

# RESOURCE UPDATE

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## WORSHIP RESOURCES

- Nov 7 – Peace Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1358](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1358)
- Nov 14 – Mission Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1339](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1339)
- Advent/Christmas  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343)
- Longest Night  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1422](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1422)
- New Year's Day  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/489](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/489)
- Jan 16 – Stewardship Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1423](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1423)
- Jan 23 – Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1424](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1424)
- Mar 9 – Ash Wednesday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491)

## 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/1373](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1373). 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:  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347)

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

the **48hr** contest

Refer to page 4

# Are you ready for Christmas?

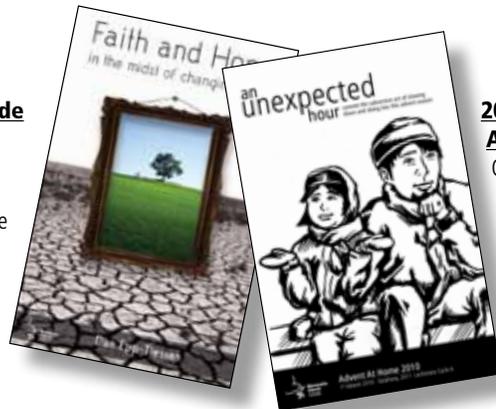


Looking for an an Advent study or an alternative to "Christmas" consumerism? Perhaps a worship resource for Christmas Eve, a story for your children, a drama or pageant? Many Advent/Christmas resources can be found online or borrowed from the Centre. Check [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78).

## 2011 Season of Prayer Guide

by Dan Epp-Tiessen

Use in worship, small group study or personal devotion. Free download.



## 2010/11 Advent – Epiphany At-Home booklet

Our popular annual family resource that includes worship ideas, prayers and activities suitable for the home. Free download.

## Children's Corner

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



## The Glorious Impossible: Illustrated with Frescoes from the Scrovegni Chapel

by Madeleine L'Engle and Giotto di Bondone, Simon and Schuster, 1990.

The birth of Jesus was a Glorious Impossible. Like love, it cannot be explained, it can only be rejoiced in. And that is what master storyteller Madeleine L'Engle does in this compellingly written narrative, inspired by Giotto's glorious frescoes from the Scrovegni chapel in Padua. With a simple clarity that illuminates the life of Christ, Madeleine L'Engle gives eloquent voice to the miracle of God's love.

Recommended by a 48-Hour contestant!

## Website Window

Links worth noting

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



[www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceDownload/12874](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceDownload/12874)  
- *Disagreeing with both Passion and Openness* - The powerpoint slides from a presentation by Carolyn Schrock-Shenk at an AMBS forum for pastors on the topic of homosexuality and the church.



[www.commit2kids.ca/app/en/](http://www.commit2kids.ca/app/en/)  
- *Commit to Kids: Helping Organizations Prevent Child Sexual Abuse* - Provides policies, strategies, and a step-by-step plan for reducing the risk of child sexual abuse in all organizations, including churches.



[www.thelogosministry.org/heartfelt.html](http://www.thelogosministry.org/heartfelt.html)  
- *Heartfelt: Supporting the Spiritual Development of Families* – free online magazine subscription



[www.peaceoneday.org/en/welcome](http://www.peaceoneday.org/en/welcome)  
- *Peace One Day* – Although the UN annual day of peace, September 21, is past, the information found in this campaign for global non-violence is applicable for any “day” of the year.



<http://bc.mcc.org/jesus-refugee>  
- *Jesus the Refugee* – an adaptable Christmas Eve script for your congregation. Includes powerpoint slides.



[www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/SelectDownloadFormat/5/12873](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/SelectDownloadFormat/5/12873)  
- *Come Let Us Reason Together* – A January 2010 Pastor Seminar in MC USA on the topic of biblical hermeneutics. The three presentations are offered here.

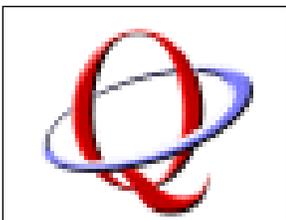


[http://canada.mcc.org/peace/remembrance-day-peace-packet-for-teachers?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=bits%20%26%20peaces](http://canada.mcc.org/peace/remembrance-day-peace-packet-for-teachers?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bits%20%26%20peaces)  
- *Remembrance Day Peace Packet* – for teachers from MCC.

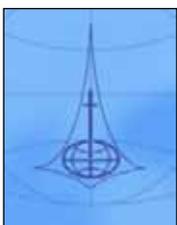


<http://explorefaith.org/Index.php>  
- *Explore faith.com* – A faith community committed to the ongoing faith formation of all ages and backgrounds. Many good essays and reflections.

 Do you have any sites to recommend?



[www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/FileDownload/13007/Clearness\\_Committees\\_and\\_Their\\_Use\\_in\\_Personal\\_Discernment.pdf](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/FileDownload/13007/Clearness_Committees_and_Their_Use_in_Personal_Discernment.pdf)  
- *Clearness Committees and their use in Personal Discernment* - This short description of the “clearness process” - born from the Quaker/Friends tradition - can be a helpful tool for personal decision-making.



[www.lwf-assembly.org/uploads/media/LWI-Special\\_Mennonites-EN\\_01.pdf](http://www.lwf-assembly.org/uploads/media/LWI-Special_Mennonites-EN_01.pdf)  
- *And Forgive Us: Lutherans Repent Anabaptist Persecution* – Read both Lutheran and Mennonite reflections on this summer’s important reconciliation proceedings in this special issue of “Lutheran World Information.”

## From MC Canada



### **Young Adults and Seniors Serving the Health of the Same Church, Together**

by Elsie Rempel

This resource was inspired by an Assembly 2010 discernment session of the same name. It is designed to encourage continuing discussion at the congregational level. Consisting of three parts, it provides an outline of the discernment session with study references and discussion questions, a summary report of the conversations that ensued, and a three-phase plan for encouraging an on-going discussion within your congregation.

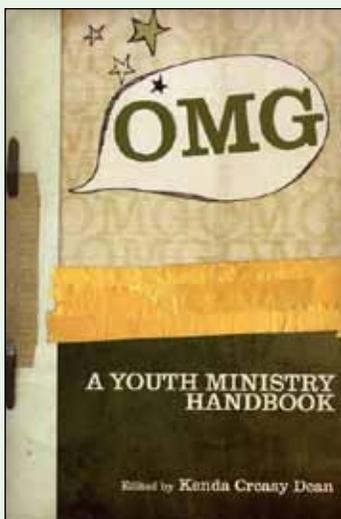


### **Body and Soul: Body Image Issues Along Life’s Journey**

A recent sermon by Elsie Rempel on the topic of healthy human sexuality and body image that highlights the new MPN material by the same title.

## New Resources

We average 3 new resources daily.



### **OMG: A Youth Ministry Handbook**

ed Kenda Creasy Dean, Abingdon Press, 2010.

“Most contemporary young people operate far enough from Moses’ moral compass that it never occurs to them that “OMG” (“oh my God,” in teenspeak) has anything to do with the Ten Commandments, much less that it breaks one of them. After all, the phrase is a nearly ubiquitous adolescent throw-away line...Yet Christians should hear the phrase “oh my God” differently. Youth ministers, parents, teachers—anyone who has ever loved an adolescent—know that “OMG” can

be a prayer, a plea, a petition, a note of praise, or an unbidden entreaty that escapes our lips as we seek Christ for the young people we love.”



### **Seven: The Deadly Sins and the Beatitudes**

by Jeff Cook, Zondervan, 2008.

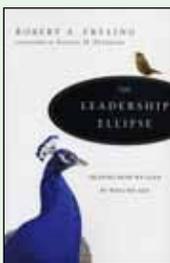
Setting the Beatitudes one by one against the Sins, Seven reveals how the Beatitudes point us from the nothingness that devours to the blessedness that restores and fills.



### **Christians and War: A Brief History of the Church's Teachings and Practices**

by A. James Reimer, Augsburg Fortress, 2010.

A fair presentation of two controversial standpoints: Religion has often been blatantly invoked to support and oppose war and violence of all kinds, including terrorism and ethnic cleansing and Christians are deeply divided over whether and when such violence is justifiable.



### **The Leadership Ellipse: Shaping How We Lead By who We Are**

by Robert A. Fryling, InterVarsity Press, 2010.

The tension between our inner spiritual longings and the outward needs of the group we lead sometimes goes unnoticed. This book is designed to help Christian leaders embrace both halves of the tension--our internal relationship with God and our external relationship with others--to find a truly authentic, integrated way to lead.



### **Stories of Service of the Mennonite Church in Six Countries**

Mennonite World Conference, 2010.

Stories of service of the Mennonite church in six countries, on DVD, with a Study Guide available in English, French or Spanish.

## From our Press

Many new items from MPN this fall!



### **Sensing Peace**

by Suzana E. Yoder, illust. Rachel Hoffman-Bayles, Herald Press, 2010.

Through Sensing Peace, children ages 4 to 7 are encouraged to see what peace looks, sounds, feels, tastes and smells like in their everyday moments.



### **Songs of Jubilee for Young Children**

ed Rose Mary Stutzman, Mennonite Publishing Network, 2010.

This songbook & CD set includes 45 songs selected for use with ages 2-4. Songs for praising, telling God’s story, praying, and times with family and friends will help very young children enjoy singing to God at church or at home.



### **Let the Children Come: Preparing Faith Communities to End Child Abuse and Neglect**

by Jeanette Harder, Herald Press, 2010.

A book that helps churches and church-related ministries learn how to keep children safe and strengthen families.

## From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



### **Parish Nursing Resources: First Mennonite Church**

First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon.

Rooted in the vision of Christ as the healer, the Congregational Health Ministries at First Mennonite Church in Saskatoon grows out of the belief that all faith communities are places of health and healing and have a role in promoting wholeness through the integration of faith and health.

Here are practical helps for starting a conversation about parish nursing in your congregation.



Share your church’s original material at [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca)

## From our Partners



SmallTall Music is now available on iTunes! Listen to samples of all Bryan Moyer Suderman’s recorded music, and purchase individual songs or entire CDs for download.



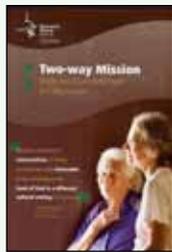
As a partner, you can also borrow or purchase any of the SmallTall Music CDs from the Resource Centre.

Multiple ways to share Bryan’s gift of music with your family or congregation

## New Resources

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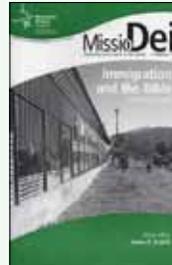
Check [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480) for a complete listing



### **Two-way Mission: North and South Americans in Conversation**

Mennonite Mission Network, 2008.

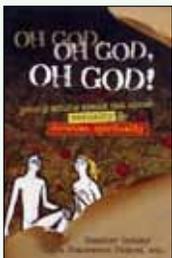
Documents the creative and joyful movement of God's Spirit in North and South America as mission models expand beyond the classical mission compound to include ministries of presence and partnership. Six video segments of varying lengths and a study guide make these stories appropriate for moments-in-mission, sermon illustrations, discussion starters in Sunday school classes or small groups, mission education and orientation for short-term mission groups.



### **Immigration and the Bible: Vol 19**

ed James Krabill, by M Daniel Carroll R., Mennonite Mission Network, 2010.

For most people, including many members of the Christian community, foundational understandings of immigration come from the news, their neighbours' opinions, from national security needs, or the country's legal framework. M.Daniel Carroll R. firmly believes that God's people can and must do better than this. "Christians should respond self-consciously as Christians to immigration," he claims, "and the Bible should be their fundamental resource."



### **Oh God, Oh God, Oh God!: Young adults speak out about sexuality & christian spirituality**

ed Heather Godsey; Lara Blackwood Pickrel, Chalice Press, 2010.

Addresses issues of love, sex(uality) and embodiment from the perspectives of young adults who work for or are involved with the church.



### **What is an Anabaptist Christian: Vol 18**

ed James Krabill, by Palmer Becker.

In this booklet, Palmer Becker, a lifelong Mennonite pastor and educator, attempts to summarize Anabaptist understanding in three key statements, namely that: Jesus is the center of our faith; Community is the center of our lives; and Reconciliation is the center of our work.



Contest co-sponsored by CMU Bookstore and MC Canada.

*Congratulations to Doreen Nickel of Langham, SK who won last month's contest and a copy of the book West of Eden edited by Sue Sorenson.*



### **This month's prize -in time for Christmas planning**

#### **Cloth for the Cradle: Worship Resources and Readings for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany**

Wildgoose Publications, 2000.

### **This month's question**

Name your favourite Christmas story (children's book, adult fiction, biblical retelling, etc.) – and tell us why.

#### **Email your response to:**

[resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca), with "Nov/Dec 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.

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