

# RESOURCE UPDATE

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## WORSHIP RESOURCES


- Assembly Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1506](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1506)
- Camp Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267)
- Summer worship  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/259](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/259)
- Labour Day  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/257](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/257)
- Sunday School Promotion  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/256](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/256)
- Sept 11 – Christian Formation Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1568](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1568)
- Sept 18 – International Day of Peace  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/341](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/341)
- Oct 2 – World Communion Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1572](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1572)
- Oct 30 – Mennonite Heritage Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1569](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1569)
- Nov 6 – Peace Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1570](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1570)
- Nov 13 – Mission Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1571](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1571)
- Nov 27 – First Advent  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343)




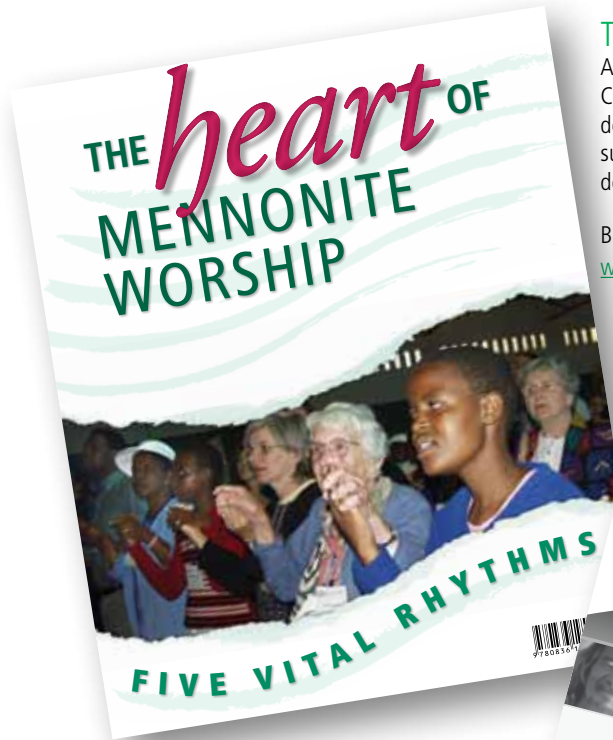
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## MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

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



## THE HEART OF MENNONITE WORSHIP

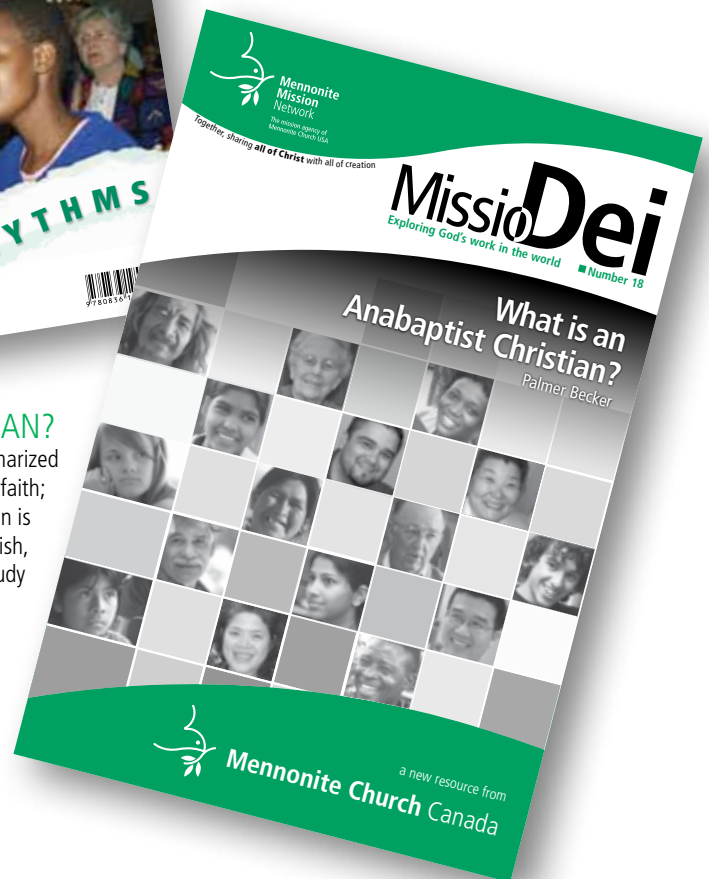
A 4-session study guide from our Bi-National Worship Council that will help your congregation think more deeply about worship. Includes access to an online survey where you may contribute song ideas for a future denominational song collection.

Borrow or download:  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1573](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1573)

## WHAT IS AN ANABAPTIST CHRISTIAN?

A concise, accessible outline of Anabaptism, summarized in three key statements: Jesus is the centre of our faith; Community is the centre of our lives; Reconciliation is the centre of our work. Currently available in English, Korean, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese. A companion study guide in English is also available.

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[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1574](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1574)



## Children's Corner

home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller



### **Sometimes Smart is Good/A Veces Es Bueno Ser Listo**

by Dena Fox Luchsinger and Karen Al Jerome, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2007.

This English-Spanish bilingual book underscores the values of love, patience, and kindness, teaching young readers that all people – regardless of their abilities – are valuable as children of God. Sometimes smart is good, but unconditional love and acceptance are always good.

## Website Window

Links worth noting

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



[www.workingpreacher.org/preachingmoments.aspx](http://www.workingpreacher.org/preachingmoments.aspx)

*Preaching Moments* - A weekly video from accomplished preachers on the art of preaching.



[www.scientistsincongregations.org](http://www.scientistsincongregations.org)

*Scientists in Congregations: Let's Start the Conversation* - A creative dialogue between practitioners in the fields of science and theology.



<http://childccp.blogspot.com/>

*Child in Church and Culture Partnership* - Join the conversation with others who are passionate about seeing Canadian children participate in God's amazing mission of love and reconciliation.



<http://civilianpublicservice.org/>

*The Civilian Public Service Story: Living Peace in a Time of War* - Tells the story of nearly 12,000 conscientious objectors who chose Civilian Public Service during World War II.



[www.nccusa.org/elmc/elmclearningmoment.htm](http://www.nccusa.org/elmc/elmclearningmoment.htm)

*Examen for Young Children and their Parents in the Home* - Learn how the regular use of examen can be one way parents might help children articulate their innate spirituality.

## Weekly Wellsprings

[www.wellsprings.org.uk/weekly\\_wellsprings/index.htm](http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/weekly_wellsprings/index.htm)

*Weekly Wellsprings*. - Devotional reflections on the lectionary texts.



Do you have any sites to recommend?

## From our Partners



### **Cities of Refuge: Stories from Anabaptist-Mennonite History and Life**

by Harry Loewen.

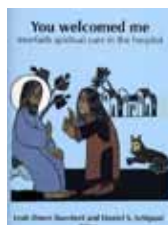
Spanning 500 years of Anabaptist migration from 16th century Europe to modern day Canada, Loewen's stories centre on the Mennonite struggle to find a sense of home in the world but not of the world.



### **The Mennonites of St. Jacobs and Elmira: Understanding the Variety**

by Barb Draper.

Despite outward differences among Mennonite communities in Waterloo County, the deep roots of faith unite them. Look closely at their stories, and they reveal a dialogue between faith and culture often concealed by simple outward appearances.



### **You Welcomed Me: Interfaith Spiritual Care in the Hospital**

by Leah Dawn Bueckert and Daniel Schipani.

Addresses the question of how to enhance the practice of Christian spiritual caregivers as they encounter the growing plurality of faith traditions among care receivers and colleagues.

## From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



### **Gathering around the Table: Small Group Communion Service and Meal**

by Alan and Eleanor Kreider.

A short communion liturgy for a small group context. Also includes a common meal. Portions of the liturgy can be adapted for larger congregational settings.



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

## From our Press

### New from Mennonite Publishing Network



### **Wonderfully Made: Women, Faith and Self-Care**

by Terri J. Plank Brenneman.

2011 Women's Bible Study Guide. As the author shares wisdom learned from her journey with infertility, readers will connect their own life experiences with sound scriptural and psychological principles helpful in self-care.



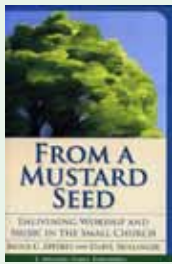
### **From Nonresistance To Justice: The Transformation of Mennonite Church Peace Rhetoric 1908-2008**

by Ervin R. Stutzman, Herald Press, 2011.

Shows how the church moved from an emphasis on nonresistance and nonconformity to engage in advocacy for peace and justice.

## New Resources

We average 3 new resources daily.



### **From A Mustard Seed: Enlivening Worship and Music in the Small Church**

by Bruce G. Epperly and Daryl Hollinger, Alban Institute, 2010.

Small congregations are challenging – but also beautiful - and can become God's partners in creating vital and life-transforming worship and music.



### **A Door Set Open: Grounding Change in Mission and Hope**

by Peter L. Steinke, Alban Institute, 2010.

Explores the relationship between the challenges of change and our own responses to new ideas and experiences.



### **God's Big Table: Nurturing Children in a Diverse World**

by Elizabeth F. Caldwell, Pilgrim Press 2011.

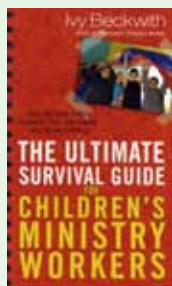
A guide to clergy and church families that want to be open to a multi-cultural faith community.



### **Through the Desert Goes Our Journey DVD**

Mennonite Church Historical Committee, 2008.

Descendants of the 19th century Mennonite Trek to Central Asia discover new, compelling truths about their history in the land of Islam.



### **The Ultimate Survival Guide for Children's Ministry Workers**

by Ivy Beckwith, Gospel Light, 2007.

A valuable children's ministry handbook with basic ideas, practical tips and pedagogical tools.



### **Worship Band Workshop DVD**

with Paul Baloch and Band, Integrity Media.

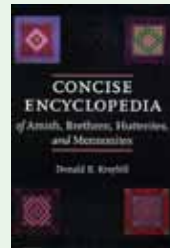
Introduces basic concepts that will enhance the musicianship of every band member and help cultivate a team spirit in your worship band.



### **Soul Searching: A Movie about Teenagers and God DVD**

Revelation Studios, 2007.

Find out what these teenagers really think about God and religion, what their hopes and aspirations are, and what the research says about the effects of religion in their lives.



### **Concise Encyclopedia: of Amish, Brethren, Hutterites, and Mennonites**

by Donald B. Kraybill, John Hopkins University Press, 2010.

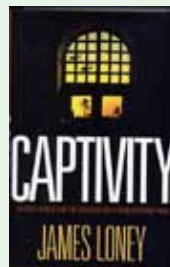
Offers readers information on a wide range of topics related to religious views and social practices.



### **Reading the Bible after Christendom**

by Lloyd Pietersen, Paternoster Press, 2011.

Examines what reading the Bible looks like in the current period when the church is no longer central and the Christian story is not well known.



### **Captivity: 118 Days in Iraq and the Struggle for a World without War**

by James Loney, Random House, 2011.

The powerful account of the Christian Peacemaker Teams activist kidnapped while leading a peace delegation, and held for ransom by Iraqi insurgents.



### **The Art of Worship: A Musician's Guide to Leading Modern Worship**

by Greg Scheer, BakerBooks, 2006.

From enlisting and training an effective leadership crew to overcoming opposition from resistant church members, The Art of Worship charts a clear course in planning contemporary worship.



### **Open to God: Resources for Decision-Making in Church Communities CD-Rom**

Baptist Union of Victoria, 2009.

Ideas, exercises and activities to help church communities discern God's will in their life together.



## New Resources

We average 3 new resources daily.

Three new booklets that support essential ministries in the church:

**Recruiting Volunteers,**  
**Marketing Your Church to the Community,**  
**The Ministry of Administrative Assistants**

ed., Adam Hamilton, Abingdon Press.



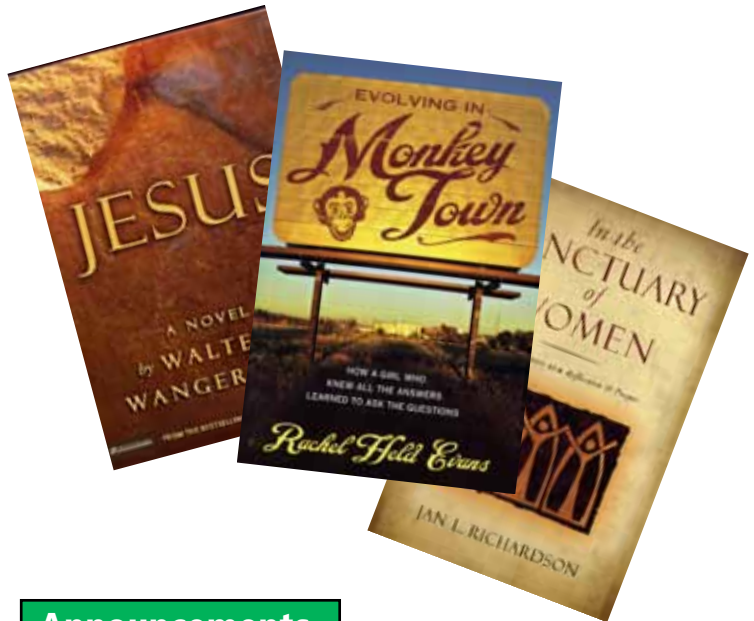
4 DVDs about important spiritual, theological practitioners of the 20th Century:

**Journey of the Heart: The Life of Henri Nouwen DVD, Vision Video. Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story DVD, Vision Video. Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace DVD, Mother Teresa DVD.**



## 2011 Summer Reading List:

Our annual reading list for the cottage, the beach, the vacation, or the lawn chair at home. Enjoy! [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1531](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1531)



## Announcements

**Resource Centre Summer Hours:** Please note that Arlyn will be at Assembly in Waterloo, July 4-8 and will then be taking holidays. Miriam will continue working her 3 days/week through July (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday).

### Assembly Resources:

#### Overall Theme

- Revelation - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1313](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1313)

**Assembly Sunday** - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1506](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1506)

#### Ministers' Conference

- Reframing Anabaptism – Jeremy Bergen see "Anabaptist Theology" - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1265](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1265)  
"Anabaptist History" - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/787](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/787)  
"Church Identity" – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/870](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/870)

#### Youth Assembly Website

- <http://www.itsepic.ca/>

#### Adult Assembly Discernment Sessions

- Being a Faithful Church – Parts 1-3  
- [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1516](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1516)



- Report Book - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1575](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1575)  
• Discernment Guide - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1576](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1576)



Congratulations to Charlotte Bueckert, Dalmeny, SK who won last month's contest and a copy of the book *Create Space for Peace*.

Contest co-sponsored by CMU Bookstore and Mennonite Church Canada.

**It's summer** – so we thought we'd change up the contest a bit. Think of it less as a contest, and more as a game – perhaps a **game** that could be played in the family car, around the dinner table or across the office cubicle.

Think of a "peace activist" (past or present), call out their initials, and have the other participants guess the name. Send in 2 suggestions (eg. JHY, MLK, DD), with a short description, to qualify for this month's Contest. And because it's summer – we'll extend this contest for **48 days!**

Thanks to Madeleine Enns for the idea – and Gene Stoltzfus' book *Create Space for Peace* for the inspiration.

### This month's prize

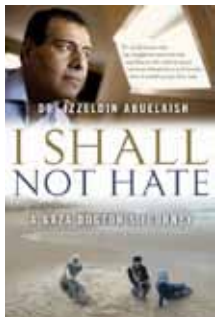
#### **I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey**

A contemporary Middle Eastern peace story.

Email your response to: [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca), with "July Contest" in subject line.

#### To be eligible:

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



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