

# RESOURCE UPDATE

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## WORSHIP CALENDAR

Nov 15 – Peace Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1061](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1061)  
 Advent/Christmas  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78)  
 New Year's Day  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/489](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/489)  
 Jan 17 – Stewardship Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1165](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1165)  
 Jan 24 – World Fellowship Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1166](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1166)  
 Feb 7 – Church Education Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1168](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1168)  
 Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491)


## DID YOU KNOW?


### Resource Centre Facts


**Loaned books shipped free**


– both ways –  
 anywhere in Canada!

### MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

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

 **Invite** friends/committee members to subscribe: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347)

 **View** this issue electronically at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1194](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1194) and connect with our online catalogue

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



### **Prayer Journeys with Children: A Guide for Parents, Grandparents and other Caregivers**

What are some strategies that can help all of us mentor the children God has entrusted us with?



### **2010 Season of Prayer Guide: Reclaiming Jesus**

By Patty Friesen

Use the 5 sessions as:

- Worship themes
- Week of prayer study
- Adult Sunday school



### **Winter 2009-10 Talk-About**

Use this *Gather 'Round* (MPN) set of cards to connect with the Sunday School focus at home



### **Advent at Home: Bursting in and Breaking Out**

Use this MC Canada guide to connect with congregational worship themes at home

## Children's Corner

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



### **But God Remembered:**

### **Stories of Women from Creation to the Promised Land**

by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso; illustrated by Bethanne Andersen, Jewish Lights, 2008.

This dynamic collection of four stories is a modern reclaiming of the Bible, a celebration of courageous and wise women from ancient tradition. These stories invite children of all ages and all faiths to remember, and to bring their own faith to life. With vivid prose and lush, full-colour illustrations, this storybook introduces: Lillith, Serach, Bityah and the daughters of Z.

For additional children's books, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168)

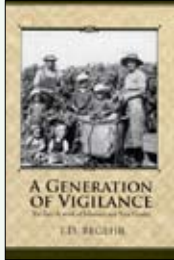
## From our Partners

We've added another partner recently!

Canadian Mennonite University Press

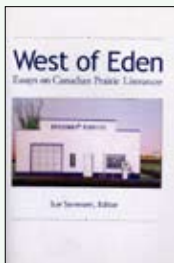
*Borrow or purchase all their titles from our online catalogue!*

# CMU PRESS



**A Generation of Vigilance: The Lives and Work of Johannes and Tina Harder**  
by T.D. Regehr, 2009.

This biography traces the legacy left by Johannes and Tina as well as their experience as Russian immigrants in early 20th Century British Columbia. The book is more than a family history; it is in part the history of the Mennonite Brethren denomination in Canada and throughout the world.



**West of Eden: Essays on Canadian Prairie Literature**

edited by Sue Sorensen, 2008.

These 17 essays ponder the character of prairie literature. That the prairies are "west of Eden" is an idea only, and a somewhat mischievous one. Is this spot distant from the glory of the garden? Writers have often pondered the ambiguous sanctity of the prairies, while those who recruited settlers certainly exploited the notion. These varied essays engage with Margaret Laurence, Rudy Wiebe, and Neil Young, among others.

## From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency

**Proclaiming the Gospel: Nurturing a Vision for Engaged Congregations**

by Dan Epp-Tiessen, MC Canada Ministers' Conference, 2009.

In his presentation to the pastors at the 2009 Ministers' Conference, Dan Epp-Tiessen concludes: If we proclaim the good news of what God has done, continues to do, and will yet do one day (i.e. the gospel), then we can properly understand discipleship and our mission and service work - and be inspired to use and nurture the gifts of the congregation.

✉ Share your church's original material

We're looking for more original Advent and Christmas resources as we approach the season.

Submit yours at [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca)

## Website Window

Links worth noting

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

**MC Canada Resource Centre online catalogue**

It's now even easier to search our **New Resource list** by clicking on the header options:

Acquisition Date (sorts by acquisition date)  
Resource Type (sorts by type alphabetically)  
Resource Title (sorts alphabetically)

Or, use our "advanced search" options and select between "search all resources" and "search only new resources".

A convenient way to stay up-to-date with your Resource Centre.



**Echo the Story:**

**Discover the Art of Bible Storying**

[www.echothestory.com](http://www.echothestory.com)

Recapture the sacred art of biblical storytelling and inspire new generations to find themselves in God's story.



**Peace Probe blog**

<http://peaceprobe.wordpress.com>

by Gene Stoltzfus, former Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams.

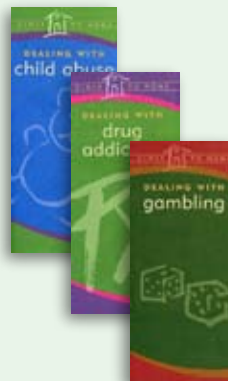


Do you have any sites to recommend?

## From our Press



Mennonite  
Publishing  
Network



**Close to Home pamphlets:**

**Dealing with Child Abuse**

**Dealing with Drug Addiction**

**Dealing with Gambling**

**Have you tried Browse and Buy?**

Host a table in your congregation of MPN titles - in time for Christmas shopping.

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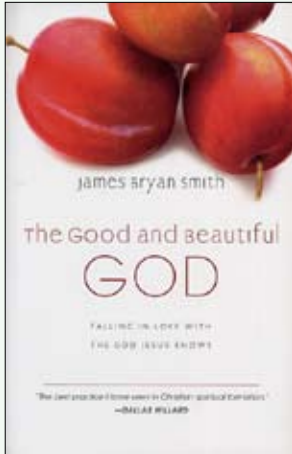
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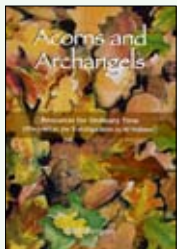
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**The Good and Beautiful God:  
Falling in Love with the God  
Jesus Knows**

by James Bryan Smith,  
InterVarsity Press, 2009.  
Subject: [God](#)

Turning to the Gospels, Smith invites you to put your ideas of God to the test to see if they match up with what Jesus himself reveals about God. This deep, loving and transformative book will help you discover the narratives that Jesus lived by and to practice spiritual exercises that will help you grow in the knowledge of our good and beautiful God.



**Acorns and Archangels: Resources for  
Ordinary Time**

by Ruth Burgess, Wild Goose Publications, 2009.  
Subject: [Prayers/Litanies for Worship](#)

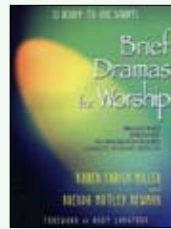
A collection of resources for the late summer and autumn period of Ordinary Time - prayers, stories, responses, songs, poems, reflections and meditations, written by Iona Community members, associates and friends.



**... And You Invited Me In: A Refugee  
Worship Resource**

by Isabella Sellar Voll, Mennonite Central  
Committee. Subject: [Refugee Ministry](#)

Through worship and study guides, this resource assists congregations in prayerfully considering the issues and realities facing refugees in the world today.



**Brief Dramas for Worship:  
12 Ready-to-Use Scripts**

by Karen Farish Miller; Brenda Motley Newman,  
Abingdon Press, 2005.  
Subject: [Drama for Worship](#)

Most of these biblically based dramas – suitable for both contemporary and traditional worship services - offer a woman's point of view about a scripture story or a scripture message.



**Called to Be Human: Letters to my  
Children on Living a Christian Life**

by Michael Jenkins, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2009.  
Subject: [Young Adults](#)

Through these letters written to his own adult children, Jenkins converses with a startling range of thinkers and writers - from Calvin to Rumi - and offers searching, loving testimony to his own faith.



**Drops Like Stars: A few thoughts on  
Creativity and Suffering**

by Rob Bell, Zondervan, 2009.  
Subject: [Suffering](#)

This book is an exploration of the complex relationship between suffering and creativity, driven by the belief that there is art in the agony.



**Green Congregation Stewardship  
Resources**, CD ROM

Mennonite Creation Care Network, 2009.  
Subject: [Creation Care](#)

A wide selection of creation care resources for congregations, including study guides, articles, worship litany, sermon, video, song, and much more. For a full content listing, click [here](#).



**Growing Together: Fall and Winter: Six  
Intergenerational Celebrations**

by Kathy Finley; Sylvia DeVillers; Rita Mailander;  
Kathy Coffey, Church Publishing, 1999.  
Subject: [Intergenerational Curriculum](#)

Leaders' resources, planning pages and a wealth of experiential learning activities - everything you need for six intergenerational celebrations, suitable for fall and winter. 1 of 2 volumes.

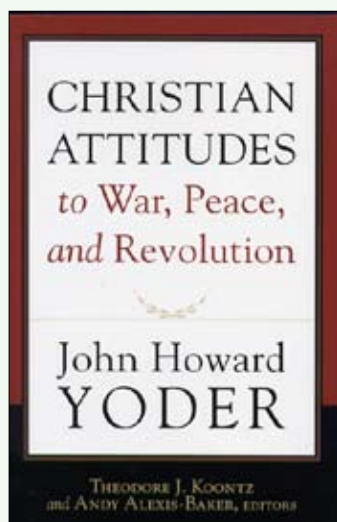
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### Resource Centre Facts

Elsie Rempel – and a team of writers from across Canada – compile worship resources for “Special Sundays” (see the Worship Calendar on the front page).

World Communion Sunday (October 4) received an unprecedented number of hits – over 2500 in a few short weeks!

Use these materials to spark your own worship planning.



**Christian Attitudes to War, Peace, and Revolution**

by John Howard Yoder; edited by Ted Koontz and Andy Alexis-Baker, Baker Publishing Group, 2009. Subject: [Peace/War](#)

This volume makes Yoder's stimulating insights more accessible to a broader audience and substantially contributes to ongoing discussions concerning the history, theology, and ethics of war and peace.



**Meeting God in the Ruins: Devotions for Disaster Volunteers**

by Judith Mattison; Catherine Malotky, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2008. Subject: [Disaster/Pandemic](#)

24 devotions for you to use as you prepare to head out, as you work on site, and when you return home.



**Holy Clarity: The Practice of Planning and Evaluation**

by Sarah B. Drummond, Alban Institute, 2009. Subject: [Program Evaluation](#)

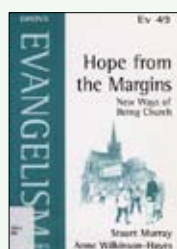
Explores the most basic reason leaders of religious organizations conduct evaluations: to find and create God-pleasing clarity regarding the organization's purpose and the impact of its activities.



**Raising Children to Love their Neighbours**

by Carolyn C. Brown, Abingdon Press, 2008. Subject: [Children's Curriculum](#)

Does your congregation want to raise more mission-minded children? Here are practical plans with reproducible activities and outlines for classroom and service experiences for children ages 3 to 12.



**Hope from the Margins: New Ways of Being Church**

by Stuart Murray; Anne Wilkinson-Hayes, Grove Books, 2000. Subject: [Congregational Identity/Vision](#)

This booklet finds hope in some new ways of being church, many of them on the margins of church and national life.



**Self-Injury Behaviour in Youth: Issues and Strategies**

by Kimberly Enns, Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute, 2008.

Subject: [Pastoral Care/Counseling in Youth Ministry](#)

This training manual will assist participants in understanding the experience and motivations of adolescents who intentionally injure themselves. In addition, it will provide practical strategies for working with youth struggling with this complex issue.



**International Songbook 2009**

ed. Paul Dueck, Mennonite World Conference, 2009. Subject: [Mennonite World Conference](#)

The 44 hymns represent music from Mennonite believers in five continents. Compiled for the Mennonite World Conference Assembly 15 in 2009 (Asunción).



**The Way of the Child: Helping Children Experience God: Leader's Guide and Sessions**

by Wynn McGregor, Upper Rooms, 2006. Subject: [Children's Spiritual Formation](#)

Helps children develop an intimate, personal relationship with God, providing an opportunity for them to experience and practice spiritual disciplines that will nurture that relationship for a lifetime. It is designed for use with small groups of children ages 6-11 in various church settings.



**I Will Fear No Evil: Encounters along the Berens River, 1875-1940**

by Susan Elaine Gray, University of Calgary Press, 2006. Subject: [Aboriginal Culture/Teachings](#)

Gray explores the ways in which Christian beliefs have become incorporated into the traditional Ojibwa worldview. Today, a blend of Christian and Ojibwa ideas is still interwoven in the lives of Berens River residents, with both traditions holding meaning and sincerity.



**Worship and Evangelism in Pre-Christendom**

by Alan Kreider, Grove Books, 1995. Subject: [History of Christianity](#)

Kreider writes from a historical perspective, examining Church life in its first centuries and noting the major, mainly negative, changes that developed with Constantine and the rise of Christendom.