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We offer resources for...

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4-9 MC Canada Assembly, Charlotte, NC

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Congregations are always looking for current, tested resources from our member congregations. Email, fax or post us your copy of a special service, litany or celebration, and we'll pass it on.

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Lawn Chair Reading

Ten recent "summer" acquisitions at the Resource Centre:

A Generous Orthodoxy

by Brian D. McLaren. Zondervan, 2004. A call for a radical,

Christ-centred orthodoxy of faith and practice in a missional, generous spirit.

Clarence Jordan: Essential Writings,

Joyce Hollyday, ed. Orbis Books, 2003. Includes a sample of sermons and "Cotton Patch" vernacular translations of Scripture.

The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness

Account of Wrongful Executions by Helen Prejean. Random House, 2005. Prejean takes us with her on her spiritual journey as she accompanies two possibly innocent human beings to their deaths at the hands of the state.

Finding God in Unexpected Places

by Philip Yancey. Random House, 2005. Shows inspiring evidence of God in the most unlikely places – including Ground Zero.

Following in the Footsteps of Christ: The Anabaptist Tradition

by C. Arnold Snyder. Orbis Books, 2004. This study gives an intimate glimpse into Anabaptist beliefs, practices, and spirituality.

God's Politics: A New Vision for Faith and Politics in America

by Jim Wallis. Harper Collins, 2005. Calls the religious right and left in America to be more accountable to the prophetic teachings of Christ.

Loving Without Giving In: Christian Responses to Terrorism and Tyranny

by Ron Mock. Herald Press, 2004. Analysis of the global situation post September 11.

Radical Simplicity: Small Footprints on a

Finite Earth by Jim Merkel. New Society Publishers, 2003. Offers ways to lower your "ecological footprint."

Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope,

by Joan Chittister. Wm B. Eerdmans, 2003. Explores the landscape of suffering and hope

Time Warped: First Century Time Stewardship for 21st Century Living,

by Steve Ganger. Mennonite Mutual Aid, 2004. Addresses lifestyle questions so that we might have "more time with God."

Children's Corner

Resources for the church library, home, Sunday School class or Sunday morning storyteller.



Come as a Child 1: Children's Sermons to See and Hear

by Jim Penner and Scott Sinclair, Abingdon Press, 2001. Children's sermons that provide the tools and inspiration to help the storyteller create a message that is integrated with the whole worship experience of the congregation. The stories are lectionary-based, but can also be easily used by non-lectionary worship planners using the scripture and key-word indexes. This first volume follows the Year A lections. Year B and C also available from the Resource Centre.

Route To:

- Librarian
- Pastor(s)
- Worship Planners
- Education Coordinator
- Church Secretary

These links and many other electronic resources can also be found through our own online catalogue at www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre.

Stewardship Sites

www.mennofoundation.ca/mfc5_3.html

Downloadable articles from Mennonite Foundation of Canada, including the following topics: preaching on stewardship, receiving graciously, tithing, blessing and curse.

<http://bookstore.mma-online.org/catalog/display.php>

Mennonite Mutual Aid online bookstore stocked with resources to help you become a better steward of your time, talents, health, money, and relationships. books, videos and DVDs, and curriculum materials are appropriate for pastors or church leaders, individuals or families, small groups or Christian educator.

http://www.stewardshipuniversity.org/stewardship_u/index.html

Stewardship University provides ongoing holistic stewardship education through a mobile, dynamic university. It helps you bring your faith to life – or bring life to your faith.

<http://www.stewardshipresources.org/> The mission of the Ecumenical Stewardship Center is to serve Christian denominations, institutions, organizations and congregations in developing creative and vital stewardship ministries.

<http://www.mcec.on.ca/rc/Browse/70> Mennonite Church Eastern Canada's Stewardship Commission. Includes PDF files of "stewardship stories" from their *Generous God, Generous Life* newsletter.

<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceView/23/6852> Kids Pak, highlighting the "Giving projects" of Mennonite Church Canada ministries. The projects and activities in this booklet, available here as a free download, are designed to invite intergenerational participation in the life of your congregation.

<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/Browse/62> The Resource Centre collection of 93 stewardship resources available for loan or download.



In on the Action?

Thank you for making April 2005 the busiest April on record!

Our circulation this year has increased 40.1% compared to the first four months of 2004! And 99 persons have already subscribed to this *Update* and receive it in their personal email account free each month. Will you be the 100th?

April's Top Picks (most requested items)

- ***Through Laughter and Tears: The Church Celebrates*** by Bertha M. Landers, Faith and Life Resources, 2001.
- ***Jonah and God's Big Love: A Learning Experience for Adults and Children Together*** by Eleanor Snyder and Allan Rudy-Froese, Faith and Life Press, 2000.
- ***Handbook for Multisensory Worship, Volume II*** by Kim Miller, Abingdon Press.
- ***Engaging in Ministry with Older Adults*** by Dosia Carlson, Alban Institute, 1997.
- ***Words for Worship*** by Arlene Mark, Herald Press, 1995.
- ***Seeing Christ in Others: An Anthology for Worship, Meditation and Mission***, by Geoffery Duncan, ed., United Church Publishing, 1998.
- ***Praising God through the Lively Arts: Scripture Interpretation, Drama, Clowning, Storytelling, Liturgical Dance, Choral Scripture Readings*** by Linda M. Goens, Abingdon Press, 1999.
- ***Creative Worship 2: Services for Special Days*** by Ian Price, ed., Wood Lake Books, 2002.
- ***Creative Worship: Services from Advent to Pentecost***, by Ian Price and Carolyn Kitto, ed., Wood Lake Books.



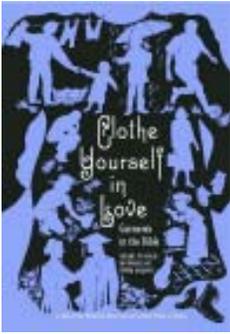
Resource Centre on the road

Bring the Resource Centre to your next gathering.

Arlyn is available to provide a display of materials, lead a workshop or Sunday school, preach a sermon. Contact the Resource Centre to make arrangements.

June 5-7, 2005 — Resource person, MCSK Pastor-Spouse Retreat, Camp Shekinah.

For Sale Items



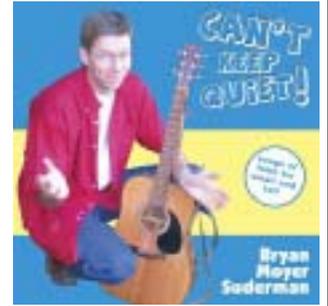
Clothe Yourself in Love by Jennifer Davis Sensenig. The 2005 Canadian Women in Mission study guide explores biblical images of clothing and topics as wisdom, holiness, repentance, and justice. Suitable for use in groups, Sunday School classes, or private study. Also included: an Easter program by Melissa Miller.

Available from the Resource Centre for \$7.00.

Hope Is ... The new musical CD featuring Kim Thiessen and Darryl Neustaedter Barg. Like the earlier two recordings (*To Such as These: Songs and Lullabies for Children of the World* and *The Light Shines: Songs and Carols for the Christmas Season*) all proceeds from the sale of this CD benefit *Generations at Risk*, Mennonite Central Committee's initiative working with people around the world impacted by HIV/AIDS.

CDs can be purchased online from MCC for \$18.00 at <http://www.mcc.org/alberta/hopeis/>

Can't Keep Quiet!



Another playful and contagious collection of "songs for small and tall," ranging from folk and bluegrass to a touch of funk – including 14 original tunes.

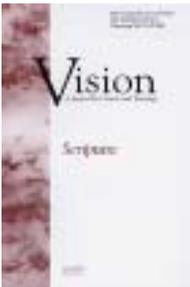
Can't Keep Quiet, like Bryan's earlier CD, *God's Love is For Everybody*, combines great music with good theology. Our children memorized the lyrics after the first or second hearing - and the CD is never only played through once! Its engaging style has called forth much song, instrumentation, dance and discussion among child and adult alike in our family. Thank you, Bryan, for the musical reminder of the joy and delight in faithful living!" —From a review by Arlyn Friesen Epp.

"Bryan has gifted us with ... lively songs we'll want to keep singing with our children as part of our daily rituals ... simply worded songs that bring life and light to our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus together ... songs that sing God's mission into the hearts of God's children. That makes this CD a must for family road trips, though I'm sure Christian educators and club leaders will also want their copies of *Can't Keep Quiet* for their children's ministry programs!" —From a review by Elsie Rempel.

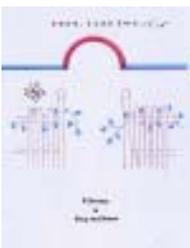
Available for purchase/mail order (\$16.99, plus tax/shipping) online at www.smalltallmusic.com. Also available through Herald Press (1-800-245-7894).

New Resources

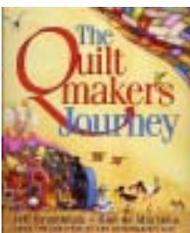
For a complete list of new acquisitions, check www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/NewResources



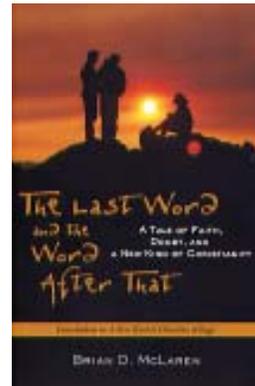
Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology, Spring 2005. A Canadian Mennonite University and Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary publication. Nine essays and one sermon on the topic of "Scripture." Includes such themes as: authority, church tradition, interpretation, music, worship planning, pastoral care.



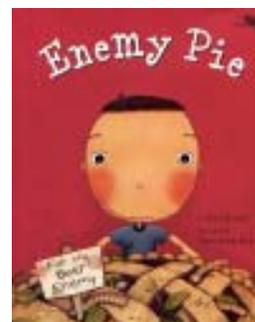
Eden, Take Two: A Journey in Song and Drama by Menno Wiebe. This four-character drama, plus choir, centers around a conversation between grandchild and grandmother. This discussion reveals the importance of music and song to one's faith. Written for presentation at two recent Saengerfests in Manitoba, April 2005.



The Quiltmaker's Journey by Jeff Brumbeau and Gail de Marcken, Orchard Books, 2004. A touching tale about the value of generosity and the spirit of community, kindness and love. A beautifully illustrated prequel to the best-selling "The Quiltmaker's Gift."

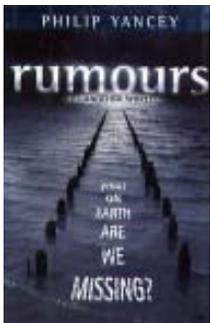


The Last Word and the Word After That: A Tale of Faith, Doubt, and a New Kind of Christianity by Brian D. McLaren, Jossey-Bass, 2005. In this final installment of the "A New Kind of Christian" trilogy, the author grapples with conventional Christian teachings about hell and judgment and what they mean for our relationship with God and each other.

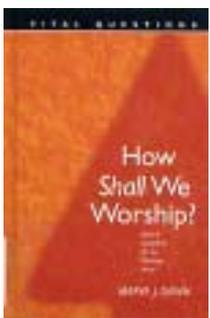


Enemy Pie by Derek Munson and Tara Calahan King. Chronicle Books, 2000. In this funny yet endearing story, one little boy learns an effective recipe for turning a best enemy into a best friend.

New Resources (continued)



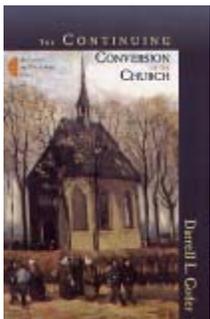
Rumours Of Another World: What on Earth Are We Missing? By Philip Yancey, Zondervan, 2003. Reads like a conversation, inviting those skeptical of religion and turned off by the church to consider the possibility of an unseen, supernatural world of beauty and purpose coexisting with our visible world.



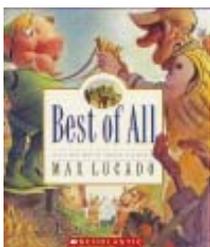
How Shall We Worship?: Biblical Guidelines for the Worship Wars by Marva J. Dawn, Tyndale House, 2003. Marva Dawn will help you understand why there are often so many disagreements in the church about worship. She guides you through Psalm 96, explaining the profound implications for how we worship the living God today.



Practicing Passion: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church by Kenda Creasy Dean, Eerdmans, 2004. If the church is to speak meaningfully to youth and in turn reap the many benefits that young people have to offer, then its ministry must be predicated on passion - the Passion of Christ, the passion of youth, and the passionate faith that results when these two things come together.



The Continuing Conversion of the Church by Darrell Guder, Eerdmans, 2000. Western society is now a very different, very difficult mission field. In this significant new work of practical theology Guder explores how the church can more effectively carry out its missionary calling.



Best of All by Max Lucado and Sergio Martinez, Scholastic Books, 2003. An elementary children's story that affirms that we do not have to be famous or "beautiful" to be special. God made us just the way we are - on purpose. Seven other Max Lucado stories have also been recently purchased.

From our Press

New from Mennonite
Publishing Network

Available from the Resource Centre for a free preview loan. To purchase, call MPN at 1-800-245-7894.

Moyer, Joanne. ***Earth Trek: Celebrating and Sustaining God's Creation***. Herald Press, 2004. The purpose of this journey is to learn to better understand creation and our place within it, and to move us to action.

Lind, Mary Beth and Hockman-Wert, Cathleen. ***Simply in Season: Recipes that Celebrate the Rhythm of the Land***. Herald Press, 2005. Through stories and simple "whole foods" recipes, the authors explore how the food we put on our tables impacts our local and global neighbours.

Leader: Equipping the Missional Congregation, Summer 2005. Quarterly periodical that seeks to inspire, equip, and empower both pastors and lay leaders in helping their congregations fulfill the missional vision of Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA. Check www.leaderonline.org.



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