the church seal the spiritual head and preacher: **Jacob Derksen**.



9) Memrik, Ekaterinoslaw



M.W.D. The Mennonite Brotherhood of Memrik,
Municipality of Katlyarovka, 30 January 1912, No. 7,
Lesowka, ...

Decision of the Mennonite Brotherhood Katlyarovka

On January 30, 1912, members of the Mennonite brotherhood
Of Katlyarovka, Governorate Ekaterinoslav, Ujesd Balmut,
Wolost Galizenovka, under the leadership of our spiritual
leader **Franz Frese**, held and decided on a proper brotherhood
meeting in the prayer house in the village of Katlyarovka:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

b) The elder preacher **Franz Kornelius Gossen** and the parishioner **Franz Johann Janzen** are nominated by our congregation as deputies for this congress.

Signatures: **Kornelius Siebart?**, **Martin Janzen**, ... **Wolf, David von? ..**, **Johann Fast**, **Heinrich Spenst**, **David Balzer**, **Johann Hamm**, **Peter Dyck**, **Gerhard Hamm**, **Gerhard Enns**, **Johann Voth?**, **Johann Neufeld**, ... **Wiebe?**, **Abram Peters**, **Heinrich Dyck**, **Isaac Janzen**, **Peter Schroeder**, **Johann Toews**, **Johann August Schmidt**, **Johann Toews**, **Johann Isaak**, **Jacob Buller**, **Peter Isaak**, **Kornelius Bauer**, **Jacob Martens**,?, **Heinrich Bergen**, **Kornelius Funk**, **Isbrand Friesen**, **Johann Penner**, **Peter Krüger**, **Heinrich Isaak Loewen**, **Aron Enns**, **Peter Voth**, **Isaac Born**, **Jacob Hamm**, **Heinrich Thiessen**, **Heinrich Vocht**, **David Balzer**, **Kornelius Johann Schmidt**, **Franz Janzen**, **Heinrich Teichreb**, **Peter Friesen**, **Jacob Isaak**, **Kornelius Isaac**, **Peter Unrau**, **Abraham Gossen?**, **Johann Wedel**, **Peter Reimer**, **Abraham Janzen**, **Dietrich Thiessen**, **Johann Isa Heinrich Gossen**, **Abraham Fast**, **Heinrich Reimer**, **Peter Friesen**, **Johann Friesen**, **David Greber**, **Peter Schroeder**, **Heinrich Krieger**, **David ...**, **Franz Toews**, **Jacob August?**, **Hermann Hinz**, **Julius Wiens**, **Korn. Peters**, **Gerhard Fast?**, **Kornelius Anders**.

The authenticity of the signatures confirms with his signature and with the church seal the spiritual head and preacher: **Franz Frese**.



10. Alexandrovka, Zapolyoshe

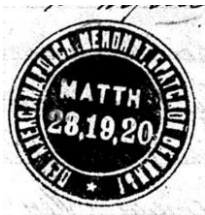
On January 28, 1912, members of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Alexandrovsk, Governorate Ekaterinoslav, Ujesd Pavlograd, Wolost Petropavlovsk, under the leadership of our spiritual leader **G. Penner**, held a regular brotherhood meeting in the prayer house in the village of Alexandrovka and decided:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

b) From our community as deputies for this congress are nominated: **Heinrich Heinrich Penner** and David **David Wiens**.

Signatures: *Johann Isaak Friesen, Heinrich Johann Kliewer, Johann Lorenz, Heinrich Heinrich Funk, Peter Jacob Eckert, Isaac Nikolai Neumann, Nikolai Bernhard Neumann, Nikolai Lepp, Johann Friesen, Nikolai Dietrich Hiebert, Heinrich Johann Lorenz, Peter Johann Lorenz, Karl Joseph Pohl, Franz Jacob Derksen, Nikolai Dietrich Hiebert, Bernhard Jacob Derksen.*

The authenticity of the signatures is confirmed by the signature of the elder preacher and the church seal: H. Penner.



11. Nikolaevka, Bachmut

Decision of the brotherhood Nikolaevka

On January 30, 1912, members of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Nikolaevka, Governorate of Yekaterinoslaw, Ujesd Bachmut, Wolost Santurinovka, under the direction of our spiritual leader ***Hermann Abraham Neufeld***, held and decided at a regular brotherhood assembly in the prayer house in the village of Nikolaevka:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) ***Heinrich Jacob Braun*** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

b) Our congregation as deputies for this congress are nominated: the hostage head of our congregation ***Hermann Araham Neufeld*** and the preachers ***David Block, Wilhelm Klassen*** and ***Peter Janzen***.

Signatures: ***Peter Krause, David Frese, Heinrich Eck, Heinrich J. Loewen, Johann Loewen, Peter Sawaztki, Kornelius Netstätter?, Johann Toews, Kornelius Martens, Kornelius Unger, David Loewen, David Schellenberg, Dietrich Neufeld, Johann Neufeld, Anton Berg, Isaak Neufeld, Peter Thiessen, Kornelius Schellenberg, Heinrich Penner, Dietrich Warkentin, Jacob Schellenberg, Isaak Krahn, Salomon Kasper, Kornelius Neufeld***

I confirm the signatures of the members of the brother community Nikolaewka with my signature and with the community seal: ***Peter Wiebe***

Nikolaevka, 30.01.1912



12. Margenau, Omsk



The Brudergemeinde of Tschunaewo of the Mennonite Brotherhood of West Siberia in Margenau, 5 February 1912, No. 8, Address: Rasjesd Gorkoye, Margenau.

On February 5, 1912, members of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Tschunaewo -Margenau, Akmolinsk region, Ujesd Omsk, Statiun Nikolaevka, under the leadership of our spiritual leader **Jacob F. Hiebert**, decided to hold a regular brother meeting in the prayer house in the village of Margenau:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a

"substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

b) Our congregation nominated, as deputies for this congress: the spiritual head and preacher **Jacob Gerhard Wiens** and the preachers **Jacob Franz Hiebert** and Johann **Johann Peters**.

Signatures: *Martin Janzen, Johann Peters, Franz Joh. Martens, Gerhard Gerhard Dyck, Johann Regier, David Thielmann, Heinrich Epp, Franz Bergen, Kornelius Epp, Isaac Toews, Abraham Thiessen, Jacob Wall, Peter Martens, Abram Dirks, Johann Friesen, Heinrich Kasdorf, Peter Kasdorf, Gerhard Fast, Gerhard Penner, Jacob Kasdorf, Gerhard Reimer.*

I confirm the authenticity of the signatures with my signature and with the municipal seal:
Jacob Franz Hiebert



13. Pavlodar, Siberia

Decision

On January 15, 1912, members of the Mennonite brotherhood of Pavlodar, Semipalatinsk District, Ujesd Pavlodar, Wolost Vosnesensk and Bogdanowo, under the leadership of our spiritual leader **Abraham Abraham Unrau**, decided to hold a proper brother meeting in the prayer house in the village of Rownopol:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

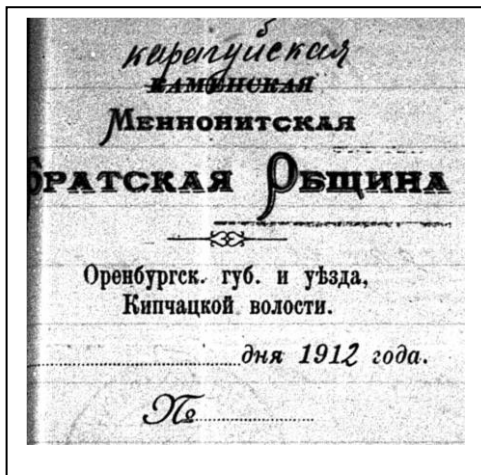
b) From our community as deputies for this congress are nominated: the spiritual head of the community of West Siberia: Jacob Gerhard **Wiens**.

Signatures: **Heinrich Jacob Epp, Abraham Giesbrecht, Peter Jacob Dyck, Jacob A. Unrau, Johann Bernhard Warkentin, Bernhard Bergen, Bernhard Bergen, Peter P. Friesen, Peter Enns, Peter A. Ratzlaff, Heinrich G. Regehr, Jacob P. Neufeld, Peter Friesen, Johann Kreckler, Gerhard Thiessen, Johann Bergen, Gerhard G. Petker, Aron Warkentin, Jacob P. Peters, Benjamin P. Buller, Jacob Fr. Kreckler, Heinrich Klippenstein, Abraham Janz, Isa Classes, Friedrich A. Unruh.**

The authenticity of the signatures is confirmed with the signature and with the church seal the spiritual head and preacher: **Abraham Abr. Unruh**.



14. Orenburg (Brudergemeinde)



The Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Karagui, Governorate and Ujesd Orenburg, Wolost Kiptschatzk, ... 1912, No. ...

Decision

We, members of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Karagui, Governorate and Ujesd Orenburg, Wolost Kiptschatzk, under the leadership of our spiritual leader **David D. Janz**, held a brotherhood meeting in the prayer house in the village of Karagui and decided:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

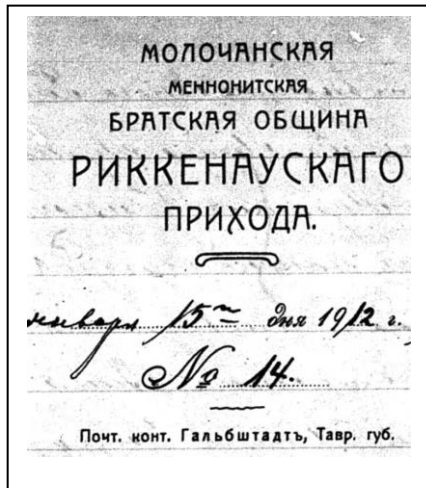
b) From our community as deputies for this congress are nominated: **Gerhard Neufeld** and **K. Fehr**.

Signatures: **Abram Pauls, Wilhelm Janzen, Gerhard Dyck, Jacob Goerzen, Isaac Harms, Kornelius Heide, Martin Heide, Abraham Bergen, Franz Peters, Gerhard Wiens, Kornelius Janzen, Johann Wiens, Gerhard Neufeld, Abraham Pauls, P. Neufeld, Jacob Neufeld, Heinrich Neufeld, Jacob Dyck, W. Siemens, Abraham J. Schiering, Jacob Isaak, Franz Geier, Jacob Peters, Franz Geier, Jacob Ott, Peter Friesen, David Janz, Gerhard Ens, Kornelius Janzen, Daniel Friesen, Paul Wiebe, A**

The authenticity of the signatures is confirmed with his signature and with the church seal: for the spiritual head: **David Janz**.



15. Rückenau, Molotschna



The Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau, Molotschna, 15 January 1912, No 14, Post Office Halbstadt, Taurien.

Decision

On January 15, 1912, members of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Molotschna, Taurien Governorate, Ujesd Berdjansk, Wolost Halbstadt, under the leadership of our spiritual leader **Abraham Johann Friesen**, we held and decided to hold a proper brotherhood meeting in the prayer house in the village of Rückenau:

a) The preacher of the Mennonite Brudergemeinde of Rückenau (Molotschna) **Heinrich Jacob Braun** is instructed to work for this purpose, to obtain permission from the appropriate authorities to organize a "substantial congress" on 25, 26 and 27 May of this year in the prayer house of the Mennonite brotherhood Molotschna in Rückenau, Wolost Halbstadt, Ujesd Berdjansk, Government Taurien. The conference will discuss various questions concerning the spiritual life of our congregations.

b) From our congregation as deputies for this congress are nominated: the preachers **Johann Toews, Abraham Klassen, Peter Kenn**, the parishioners **Heinrich Martens, Isaac I. Neufeld**, the preachers **Kornelius Boschmann, Klaas Enns, Abraham Friesen**, parishioners **Heinrich Suckau**, preacher **Heinrich Braun, Peter Regier, Jacob Reimer, Gerhard Martens, Peter Bergen, Heinrich Dyck**, parishioners **Martin Friesen, Johann Wilms**, Deacon **Gerhard Braun**, Preacher **Jacob P. Friesen**,

Signatures: **J.G. Thiessen, J. Loewen, Kor. Bamman, D. Rempel, Abr. ..., Heinrich Dyck, J. Loewen, Ger. Braun, K. Heide, Abr. Konrad, Abr. Epp, Abr. Funk, Isaac Toews, Peter Bergen, Hein. Penner, Heinrich Martens, Abr. Penner, Artur ..., Franz Martens, Heinrich Reimer, Martin Friesen, Peter Enns, Johann Thiessen, Heinrich Suckau, Peter Martens, Peter Braun, Gerhard Lorenz, A. Toews, Isaak Sawatzki, Isaac Fast, F. Martens,, Johann Dyck, J. Reger, Gerhard Martens, Kornelius Janzen, Peter Wiebe, Abraham Friesen.**

The authenticity of the signatures is confirmed with his signature and with the municipal seal: **Fr. Penner.**



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