Ministers/Preachers and Aelteste in the Fuerstenland Mennonite Congregation 1870 to 1926

From the Diary of Peter Niebuhr (Mennonite Heritage Archives. Volume 4353, File 9)

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Preacher **Johann Wiebe**, called to be an Aeltester in 1870,14 September. Emigrated to America in 1875.

Preacher **Abram Wiebe**, elected October 25, 1864. 1876 to America.

Deacon Johann Ens, elected October 5, 1864. 1875 to America.

Preacher Franz Bückert, elected 1866 September 14. 1889 September to Ignatiewo.

Preacher **Isaak Dyck**, elected 1876 (1872?) 18 January (?). [Served as minister in] Anadol forestry in 1882.

Preacher **Abram Kroeger**, elected January 18, 1876; 1889 to Grigorievka.

Preacher Abram Janzen, elected in 1882; converted to the Mennonite Brethren Church.

Preacher **Peter Lepp**, elected May 28. 1885; Is still present [in 1926].

Deacon Nikolai Peters, elected May 28, 1885. 1889 to Grigorievka.

Preacher **Heinrich Epp**, elected 1886 October 30. To Nikolaipol.

Preacher **Peter Andres**, elected 1888 June 21. 1903 to Siberia.

Preacher Kornelius Ens, elected 1889 June 6. To America.

Preacher Isaak Warkentin, elected 1889 6 June. Is still present [in 1926].

Deacon Jakob Eckert, elected 1889 June 6. To Orenburg.

Preacher Jakob Dyck, elected May 18, 1890. To America.

Preacher Jakob Janzen, elected 1894 May 15. To America.

Preacher Kornelius Peters [elected] 1872. To America. Nothing definite.

Preacher Johann Martens, elected 1904, October 14. Died 1909 1 March.

Preacher Peter Niebuhr, elected Oct. 14, 1904. Sept. 28, 1926 to America.

Deacon Heinrich Penner, elected Oct. 14, 1904. Died in 1919.

Preacher **Jakob Giesbrecht**, elected June 15, 1904. Renounced preaching on Oct. 12, 1906.

Preacher **David Rempel**, elected 1907 Oct 17. Died 1922 March 22.

Preacher **Heinrich Wiebe**, elected October 17, 1906. Retired in 1923.

Preacher **Johann Martens**, elected [as minister] on Sept. 29, 1911. Elected Sept. 26, 1926 as Aeltester. Ordained October 3. September 28 [1926] to America [?]. *Another part of the diary states that he was elected on 3 Oct 1921 and then ordained by Aeltester I. Dyck.*

Preacher Peter Schellenberg elected July 20, 1921. To America on Sep 28, 1926.

Preacher **Abram Kroeger**, elected 1921. 1921 December 2 shot dead.

Deacon **Johann Federau**. Elected in 1921.1926 August to America.

Preacher **Abram Ens** elected - not yet ordained. 1923 to America.

Preacher Peter Warkentin, elected December 27, 1921. Ordained 1922 May 1.

Preacher **Peter Martens**, elected December 27, 1921. Ordained May 1st,1922. Moved to America September 28, 1926..

Preacher **Johann Penner** elected 1923. Ordained August 25, 1924. Moved to Nikolaithal in 1926.

Preacher **Peter Rempel**, elected in 1923, not ordained.

Preacher Abram Penner, 1924 July 20. elected. Ordained August 25, 1924.