In 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Julius L. Stucky of Newton established an endowment fund at Bethel College whereby annual cash awards would be given to students for developing significant contributions to Mennonite or Anabaptist research.

Appropriate projects could include proposals for historical or theological research papers, sociological, psychological, or biological studies, or musical or artistic creations—all with some connection to the Mennonite-Anabaptist experience.

The project should be planned in close consultation with a Bethel faculty member of an appropriate department who will supervise the project. The proposed project should yield original results, in the sense that both the student and the faculty supervisor are engaged in a process of true discovery. Recipients of the award should expect to present the results of their project in the Undergraduate Research Convocation during the Fall 2010 semester and as part of a Research and Creative Activity Symposium in Spring 2011.

The proposal should be no longer than three pages and it should provide: a description of the activity to be undertaken, an explanation of the project’s significance, a proposed plan of study (e.g., a bibliography of works to be consulted, equipment to be used, methods for gathering data, etc.), a projected work schedule, and the name of the faculty supervisor. The author of the winning proposal will receive a $500 stipend.

Proposal deadline is Monday, April 12, 2010. Proposals should be submitted to Larry D. Friesen, chair of the Undergraduate Research Committee, via e-mail or campus mail.

Questions about the Mennonite Contributions Contest should be addressed to John Thiesen (Mennonite Library and Archives).