

Hutterite Culture

The values and attitudes adopted by the Hutterite communities are deeply rooted in their historical experience and interpretations of the Bible, and consciously in their cultural heritage which is also pervasively religious. Hutterites believe in the common ownership of goods (Acts 2:44-47). They work and live communally in Bruderhofs (colonies) of about 100 people. While their clothing and gender roles are considered conservative and traditional compared to society in general, they are very technologically advanced communities that operate large farming operations and diverse manufacturing businesses. Since coming to North America from Eastern Europe in the late 1800's, the Hutterites have established at least 471 colonies in the United States and Canada, with approximately 110 colonies located in Manitoba. Nine of these colonies can be found within the Interlake School Division.