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WORSHIP CALENDAR

Feb 25 – Ash Wednesday
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April 5 – Palm Sunday
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April 9 – Maundy Thursday
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April 10 – Good Friday
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April 12 – Easter
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May 3 – Many Peoples Sunday
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May 31 – Pentecost
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 **For additional children’s books,** see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168.

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- *Canvass* – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/885
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- *Church Matters* radio program – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/206
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- *Intotemak* – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/66
Quarterly newsletter of Native Ministry. Nominal subscription cost.
- *Mennonite Historian* – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/886
A joint publication between the Mennonite Heritage Centre and the Centre for MB Studies. Subscription rates apply.
- *News Service* – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/891
Bi-weekly distribution of MC Canada's News Releases and stories.
- *Prayer Net* – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/874
Receive monthly and/or urgent prayer requests.
- *Resource Update* – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347
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- Videos on *YouTube* – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/538
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- *World of Witness Report* – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/875
Quarterly newsletter that contains excerpts from mission worker's letters as well as news from International Ministries
- What would your congregation do in the event of a pandemic? Visit www.churchpandemicresources.ca.



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The Cloth of Jesus by Karen Schellenberg. A Maundy Thursday service that looks at the Jesus story – up to the events of Good Friday – through the metaphor of cloth or fabric: swaddling baby clothes, the hem of his garment, the jackets of the Palm Sunday processional, the footwashing towel, Jesus' crucifixion clothes for which the soldiers gambled, and the linen that wrapped his body in the tomb.

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➔ **For other original materials, see** www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/479

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Upcoming Youth Conferences

Prepare your youth and prepare yourself with resources by these keynote speakers:

- **March 6-8** CMU's *Peace-It-Together*, with Tony Campolo – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/880
- **July 6-10** MC Canada's Youth Assembly, with Shane Claiborne www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/879 and Michele Hershberger www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/881

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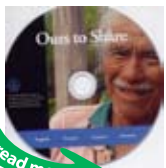
There are 3 new resources added each day. Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480 for a complete listing.

Featuring new DVDs!



The Great Trek 1 and 2, DVDs, by Otto Klassen, 2007. Two documentaries that look at the Mennonite experience in Europe from 1939-1945.

→ For other resources on Mennonite history, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/882.



Ours to Share, DVD, Mennonite World Conference, 2008. An English, French, German, Spanish introduction to the ministry of Mennonite World Conference.

→ For other "Mennonite World Conference" materials, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/40



Pax Service: An Alternative to War, DVD, Mennonite Media, 2008. Between 1951 and 1976 some 1200 young men refused to join the military. Instead, they volunteered through an alternative service program called PAX, serving in 40 countries. This DVD shares their stories, and includes a discussion guide.

→ For additional conscientious objector resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/414



The Prodigal Trilogy DVD, 2007. The Prodigal Son Trilogy is a film separated into three acts. Each act reveals a different character in the story – the younger son, the elder son, and the father. In a remarkable performance, Jason Hildebrand nails all three, giving the modern audience an enlightened look at the universality of each character in the story.

→ Also see Jason Hildebrand's [Blue Like Jazz: Live DVD](#)



Good God Theatre: Act 1: Old Testament DVD, Abingdon Press, 2008. Brings to life not only stories from the Bible but also the big story of God's love. The freshness and humour of the performances – 16 scenes from creation to Advent – capture the imagination and hearts of youth and adults alike. Includes discussion guide.

→ For other biblical stories, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/837



Embracing Aging: Families Facing Change DVD, Mennonite Media, 2007. Families, experts, and "wise ones" share insights on aging, housing choices, facing illness, and cooperating as siblings in the care of aging parents. Residents of a co-housing community for those over 55 offer attractive alternatives for the aging years.

→ For other resources on aging, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/771



If the World Were a Village: A Story about the World's People DVD, 2005. By shrinking the world into a 100-person village, this video vividly shows who we are, where we live, how fast we're growing, what languages we speak, what religions we practice, and more. Excellent teaching tool for elementary-age children.



Nooma DVDs, Volumes 19-22, 2008. We now have the latest four volumes of this ever-popular DVD series that invites viewers to search and wrestle with the implications of what Jesus is saying and doing today. Features Rob Bell.



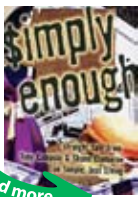
The Gods Aren't Angry DVD, Zondervan, 2008. Where did religion come from? And how did the idea evolve that if you didn't say, do, or offer the right things, this being would be upset, agitated, or even angry with you? Rob Bell explores the evolution of religion, shedding fresh light on Jesus' death – and what it means for us in the postmodern era.

→ For other Rob Bell titles, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/884

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For other resources on voluntary simplicity, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/883



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The Ordinary Radicals: A Conspiracy of Faith on the Margins of Empire DVD, 2008. Traveling across the United States on tour to promote the book, “Jesus for President,” Shane Claiborne and a rag-tag group of “ordinary radicals” interpret Biblical history and its correlation with the current state of American politics.



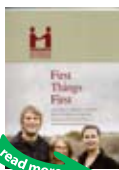
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Another World is Possible DVD and CD series, Volumes 2 and 3, 2008. Featuring a beautiful harmony of songs and images, teaching and storytelling, each volume in this series invites us to imagine God’s vision for our world and takes us to the margins of our society where we can see that vision come to life.

For other Shane Claiborne titles, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/879

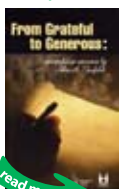
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See all of Mennonite Foundation of Canada’s titles at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/274.

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