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WORSHIP RESOURCES

OCT 4 – WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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OCT 25 – MENNONITE HERITAGE SUNDAY

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NOV 1 – MISSION SUNDAY

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48-Hour Contest!

Congratulations to **Muriel Bechtel, Kitchener, ON**, who won a copy of *Thanking God with Integrity* by Willard Metzger.

This month's Question:

What are you reading this Thanksgiving?

Prize:

Go to Church, Change the World

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/1418>

Email Responses to info@commonword.ca



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

being a faithful church

6.1 & 7

BFC 6.1 is a summary and analysis of the responses received from BFC 6.

BFC 7 is the final document – a summary of the process and a recommendation on sexuality for Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2016.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/13465>

Accountability Plan for Pastors and Congregational Leaders, Lay and Bi-Vocational Pastors

A revised guide that provides the pastor and lay leader an opportunity to plan their ongoing spiritual formation, professional development and maintenance of appropriate boundaries.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/52/7843>

Matt Epp and Coffee for Peace



Recently singer/songwriter Matt Epp visited Coffee for Peace, part of a wider peace and reconciliation ministry of Joji and Dann Pantoja, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in the Philippines.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/18021>

Peacebuilder Video Training Series



4 instructional videos by Jarem Sawatsky, co-founder of CMU's Canadian School of Peacebuilding.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/18004>

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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Thirty Bucks

Donita Wiebe-Neufeld

FriesenPress, 2015.
Mr. Hermit's perfectly ordered life is thrown into disarray when two shepherds and an angel come to his door one cold winter night with a stray kitten and a desperate request. By opening his door to the neighbourhood, Mr. Hermit embarks on an adventure that will bring him unlikely friends and unexpected gifts. A story of celebration and thanksgiving, *Thirty Bucks* will warm your heart and inspire you to share that warmth with others.

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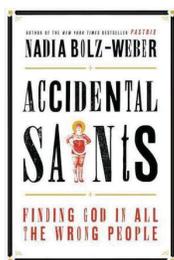
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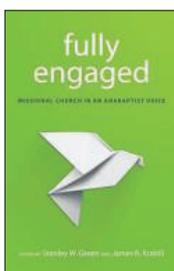
Accidental Saints: Finding God in all the Wrong People

by Nadia Bolz-Weber, Convergent Books, 2015

Best-selling author and former standup comic turned pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber invites readers to keep encountering the divine in unlikely characters from the margins of society. As she lives and worships alongside these “accidental saints,” she discovers the transformative power of God.

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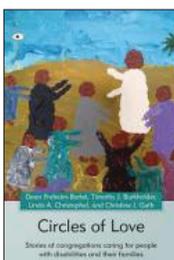
Fully Engaged: Missional Church in an Anabaptist Voice

by Stanley W. Green; James R. Krabill, MennoMedia, 2015

A diverse chorus of Anabaptist pastors and laypeople explores the roots, tools, and applications of the missional movement. From nurturing church planting to creating a missional culture to preaching for missional engagement, this book offers insights and ideas for churches looking for direction.

\$18.99, paperback, 363 pp. (or borrow)

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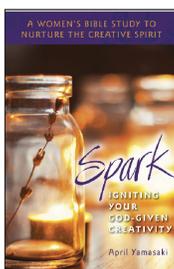
Circles of Love: Stories of Congregations Caring for People with Disabilities and their Families

by Dean A. Preheim-Bartel, MennoMedia, 2015.

If your family includes someone with disabilities, you know that congregations can be places of healing or harm, support or lack of care. How can churches better support individuals with disabilities and their families?

\$9.99, paperback, 94 pp. (or borrow)

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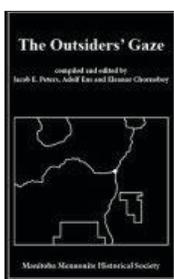
Spark: Igniting Your God-Given Creativity

by April Yamasaki, MennoMedia, 2015.

Twelve easy-to-use sessions help you connect with God—the source of our creativity. The sessions artfully bring biblical texts to life, encouraging you to uncover, develop, and embrace the gift of your own creativity.

\$10.34, paperback, 72 pp. (or borrow)

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/16/17880>



The Outsiders' Gaze: Life and Labour on the Mennonite West Reserve 1874-1922

ed. Jacob E. Peters; Adolf Ens; Eleanor Chornoboy, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

What did others think of the Mennonites when 7,000 of them emigrated from southern Russia and settled in the new province of Manitoba, 1874-1922? This is the perspective of the outsiders.

\$30.00, paperback, 198 pp. (or borrow)

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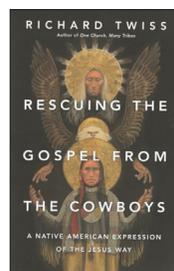


The Forgiveness Project

by Marina Cantacuzino, Jessica Kingley Publishers, 2015.

Thought-provoking and powerful real life stories from survivors and perpetrators of crime and violence around the world. Each story shows the real impact of forgiveness within a particular context.

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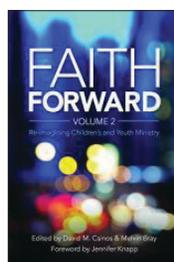


Rescuing the Gospel from the Cowboys: A Native American Expression of the Jesus Way

by Richard Twiss ed. Ray Martell; Sue Martell, InterVarsity Press, 2015

Indigenous cultures were erased in the name of Christianity. As a result, to this day few Native Americans are followers of Jesus. However, despite the far-reaching effects of colonialism, some Natives have forged culturally authentic ways to follow the way of Jesus.

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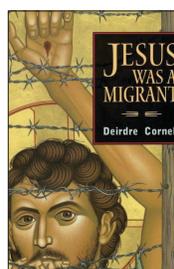


Faith Forward, Volume 2: Re-Imagining Children's and Youth Ministry

ed. David M. Csinos; Melvin Bray, Woodlake Publishing, 2015.

If you are seeking ways of doing children's and youth ministry that are grassroots, forward thinking, ecumenical, innovative and collaborative, this book will provide inspiration and wisdom for the journey.

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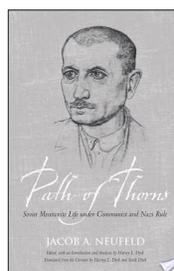


Jesus was a Migrant

by Deirdre Cornell, Orbis Books, 2014

Cornell reflects on the life of the migrant and the Christian life, and considers how the suffering that accompanies the migrant journey can also be a source of great blessings, for both the travellers and the society that welcomes them.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/17966>



Path of Thorns

by Jacob A. Neufeld, ed. Harvey L. Dyck, University of Toronto Press, 2014

Story of Jacob Abramovich Neufeld (1895–1960), a prominent Soviet Mennonite leader and writer, as well as one of the Mennonites sent to the Gulag. Consists of three parts – a Gulag memoir, a memoir-history, and a long letter from Neufeld to his wife.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/17979>

LINK

We provide hundreds of links to videos and websites.



The Opportunities and Challenges of Post-Christendom: 2014-15 Anabaptist Network Webinars

by Stuart Williams, Lloyd Pietersen, Andrew Francis, Nigel Pimlott, Simon Perry, Brian Haymes, Kyle Gingerich Hiebert. **WEB RESOURCE**

Listen to six recent webinars featuring the authors of books in the popular After Christendom series – all available for loan at CommonWord.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/54/17217>



Sam & the Thief: With Study Guides

Directed by Paul Plett, Mennonite Church Canada, 2015. **ONLINE VIDEO SERIES**

A modern day re-telling of the Good Samaritan story. Part of the Kid Shorts video series.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/18002>

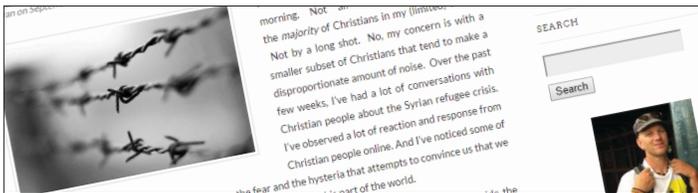


Curating Faith Formation

by Lifelong Faith Associates. **WEB RESOURCE**

Lists high quality digital resources that are free or low cost.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18003>



I'm Sorry, Christian, But You Don't Get to Make that Move

by Ryan Dueck. **BLOG POST**

"... As Christians, we are convinced that ultimately evil is not overcome by greater force or mightier weapons or higher walls or more entrenched divisions between "good people" and "bad people," but by costly, self-sacrificial love ..."

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18029>



A Treaty Future for All of Us

by Niigaan Sinclair, Steinbach Mennonite Church, 2015. **ONLINE VIDEO.**

Listen to Sinclair's presentation where he shares an Indigenous view of the creation story.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/17950>



Native Land Interactive Map

by Victor Temprano, Native-land.ca. **WEB RESOURCE**

A web resource for Canadians (and others) to find out more about local indigenous territories and languages. Search your geographic home location by territory, treaty or language on this interactive map of Canada.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/17952>



How to Pray for the Syrian Refugee Crisis when You Can't Find the Words: Prayers and Worship Helps

ed. April Yamasaki. **BLOG POST**

Includes excerpts of prayers and links to complete prayers and services.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18020>



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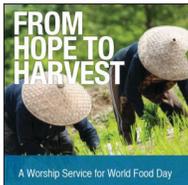
All of our electronic resources are free to download. These originate from our denominational offices and contacts, congregations, partners, and commissioned writers.



The Story: The Bible in 30 Minutes
by Peter J. H. Epp, Camps With Meaning, 2015.

This booklet is designed to help non-Indigenous communities begin a journey of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. By learning and unlearning. By building relationships. By actively practicing reconciliation. By living out our commitment in worship, in prayer and in just action. Based on Steve Heinrich's booklet *Paths for Peacemaking with our Host Peoples*.

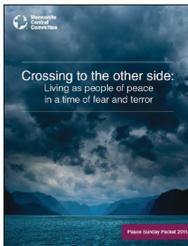
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From Hope to Harvest: A Worship Service for World Food Day
by Christine Longhurst, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 2015.

These resources are intended to help your faith community focus on God's provision of food for all, while at the same time remembering that not everyone enjoys access to the abundance the earth provides. Particularly suited for World Food Day, October 16.

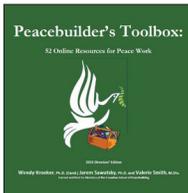
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2015 MCC Peace Packet : Crossing to the Other Side: Living as People of Peace in a Time of Fear and Terror
ed. Esther Epp-Tiessen, by Dana Hepting; Jon Nofziger; Rachelle Klassen; Rebekah Sears; Steve Plener; Tim Schmucker.

One of the unfortunate products of the climate of fear is the reflexive association of terrorism with Islam. In many ways, Muslims have become the feared "other." How do we relate to those identified as "other"? How do we share the peace of Christ?

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/17991>



Peacebuilder's Toolbox: 52 Online Resources for Peace Work
by Jarem Sawatsky; Val Smith; Wendy Kroeker, Canadian School of Peacebuilding, 2015.

As academics, administrators, organizers, and networkers, we have tried and tested a variety of online tools. This first CSOP ebook reveals some of the tech tools we use.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18005>



Forgiveness and Forebearance: Is it Worth it? (Part 1)
with John H. Neufeld, Church Matters. Podcast 2015.

How does forgiveness work? Are there benefits to forgiveness? And how can we become committed to living a forgiveness-filled life in a modern world?

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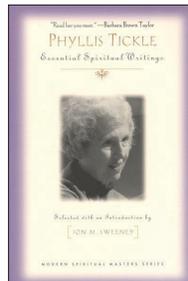
Other Noteworthy Titles



Thomas Merton, Peacemaker. Meditations on Merton, Peacemaking, and the Spiritual Life
by John Dear, Orbis Books 2015.

Dear highlights the lessons he has learned from Thomas Merton: the connection between contemplation and nonviolence; the importance of faithful reliance on God instead of weapons or war; the need to speak out publicly for disarmament and justice; the importance of silence, solitude, and mindfulness; the daily celebration of the resurrection and the wonder of creation.

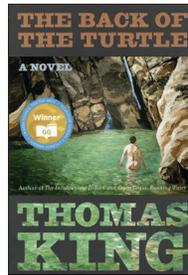
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Phyllis Tickle: Essential Spiritual Writings
by Jon M. Sweeney, Orbis Books, 2015.

At every stage of her career - reflected here in essays and poems, sermons, lectures, reflections on the words of Jesus and the future of faith - Tickle's vocation has been to assist in the human struggle to come to terms with what it means to live a life with and for God.

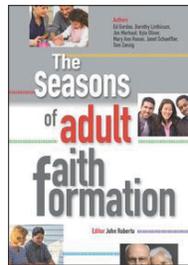
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The Back of the Turtle
Thomas King, HarperCollins, 2014.

"Canadians are just realizing that we don't know how to talk about racism and we don't know how to enter or share or even understand First Nations culture. Yet in *The Back of the Turtle* and all his fiction, King asks us to relax and enjoy ourselves. This is sad and serious business but we'll accomplish far more by smiling than by looking away." - from Globe and Mail review.

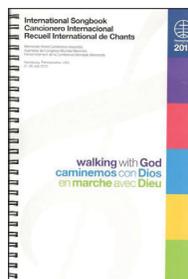
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The Seasons of Adult Faith Formation
ed. John Roberto, Lifelong Faith Publications, 2015.

It's time for every Christian church to commit itself to developing faith formation for every season of adulthood: young adults, midlife adults, mature adults, and older adults. This book is a start - a collection of twentyfirst century practices, approaches, and resources.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18012> (borrow)



International Songbook, Cansongers International, Recueil International de Chants
ed. Marilyn Houser Hamm; Margaret Brubacher.

Compiled for the Mennonite World Conference Assembly 16 in 2015 (Pennsylvania). The 56 hymns represent music from our Mennonite believers in five continents.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18008> (borrow)