


WORSHIP RESOURCES


- New Year's Day
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/489
- Jan 16 – Stewardship Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1423
- Jan 23 – Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1424
- March 9 – Ash Wednesday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491
- April 17 – Palm Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/160
- April 21 – Maundy Thursday
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- April 22 – Good Friday
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- April 24 – Easter
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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/1383. 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

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



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INTRODUCING CHRIS AND SELAH

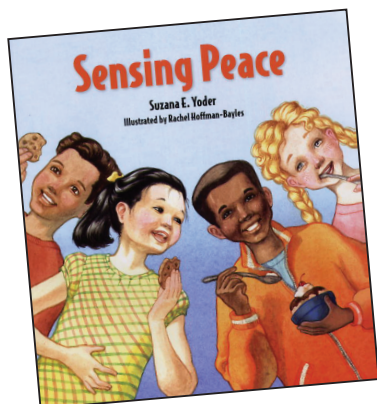


Chris and a mischievous feathered friend, Selah, are the newest members of Mennonite Church Canada's faith formation team.

Meet them in this year's *Lent At-Home booklet* (www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1435) where they help children and families reflect on what it is like to be called and shaped by Jesus.

And find them on separate colouring pages (ideal as a church bulletin insert or family activity sheet). Most of all, Chris and Selah want to become your friends. Encourage your children to send Chris and Selah a note about their Lent journey
-chrisandselah@mennonitechurch.ca

Children's Corner Resources for the library, home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller



Sensing Peace

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

What does peace smell like? What does it taste like? Feel, sound or look like? Through this encouraging and delightful story, children will realize that peace isn't something big out there that only adults can know about--they already experience and create peace in meaningful ways each day.

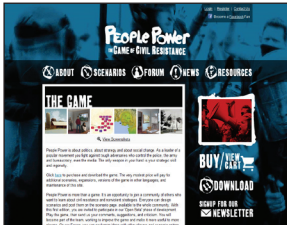
Website Window

Links worth noting

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



laughingsquid.com/the-majestic-plastic-bag/?ref=nf
The Majestic Plastic Bag - A brilliant mockumentary about the miraculous migration of "The Majestic Plastic Bag." Produced to help put an end to plastic pollution.



peoplepowergame.com
People Power: The Game of Civil Resistance – People Power is more than a game. It's an opportunity to join a community of others who want to learn about civil resistance and nonviolent strategies.



www.jesumafa.com/anglais/accueil.htm
Life of Jesus Mafa: Jesus in Black African Countries – A series of African illustrations of the Gospel – and a black Jesus. Good possibilities for worship.



www.nowheretolayhishead.org
No Where To Lay His Head: Anawim Christian Community - A unique (homeless, intentional community) church. Their website offers Jesus' parables retold, teachings about poverty and homelessness, and worship items.



briarpatchmagazine.com
Settler Treaty Card Poster: Briarpatch: Fighting the War on Error – A "settler treaty card" subvertisement that can help raise awareness of aboriginal/settler relations - with a laugh (because we're all treaty people).



vimeo.com/7132335
Walking the Way of Nonviolence: Is the God of the Christian Bible Violent? - A powerful biblical sermon by John Dominic Crossan that underlines our Anabaptist understanding of the nonviolence of God.



www.visualpeacemakers.org
International Guild of Visual Peacemakers – Artists/visual communicators devoted to peacemaking and breaking down stereotypes by displaying the beauty and dignity of various cultures around the world.

Do you have any sites to recommend?

From our Partners

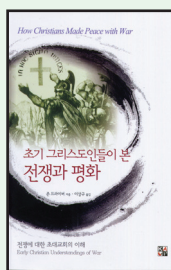


Korea Anabaptist Press



나는 그리스도와 함께 십자가에서 죽었습니다:
(Dying to Live with Christ)
 by Merle Ruth, 2010.

“하나님의 명령이나 어떤 권위의 말씀을 들을 때 마음 깊은 곳에서 이를 거부하고 싶은 생각이 든다면, 그때가 바로 거역하지 말고 순종해야 할 때라는 것을 명심해야 한다. 그렇게 하지 않으면 자아라는 폭군이 우리 마음을 다스리게 내버려 두는 것과 같다.”

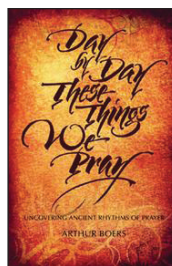


초기 그리스도인들이 본 전쟁과 평화:
(How Christians made Peace with War)
 by John Driver, 2010

전쟁에 대한 초대교회의 이해

한국은 거듭된 외침과 19세기 이후 일본, 러시아, 중국과 같은 인접국 간의 분쟁과 대립 속에서 진화를 경험하였고, 특히 6.25 전쟁이라는 참화를 경험하였으나 우리 나라에서는 전쟁과 평화의 문제가 심각하게 논의 되지 못했다.

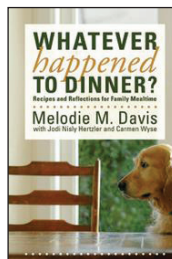
From our Press



Day by Day These Things We Pray: Uncovering Ancient Rhythms of Prayer
 by Arthur Paul Boers, Herald Press, 2010



Practical and wise, drawing upon Scripture and long-time personal experience, Arthur Boers invites us to reclaim the ancient tradition of morning and evening prayers - and to find our relationship with God forever changed.



Whatever Happened to Dinner?: Recipes and Reflections for Family Mealtime
 by Melodie M. Davis, Herald Press, 2010

Part cookbook, part reflection on the changing role of dinner in our culture, and part celebration of family and community - this book invites people to eat together, even as it acknowledges the challenges of living in a culture that often pulls us apart.

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



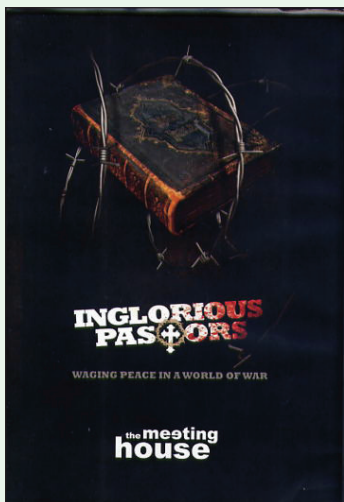
And There Was Light! Emmanuel!: A Choral Reading
 by Lois Siemens, Superb Mennonite Church, 2010.

Atill need something for Christmas? A Christmas choral reading that combines the light imagery of creation (Genesis 1) with the familiar narrative of Luke 2.

Share your church's original material at resources@mennonitechurch.ca

New Resources

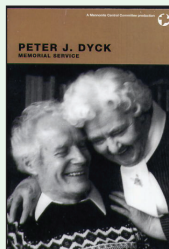
We average 3 new resources daily.



Inglorious Pastors: Waging Peace in a World of War

by Bruxy Cavey, The Meeting House, 2010.

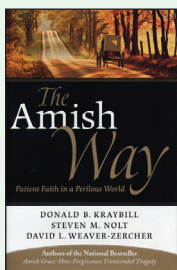
A 7-sermon DVD series on the Anabaptists, the Reformation of the 16th Century, Jesus and Just War theory – as told by Bruxy Cavey of The Meeting House of Ontario. Suitable for small group study.



Peter J. Dyck: Memorial Service

DVD, Mennonite Central Committee, 2010

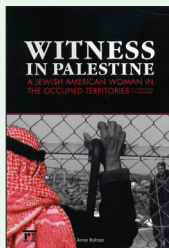
A memorial service for Peter J. Dyck - storyteller, Mennonite pastor, author and lifelong servant to people in need around the world- was held on Jan 9, 2010 at Akron Mennonite Church, Akron, Pa – and captured on this DVD. He and his wife, Elfrieda, were well known in Mennonite, Brethren in Christ, and Amish communities throughout Canada, Europe, Paraguay, and the United States, especially for their work with Mennonite Russian refugees and with Mennonite Central Committee.



The Amish Way: Patient Faith in a Perilous World

by Donald B. Kraybill; Steven M. Nolt; David L. Weaver-Zercher, Jossey-Bass, 2010

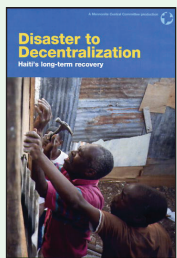
This second book by the authors of the award-winning *Amish Grace* sheds further light on the Amish, this time on their faith, spirituality, and spiritual practices. The authors interpret the distinctive practices of the Amish way of life and spirituality in their cultural context and explore their applicability for the wider world.



Witness in Palestine: A Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories

by Anna Baltzer, Paradigm Publishers, 2007.

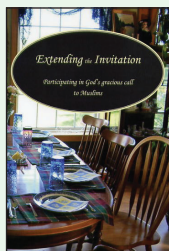
Composed of hundreds of colour photographs, original maps, and eyewitness stories, *Witness in Palestine* follows Baltzer's eight months working with the International Women's Peace Service in the West Bank, documenting human rights abuses and supporting Palestinian-led nonviolent resistance. Meet the people of Palestine and the Israeli and international volunteers supporting their nonviolent movement for freedom and equality. A related DVD is also available.



Disaster to Decentralization: Haiti's Long-Term Recovery

DVD, Mennonite Central Committee, 2010

Through the voices of Haitians, explore the struggles that led to the massive devastation following the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti and their hopes for the future. Includes a study guide.



Extending the Invitation: Participating in God's Gracious Call to Muslims

by John A. Forrester, Pastor's Attic Press, 2010.

This is a book about sharing our Christian faith. It is about inviting others to the banquet. How do we extend the invitation into a different culture, whether in a far off land, or in our own apartment building? In particular, how do we extend the invitation to Muslims? This book will encourage you to risk the kind of authentic friendship with strangers that makes the Good News attractive and the astonishing invitation to the King's banquet table more believable.

From Mennonite Church Canada



Healing Memories, Reconciling in Christ: A Lutheran-Mennonite Study Guide for Congregations

by Margaret Loewen Reimer; Allen G. Jorgenson

On July 22, 2010, The Lutheran World Federation assembly in Stuttgart, Germany, took the historic step of asking the Anabaptist-Mennonites for forgiveness for past persecutions. Delegates unanimously approved a statement calling Lutherans to express their regret and sorrow for past wrongdoings towards Anabaptists and asking for forgiveness.

In light of this historic action, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada asked Mennonite Church Canada to cooperate in preparing this study guide for congregations, based on the report of the Lutheran Mennonite Study Commission (2010). While prepared in Canada, the guide is suitable for use by congregations in the wider church as well.



Live for Peace Toques THEY'RE BACK!

Buy your winter toque from the Resource Centre (only \$5.00, plus taxes and shipping) - and promote peace!

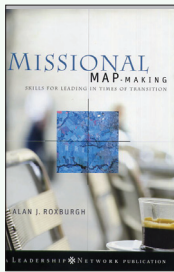
See www.liveforpeace.org for more peacemaking stories and information.

Both the study guide and the International Study Commission Report are available from the Resource Centre to download or borrow. See www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1434

New Resources

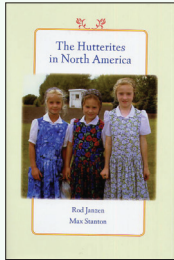
We average 3 new resources daily.

Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480 for a complete listing



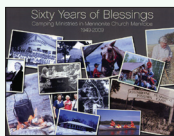
**Missional Map-Making:
Skills for Leading in Times of Transition**
by Alan J. Roxburgh, Jossey-Bass, 2010.

When church leaders decide to make the fundamental missional shift from focusing on the church itself to asking what God is up to in the neighbourhood where their people live, it can be challenging for both leaders and congregants. Included here are the information and tools leaders need to develop their own maps and chart new paths toward stronger, more vibrant, and more missional congregations.



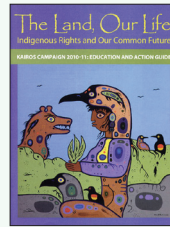
The Hutterites in North America
by Rod Janzen; Max Stanton,
John Hopkins University Press, 2010.

One of the longest-lived communal societies in North America, the Hutterites have developed multifaceted communitarian perspectives on everything from conflict resolution and decision-making practices to standards of living and care for the elderly. This compelling book offers a glimpse into the complex and varied lives of the nearly 500 North American Hutterite communities.



**Sixty Years of Blessings: Camping Ministry in
Mennonite Church Manitoba 1949-2009**
by John J. Dyck, Mennonite Church Manitoba, 2010.

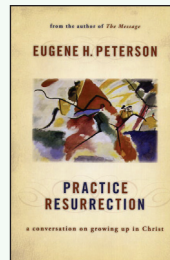
This book is a history of Mennonite Church Manitoba Camps with Meaning program (Camps Assiniboia, Moose Lake and Koinonia), and tells the story of the development of each camp facility. It also assembles memorable and typical camp stories and photos, and reflects on lessons learned through camping ministry.



**The Land, Our Life: Indigenous Rights and Our
Common Future: Kairos Campaign 2010-11:
Education and Action Guide**

by Beth Baskin; Julie Graham; Jennifer Henry; Anne Herteis; Sara Stratton, Kairos, 2010.

Indigenous peoples all over the world face unique challenges in terms of poverty, access to education, and other measures of social well-being. In 2007, the United Nations took a step forward in correcting this injustice by adopting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Inspired by our faith's tradition of Covenant and the Indigenous principles of right relations, KAIROS and its member churches invite you to join us in calling on the government of Canada to endorse and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



**Practice Resurrection:
A Conversation on growing up in Christ**

by Eugene H. Peterson, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2010.

Though bringing people to new birth in Christ through evangelism is essential, says Peterson, isn't it obvious that *growth in Christ* is equally essential? Yet the church does not always treat Christian growth and character formation with equivalent urgency.

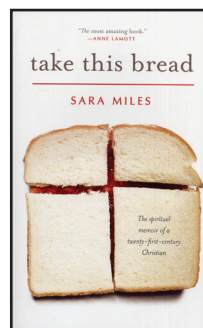
In *Practice Resurrection*, Peterson brings the voice of Scripture—especially Paul's letter to the Ephesians—and the voice of the contemporary Christian congregation together to unpack what it means to fully grow up "to the stature of Christ." A study guide is also available.

Contest co-sponsored by CMU Bookstore and MC Canada.

Congratulations to Jeanette Hoepfner of Winkler, MB who won last month's contest and a copy of the book *Cloth for the Cradle*, Wildgoose Publications.



We had a great response to last month's contest – thank you for all your favourite Christmas titles! The Resource Centre and CMU Bookstore, have added some of your recommendations!



This month's prize

**Take this Bread: The Spiritual Memoir of a 21st
Century Christian**

by Sara Miles.

This month's question

What book is presently on your night table/e-reader? And, tell us if you'd recommend it to our constituency. If so, why?

Email your response to:

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.