

RESOURCE UPDATE

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

SUMMER:

Assembly Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1076
Camp Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267
Vacation Bible School
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/82
Summer worship
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/259

FALL:

Labour Day
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/257
Sept 13 - Sunday School Promotion
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/256
Sept 13 - Publishing Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/339
Sept 20 - International Day of Peace
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1059
Oct 4 - World Communion Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1084
Oct 25 - Mennonite Heritage Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1060
Nov 8 - Mission Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1075
Nov 15 - Peace Sunday (MCC)
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1061
Nov 29 - First Advent
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

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

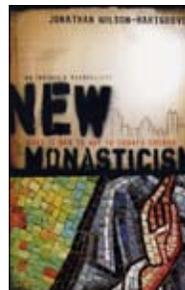
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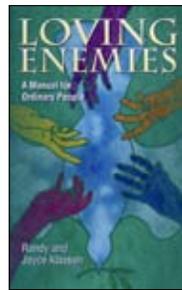
 **Submit** your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web

2009 SUMMER READING IDEAS

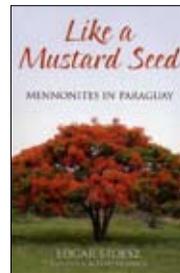
Here's a short list of new poetry, biography, and fiction titles at the Resource Centre.



New Monasticism: What it Has to Say to Today's Church



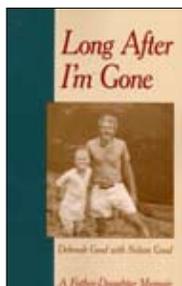
Loving Enemies: A Manual for Ordinary People



Like a Mustard Seed: Mennonites in Paraguay



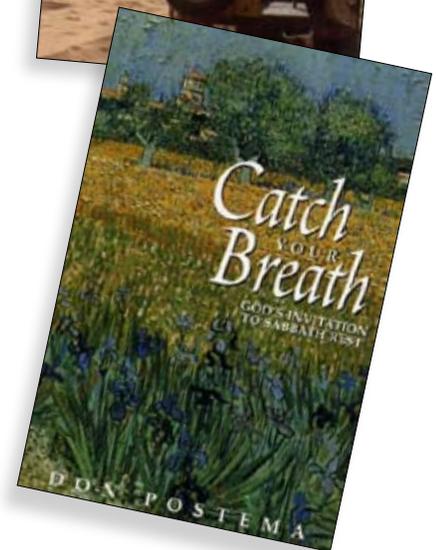
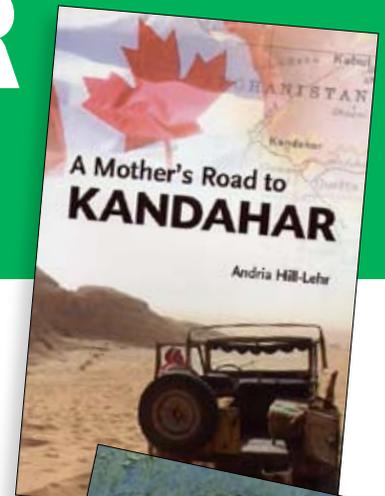
The Coat is Thin: Poems



Long After I'm Gone: A Father-Daughter Memoir



Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers: Prayer for Ordinary Radicals



[VIEW THE ENTIRE LIST ONLINE](#)

Children's Corner

Resources for the library, home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller



God's Dream

by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Douglas Carlton Abrams and LeUyen Pham, Candlewick Press, 2008.

God's dream is that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, no matter their way of speaking to God, no matter the size of their nose or the shade of their skin. Aided by vibrant artwork evoking such images as a rainbow and a sharing circle, Tutu offers the essence of his Ubuntu philosophy, a wisdom so clear and crystalline that even the smallest child can understand.

For additional children's books, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168

Online survey results

A big thanks to the 100 people who offered feedback to us about this *Resource Update* publication.

A few interesting summaries:

- **93%** felt that the newsletter has the “right amount” of content and felt able to skim it for relevant material. *We’ll continue with a 4-page spread.*
- Many indicated appreciation for the various embedded links in *Resource Update*. Even more electronic helps were requested. *For starters, we’ll post our “Website Window” more frequently (and welcome your website recommendations).*
- Books are still the resource type of choice (86.2% respondents suggesting they would order a book, compared to 55.3% who might download a resource, and 46.8% who would borrow a DVD). *We’ll keep shipping those books out across Canada free-of-charge – both ways!*
- There were several suggestions for a “cleaner, more colourful” *Resource Update*. *We’ll tinker at the design. Note the addition of our “motto” on our header: “Borrow, Purchase, Download, Link”.*
- “On the Road”, “Tool Tips”, “In on the Action?” were rated lowest. *These will appear less often.*
- We’re grateful the *Resource Update* reaches many people: pastors, teachers, librarians, chaplains, professors, service workers, worship leaders, church leaders – and many more. *We’re delighted that as many as 63.8% subscribe to the Resource Update out of personal interest. Keep passing the word along!*

We’re open to ongoing feedback

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Assembly 2009 Resources

Need to reference the discernment sessions or staff reports?

Want to read the daily news sheet or include some of the Assembly worship in your plans? Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1058.

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency

Bottom Line: Stewardship and Missions Sermon
by Carol Penner, The First Mennonite Church, Vineland, ON.

Who paid the bills for Jesus’ ministry?
We might be surprised to learn it was Mary Magdalene. How were she and the other women engaged with Jesus’ work? This sermon challenges us to be involved in mission and to support the bottom line as modeled by faithful women in Jesus’ time.

Download at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1081

 Share your church’s original material

Website Window

Links worth noting

Our catalogue links you to many websites – here are some recent additions:

- Worship Resources on Reconciliation from the World Council of Churches www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1062
- Online reading from Tyndale Seminary www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1063
- Mennonite Women Canada blog www.mennowomencanada.blogspot.com
- MC USA worship service: “Following Jesus in a World that is Not” www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1064
- ChurchFlu - www.twitter.com/churchflu
- Bill C-390: Conscientious Objection Act www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1065
- Alternative worship website www.alternativeworship.org
- Sermon collections from our MCBC churches www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1066
- Mother’s Day for Peace www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1067
- Write-Hand Lettering: Hand-Painted Banners and Art www.writehand.ca

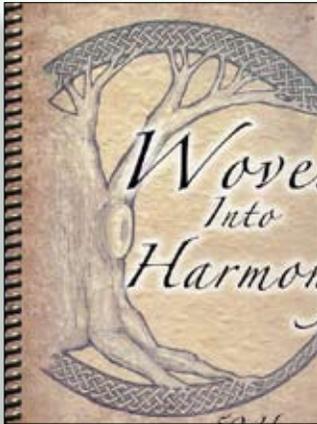
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***Woven into Harmony:
50 Hymn Texts***

by Adam M. L. Tice, GIA Publications, 2009.
Subject: [Music](#)

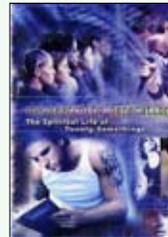
Check out this new collection of hymns from a Mennonite hymn composer that offers fresh language and vivid imagery through an Anabaptist lens.



***The Forgotten Ways Handbook:
A Practical Guide for Developing
Missional Churches***

by Alan Hirsch, Baker Publishing Group, 2009. Subject: [Missional Church](#)

A companion to his bestselling missional book *The Forgotten Ways*, this handbook with 7 sessions moves beyond theory to practice, offering ways for the church to apply these ideas to their life and ministry.



***The Searching Generation:
The Spiritual Life of Twenty-Somethings***

DVD, Auroris Media.
Subject: [Young Adult](#)

A provocative yet contemplative documentary film about two generations: Generation X and Millennials, opens a dialogue between traditional religious communities and the emergent generation. Includes discussion guide.



***Community Research Guide
for Church Leaders***

Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 2008.
Subject: [Community Ministry](#)

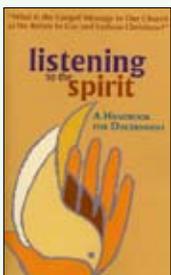
A practical and adaptable resource from the EFC's Centre for Research on Canadian Evangelicalism on how your congregation can learn about its neighbours.



***Live! God Views: Seeing Clearly
the One who Loves You Most***

DVD, by Curt Cloninger, LifeSprings, 2003.
Subject: [God](#)

Curt Cloninger portrays six very comic misconceptions about God, and concludes with two poignant monologues about God's true nature. A good discussion starter on our various images of God.



***Listening to the Spirit:
A Handbook for Discernment***

ed., William Paulsell, Chalice Press, 2001.
Subject: [LGBT](#)

A process of discernment that helps us listen to the Holy Spirit for guidance as congregations consider the question, What is the gospel message to our church as we relate to gay and lesbian Christians?

Farewell to Anita

Anita Neufeld will be leaving her role as Assistant at the Resource Centre on July 31, 2009. It will be a loss to see her go – many of you have had contact with her these last three and a half years, perhaps recently in her appeals for congregational resource submissions. She has made an invaluable contribution to the Centre as we've brought our entire library of resources on stream in a single, searchable online

catalogue. She's also often been the reliable hands behind the quick same-day mailing service that you've come to expect.

Anita has accepted the position of Manager at the Canadian Mennonite University Bookstore.

Please join us in wishing her God's blessing in the coming transition and in her ministry ahead.



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From Mennonite Church Canada



What Makes a Mennonite

This brochure explains core beliefs and provides an overview of Mennonite history. Available in:

- English
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/832
- Traditional Chinese
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/871
- Simplified Chinese
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/872

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Who Are the Mennonites?

This brochure outlines the origins and beliefs of Mennonites and highlights the contributions of the Manitoba Mennonites. Trilingual format in English, German, and French.

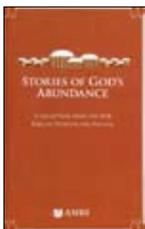
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1068

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From our Partners

We've added 2 new partners recently:

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary



Stories of God's Abundance:
A Collection from the 2008
Biblical Storytelling Festival
AMBS, 2008.

The November 2008 festival at AMBS focused on Bible stories about food, and presented scripture in a variety of styles.

For other AMBS resources, see
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1073

Institute for Mennonite Studies



In Celebration of Wisdom:
Life and Meaning in Job, Proverbs,
and Ecclesiastes
edited by Steven Schweitzer, IMS, 2009.

The authors of the 13 essays in this volume argue that the Wisdom tradition is often ignored in the development of theology, in favour of concepts such as Covenant or Law. Here, they put forward a strong argument for its unique richness and usefulness for the church.

For other IMS resources, see
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/270



Many Gifts

This booklet is a practical resource for church leaders in calling out and nurturing the gifts of children, youth, and adults. Includes an extensive list of resources found at the Resource Centre.

\$5.00 or download for free
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1012



Mennonites: A Brief History of Witness, Service, Peace

A booklet on the origins and beliefs of the Anabaptists, including the Mennonites, Hutterites, and Amish.

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1069

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From our Press

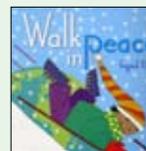
Use the links below to borrow or purchase these items:



What is Iran? A Primer on Culture, Politics and Religion

by Laurie Blanton Pierce, Herald Press, 2009.

Written from a peace-building perspective and informed by almost two decades of Mennonite experience in Iran, the author provides insight into a country that often makes the news but is rarely understood.



Walk in Peace

by Ingrid Hess, Herald Press, 2009.

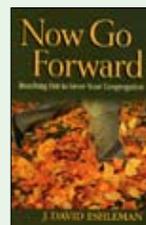
Voices a prayer for children everywhere: God watches them as they venture into the world.



Timna

by Lucille Travis, Herald Press, 2009.

Timna is one of Noah's daughters-in-law and this is her story of the flood and the ark. Written for 9 to 14 year-olds.



Now Go Forward: Reaching Out to Grow Your Congregation

by J. David Eshleman, Herald Press, 2009.

The author's passion has been to bring unchurched people to healthy congregations. This book challenges congregations to make disciples not just around the world but in their own backyards.