

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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By the Numbers

1153

DVDs/online videos

Many DVDs with study guides for small group discussion. Others for personal use at home. And hundreds of selected YouTube favourites – for home, classroom, and other congregational settings.

Catalogue Tip



Reserve your loaned item(s) for a later date. Click “borrow now” and select a convenient date from the shopping cart. And check out, as normal. We’ll make sure you get it on time.

Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2018



Mennonite Church Canada

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Mennonite Church Canada’s BFC process has elicited several creative resources we’d like to share with all our Canadian churches:

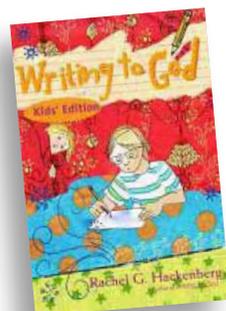
- MCBC’s 4-session group curriculum - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2015
- MCA’s 6 session study for individuals - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2016
- Bryan Moyer Suderman’s 4 session Bible study - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1963
- LeAnne Froese’s liturgical dramatization - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2017

Thanks so much to the contributors!

For all BFC documents, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2012

Children’s Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller



Writing to God: Kids’ Edition

by Rachel G. Hackenberg, Paraclete Press, 2013.

Invites children to speak to God creatively through their pens (or pencils, or crayons). In 35 days, kids are invited to pray to God using their senses, reflecting on their feelings, in light of Bible verses, looking at nature, to understand the ordinary events of life, to use new words and pictures for God, and as a way to say “thank you.” Based on the adult book of the same name, also available at the Centre.

Website Window

Links worth noting

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

**Godart**

by Paul Plett and John Wideman, Ode Productions, 2013.

Online film that follows the journey of two young men who meet as strangers on Canada's east coast and decide to journey west together.

**Stuart Murray at the 2013 MCM Gathering**

by Mennonite Church Manitoba, 2013.

Video of Murray's three keynote addresses, including discussions on denominationalism and homosexuality.

**Lament on the Line: 2013 Holy Saturday Event Recap**

ed. Brad Langendoen, Non Violent Artist, 2013.

Video of a service of lament held on Holy Saturday, March 30, 2013 at the foot of the Enbridge pumping station in Gretna, MB.

**Personal Reflections on 'Idle No More'**

by Neill Von Gunten; Edith Von Gunten, Interlake Enterprise, 2013.

Our former Native Ministry Directors offer their short reflections on the Idle No More movement.

**The Skit Guys**

by Tommy Woodard and Eddie James.

Source for comedic skits from a dramatic duo.

**Rule Book or Story? The Difference it Makes in How We Approach the Bible**

by J. Denny Weaver, The Mennonite, 2013.

A simple introduction to biblical hermeneutics from an Anabaptist perspective.

**Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) E-Journal**

A free bi-weekly e-journal full of no-cost resources for the youth worker or parent of a teenager.

 Do you have any sites to recommend?

Non-English Resources**Encarnando Agora Vislumbres do Futuro: Fundamentos Bíblicos de Shalom**

by Robert J. Suderman, Mennonite Church Canada, 2013.

Agradecemos ao encontro Cone-Sul das igrejas anabatistas latino-americanas, pelo convite que proporcionou o desenvolvimento deste livreto, e ao Comitê Latino Americano do Conselho de Ministérios Anabatistas Internacionais (CIMLAC) por sua ajuda financeira para o Cone Sul, incluindo este material.

É uma grande honra ter sido convidado para estar com vocês durante esta semana. Espero que estes tempos juntos glorifiquem a Deus, fortaleçam a igreja e estimulem o Shalom (paz) em nosso mundo atribulado. Quero enfatizar três ensinamentos bíblicos essenciais que são o coração da capacidade da igreja de viver sua proclamação e vocação como uma comunidade de Shalom.

For other Portuguese resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2021

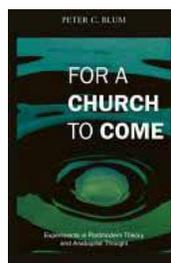
From our Press

New from MennoMedia

**John: With the Word** and **Acts: With the Word**

Faith and Life Resources, 2013.

Two new Bible studies and devotional guides for groups or individuals. Part of a larger series, all available at the Centre.

**For a Church to Come: Experiments in Postmodern Theory and Anabaptist Thought**

by Peter Blum, Herald Press, 2013.

Blum's essays explore some of our commonly held ways of talking about knowledge, meaning, commitment, and action. He suggests that some postmodern theoretical work, often dismissed to be anti-Christian, is well worth bringing into contemporary Anabaptist-Mennonite conversations about discipleship and corporate life.

From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



Three monologues by Lois Siemens, as presented at the MC Sask Equipping conference in 2012:

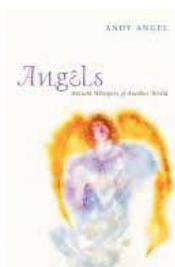
Sarah (Gen 18:1-16), Syrophonecian Woman (Mark 7:24-30), Widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:1-24)

Download here www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2019

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

New Resources

We average 3 new resources daily.



Angels: Ancient Whispers of Another World

by Andrew R. Angel, Cascade, 2012.

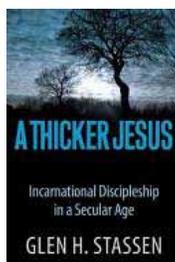
Opens up the surprising world of angels through an examination of the ancient Jewish and Christian texts, asking what angels have to do with religious ecstasy, surviving suffering, and politics, among other things.



AquaChurch 2.0: Piloting Your Church in Today's Fluid Culture

by Leonard Sweet, David C. Cook, 2012.

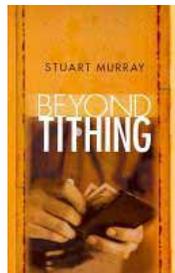
A call to church leaders to reshape their ministries to reach a society adrift. We must move from being adaptive to being proactive, remaining flexible while delivering an uncompromising message.



A Thicker Jesus: Incarnational Discipleship in a Secular Age

by Glen Harold Stassen, Westminster John Knox, 2012.

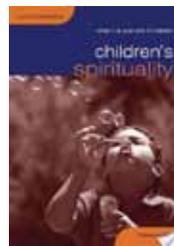
Why have some Christians, such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King Jr., been able to speak truth to power at great personal cost, while others readily capitulate to injustice? Stassen weaves the characteristics of incarnational discipleship as correctives to secularism.



Beyond Tithing

by Stuart Murray, Wipf and Stock, 2011.

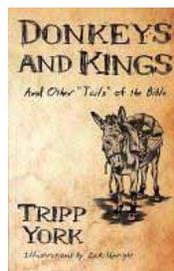
"Tithing is biblical but not Christian" asserts Stuart Murray in this radical examination of the contemporary practice of tithing. Will stimulate your thinking and challenge the dominant influence of the practice of tithing as the model for Christian stewardship.



Children's Spirituality: What It Is and Why It Matters

by Rebecca Nye, Church House Publishing, 2009.

Mixing theory with tips on 'good practice', leading expert Rebecca Nye shows how choices made in churches and homes can stimulate or stifle a child's spiritual development.



Donkeys and Kings: And Other 'Tails' of the Bible

by Tripp York and Zak Upright, Wipf and Stock, 2010.

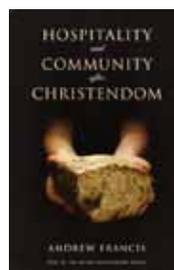
A narrative account (for young readers and adults) that brings to life eight different stories about animals as discovered in Scripture. York creatively imagines what it might mean to understand these narratives from the perspective of the animals.



For God So Loved Afghanistan

by Steve Martin and Sheryl Martin, Mennonite Mission Network, 2012.

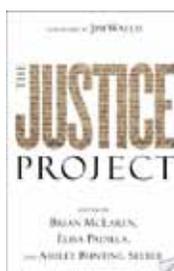
Journal selections from the Martins' 16 years of family living in a war-torn land.



Hospitality and Community after Christendom

by Andrew Francis, Paternoster, 2012.

Andrew Francis re-examines Jesus' intentions, the wider biblical material, and congregational practices of sharing communion as well as drawing on radical church history to demonstrate that, despite increasing marginalisation, hospitality and community are essential to the church's nature, well-being and mission.



Justice Project

by Brian McLaren; Elisa Padilla; Ashley Bunting Seeber, Baker Books, 2009.

A collection of thirty short essays that invite readers to deepen their understanding of the pressures our world faces and to take up the challenge of alleviating them. Never has the world been in greater need of Christians who "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God."



More Questions than Answers: Sharing Faith

by Listening by Eleanor Shepherd, Wipf and Stock, 2010.

Does the shallowness of our neatly packaged answers alienate us from each other? This book offers the hope of reconciliation through exploring how we can develop listening relationships.

From our Partners



Money Matters for Youth: Integrating Faith and Finances, 2012

Where do youth learn about money?

In our world of exposure to 5,000 ad images a day, youth are bombarded with messages that you are what you buy. Rather than just hoping that youth will somehow pick up good money habits, Mennonite Foundation of Canada wants to encourage money conversations between youth and their adult mentors in churches.

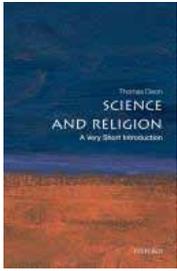
This resource may be used in its entirety as a 6-8 week study or adapted for stand-alone discussions/events.

View online or download here
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1884



New Resources

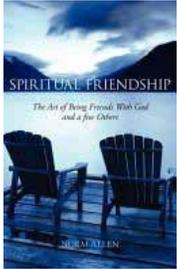
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Science and Religion: A Very Short Introduction

by Thomas Dixon, Oxford University Press, 2008.

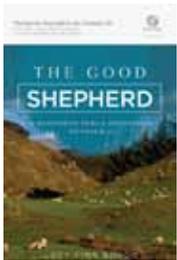
This lively and engaging book is the ideal introduction for anyone who has ever been puzzled by what philosophy is or what it is for.



Spiritual Friendship: The Art of Being Friends with God and a Few Others

by Norm Allen, Clements Publishing, 2012.

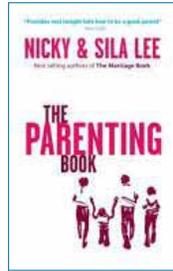
Explores the spiritual and Biblical foundations for spiritual friendships. Encouragement and stories about spiritual friendships drawn from the author's long experience helping to nurture these unique relationships, can set us on the road to deeper, more transparent friendship with others and with God.



The Good Shepherd: A Meditative Family Devotional on the 23rd Psalm

by Lacy Finn Borgo, Renovare, 2013.

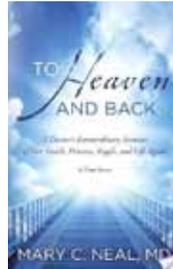
Children can engage in meditation more easily than adults. Imaginative play is a way of catapulting them into the presence of our imaginative, creative, story-telling God. This guide uses the medium of play to invite our children into the truths of the 23rd Psalm.



The Parenting Book

by Nicky Lee and Sila Lee, Alpha Books, 2009.

Drawing on their own experience of bringing up four children the authors bring fresh practical insights and time-tested values to the task of parenting children from birth through 18 years old.



To Heaven and Back:

A Doctor's Extraordinary Account of Her Death, Heaven, Angels, and Life Again: a True Story

by Mary C. Neal, Random House, 2012.

A kayak accident during a South American adventure takes one medical doctor to heaven — where she experienced God's peace, joy, and angels — and back to life again.



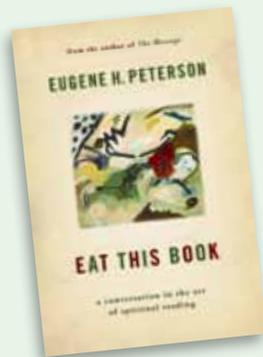
We Were Children, DVD

National Film Board, 2012.

In this feature film, the profound impact of the Canadian government's residential school system is conveyed through the eyes of 2 children who were forced to face hardships beyond their years. *We Were Children* gives voice to a national tragedy and demonstrates the incredible resilience of the human spirit.

the 48hr contest

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



This month's question

Which resource has helped you best understand the Bible?

This month's prize

Eat this Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading
by Eugene H. Peterson.

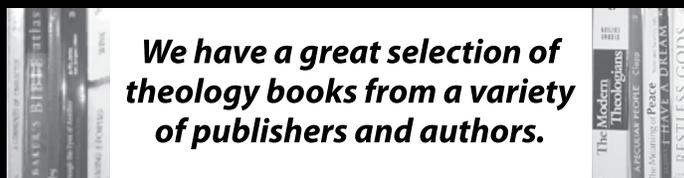
Email your response to: resources@mennonitechurch.ca
with "May 2013 Contest" in subject line.

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

Congratulations to Kyle Penner, Steinbach, MB, who won a copy of the book So Beautiful by Leonard Sweet.

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