

Overview of the Mennonite Congregations in West Prussia, East Prussia, Brandenburg (Neumark) and Poland (between Plock and Warsaw)

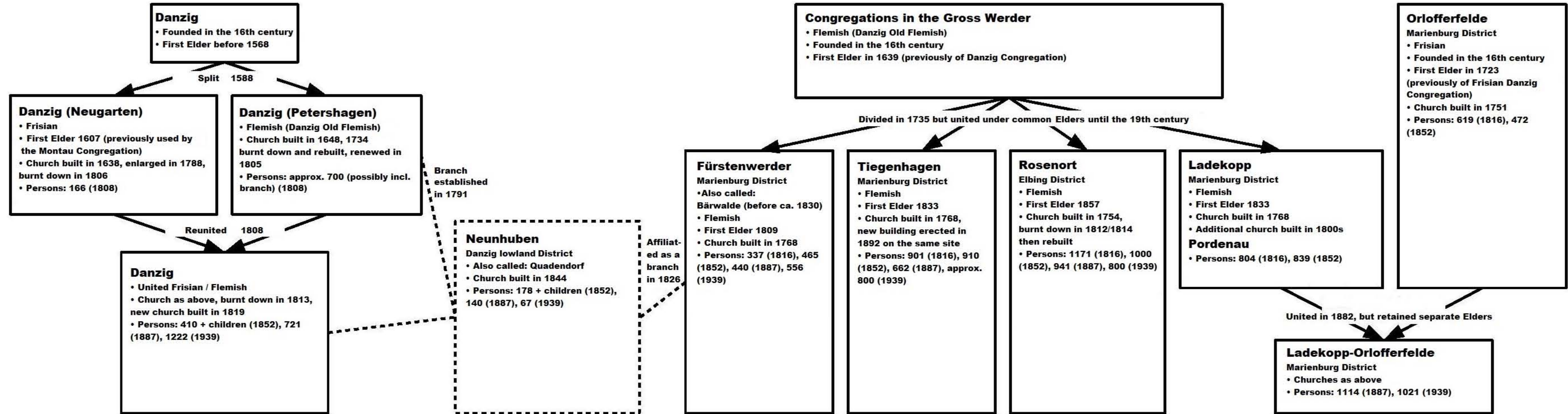
- Mennonite congregation
- Branch of a Mennonite congregation
- Additional church building for a Mennonite congregation
- (Local cities or towns without large Mennonite presence)

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16th Century

20th Century



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Elbing
 • Flemish (Danzig Old Flemish)
 • Founded in the 16th century
 • First Elder in 1727 (previously from Gross Werder Congregation)
 • Church built in Elbing in 1590
 • Church in **Ellerwald** (1st Trift) (Elbing District) built in 1783

Split 1799

Elbing
 • Flemish
 • Church as above

Ellerwald
 Elbing District
 • Flemish
 • Church as above

Reunited 1809

Elbing-Ellerwald
 Elbing District
 • Flemish
 • Churches as above, new church built in Elbing in 1900
 • Persons: 758 (1816), 555 (1852), 596 (1887), c. 800 (1939)

Split 1852

Elbing
 • 1852-1858 filial of Königsberg, 1860-1868 branch of Danzig
 • First Elder 1869
 • Church built in 1852
 • Persons: 347 (1887), 123 (1939)

Thiensdorf
 Marienburg District
 • Also called: Klein Werder Congregation
 • Frisian
 • Founded in the 16th century
 • First Elder approx. 1612
 • Church built in 1728, built in 1865 on the same site
 • Persons: 1376 (1816), 1277 (1852), 1115 (1887)

Split 1791

Markushof
 Marienburg District
 • Also called: Klein Werder Congregation
 • Frisian
 • First Elder 1792
 • Church built in 1791
 • Persons: 411 (1816), 452 (1852), 403 (1887)

United 1890

Thiensdorf - Markushof
 Marienburg District
 • Also called: Thiensdorf-Prussian Rosengart (from 1931)
 • Churches as above, church in Markushof destroyed about 1892
 • Another church built in 1891 in **Prussian Rosengart**
 • Persons: 1116 (1939)

Heubuden
 Marienburg District
 • Flemish (Danzig Old Flemish)
 • Founded in the 16th century
 • First Elder 1728 (previously from Flemish Danzig Congregation and Gross Werder Congregation)
 • Church built in 1768, enlarged in 1853
 • Additional church built in 1907 in Marienburg
 • Persons: 1429 (1816), 1216 (1852), c. 1125 (1887), 1500 (1939)

Pastwa
 Marienwerder District
 • Also called: Jerzewo (before 1854), Gutsch (from 1897)
 • Church built in 1854
 • Persons: 121 (1881), otherwise attributed to mother Congregation: Heubuden)

Branch established in 1700

Affiliated as a branch in 1899

Tragheimerwiede
 Stuhm District
 • Also called: Stuhm Lowlands Congregation or Zwanzigerweide (1897-1929)
 • Frisian
 • Founded about 1724 (by settlers returning from from the later Congregation Plauschwarren/ Pokraken [Memel District])
 • First Elder ca. 1740
 • Church built in 1728, 1763 enlarged, 1866 new building erected on same site
 • Persons: 892 (1816), 669 (1852), 521 (1887), 510 (1939)

16th Century

Montau
Schwetz District

- Also called: Graudenz Lowlands Congregation
- Frisian
- Founded in the 16th century
- First Elder before 1588
- Church built in Montau in 1586, rebuilt in 1859
- Church built in **Gruppe** 1776, new church built in 1866
- Persons: 884 (1816), 846 (1852)

Schönsee
Kulm District

- Also called: Kulm Lowlands Congregation
- Flemish (Groningen Old Flemish)
- Founded 16./17. Century
- Until 1760 probably branch of Przechowko
- First Elder 1760
- Church built - ?, abandoned in 1849
- Persons: 36 (1816), 39 (1849)

Schönsee
Kulm District

- Also called: Kulm Lowlands Congregation
- Frisian
- Founded in the 16th century
- First Elder before 1743
- Church built in 1618, enlarged in 1773
- Persons: 553 (1816), 654 (1852), 441 (1887), 218 (1939)

Przechowko
Schwetz District

- Also called: Schwetz Lowlands Congregation, or Wintersdorf
- Flemish (Groningen Old Flemish)
- Founded 16./17. Century
- First Elder before 1719
- Church built - ?, 1832 sold
- further church (branch) built in 1743 in **Jeziorken**, possibly sold between 1805-1823
- Persons: 134 (1816)
- The congregation was in decline from 1819-1824 due to strong emigration and after 1832 was defunct.

Ober Nessau
Thorn District

- Also called: Thorn Lowlands Congregation, or Little Niszewken
- Frisian
- Founded in the 16th century
- First Elder before 1779
- Church built in 1778, burned down in 1889/1890 and rebuilt
- Persons: 92 (1852), 88 (1887), 12 (1939)

Königsberg

- Flemish (Danzig Old Flemish)
- Founded in 1722
- First Elder 1727
- Church built in 1770
- Persons: 281 (1816), 169 (1852), 49 (1887), 65 (1939)

Plauschwarren / Pokraken
Tilsit District / Niederung District

- Also called: Lithuanian Congregation, or Memel Lowlands Congregation (from approx. 1927)
- Frisian
- Founded about 1740, first beginnings about 1713 (by emigrants mainly from the Montau, Schönsee and Przechowko Congregations)
- First Elder 1769 (previously served by various Congregations in West Prussia)
- Church in Groß Plauschwarren (Tilsit District) built in 1767, sold in 1893
- Additional church built about 1780 in **Grigolienen** (Niederung District), probably sold about 1831
- Church in Adlig Pokraken (Niederung District) purchased in 1831
- Persons: 516 (1816), 562 (1852), 794 (1887), 450 (1939)

United in 1849

Split 1871

Montau
Schwetz District

- Church as above, new church built in 1898
- Persons: 231 (1887)

Gruppe
Schwetz District

- Church as above
- Persons: 419 (1887)

Reunited 1920

Montau-Gruppe
Schwetz District

- Churches as above
- Persons: 375 (1939)

20th Century

16th Century

Brenkenhofswalde

Friedeberg District (Neumark)

- Also called: Netzebruch Congregation, or Neumark Congregation
- Flemish (Groningen Old Flemish)
- Founded in 1765 (by emigrants mainly from Przechowko)
- First Elder no later than 1776
- Church in Brenkenhofswalde built in 1778, abandoned in 1834
- Additional church built 1787 in **Franzthal**, abandoned in 1834
- Persons: 192 (1765)
- The parish was defunct by 1833-34 due to emigration

Sady

Poland

- Probably Frisian and Flemish (possibly in two separate parts)
- Founded no later than 1799 (probably mainly by settlers from Ober Nessau, Brenkenhofswalde, Przechowko and Schönsee)
- Unsure if this church had its own Elders
- Church built in 1806, abandoned around 1820
- There is very little information for this congregation. This was probably the predecessor congregation to that of Deutsch Wymysle, into which Sady likely developed.

Deutsch Wymysle

Poland

- Frisian and Flemish (in two separate parts with own Elders)
- Founded in 1813
- First Elder of the Flemish part at the latest by 1820, the Frisian part probably in 1864 (previously served by the congregation at Deutsch Kazun)
- Church built in 1813, burned down in 1845, new church built in 1864 (then used in conjunction with the Mennonite Brethren from 1914)
- Many members, including the Elders joined the Mennonite Brethren in 1907. The gemeente was then served by the Deutsch Kazun Congregation.
- Persons: 209 (1888), 323 (together with the Mennonite Brethren) (1939)

German Wymysle

Poland

- Mennonite Brethren Church
- 1884-1893 Branch of the Mennonite Brethren, Friedenfeld, Russia
- First Elder 1893
- From 1914, the church is shared with the Mennonite congregation
- Persons: 323 (together with the Mennonite congregation) (1939)

Deutsch Kazun

Poland

- Mennonite Brethren Church

Deutsch Kazun

Poland

- Frisian
- Founded 2nd half of the 18th century (by emigrants mainly from Montau, Schönsee and Ober Nessau)
- First Elder no later than 1800
- Church built in 1823, demolished in 1891, new church built in 1892, damaged in World War I, and renovated in 1924
- Persons: 597 + children (incl. filial) (1881), 404 (1939)
- There are other branches (in Russia) that are not listed here

Branch established before 1843

Wola Wodzyńska

Poland

- Church built - ?
- This branch became defunct in 1881-1888 due to emigration

20th Century

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Remarks:

Branches and their connections to the Mother congregations are represented by dashed lines.

"Flemish" and "Frisian" are different sects of the Mennonites. In the course of time the differences between these two sects became minimal and in West Prussia they united in 1859.

For some data, there are uncertain or contradictory statements. Additional congregations existing for only a short period of time were omitted.

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Small Villages Inhabited by Mennonites		
German	Polish	English or Alternate
Bärwalde	Niedzwiedzica	
Brenkenhofswalde	Błotnica	
Deutsch Kazun	Nowe Kazuń	
Deutsch Wymysle	Nowe Wymyśle	
Ellerwald	Olszanica	
Franzthal	Głębozeczek	
Fürstenwerder	Zulawki	
Grigolienen		Лембрух (Rus)
Gruppe	Grupa	
Gutsch	Gurcz	
Heubuden	Stogi	
Jersewo	Brachlewo	
Kleinsee	Jeziorken	
Ladekopp	Lubieszewo	
Markushof	Markusy	
Montau	Matawy	
Neugarten		
Neunhuben	Dziewięć Włók	
Obernessau; Klein Nieszewken	Mała Nieszawka	Little Nieszawka
Pastwa	Pastwa	
Petershagen	Zelichowo	
Plauschwarren		Plaušvarė (Lit)
Pokraken		Покракен/Ленинское (Rus)
Pordenau	Pordenowo	
Preußisch Rosengart	Rozgart	
Quadendorf	Przejazdowo	
Rosenort	Suchowo	
Sady	Sady	
Schönsee	Sosnowka	
Thiendorf	Jesioro	
Tiegenhagen	Tujec	
Tragheimerweide	Barcice	
Wintersdorf	Przechowka	
Wola Wodzyńska	Wola Wodzyńska	
Zwanzigerweide	Przydatki	

Polish Cities and Towns		
German	Polish	English or Alternate
Bromberg	Bydgoszcz	
Danzig	Gdańsk	
Elbing	Elbląg	
Graudenz	Grudziądz	
Königsberg	Kaliningrad	Калининград (Rus)
Kulm/Culm	Chełmno	
Landsberg an der Warthe	Gorzów Wielkopolski	
Marienburg	Malbork	
Marienwerder	Kwidzyn	
Plock	Płock	
Posen	Poznań	
Schwetz	Świecie	
Stuhm	Sztum	
Thorn	Toruń	
Tiegenhof	Nowy Dwór	
Tilsit	Tylża	Sovetsk
Warschau	Warszawa	Warsaw

Countries and Geographical Regions		
German	Polish	English or Alternate
Litauen	Litwa	Lithuania
Polka	Polen	Poland
Nowa Marchia	Nowa Marchia	Neumark
Brandenburg	Brandenburgia	Brandenburg
Ostpreußen	Prusy Wschodnie	East Prussia; Ducal Prussia
Westpreußen	Prusy Zachodnie	West Prussia; Royal Prussia

Rivers and the Delta		
German	Polish	English or Alternate
Memel	Niemen	Neman
Netze	Noteć	
Nogat	Nogat	
Warthe	Warta	Warta
Weichsel	Wisła	Vistula
Danzig(er) Werder	Żuławy Gdańskie	Gdańsk Marshland
Gross(es) Werder/Marienburger Werder	Żuławy Wielkie/Żuławy Malborskie	Large Marshland
Klein(es) Werder	Żuławy Elbląskie	Small Marshland