

# Dutch Mennonite Beginnings

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**The Netherlands** – homeland of Dutch Mennonites

Facts about **Menno Simons**:

from Witmarsum, the Netherlands

former Roman Catholic priest

most influential leader of Mennonite church

speaker and writer

**Elizabeth Dirks** – Dutch Mennonite Bible teacher of women

**Leonard Bouwens** – Dutch Mennonite leader who baptized more than ten thousand people

**Dirk Willems** – Dutch Mennonite who demonstrated sacrificial love by rescuing his enemy when pursued

**Martyrs Mirror** – book of stories of martyrs

Be ready to write about three of the Dutch Anabaptists who were studied in this unit.