

Resource Update

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Highlighting resources for worship planners...

Milestones Ministry: Planting Seed of Faith



Milestones Ministry: Planting Seeds of Faith is the intentional celebration of key milestones or 'markers' along life's journey which have opportunity to shape faith as we grow and change. It

also seeks to build connections in intentional ways between faith nurture that occurs at church and the shaping of faith that happens at home. A copy is enclosed in this Equipping package; it can be downloaded online at www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/milestones

At-Home Lent Resource

God's Love is Always Following You



Includes:

- Call to Worship
- Listening to God's Word
- Pondering thoughts
- Song of the Week
- Closing Prayer
- Activities

A free copy was included in the February Equipping; for additional copies call Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre. Copies \$1.75 each plus GST and postage.

If the War Goes On, song by John Bell, for use in the Church... see over

Worship Resources for the Coming Seasons

Easter to Pentecost

See What Love Can Do and Dare

- Includes:
- Call to Worship
 - Opening Sung Prayer
 - Gospel Dramas
 - Children's Time
 - Sermon Ideas
 - Affirmations of Faith
 - Celebration of Resurrection (big praise)



Lent/Holy Week/ Easter Resources

Easter Drama: Gamaliel's Journey: the story of one man's encounter with Jesus Christ.

This 45 minute drama is the fictional story about a Jewish teacher named Gamaliel, who becomes convinced of the Lordship of Jesus through a long and troublesome life-journey. Our package includes complete script, ideas for props, staging and costuming. Most of the music is written by Steve Bell and covered under a CCLI license. Script is available at our website and music is available through our centre. www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/len

Journey to Jerusalem: Learning to Leave Behind. This is a series of ten worship services, based on Luke. "We will follow along on this journey, and we too will travel to the holy city, to the cross, and beyond. As we travel, we will have a number of encounters. We will meet various situations which will require decisions. We will be asked to leave things behind, or we will not be able to continue to follow."

Also available are outlines for: Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday (Choir program) Good Friday, Tenebrae Services, Stations of the Cross, Love Feasts, Easter Sunrise Service. Call us or check our listing of Lent/Easter resources online at our website www.mennonitechurch.ca

To receive any of the above resources:

Call 1-800-665-1954

(direct toll-free line to the Resource Centre)

Email: resources@mennonitechurch.ca

Phone: 204-888-6781 Fax: 204-831-5675

If you are in the area, please drop in at
600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg

We're here for you!

Kathy Giesbrecht / Connie Loepky

Refreshing Winds II, held at Canadian Mennonite University in January 2003, featured John L. Bell from the IONA community. He led participants in worship and song and encouraged us as a church to continue to sing appropriate songs of response to world situations. This is such a song. You are invited to sing it as the church gathers to pray for peace.

Many of our churches are following the ritual of lighting a candle or lantern as a symbol of peace as they set aside a time of prayer. This song could be a response to words spoken before the prayer.
—Marilyn Houser Hamm

Response: If the War Goes On John Bell

1. *Solo* If the war goes on and the child-ren die of hun - ger, and the
 2. *Men* If the war goes on and the truth is tak - en hos - tage, and new
 3. *Women* If the war goes on and the dai - ly bread is ter - ror, and the
 4. *Solo* If the war goes on and the rich in - crease their for - tunes, and the
 5. *All* If the war goes on, will we close the doors to heav - en? If the
 old men weep, for the young men are no more, and the wo - men learn how to
 ter - rors lead to the need to eu - phem - ise; when the calls for peace are de -
 voice - less poor take the road as re - fu - gees; when a na - tion's pride des - tines
 arms sales soar as new weap - ons are dis - played; when a fer - tile field turns to
 'war goes on, will we breach the gates of hell? If the war goes on, will we
 dance with - out a part - ner: who will keep the score?
 clared un - pat - ri - o - tic, who'll ex - pose the lies?
 mil - lions to be home - less, who will heed their pleas?
 no - man's - land to - mor - row, who'll ap - prove such trade?
 e - ver be for - giv - en? If the war goes on....

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1. If the war goes on, and the children die of hunger and the old men cry, for the young men are no more; and the women learn how to dance without a partner who will keep the score?
2. If the war goes on, and the truth is taken hostage, and new horrors lead to the need to euphemise; when the calls for peace, are dismissed as sentimental, who'll expose the lies?
3. If the war goes on, and the daily bread is terror, and the voiceless poor, take the road as refugees; when a nation's pride, destines millions to be homeless, who will heed their plea?
4. If the war goes on, and the rich increase their fortunes, and the arms sales soar, through new weaponry displayed; when a fertile field turns to no-man's-land tomorrow, who'll approve such trade?
5. IF THE WAR GOES ON, WILL WE CLOSE THE DOOR TO HEAVEN?
 IF THE WAR GOES ON, WILL WE BREACH THE GATES OF HELL?
 IF THE WAR GOES ON, WILL WE EVER BE FORGIVEN?
 IF THE WAR GOES ON...

If you copy this song for use in your congregation, please print the credit line at the bottom of the music. GIA has graciously allowed this song to be used free of charge because of its timely and important message. They suggest that the money saved on usage fees be donated to a local peace effort.

Piano accompaniment and more worship suggestions are available on the MC Canada website
www.mennonitechurch.ca/equipping

Remember to pass this resource on to someone else!