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WORSHIP RESOURCES

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BY THE NUMBERS

41%

OF WEB ACTIVITY AT COMMONWORD.CA
ORIGINATES FROM OUTSIDE CANADA

48-Hour Contest!

Name your 3 favourite websites for congregational resourcing.

March Prize:
A Year of Biblical Womanhood
by Rachel Held Evans



Email Responses to info@commonword.ca

Congratulations to last month's winner
Mingoo Kang from MB who won a Fair Trade
Divine Raspberry Dark Chocolate Bar.

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- Circulate widely!
- Submit your own resources to be listed by CW.
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<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/59/7508>

Church Matters Podcast

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Mennonite Historian Magazine

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/59/7510>

PrayerNet

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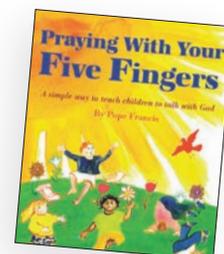
Praying with My Fingers: An Easy Way to Talk with God

by Pope Francis, Paraclete Press, 2014.

With gentle rhyme, children ages 1-5 will delight in learning how to pray by simply looking at their fingers.

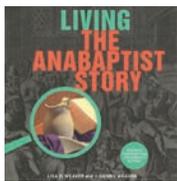
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Check out other children's materials
and in-store items on page 5!



BUY

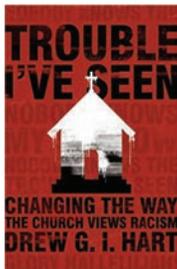
*Competitive sale prices. Special orders accepted.
See pp. 5-6 for more retail items*



Living the Anabaptist Story: A Guide to Early Beginnings with Questions for Today
by Lisa Weaver; J. Denny Weaver, illust. Judith Rempel Smucker, Cascadia Publishing, 2015.

Tells the story of 16th century Anabaptism and how it lives on today and can be joined by any who identify with Anabaptist understandings of following Christ.

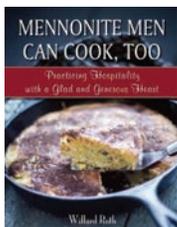
<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/16/18262>
\$27.50, paperback, 112pp. (or borrow)



Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism
by Drew G. I. Hart, Herald Press, 2016.

Leading readers toward Jesus, Hart offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice.

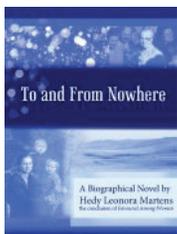
<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18258>
\$18.39, paperback, 189 pp (or borrow)



Mennonite Men Can Cook, Too: Celebrating Hospitality with 170 Delicious Recipes
by Willard Roth, Good Books, 2015.

As a Mennonite church leader, global traveler and journalist, he is as well-known for the dinners he prepares as he is for his sermons or editorials. Roth gives us the tools to practice hospitality, along with unforgettable, easy-to-prepare recipes.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18241>
\$20.99, hard cover, 316 pp.



To and From Nowhere: A Biographical Novel
by Hedy Leonora Martens, CMU Press, 2015.

Tells a harrowing and beautiful tale by combining narrative, biography, poetry, history, and personal reflection. A sequel to Favoured among Women.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18201>
\$27.00, paperback, 503 pp.(or borrow)



I'm Glad You're Here: Songs of Hope and Struggle CD
by Bryan Moyer Suderman, SmallTall Ministries, 2016.

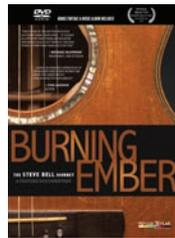
This may be the most intimate, raw, humorous, and ultimately hopeful album that Bryan has released to date.

\$14.99, 40 min (or borrow)

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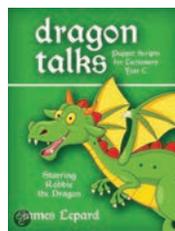
*Free shipping for loan books; free return shipping for loan DVDs.
Most featured loan titles can also be purchased by special order.*



Burning Ember: The Steve Bell Journey, DVD,
by Steve Bell, Refuge 31 Films, 2014.

Follow the journey of Canadian singer-song writer Steve Bell who has been on the road for over twenty-five years pouring his heart and faith into his music.

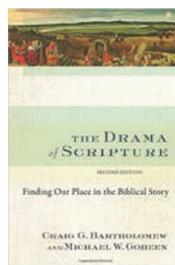
<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/18/18265>



Dragon Talks: Puppet Scripts for Lectionary Year C
by James Lepard, Woodlake Publishing, 2015.

Scripts designed for use during "children's time" in worship or Christian education program. Through Robbie the dragon, children, youth, and adults alike are drawn into the text in a fun and open way.

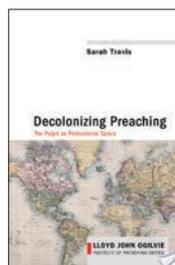
<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18261>



The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story
by Craig G. Bartholomew; Michael W. Goheen, Baker Publishing, 2014.

Surveys the grand narrative of the Bible, demonstrating how the biblical story forms the foundation of a Christian worldview.

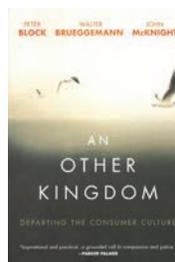
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Decolonizing Preaching: The Pulpit as Postcolonial Space
by Sarah Travis, Wipf and Stock, 2014.

Offers preachers a gentle introduction to colonial history, postcolonial theories, and Social Trinitarian theology, while equipping them with tools to decolonize preaching and strategies for preventing, resisting, and responding to colonizing discourse.

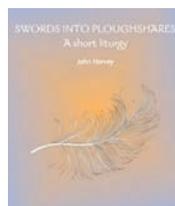
<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18273>



An Other Kingdom: Departing the Consumer Culture
by Peter Block; Walter Brueggemann; John McKnight, John Wiley & Sons, 2016.

Discover an alternative set of beliefs that have the capacity to evoke a culture where poverty, violence, and shrinking well-being are not inevitable—a culture in which the social order produces enough for all.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18288>



Swords into Ploughshares
by John Harvey, Wild Goose Publications, 2010.

A short worship liturgy on peace and nonviolence.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18301>

LINK

We provide hundreds of links to videos and websites.



On a Plate: A Short Story about Privilege

by Toby Morris, The Wireless, 2015. **ONLINE VIDEO.**

A great way to explain privilege to someone who's having a hard time understanding — or someone who doesn't want to recognize it.



Sacred Trust: Fostering Safe Space in Congregations

by Carol Penner, MCEC, 2016. **ONLINE VIDEO.**

Stories and reflections on the issue of sexual misconduct by church leaders. Meant to be widely read - used for retreats, discussion groups or personal reflection.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18259>



Taking Off the Mask

by Rachel Bergen, Canadian Mennonite, 2016. **ONLINE ARTICLE.**

"Every night, Erin says she wished she would wake up a girl. In fact, Erin was born with a gender variance: she is transgender, identifying as female, opposed to the male sex assigned to her at birth ..."

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18306>



2015 Fall Partnership Circle - Called to Action: Speakers: Patricia Vickers and Deanna Zantingh

by Patricia Vickers; Deanna Zantingh, Mennonite Church Canada, Mennonite Church Manitoba, 2015. **ONLINE VIDEO.**

An exploration on how the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action might gift, challenge and transform us and the Mennonite church.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/18292>



Moment of Reckoning: Turning the Page on a Dark Chapter of Our Shared History

by Matt LeMay, Assembly of First Nations, 2015. **ONLINE VIDEO.**

Former National Chiefs Phil Fontaine and Shawn Atleo, former residential school student Martha Marsden and others discuss their personal experiences with Indian residential schools and some of the specific and broad steps toward reconciliation.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/18239>



A Field Guide to Christian Nonviolence

by David Cramer, Sojourner's, 2016. **ONLINE ARTICLE.**

Eight perspectives of Christian witnesses for peace show that Christian nonviolence isn't a singular position, but rather a rich conversation on the biblical call to justice amid the complexities of ever-changing political, social, and moral situations.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18219>

NEW LENT RESOURCES FROM

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PUBLICATIONS**



DOWNLOAD

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



Seeking Alternatives: Are Non-Violent Responses to Terrorism Possible?

MCC, 2015.

What can people of peace do to respond to terrorism? The following suggestions, while not constituting an exhaustive list, provide a starting place for individuals, organizations, and churches to start thinking about nonviolent responses to the fear that violence creates.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18160>



Forgiveness and Forbearance: A 4-Session Adult Study

by John H. Neufeld, 2015.

An adult Sunday School presentation on the complicated questions of forgiveness and forbearance.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18168>

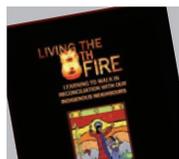


Annual Congregational Giving Survey: Household Income/Donations

St. Jacobs MC, 2012.

One congregation's "stewardship inventory" – an anonymous congregational household survey, tallying income and charitable giving.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18190>



Living the 8th Fire: Learning to Walk in Reconciliation with Our Indigenous Neighbours

Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue, 2015.

A 7 session adult study that explores a new, just and reconciled relationship between Indigenous and Settler peoples in Canada.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18246>



Mennonite Burial Society: A Mutual Aid Society,

2016.

Now offering membership to all Mennonite Church Canada attendees across the country. A Mutual Aid Society that provides funds to aid in funeral expenses to members in times of need!

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18276>



1 Corinthians 13 for CPTers: A Paraphrase

by Peter Haresnape, CPT, 2016.

An introduction to the work of Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), its mission and vision, through a powerful re-application of this Pauline "love hymn."

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18294>

OTHER NOTEWORTHY TITLES



And It Was Very Good: Everyday Moments of Awe

by Ed Olfert, Driverworks, 2015.

What do glimpses of God look like? Olfert's short stories locate God with new eyes, a way of seeing that leaves space for awe and mystery.

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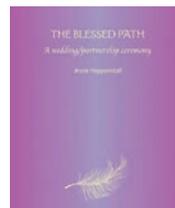


Youth: Readings, Prayers and Other Liturgical Resources

Wild Goose Publications, 2016.

A wide-ranging, rich collection of reflective and liturgical material for youth groups, youth workers and anyone concerned with youth issues.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18308>



The Blessed Path: A Wedding/Partnership Ceremony

by Annie Heppenstall, Wild Goose Publications, 2012.

A creative and flexible marriage/partnership ceremony exploring the theme of life-journeys and the commitment a couple make to walk together along the path, 'on rough ground and on smooth.'

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18303>



Be Still Bead-Prayer Workshop: A Detailed Plan for a Workshop Exploring Meditative Prayer Using Beads

by Annie Heppenstall, Wild Goose Publications, 2012.

Instructions for putting together and leading a two-hour session on meditative prayer, using beads, based on the words 'Be still and know that I am God.'

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18305>



A Framework for a Memorial Event

by Tom Gordon, Wild Goose Publications, 2010.

A structure and material for a memorial event which allows people, in a corporate setting, to remember loved ones, to have their loss recognized, and to find that their sorrow and their journey of bereavement has echoes of other peoples' experiences.

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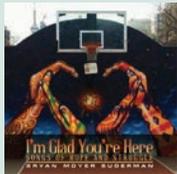
Month of Prayers Surrounding the Stories of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada: A Prayer Resource for Individuals, Families, Small Groups and Churches

Christian Reform Church, 2016.

The prayers of each week focus around the 7 Sacred Teachings found in Indigenous cultures.

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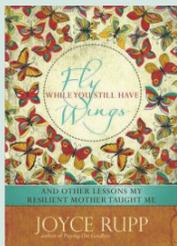
new books + music



I'm Glad You're Here, CD by Bryan Moyer Suderman

From the pain and yearning of "I'm Glad You're Here" to the irrepressible groove of "Greater Works Than These," from the grit & challenge of "Wrestling With the Scriptures" to the side-splitting hilarity of "My Baby Wants Secure Retirement," these songs are the sound track of a journey of hope & struggle...

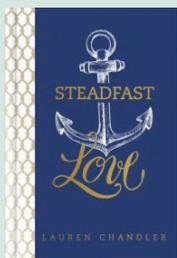
\$14.99



Fly While you Still Have Wings: And Other Lessons my Resilient Mother Taught Me by Joyce Rupp

In this heartfelt memoir about her mother's final years, Rupp shares the lessons her mother taught her, especially to fly while you still have wings. Each chapter begins with a meditative poem that captures the essence of each stage in the journey.

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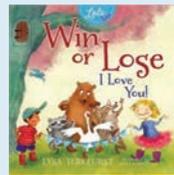


Steadfast Love by Lauren Chandler

Chandler uses her own life experiences to remind us of Psalm 107 and the fact that sometimes He wrings the worship from our hearts. There are times when God seems far and we feel we have nothing to offer, but that is when God shows us His steadfast love.

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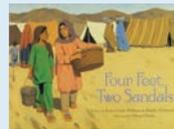
books for kids



Mimi's Village And How Basic Health Care Transformed It by Katie Smith Milway & Eugenie Fernandes

Mimi and her family help bring basic health care to their small Kenyan community. The picture-book format brings Mimi's story to life. Along with further information, a glossary and a map, an addendum includes suggestions for how children can get involved, highlighting how inexpensive, easy-to-make improvements can transform people's lives.

\$18.95



Four Feet, Two Sandals

by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed

Two young Afghani girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers, and discover the true meaning of friendship and sacrifice. This book honours the experiences of refugee children around the world, whose daily existence is marked by uncertainty and fear.

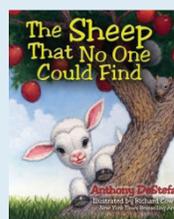
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What's in the Bible? Vol 1. In the Beginning DVD

What Is the Bible? How is it put together? Who Wrote the Bible? With fast-paced flash animation, and catchy tunes this DVD explains how the Bible was inspired and how Genesis sets the stage for the rest of the Bible and all of history! Includes a family study guide.

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The Sheep That No One Could Find

by Anthony DeStefano

DeStefano weaves the heart of the parable of the lost sheep into an exciting adventure story for children ages three and older. When paired with brightly colored illustrations, the tale of repentance and forgiveness is brought to life.

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in store spotlight



Winter

Prepare your heart and mind for the Easter Season! Check out our selection of Lent resources.

author of the month



Jamie Arpin-Ricci

Jamie Arpin-Ricci is the author of *The Cost of Community: Jesus, St. Francis and Life in the Kingdom* and the pastor of Little Flowers Community in the inner city of Winnipeg. He has spent two decades serving in ministry among the urban poor, both in North America and abroad.



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