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JAN 24 – MENNONITE WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY
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January Prize:
Level Ground Dried Fruit!



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Congratulations to **Bruce Jantzen** from SK, who won a copy of *Deuteronomy Believers Church Bible Commentary* by **Gerald Gerbrandt**.

MAKE THE MOST OF THE CURATOR:

 **Circulate** widely – to librarian, pastor, worship planners, education coordinator, and church administrator.

 **Invite** friends/committee members to subscribe:
www.commonword.ca/go/81

 **Submit** your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web.



WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

A lot has happened in 12 months! The CMU Bookstore and Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre moved out of crowded and secluded spaces, combined our efforts into a unique library-store experiment, and welcomed many people from our churches, university community and the general public to our beautiful, spacious, sun-lit space. And, wow, you have come! To Grant Avenue for Ten Thousand Villages gifts, books, congregational resourcing, and groceries. And to our website to buy, loan and download Anabaptist resources. Sales are up! Loan items are circulating outside the Mennonite community in greater numbers! Interaction on Facebook and www.commonword.ca is robust! We're thrilled activity has increased within Winnipeg, across the country and beyond.

Thank you for supporting us in our inaugural year - we look forward to serving you in 2016!

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BUY

Competitive sale prices. Special orders accepted.
See pp. 5-6 for more retail items

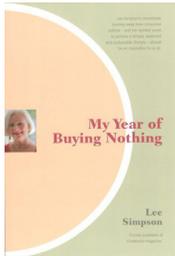


Deuteronomy, Believers Church Bible Commentary Series

by Gerald Gerbrandt, Herald Press, 2015.

Against the backdrop of competing modern-day gods, Deuteronomy calls for the exclusive worship of the one God, with a reminder of what that God has done for us. It presents a vision for a community that treats each other with justice and generosity.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18074>
\$35.99, paperback, 600 pp. (or borrow)

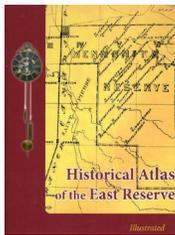


My Year of Buying Nothing

by Lee Simpson, Woodlake Publishing, 2015.

Simpson invites readers into her world to witness the struggles she faced, the decisions and compromises she had to make, and the wisdom she won during her year-long attempt to shed her "consumer" skin and live a more sustainable, authentic, and earth-friendly life.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18073>
\$22.95, paperback, 213 pp. (or borrow)



Historical Atlas of the East Reserve

ed. Ernest N. Braun and Glen R. Klassen, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society, 2015.

This beautifully illustrated historical atlas tells the story of immigration and settlement on the east side of the Red River in Manitoba on the eight townships known as the East Reserve.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18078>

\$50.00, hard cover, 256 pp.

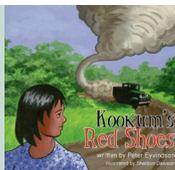


Sons and Mothers: Stories from Mennonite Men

by Mary Ann Loewen, University of Regina Press, 2015.

With honesty and grace, the male contributors tell of the complicated, vulnerable, and inspirational women who formed them, and reveal struggles over faith, unfulfilled dreams, and aging.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18138>
\$17.50, paperback, 144 pp. (or borrow)



Kookum's Red Shoes

Peter Eyvindson and Sheldon Dawson Pemmican Publications, 2011.

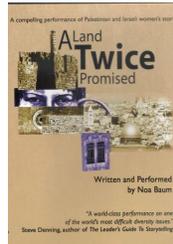
More than 150,000 indigenous children were separated from their families and sent to residential schools. Kookum's Red Shoes is a gentle reminder to all Canadians of the importance of nurturing our children and providing them with a safe, positive environment regardless of their race, culture or creed.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18120>

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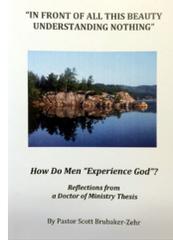


A Land Twice Promised,

DVD by Noa Baum, 2015.

A storytelling piece that Baum, an Israeli living in the U.S., created based on her personal friendship with a Palestinian woman. She's woven together their memories and their mothers' stories to give voices and faces to the people behind the headlines in the news.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/18/18117>

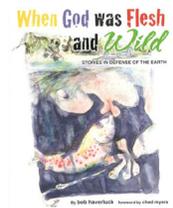


How Do Men Experience God? Reflections from a Doctor of Ministry Thesis

by Scott Brubaker-Zehr, 2015.

Scott, pastor in Kitchener, ON, recently summarized his D.Min. thesis about men's spirituality into this shorter booklet. Some topics discussed include, Is our theological language in church failing to connect with men's experiences of God? How can we encourage men to more often experience God and to better express those experiences?

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18063>



When God Was Flesh And Wild: Stories in Defense of the Earth

by Bob Haverluck, Racka Tacka Sacka Press, 2015.

Bob is an artist storyteller who works with community groups using the arts to help engage issues of violence against the earth and her creatures.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18118>



Jacob and Esau: Transforming Conflicts

by Betty Pries, ARC Ministries, 2015.

A one-session adult study that looks at conflict transformation through the lens of an Old Testament story. By modern standards, one would no doubt call Isaac and Rebekah's family dysfunctional. Conflict emerges in this story because of jealousy, betrayal and bad behaviour resulting in a severing of relationships between two brothers. Jacob and Esau's reconciliation story is remarkable - pointing repeatedly to God's grace and protection.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/16/18099>



Three Feathers: A Graphic Novel

by Richard Van Camp and K. Mateus, HighWater Press, 2015.

Explores the power and grace of restorative justice in one Northern Canadian community and the cultural legacy that can empower future generations.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18095>

LINK

We provide hundreds of links to videos and websites.

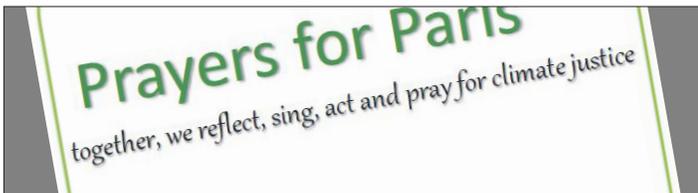


Christ at the Coffee Shop

Mennonite Church Canada, 2015. **ONLINE VIDEO**

In the spring of 2015, Pastor Kassa Lemma of Rehoboth Evangelical Church in Toronto invited Mennonite Church Canada Executive Director Willard Metzger to speak at an Ethiopian Evangelistic conference. Metzger admits that his first response was hesitant. "We don't do that anymore as Mennonites." But he says the more he thought about it, the more he realized that we do engage in evangelism—we just go about it in different ways.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/18082>



Prayers for Paris: Worship Resources for Climate Justice,

Citizens for Public Justice, 2015. **ONLINE RESOURCE**

A package of creation care worship resources – either in the lead-up to Paris, or in Sundays following.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18119>



Malcolm Guite Blog.

Malcolm Guite

All Guite's published poems, and many unpublished ones are available on this blog together with recordings of him reading them. Guite is a poet-priest and Chaplain of Girton College Cambridge and has collaborated with singer songwriter Steve Bell.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18086>



Anabaptist Learning Workshop

by Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, 2015.

The Anabaptist Learning Workshop is a new opportunity in MCEC for those who want to explore the intersection of Anabaptist-Christian faith and contemporary life.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18080>



PiE - Pastors in Exile

by Jessica Reesor Rempel and Chris Brnjac **BLOG**

We are community pastors outside of church walls, who are seeking God's blessings for the city and surrounding area of Kitchener-Waterloo, ON. We partner and collaborate with all those who also seek the wellness of this place we call home.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18077>



MCBC is Anabaptist

Mennonite Church British Columbia, 2015. Online Video.

Leaders within MCBC discuss the background and importance of being Anabaptist.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/18068>

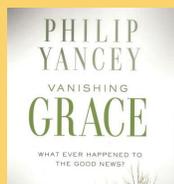
Youth/Adult DVD Studies

CommonWord has 279 DVD studies, including these 3 new ones:



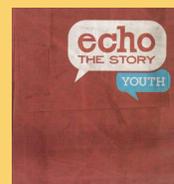
Hazardous Saints:
**Christians Risking All,
Changing Everything**
by C. K. Robertson

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/50/18123>



**Vanishing Grace: Whatever
Happened to the Good
News?:**
a Dvd Study by Philip Yancey

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/50/18127>



**Echo The Story: Youth
Sparkhouse**

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/50/18129>

DOWNLOAD

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



**Church Matters Podcast, Episode 105:
Conscientious Objection to War, Part of Our Identity**
with Conrad Stoesz, Mennonite Church Canada, 2015.

Learn more about "the forgotten history" of conscientious objection and Stoesz' plans to produce a documentary film on the history of Canada's provisions for alternative service to war.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/46/18137>



God Surprises: A Christmas Pageant
by Margaret Loewen Reimer, 2015.

Each Old Testament story in this pageant reveals how God comes into the world in unexpected and surprising ways, anticipating God's unusual arrival at Christmas.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18122>



God of All Comfort: Mental Health Resources for Church Worship

ed. Angelika Dawson, Communitas Supportive Care Society, 2015.

A worship packet of prayers, readings, a dramatic reading, song suggestions, stories, and sermon prompts.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18072>



2016 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of God
Canadian Council of Churches.

This year's worship/prayer resources give us the opportunity to pray with the Christians of Latvia who call us to reflect on the mighty acts of God in our lives.

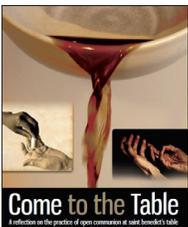
<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18076>



Un Llamado a la Reconciliación: perspectivas teológicas colombianas (A Call to Reconciliation)
Justapaz, 2015.

Creemos que las iglesias son llamadas a ejercer el ministerio de la reconciliación.

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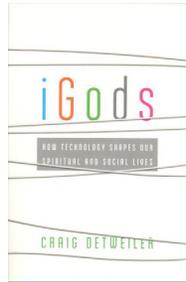


Come to the Table: A Reflection on the Practice of Open Communion at St. Benedict's Table
by Jamie Howison, 2008.

Along with the conventional biblical sources, this paper draws on the experiences of the community to help give deeper theological reflection on the meaning of this shifting communion practice.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18053>

OTHER NOTEWORTHY TITLES

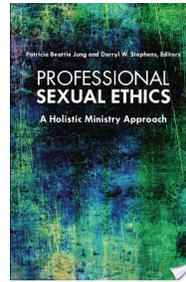


iGods: How Technology Shapes Our Spiritual And Social Lives

by Craig Detweiler, Baker Publishing, 2013.

Provides needed Christian perspective on navigating today's social media culture. He interacts with major symbols, or "iGods," to investigate the impact of the technologies and cultural phenomena that drive us.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18102>



Professional Sexual Ethics: A Holistic Ministry Approach

by Patricia Beattie Jung and Darryl W. Stephens, Fortress Press, 2013.

Sexual health is an essential part of maintaining professional relationships in ministry. Each chapter includes an analysis of common ministry situations, discussion questions, practical guidelines, and resources for further study.

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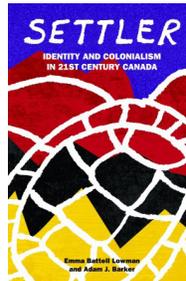


Words that Enlighten

by Hugo Neufeld, Millrise Publishing, 2015.

Can we learn to proclaim the good news in genuinely respectful and invitational ways? Through stories, commentary, and discussion questions, readers are invited to join the author in learning how to speak about their faith in ways that resonate in our North American culture.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/16/18121>

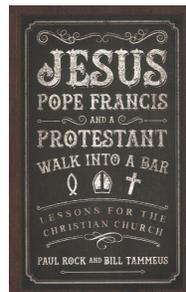


Settler: Identity and Colonialism in 21st Century Canada

by Emma Battell Lowman and Adam J. Barker, Fernwood Publishing, 2015.

Being Settler means understanding that Canada is deeply entangled in the violence of colonialism, and that this continues to define contemporary life in Canada. It also means accepting our responsibility to struggle for change.

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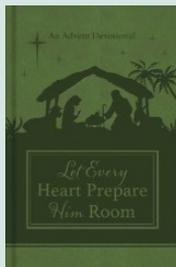
Jesus, Pope Francis and a Protestant Walk into a Bar: Lessons for the Christian Church

by Paul Rock and Bill Tammeus, Westminster John Knox Press, 2015.

Thoughtful examination of Jesus' example and legacy, as well as an honest look at the similarities and differences between Catholic and Protestant faith, invites reflection on the heart of Christianity and how we relate to our fellow Christians.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/16/18079>

new books +music

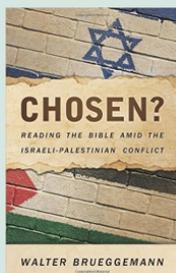


Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room

by Jean Wise

\$9.99

Wouldn't it be nice to celebrate Christmas simply, without all the hype and stress? With twenty-eight encouraging devotionals, relevant quotations and prayers, plus practical tips for simplifying the Christmas season, *Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room* may be one of the most important books you read this year.



Chosen? Reading the Bible Amid The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

by Walter Brueggemann

\$14.99 + ONLINE

Brueggemann explores the situation in modern-day Israel that raises questions for many Christians who are easily confused when reading biblical accounts of God's saving actions with the Israelites. The reader will get answers to their key questions about how to understand God's promises to the biblical people often called Israel, and the conflict between Israel and Palestine today.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/16/18031>

Grace Notes

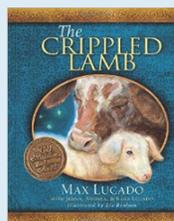
by Kathleen Francis

\$21.99

Francis sets out to discover how the gift of music is being used through interviewing musicians and worship leaders across Canada about their passion to see music used to highlight and connect us with God. These musicians have treasures to share. Songwriters & musicians interviewed include: Steve Bell, Jon Buller, Brian Doerksen, Marilyn Houser Hamm, Christine Longhurst plus many more.



books for kids



The Crippled Lamb

by Jean Wise

The inspiring story that has encouraged thousands of children who have felt left out or who have special needs, ending with the promise that Jesus is coming again.

Reg. \$16.99 SALE \$8.99 (while quantities last)

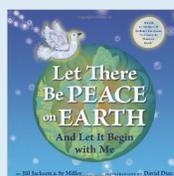


The Friendly Beast

by Rebecca St. James

The Friendly Beasts offers a new way to look at the birth of Jesus through beautiful, memorable illustrations, traditional holiday lyrics, and a CD with narration and music performed by Rebecca St. James.

Reg. \$18.99 SALE \$10.99 (while quantities last)



Let There Be Peace on Earth And Let It Begin with Me

by Jill Jackson & Sy Miller

Jackson and Miller's lyrics have been beautifully interpreted by Caldecott Medal-winning artist David Diaz. Diaz's luminous illustrations, featuring peace symbols from many cultures, and a 12-track audio CD introduce this beloved song and its valuable message to a new generation.

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Selection of Advent/Christmas Resources

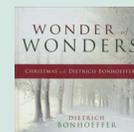
Prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ! Check out our selection of inspirational devotionals for personal reflection, and Advent calendars, wreaths, candles and activity books for family traditions.

author of the month



Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a theologian, a pastor, a spiritual writer, a musician, and an author of fiction and poetry. The integrity of his Christian faith and life, and the international appeal of his writings, have received broad recognition and admiration making him one of the most well-known and beloved theologians of the twentieth century.



Wonder of Wonders: Christmas with Dietrich Bonhoeffer is available in-store at CommonWord.

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