

*PROPOSED Purpose, Goals, Objectives, and Structure of the*  
**Amish-Mennonite Historical Association**  
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## PURPOSE

To collect and disseminate historical knowledge pertaining to those Amish-Mennonites arising from the Beachy and related movements.

## GOALS

1. To establish and manage an archive in which churches, ministries, programs, and individuals may store records of interest in a secure location.
2. To increase awareness of Amish-Mennonite history through outreach projects.

## OBJECTIVES

1. Secure a permanent location in which records may be stored with special protection against loss.
2. Coordinate a proactive system by which to routinely solicit and collect documents from interested churches, organizations, and programs.
3. Collect publications pertaining to, authored by, edited by, and about Amish-Mennonite organizations, churches, and people.
4. Assist individuals who express interest in submitting personal collections.
5. Provide a system of security for documents that are to be sealed until a specified release date.
6. Create a system of organization for records that is user-friendly.
7. Sponsor a routine event promoting Amish-Mennonite history and thought.

## STRUCTURE:

A five-man committee, including a chairman and secretary/treasurer, will oversee the work. The committee may be composed of both ministry and laity. While the committee is responsible for major decisions, such as policy and finances, most ongoing work is the responsibility of a staff. The committee is to appoint this staff, including a head historian and archivist.