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Oct 3 – World Communion Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1356

Oct 31 – Mennonite Heritage Sunday
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Nov 7 – Peace Sunday
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Nov 14 – Mission Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1339

Nov 28 – First Advent
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343

We're changing the Update.

Fewer Hyperlinks are included in this PDF version. Rather, to view all the resources highlighted in this month's Update, check one online location

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1390

We trust that website viewing will be easier for you!

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

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

 **Invite** friends/committee members to subscribe:
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 **Submit** your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web

the **48hr** contest

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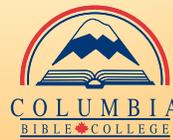
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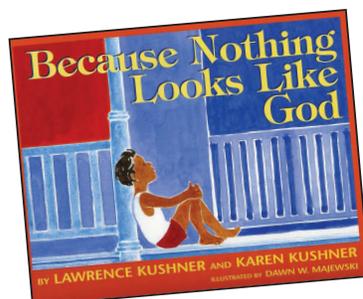
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Children's Corner

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



Because Nothing Looks Like God

by Lawrence Kushner; Karen Kushner, illust.: Dawn W. Majewski, Jewish Lights Publishing, 2008

"Where is God?"

"What does God look like?"

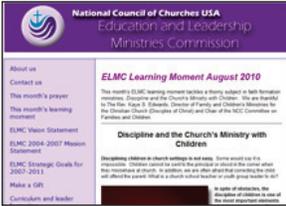
"How does God make things happen?"

Mixing sparks of curiosity and spiritual imagination, this wondrous book lights children's creativity and shows how God is with us every day, in every way. It is a vibrant invitation to children and their adults to explore—together—what, where, and how God is in our lives.

Website Window

Links worth noting

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



www.nccusa.org/elm/elmclearningmoment.htm
- web article, "Discipline and the Church's Ministry with Children"



www.danschrock.org/newsletters.aspx
- Eidon: A Newsletter on Christian Spirituality for Church Leaders



www.3ptsem.edu/offices/coned/iym/LYM_09secondPage.aspx?pic=1768&left=1667&right=1676&t=COW_Home
- The Institute for free Youth Ministry interviews and sermons



[www.lifelongfaith.com/Moving-Online-Faith-Formation-in-a-Digital-Age-\(Lytle\).pdf](http://www.lifelongfaith.com/Moving-Online-Faith-Formation-in-a-Digital-Age-(Lytle).pdf)
- web article "Moving Online: Faith Formation in a Digital Age"



www.journals.lww.com/journalofchristiannursing/pages/default.aspx
- Journal of Christian Nursing

✉ Do you have any sites to recommend?

From MC Canada



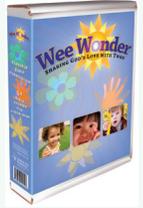
**Jack's Farewell Message:
From Calgary 2010**

by Jack Suderman

From our Press

Many new items from MPN this fall!

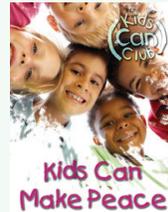
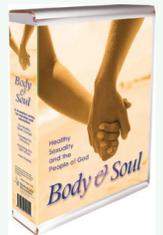
Wee Wonder: Sharing God's Love with Twos introduces two and three-year-olds to God through song, action rhymes, Bible stories and responsive play. Twelve creative modules with 52 updated sessions are for use throughout the year.



**Mennonite
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Check the MPN Study Shelf for great ideas for adult education. Purchase 5 or more copies of one title and receive 25% off.

When was the last time sex was a topic for a sermon at your church? Body and Soul: Healthy Sexuality and the People of God guides a four-part congregational focus on sexuality. Through worship and interactive Bible study, and a parent's book, church members and families explore the topics Our Bodies, God's Image, Created for Intimacy, Honouring the Gift of Sex, and Holy Desires.



New for mid-week: Kids Can Make Peace, the first unit in the new Kids Can Club series, includes 10 active sessions inviting children grades 1-5 to become God's peacemakers, and to live peacefully with creation, self, God, and others.

Dealing with Infertility and Dealing with Bipolar Disorder are two new pamphlets in the Close to Home caregiving series.



From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



Vision Focus Teams: Transition Plan of a Congregation

by Gladys Bender, Steinmann Mennonite Church, 2009.

A conversation between Sue Steiner, a representative of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, and Gladys Bender, chair of the Vision Focus Team at Steinmann, about an intentional transition period as it reflected on its facility, program and ministry dreams.



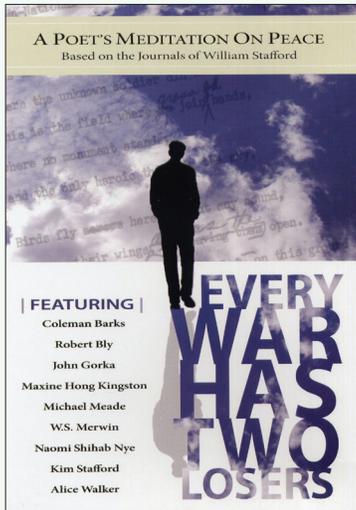
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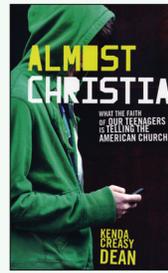
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Every War Has Two Losers **DVD**

Zinc Films, 2009.

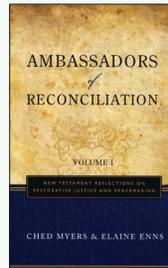
Based on the journals of William Stafford, conscientious objector in WWI, this video will inspire today's peacemakers and remind us of the importance of individual witness and action.



Almost Christian: What the faith of our teenagers is telling the American Church

by Kenda Creasy Dean, Oxford University Press, 2010.

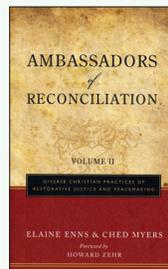
Based on the results of a national study, Dean investigates why teenagers are so positive about Christianity and yet so apathetic about genuine religious practice. Far from faulting teens, Dean places the blame for this watered-down theology squarely on the church itself.



Ambassadors of Reconciliation Volume I: New Testament Reflections on Restorative Justice and Peacemaking

by Ched Myers and Elaine Enns, Orbis Books, 2009.

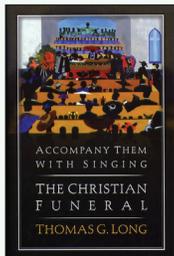
Offers a lens for re-reading the entire biblical tradition as a resource for the cause of "restorative justice" and peacemaking.



Ambassadors of Reconciliation Volume II: Diverse Christian Practices of Restorative Justice and Peacemaking

by Ched Myers and Elaine Enns, Orbis Books, 2009.

Analyzes the contemporary terrain of restorative justice and peacemaking in North America and profiles the exemplary work of nine practitioners who incarnate the scriptural vision in real life contexts of profound violence and injustice.

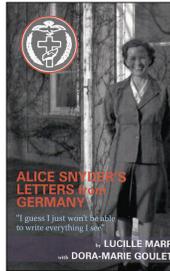


Accompany Them With Singing: The Christian Funeral

by Thomas G. Long, Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

An essential guide for understanding, planning, and conducting meaningful and theologically sound funerals.

From our Partners



Alice Snyder's Letters from Germany

by Lucille Marr and Dora-Marie Goulet.

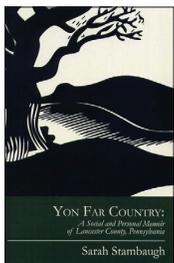
Experience post-WW II Germany through the letters of a young woman who departed her home in tranquil Waterloo County to confront occupied Germany as a Mennonite relief worker.



Women in Early Austrian Anabaptism: Their Days, Their Stories

by Linda A. Huebert Hecht.

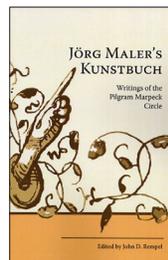
Previously untold stories of women persecuted for their faith during the early years of the Reformation are revealed in the Austrian Anabaptist court records. These stories add considerably to our knowledge of early Anabaptist history and of religious women in general.



Yon Far Country: A Social and Personal Memoir of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

by Sarah Stambaugh.

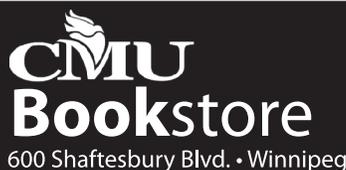
An autobiography that also gives a biographical account of a country community and of the changes it has seen since the last century.



Jörg Maler's Kunstbuch: Writings of the Pilgrim Marpeck Circle

edited by John D. Rempel.

Scholars have been fascinated by Pilgrim Marpeck and his circle since the rediscovery of the long-lost legacy of their writings, and that interest has not abated. This volume offers another part of that legacy to English-speaking readers, not only scholars, but also inquiring general readers who might find theological insight and spiritual depth in this remarkable amalgam of pastoral letters, meditations, tracts, and poems.



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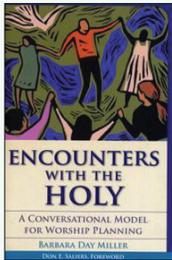
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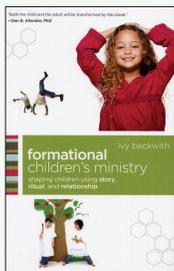
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Encounters with the Holy: A Conversational Model For Worship Planning

by Barbara Day Miller, Alban Institute, 2010.

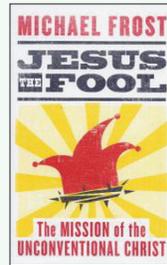
Offers a conversational model of worship planning that was developed to train practitioners to be more reflective in their planning of worship experiences.



Formational Children's Ministry: Shaping Children Using Story, Ritual, and Relationship

by Ivy Beckwith, Baker Publishing Group, 2010.

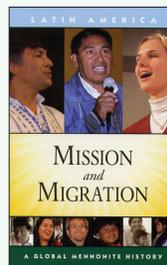
Do our children's ministries look more like entertaining babysitting services than places where true spiritual formation happens? What if we taught children how the stories of God, church history, the local community, and the child intersect and speak to one another? In addition to providing theological reasons for formational children's ministry, this book offers practical examples of how to implement a formational model. Highly recommended!



Jesus the Fool: The Mission of the Unconventional Christ

by Michael Frost, Hendrickson Publishers, 2010.

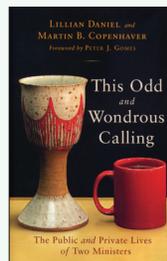
Missiologist Michael Frost is looking for the real Jesus—the man who didn't care what people thought, worked on the Sabbath, touched the unclean, ate with sinners, and generally contradicted what was acceptable to the leadership of his day. He's searching for the Jesus who embodies all the characteristics of the ancient tradition of the holy foolish paradigm as described and commended by Paul, the church fathers, and the medieval saints. And he finds him. . . .



Mission and Migration: Latin America: A Global Mennonite History

by Jaime Prieto Valladares, Good Books, 2010.

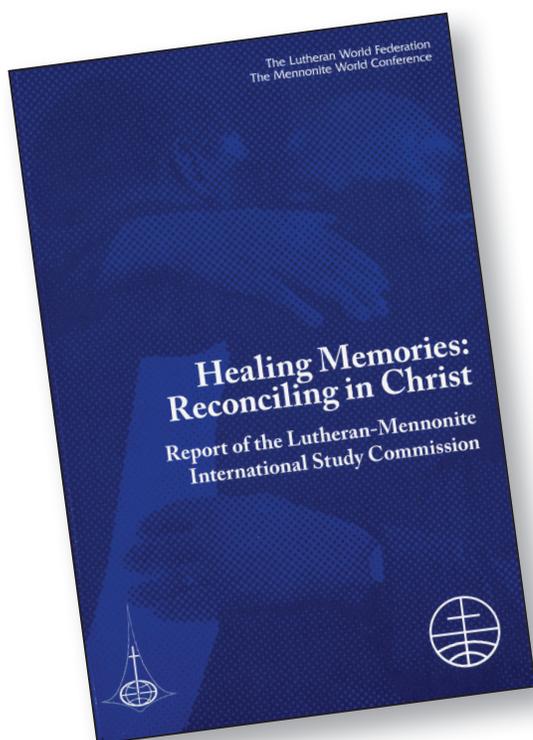
The first comprehensive history to be written by Latin American Mennonite historians about Mennonite church life in Central and South America. A volume of the Global Mennonite History Series (Africa and Europe also currently available).



This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers

by Lillian Daniel and Martin B. Copenhaver, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2009.

A unique book both honest about the challenges of the pastoral vocation and reflective of its joy from two people still pastoring.



Healing Memories: Reconciling in Christ: Report of the Lutheran-Mennonite International Study Commission

Mennonite World Conference, 2010.

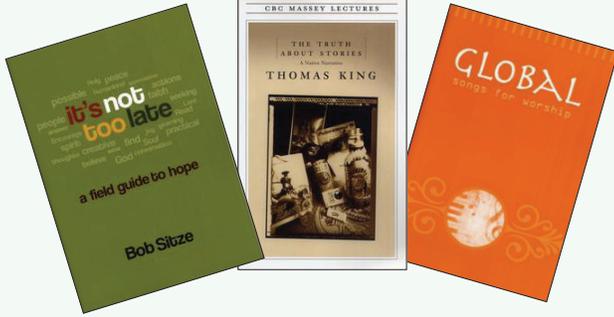
Healing Memories: Reconciling in Christ is a first step in the reconciliation process initiated between the Lutheran World Federation and Mennonite World Conference in July 2010. Intended for theological students, local dialogues, congregational reading groups, it provides the first narrative of Lutheran-Anabaptist relations during the Reformation – compiled by both parties. Borrow from the Resource Centre (English, French, Spanish, German copies) or purchase from the CMU Bookstore.

Later in fall, a free 4-session downloadable study guide, entitled *Healing Memories: A Lutheran-Mennonite Study Guide for Congregations* will also be available from the Resource Centre.

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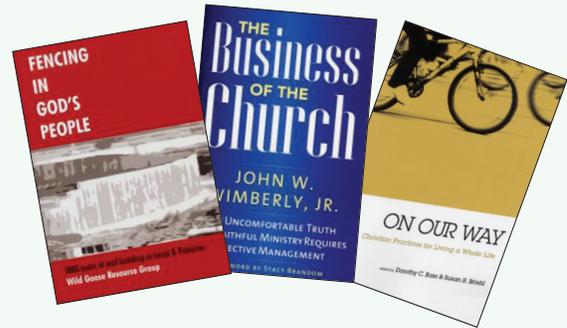
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It's Not Too Late: A Field Guide to Hope
by Bob Sitze, Alban Institute, 2010.

The Truth about Stories: A Native Narrative
by Thomas King, House of Anansi Press, 2003.

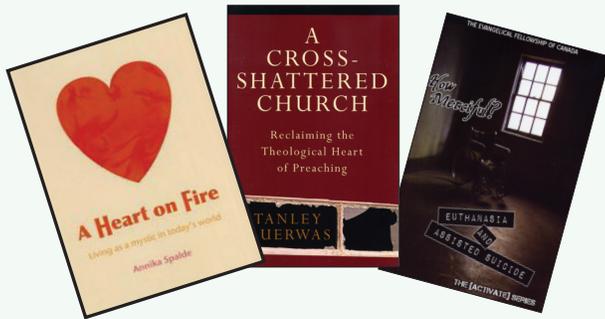
Global Songs for Worship
Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2010.



Fencing in God's People: 3000 years of wall building in Israel & Palestine
by John L. Bell and Graham Maule, Wild Goose Publications, 2007.

The Business of the Church: The Uncomfortable Truth that Faithful Ministry requires Effective Management
by John W. Wimberly, Jr., Alban Institute, 2010.

On Our Way: Christian Practices for Living a Whole Life
edited by Dorothy C. Bass and Susan R. Briehl, Upper Room Books, 2010.



A Heart on Fire: Living as a mystic in today's world
by Annika Spalde, Wild Goose Publications, 2010.

A Cross-Shattered Church: Reclaiming the Theological Heart of Preaching
by Stanley Hauerwas, Baker Publishing Group, 2009.

How Merciful?: Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide
Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 2010.



Images of Faith
edited by Sandra Bowden, Christians in the Visual Arts, 2009.

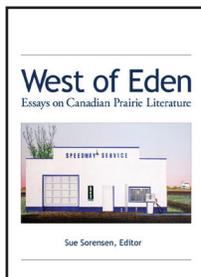
Seeing the Savior: Images from the Life of Christ
Christians in the Visual Arts, 2008.

Congratulations to Karla Fehr from Gretna, MB who won last month's contest and a copy of the children's book In God's Hands by Lawrence Kushner and Gary Schmidt.

Thanks for your children's story recollections – we are glad to say that we have some of those titles already at our Centre, and on your recommendations will soon be adding a few more!



Contest co-sponsored by CMU Bookstore and MC Canada.



This month's prize

West of Eden
Essays on Canadian Prairie Literature, edited by Sue Sorensen, CMU Press, 2008.

Email your response to:

resources@mennonitechurch.ca, with "September 2010 Contest" in subject line.

To be eligible:

Contestant must be an online subscriber, and a Canadian resident. Entries are due within 48 hours of receiving electronic notice of this update.

This month's question

Name an inspirational adult Sunday School/small group study that you've participated in. And tell us why.