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How do the Historic Peace Churches, specifically the Mennonite and Church of the Brethren, respond when confronted with the ravages of such wars as World War II and in Southeast Asia? This third volume of ACRS (the Anabaptist Center for Religion and Society) Memoirs reporting on "The Geography of Our Faith" focuses on service, including postwar.

The metamorphosis of Mennonites and Church of the Brethren in the second half of the twentieth century – like a monarch butterfly wiggling its way out of its cocoon – should not pass unnoticed. What are we seeing? What are we witnessing?

These sixteen memoirs give no straightforward answers but lead to new appreciation of transformative service. Understated servants seeking little more than to address the suffering of their day return to their cocoons to find they have been changed in ways no longer easily accommodated.

ACRS Memoirs volumes 1 and 2 told of mostly rural Mennonites; of administrators, professors, internationalists. The title of volume 3 befits the contents as it tells of emphasizing service, including relief, education, relief, humanitarian work, and being transformed by it.

Market: Historians, students, pastors, libraries; anyone interested in Mennonite-related memoirs offering readers fresh ways of seeing; alumni, faculty, staff of Eastern Mennonite University.

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Quote: "The authors of *Re-Envisioning Service* tell deeply personal stories which recount how each distinctively grappled with life's opportunities, enigmas and dissonances, invested lives with meaning through vocational (and shorter term) decisions made while building a vision of a more humane world. Readers will gain insight into some ordinary individuals who experience extraordinary lives pregnant with meaning, purpose, and generosity.'" – *Stanley W. Green, Executive Director, Mennonite Mission Network, in the Foreword*

