

RESOURCE UPDATE

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WORSHIP RESOURCES

Feb 22 – Ash Wednesday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491

April 1 – Palm Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/160

April 5 – Maundy Thursday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/161

April 6 – Good Friday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/162

April 8 – Easter
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/163

May 6 – Many Peoples Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1691

May 27 - Pentecost
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/164

CHRIS AND SELAH ACTION FIGURES!

You've seen them (and perhaps coloured them) in the Advent and Lent at home devotionals. Now they're in 3D! And we have a set to give away!


Win a Chris and Selah doll to deepen the connection to your home worship. To enter, parents are asked to complete any of the surveys found on the back cover of these resources – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1728





Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1390

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

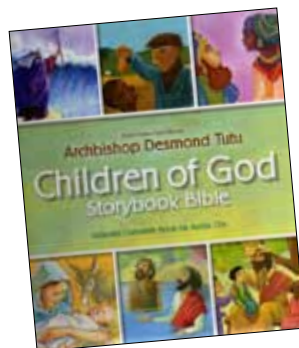
 **Circulate** widely – to librarian, pastor, worship planners, education coordinator, and church secretary

 **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

Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller



Children of God: Storybook Bible with Audio CDs

by Desmond Tutu, Zondervan, 2010.

50 classic Bible stories retold in language easily accessible to children by Archbishop and Nobel Peace Laureate, Desmond Tutu. The beautiful illustrations by twenty artists from around the world show the diversity of God's people and how Jesus is seen in different contexts.

Website Window

Links worth noting

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



Spacious Faith: Growing into God's Abundant Love.

– Joanna Harader's blog. A Mennonite pastor who seeks a "spacious faith" to surround her - with plenty of room to explore and grow.



Worshiping with Children: Including Children in the Congregation's Worship, using the Revised Common Lectionary.

– Creative prayers, ways of presenting scripture, children's times, sermon illustrations, and more – all from Carolyn Brown, an experienced Presbyterian children's minister.

✉ Do you have any sites to recommend?

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency

Fruit of the Spirit, Fruit of the Earth

by Alissa Bender, Hamilton Mennonite Church, 2011.

This 7-session worship series offers suggestions for drawing on Creation Care themes within Scripture, using the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) as a focal point.

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

Hearing from you

We welcome all feedback – by email or phone. Recently this comment came our way:

"You operate—and develop—an excellent interconnected resource centre. In terms of what the church is, and what it is becoming, you are on the frontier. But, don't get me wrong, your frontier is an "ancient" one. It is a frontier that helps us be as vital and adaptive and fresh as the first Christians. In that sense, you are like the Russian explorers who have recently discovered a prehistoric FRESHwater lake, far beneath the hoary salt waters of the Antarctic. They're enthusiastic about finding "new" forms of life, just like you are enthusiastic about bringing fresh, cutting edge, resources to the church. Keep up the good work!"
– Tim Reimer, Pastor, Danforth Mennonite Church

From our Partners



AMBS Webinars including Allan Rudy Froese's "Embodying the Story" on April 19. Check www.ambs.edu/programs-institutes/clc/webinars for this and other webinars.

AMBS on iTunes. Listen to special presentations, chapels and forums from your computer or mobile device. www.ambs.edu/news-and-publications/iTunesU

From our Press

New from Menno Media



Kids Can Build Bridges

Faith and Life Resources, 2011.

Ten active sessions invite children grades 1-5 to take an imaginary journey around the world. Part of the Kids Can series - resources for children's clubs, midweek, Sunday night, camp, or other settings.



Waging Peace: Muslim and Christian Alternatives DVD

Third Way Media, 2011.

A documentary that explores the threads of peacemaking in both Muslim and Christian traditions.

Non-English Titles



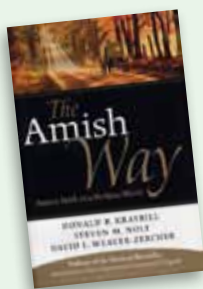
Menonitas en América Latina: Bosquejos Históricos

by Jaime Prieto, Pandora Press, 2008.

Jaime Prieto examina el tema de "Anabautistas en la América Latina" desde varios aspectos inusuales. Después, Prieto pone énfasis en el deseo ferviente de hacer y promover la paz y la no violencia como se encuentran las voces de niños latinoamericanos.

For additional Spanish resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1207

the 48hr contest



This month's question

What title from a recent Resource Update interests you the most? Why?

This month's prize

The Amish Way: Patient Faith in a Perilous World by Donald Kraybill, Steven Nolt, David Weaver-Zercher. A follow-up title from the authors of the bestseller, *Amish Grace*.

Email your response to: resources@mennonitechurch.ca with "March 2012 Contest" in subject line.

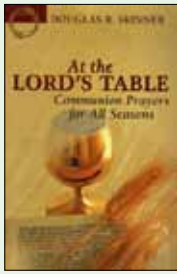
To be eligible: Contestant must be an online subscriber, and a Canadian resident. Entries are due within 48 hours of receiving electronic notice of this update.

Congratulations to Jacob Siemens of Niverville, MB who won a copy of the book On the Zwieback Trail

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

New Resources

We average 3 new resources daily.



**At the Lord's Table:
Communion Prayers for All Seasons**

by Douglas B. Skinner, Chalice Press, 2006.

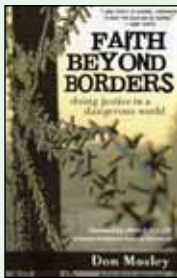
200 communion prayers linked with special Sundays, church seasons, hymns, special occasions, and communion themes.



**Daily Demonstrators:
The Civil Rights Movement in Mennonite
Homes And Sanctuaries**

by Tobin Miller Shearer, John Hopkins University Press, 2010.

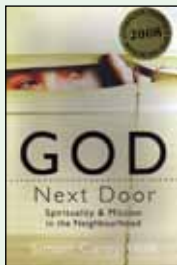
Shows how the civil rights movement played out in Mennonite homes and churches from the 1940s through the 1960s.



**Faith Beyond Borders:
Doing Justice in a Dangerous World**

by Don Mosley, Joyce Hollyday, Abingdon Press, 2010.

The story of Jubilee Partners, a community of believers in Comer, Georgia who have welcomed 3,000 refugees from danger zones around the world.



**God Next Door:
Spirituality & Mission in the Neighbourhood**

by Simon Carey Holt, Acorn Press, 2007.

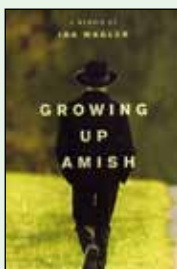
God and neighbour are intimately linked and the call to loving our neighbours is high on the Christian agenda. So what does this mean for the way we live with the people next door?



**Greening Congregations Handbook: Stories,
Ideas, and Resources for Cultivating Creation
Awareness and Care in Your Congregation**

ed Tanya Marcovna Barnett, Earth Ministry, 2002.

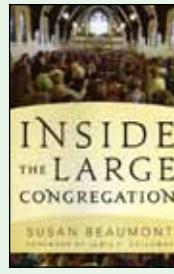
A "tool box" for all who want to foster creation awareness and care in their congregations.



Growing Up Amish

by Ira Wagler, Tyndale House Publishers, 2011.

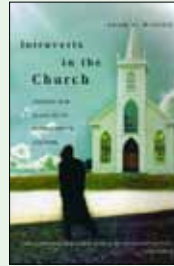
The true story of one man's quest to discover who he is and where he belongs. Story set amidst the backdrop of one of the most enigmatic cultures today—the Old Order Amish.



Inside the Large Congregation

by Susan Beaumont, Alban Institute, 2011.

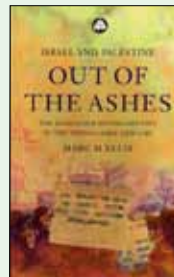
A help for larger congregations "rightsizing" their leadership systems to better serve their ministry context.



**Introverts in the Church:
Finding our Place in an Extroverted Culture**

by Adam S. McHugh, InterVarsity Press, 2009.

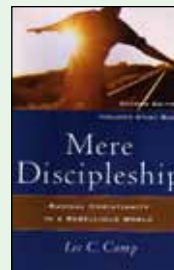
Essential reading for any introvert who has ever felt out of place in the congregation, as well as for leaders who want to make their churches more welcoming to introverts.



**Israel and Palestine Out of the Ashes:
The Search For Jewish Identity
In The Twenty-first Century**

by Marc H. Ellis, Pluto Press, 2002.

In this deeply personal account of contemporary Jewish identity, the author looks beyond the legacy of the Holocaust and beyond the portrayal of Jews as either victims or persecutors, and forges a new vision of what it means to be Jewish today.



**Mere Discipleship: Radical Christianity in a
Rebellious World Second Edition**

by Lee C. Camp, Baker Publishing Group, 2008.

The author's vision of what it means to truly follow Christ in the twenty-first century. Includes study guide.



More than Enough: My Breast Cancer Story

by Sherri Hildebrandt, Word Alive Press, 2011.

The spiritual memoir of a cancer survivor. She describes the dramatic God-orchestrated events that gave her hope to not only survive the cancer ride, but to thrive and enjoy life in the midst of it.



**On Being Human:
Sexual Orientation and the Image of God**

by C. Norman Kraus, Cascade Books, 2011.

Kraus calls the church to reflect the image of God, and argues that this stance calls the church to empathetic inclusion of the LGBT community in its ongoing discernment conversation.

New Resources

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Recovering the Love Feast: Broadening Our Eucharistic Celebrations

by Paul Fike Stutzman, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2011.

An introduction to the early church practice of the "love feast" and its appropriation to our context today.



Presence-Centered Youth Ministry: Guiding Students Into Spiritual Formation

by Mike King, InterVarsity Press, 2006.

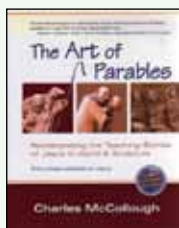
Shows how classic disciplines, symbols and practices that have sustained the church over the centuries can shape the worldviews, virtues and habits of young people today.



Reliving the Passion: Meditations on the Suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus as Recorded in Mark

by Walter Wangerin, Zondervan, 1992.

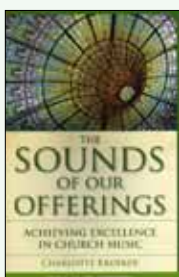
These meditations from the gospel of Mark are more than a recounting of events, they are an imaginary reenactment of the Passion story.



The Art of Parables: Reinterpreting the Teaching Stories of Jesus in Word & Sculpture

by Charles McCollough, Woodlake Publishing, 2008.

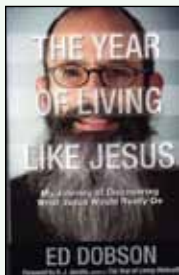
Both a visual translation (through sculpture) and a historical/political interpretation of each parable.



The Sounds Of Our Offerings: Achieving Excellence in Church Music

by Charlotte Kroeker, Alban Institute 2011.

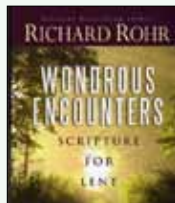
A study of nine congregations and how music has found its way into their life and faith practices.



The Year Of Living Like Jesus: My Journey of Discovering What Jesus Would really Do

by Edward G. Dobson, Zondervan, 2009.

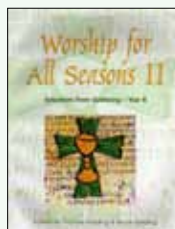
Dobson's transition from someone who follows Jesus to someone who lives like Jesus takes him into bars, inspires him to pick up hitchhikers, and ultimately deepens his understanding of suffering.



Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent

by Richard Rohr, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2011.

Daily meditations for Lent focused on being transformed into the image of God.



Worship for All Seasons 2: Selections from Gathering - Year B

ed. by Thomas Harding; Bruce Harding, United Church Publishing House, 2005.

An accessible anthology of lectionary worship materials - prayers, services, intergenerational happenings, "Sunday by Sunday" insights, and drama.



Pastors' Conversation: Navigating LGBT issues & questions DVD

by New Direction Ministries of Canada, 2011.

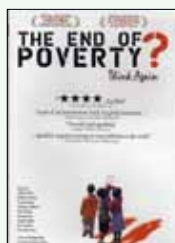
A call to congregational hospitality, peace-making and bridge-building in the tumultuous and often polarized climate around sexuality.



Stolen Sisters: A One-Hour Television Documentary DVD

by Fahrenheit films, 2007.

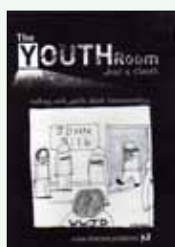
A film that sheds light on the hidden stories of aboriginal women who have been murdered or gone missing in violent circumstances in Canada in the past 20 years.



The End of Poverty?: Think Again DVD

by Cinemalibrestudio 2010.

Today 20% of the planet's population uses 80% of its resources and consumes 30% more than the planet can regenerate. Can we really end poverty under our current economic system?



The Youth Room has a Closet: Talking with Youth about Homosexuality DVD

by New Directions Ministries of Canada.

Presentations combine an honest, personal journey, clear biblical perspective, extensive ministry experience, research and practical suggestions.