

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

- 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)
- 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 15 – Stewardship Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1633](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1633)
- Jan 22 – Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1634](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1634)
- Feb 22 – Ash Wednesday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491)

## Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1373](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1373)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CYNKC – Children, Youth and a New Kind of Christianity

May 7-10, 2012 in Washington DC.

A conference especially for those who work with children and youth in congregational ministry. Mennonite Church Canada will cover lodging costs for up to 10 participants. Discounts for Early Bird event registration apply until November 1, 2011. For details see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1632](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1632).

## 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



**Open Source Christmas?**

Lynette Wiebe's Christmas Eve program has been a favourite for years (downloaded 6000 times since 2007). Dozens of other seasonal submissions are also highly requested.

**But we welcome more!**

Are you writing an original Advent study, devotional, Christmas story, carol service, drama or pageant this year? Send us an electronic copy. We'd love to add your offering to our growing list of Christmas resources found here – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78)

### Remembering God's Future: 2012 Season of Prayer Guide

by Loren Johns

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



### 2011/2012 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

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller



### Quills

by Aaron J. Ratzlaff, Herald Press, 2011.

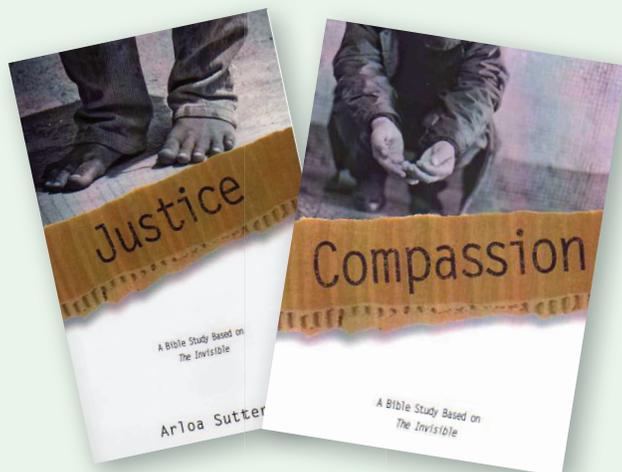
One day Porcupine's quills begin to fall out in handfuls - and nothing can be done. Porcupine's happiness quickly turns to confusion and fear. She believes no one can love a porcupine without quills. Then her friend Giraffe stops by with a special gift and a message of acceptance.

Many circumstances leave us feeling alone, embarrassed, and unlovable. Thankfully, God gives us friends and family who love us unconditionally, whether we are bald, hairy, or somewhere in between.



## New Resources

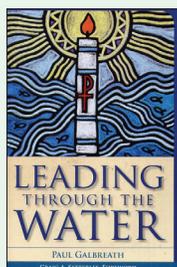
We average 3 new resources daily.



### Justice and Compassion.

Two Bible studies by Arloa Sutter, Wesleyan Publishing House, 2011.

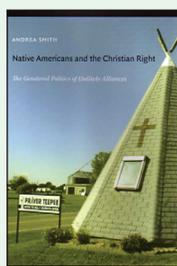
Arloa Sutter guides small groups and individuals through Old and New Testament passages that focus on God's desire to bring compassion and justice to those whom society often forgets or ignores.



### Leading through the Water

by Paul Galbreath, Alban Institute, 2011.

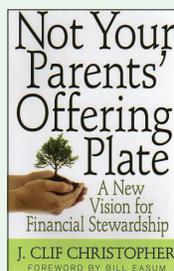
Expands the vision of baptism from a single occasion to a distinctive way of life within a community of faith and a primary metaphor for Christian discipleship.



### Native Americans and the Christian Right: The Gendered Politics of Unlikely Alliances

by Andrea Smith, Duke University Press, 2008.

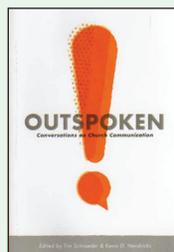
Smith reveals antiviolence organizing to be a galvanizing force within both the evangelical and Native American communities. She discusses theories of coalition politics between groups, and considers Native women's visions of sovereignty and nationhood.



### Not Your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship

by J. Clif Christopher, Abingdon Press, 2008.

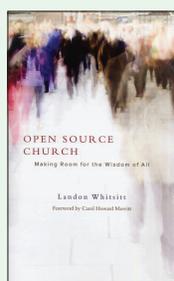
Unlike leading nonprofit agencies and institutions, the church too often fails to convince potential givers that their gifts will have impact and significance. Here the author lays out the main reasons for this, including our frequent failure simply to ask.



### Outspoken! Conversations on Church Communication

ed., Tim Schraeder; Kevin D. Hendricks, Center for Church Communication, 2011.

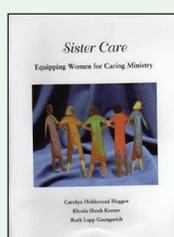
A comprehensive resource demonstrating how church leaders can leverage new media to effectively connect people with the gospel. From branding and design, to websites and social media, there are endless ways the church can cut through the static and help the message of the gospel be heard clearly.



### Open Source Church

by Landon Whitsitt, Alban Institute, 2011.

Argues that Wikipedia, the encyclopedia that anyone can see and edit, might be the most instructive model available to help congregations develop leaders and structures that can meet the challenges presented by our changing world. Its success depends, he demonstrates, not on the views of select experts but on the collective wisdom of crowds.



### Sister Care: Equipping Women for Caring Ministry

by Carolyn Holderread Heggen, Rhoda Shenk Keener, Ruth Lapp Guengerich, Mennonite Women USA, 2011.

Manual for women/caregivers in the church to address issues of identity, self-care, compassionate listening, loss and grief.

## Non-English Titles

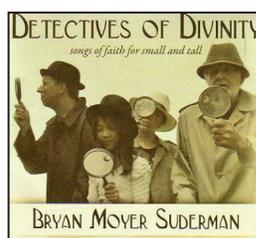


### Guérir les mémoires: se réconcilier en Christ: Rapport de la Commission internationale d'études Luthéro-Mennonite

La réception de ce rapport sera une bonne chose pour les mennonites et les luthériens du monde entier. Avant même sa publication, ses recommandations ont été accueillies avec approbation et sincère enthousiasme des deux côtés. À l'assemblée de la Conférence mennonite mondiale au Paraguay, en juillet 2009, Ishmael Noko reçut une émouvante standing ovation lorsqu'il parla du chagrin et du regret des luthériens pour leur histoire, et de leur désir de demander pardon.

For additional French language resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1635](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1635).

## From our Partners



### Detectives of Divinity

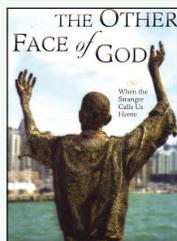
by Bryan Moyer Suderman, 2011. **Recently released!**

From the blistering bluegrass tune "New World Coming" to the evocative "Make Room" ... from the playful "Detectives of Divinity" to the stark "Lofty Words" ... from the fun sing-along "Fruit of the Spirit" to the vivid storytelling of "Take Heart," this is a collection of songs that brings us face to face with the realities of our day-to-day life in light of the scriptural story, and in a way that gets "small and tall" singing, talking, laughing, dancing and praying together.



## New Resources

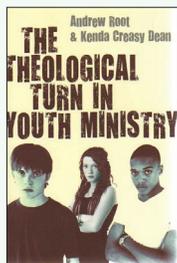
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### **The Other Face of God: When the Stranger Calls Us Home**

by Mary Jo Leddy, Orbis Books, 2011.

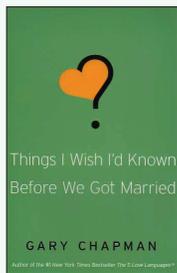
In this meditative reflection, the author describes how the newcomer disrupts our lives and summons us to a new sense of ourselves, a fresh sense of Christ and a compelling vision of the church. The stranger is the one who calls us to live beyond the false sense of identity that is generated within an imperial culture.



### **The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry**

by Andrew Root, Kenda Creasy Dean, Intersity Press, 2011.

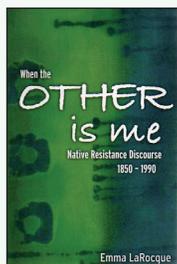
The questions our youth have are often the same ones that perplexed the great theologians, driving them to search for God in the places God didn't appear to be—places of brokenness, suffering and confusion. What if we let these questions drive our search for God, too? The authors invite us to address the deep questions of life with a wonderfully adolescent mix of idealism, cynicism and prophetic intolerance for hypocrisy.



### **Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married**

by Gary Chapman, Northfield Publishing, 2010.

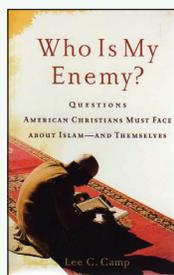
A practical little book, packed with wisdom and tips that will help many develop the loving, supportive and mutually beneficial marriage men and women long for. A good resource for pre-marital counseling.



### **When the Other is Me: Native Resistance Discourse 1850-1990**

by Emma LaRocque, University of Manitoba Press, 2010.

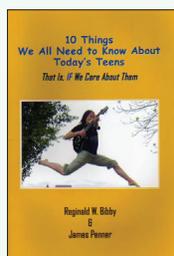
A powerful interdisciplinary study of the Native literary response to racist writing in the Canadian historical and literary record from 1850 to 1990.



### **Who Is My Enemy? Questions American Christians Must Face About Islam - and Themselves**

by Lee C. Camp, Bakers Publishing Group, 2011.

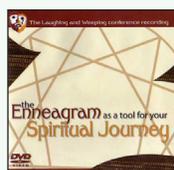
Introduces Christian and Islamic views on war and peacemaking and examines Christian and non-Christian terrorism to help readers confront their own prejudices.



### **10 Things We All Need to Know About Today's Teens: That Is, If We Care About Them**

by Reginald W. Bibby, James Penner, Woodlake Books, 2010.

Summarizes the key findings of the latest Project Teen Canada national survey.



### **The Enneagram as a tool for your Spiritual Journey, DVDs**

by Richard Rohr, et al., Center for Action and Contemplation, 2009.

The Enneagram is presented as a serious spiritual tool, a tool of remembrance, a pathway to open ourselves to the gift of presence. A great introduction to the tool – far beyond simple identification of the nine Enneagram types.



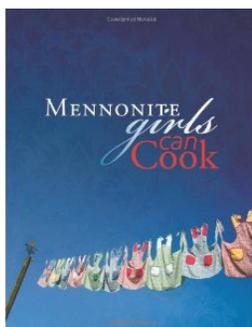
### **With God on Our Side, DVD**

Rooftop Productions, 2010.

A look at the theology of Christian Zionism, which teaches that because the Jews are God's chosen people, they have a divine right to the land of Israel. Is there a Biblical alternative for Christians who want to love and support the people of Israel?



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



### **This month's prize**

One of our favourite blogs – and now cookbook – *Mennonite Girls Can Cook*

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

Name your favourite blogger – and why.

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

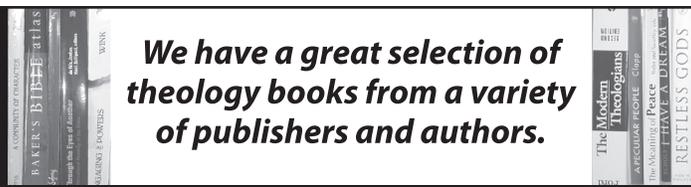
[resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca), with "Nov/Dec 2011 Contest" in subject line.

### **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.

Congratulations to Alissa Bender, Hamilton, ON who won the special "Peacemakers Identification Quiz" and a copy of the book *The Curious Garden*.

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