

### **C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest GUIDELINES**

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3. Orations should not be longer than 1500 words. Not more than ten percent may be quoted material.
4. The winning oration from each school must be submitted in two forms: typed in manuscript AND recorded clearly on miniDV, DV cam or DVD. The manuscript should include a title page which lists the student's name, the school and the title of the speech. Videos/discs should be labeled likewise. The student's name and school should not appear on any page of the manuscript other than the title page.
5. Three judges will be selected by Peace and Justice Ministries, the body serving as administrator of the bi-national contest. The judges will be chosen in order to provide persons who combine theological knowledge, historical perspective and rhetorical competence. None of the judges will be from the colleges participating in the contest.
6. Cash awards for the winning orations in the intercollegiate, bi-national contest will be made as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$300; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$225; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$200. Additionally, scholarships will be provided for the top three orators to attend a peace-related conference or seminar of their choice in consultation with Peace and Justice Ministries and an advisor. The scholarships may be used for registration fees and/or travel costs. Maximum scholarship amounts are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$500; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Places: \$200.
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4. Each participating Mennonite and Brethren in Christ institution should select only one speaker for entry into the intercollegiate, bi-national contest. The method of selection may be determined by each college. An award of \$400 will be made available to each school as prize money if campus contests are held. The money could either be awarded to one person or divided among several.
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