

Welcome to the country of Menno Simons, where the only church reformer in the Netherlands lived and worked.

The Menno Simons SDMF Foundation manages three monuments in this area. The Shelter Church in Pingjum and the Het Menno Simons Memorial in Witmarsum, and the associated Contour Church.

These monuments mark the birth ground and the working area of Menno Simons. Many visitors come from home and abroad every year.

After training as a Priest in Utrecht, Menno Simons works as a chaplain in Pingjum and later as a pastor in Witmarsum. On January 30, 1536, he left the (Catholic) church of Rome, joined the "Baptist Movement" and was baptized again.

His philosophy continues to determine a globally spread Christian belief, whose members are known as Baptists and Mennonites.

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