

# RESOURCE UPDATE

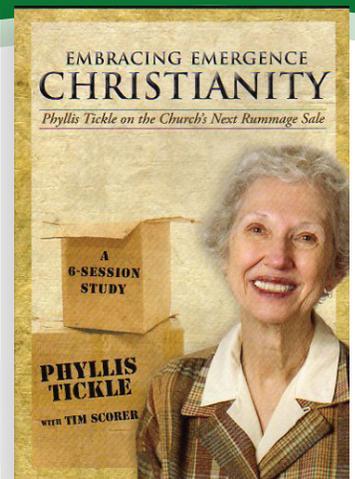
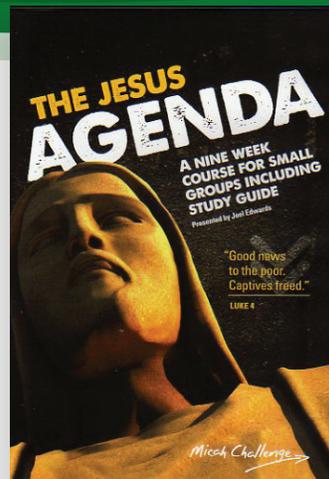
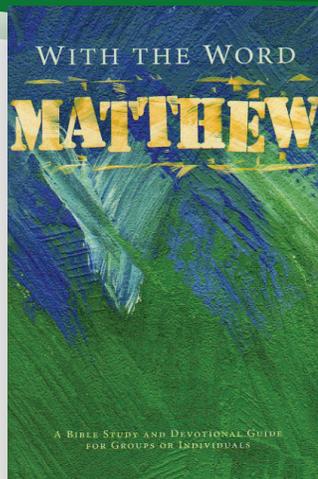
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## WORSHIP RESOURCES

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[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/968](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/968)
- Graduation  
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- Camp Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267)
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## Plan ahead for your fall adult education program!\*



## By the Numbers

# 1094

Video and print curriculum-for all ages.

Many biblical studies. Hundreds of thematic lessons.

Reserve yours today

The Resource Centre has over 400 adult curriculum items including electronic, DVD and print studies.

Take a look here - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1817](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1817)

Or ask us for help in narrowing the selection. We'd be glad to send you items to preview over the summer.

\*And of course we also have children, youth and young adult curriculum you may also want to peruse!

## Catalogue Tip



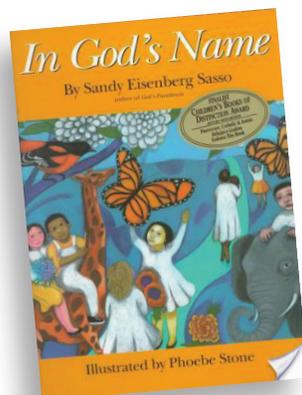
Renew your loans online from "My Account." A simple way to give yourself 2 additional weeks with the material, (subject to availability).

## Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2042](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2042)

## Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller



### In God's Name

by [Sandy Eisenberg Sasso](#) and [Phoebe Stone](#), Jewish Lights, 1994.

This modern fable about the search for God's name celebrates the diversity of, and, at the same time, the unity of all people in the world.

## Website Window

Links worth noting

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



### Conversations at the Heart of Faith and Finances

Mennonite Savings and Credit Union, 2013.

In 2013 Mennonite Savings and Credit Union is walking alongside two families, the Albrechts and the Halls, as they share their journey of faith and finances.



### St. Clements Welcome Video

St. Clements Anglican Church, 2013.

An example of a congregation's "welcome video."



### An Interview with Stuart Murray, Mennonite Church Canada 2013.



### Becoming Peculiar: Adventures in a Backwards Kingdom

by [Kathleen Quiring](#).

A blog that chronicles a journey of living out Jesus' radical, counter-cultural, counter-intuitive Way.



### Global Forum on Arts and Christian Faith

by International Council of Ethnodoxologists.

Online articles related to the expressive arts in Christianity around the world.



### Emily's Sabbatical Meanderings

by [Emily Toews](#).  
Emily's blog during her current pastoral sabbatical.



### Friendship Ministries: Sharing God's Love with People who have Intellectual Disabilities



### Christian Learning Centre (CLC) Network

Promoting and Supporting Churches to Build an Inclusive and Interdependent Faith Community

Do you have any sites to recommend?

## From our Partners



### Africa Journal: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) Newsletter

The journal is published twice/year and highlights details of AIMM's work in Africa. Mennonite Church Canada is a member of AIMM's network.



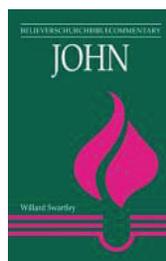
### A Good Farewell: 2013 Pastors, Chaplains, Congregational Leaders Event, MCEC 2013.

by [Gary Harder](#); [Ruth Boehm](#); [Jan Steckley](#).

Resources from MCEC's resourcing day that reflected on Christian and Anabaptist-Mennonite funeral practices.

## From our Press

New from MennoMedia



### John

by Willard M. Swartley, Herald Press, 2013.

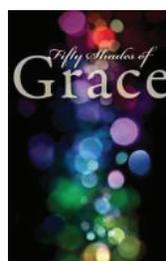
The latest commentary in the Believers' Church Bible Commentary series.



### Mennonite Girls Can Cook Celebrations: Birth, Childhood, Marriage, Family, Outdoors, Community, Hospitality, Milestones, Holidays, Life

by [Lovella Schellenberg](#), et al., Herald Press, 2013.

The second title in the popular Mennonite Girls Can Cook library!



### Fifty Shades of Grace: Stories of Inspiration and Promise

ed. [Melodie Davis](#), Herald Press, 2013.

A collection of inspiring stories about experiencing God's grace in the midst of everyday life. Includes contributions from Ryan Dueck of Lethbridge, Carol Penner of Vineland, Gareth Brandt of Abbotsford, Carrie Martens of Winnipeg.

## From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



### Doing the Work of the Church: Loving God ... Loving Our Neighbour

by [Barb Draper](#), Floradale Mennonite Church, 2013.

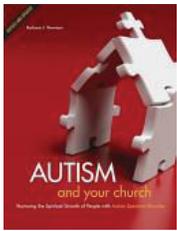
A 7-week adult Sunday School series with video and panel discussions on the following topics: worship, education, testimony, service, generosity, community, mutual aid.

Download here  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2019](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2019)

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

## New Resources

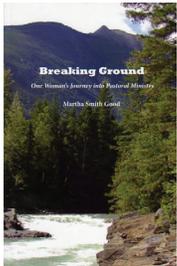
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### **Autism and Your Church: Nurturing the Spiritual Growth of People with Autism Spectrum Disorder**

by [Barbara J. Newman](#), Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2011.

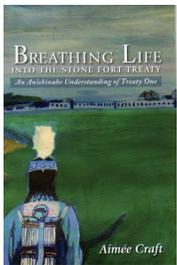
It will enable your church to appreciate those with ASD as persons created in God's image, discover ten strategies for including people with ASD and develop an action plan for ongoing ministry.



### **Breaking Ground: One Woman's Journey into Pastoral Ministry**

by [Martha Smith Good](#), self-published, 2012.

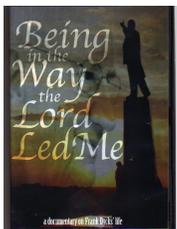
Gives us a glimpse of woman's struggle to become an early ordained woman in the Mennonite Church in Ontario... The power of the Spirit, the helping hands of many women and later the wise and steady presence of her husband Gerald, are all important parts of the journey.



### **Breathing Life into the Stone Fort Treaty: An Anishinabe Understanding of Treaty One**

by [Aimée Craft](#), Purich Publishing, 2013.

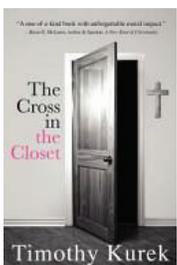
In order to interpret and implement a treaty between the Crown and Canada's First Nations, we must look to its spirit and intent, and consider what was contemplated by the parties at the time the treaty was negotiated. Using a detailed analysis of Treaty One – covering what is today southern Manitoba – the author illustrates how Anishinabe laws defined Treaty One negotiations and opened the door to a "gathering of spirit."



### **Being in the Way the Lord Led Me: a Documentary on Frank Dyck's Life**

DVD, Vanishing Light, 2012.

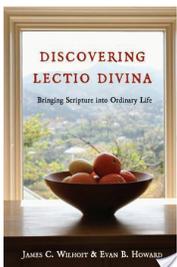
A story about Frank Dyck and his faith in God throughout a period of world history that witnessed incredible changes, terrible suffering and pain (Ukraine).



### **The Cross in the Closet: One Man's Abominable Quest to Find Jesus in the Margins**

by [Timothy Kurek](#), BlueHead Publishing, 2012.

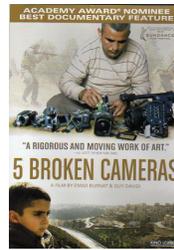
Distraught about the lack of empathy for LGBT persons in his religious upbringing, the author posed as a gay man in order to experience and to understand how that impacts people's lives.



### **Discovering Lectio Divina: Bringing Scripture into Ordinary Life**

by [James C. Wilhoit](#); [Evan B. Howard](#), InterVarsity 2012.

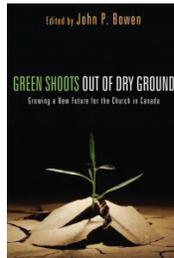
In this step-by-step introduction to the practice of lectio divina, you will learn what it means to read your way into a new and life-changing intimacy with God.



### **Five Broken Cameras**

DVD, Alegria, 2011.

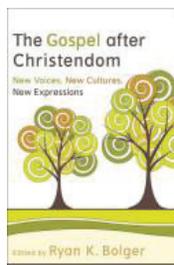
A deeply personal, first-hand account of non-violent resistance in Bil'in, a West Bank village threatened by encroaching Israeli settlements. Shot almost entirely by Palestinian farmer Emad Burnat.



### **Green Shoots Out of Dry Ground: Growing a New Future for the Church in Canada**

ed. [John Bowen](#), Wipf and Stock, 2013.

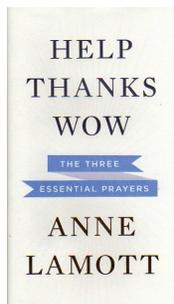
Seventeen authors with experience in areas such as church revitalization, innovative ministry, evangelism, and church planting, reflect on what they are seeing and how the lessons they have learned can guide us into ways of health and vitality.



### **The Gospel after Christendom: New Voices, New Cultures, New Expressions**

ed. [Ryan K. Bolger](#), Baker, 2012.

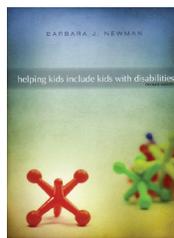
Bolger assembles some of the most innovative church leaders from around the world to share their candid insider stories about how God is transforming their communities in an entirely new era for the church.



### **Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers**

by [Anne Lamott](#), Penguin Group, 2012.

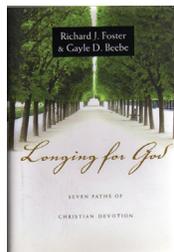
In Help, Thanks, Wow Lamott has coalesced everything she's learned about prayer into these simple, transformative truths - asking for assistance, appreciating the good we witness, and feeling awe at the world.



### **Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities: Revised Edition**

by [Barbara J. Newman](#), Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2012.

In this book you'll discover how to help kids and their leaders welcome and include kids with disabilities at church. Includes lesson plans, and guidelines and forms to help churches identify and meet the special needs in their setting.



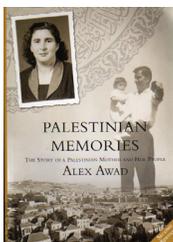
### **Longing For God: Seven Paths Of Christian Devotion**

by [Richard J. Foster](#); [Gayle D. Beebe](#), InterVarsity, 2009.

The authors, both experienced leaders in spiritual formation, introduce us to people from the past who have known God deeply. Each person points the way to one of the seven primary paths to intimacy with God that have been developed throughout Christian history.

## New Resources

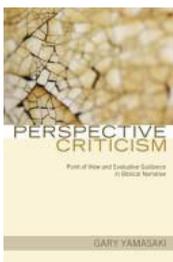
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### **Palestinian Memories: The Story of a Palestinian Mother and Her People Second Edition**

by [Alex Awad](#), Bethlehem Bible College, 2012.

The Arab – Israeli conflict - from a trusted Palestinian Christian point of view.



### **Perspective Criticism: Point of View and Evaluative Guidance in Biblical Narrative**

by [Gary Yamasaki](#), Wipf and Stock, 2012.

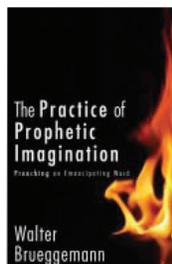
Gives this literary concept its due, untangling the array of storytelling devices involved in crafting point of view and demonstrating its power in shaping the very fabric of a story.



### **Plunging into the Kingdom Way: Practicing the Shared Strokes of Community, Hospitality, Justice, and Confession**

by [Tim Dickau](#), Wipf and Stock, 2012.

Speaking from experience, Dickau sparks the "new monastic" imagination for how you and your friends, your community, or your church can live out the radical vision of Jesus in your neighbourhood today.



### **The Practice of Prophetic Imagination: Preaching an Emancipatory Word**

by Walter Brueggemann, Augsburg Fortress, 2012.

The necessary context of prophetic preaching, Walter Brueggemann argues, is "a contestation between narratives": the dominant narrative of our time, which promotes self-sufficiency at the national level (through militarism) and personal level (through consumerism), and the countervailing narrative of a world claimed by a God who is gracious, uncompromising—and real.



### **Resilient Ministry: What Pastors Told Us About Surviving and Thriving**

by [Bob Burns](#); [Tasha Chapman](#); [Donald C. Guthrie](#), InterVarsity Press, 2012.

The authors uncover five key themes that promote healthy, sustainable ministry that lasts - spiritual formation, self-care, emotional and cultural intelligence, marriage and family, leadership and management.



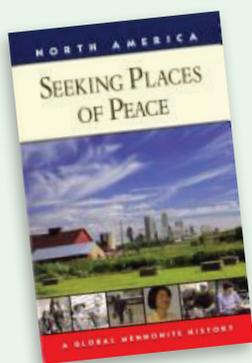
### **Trans: A Feature Documentary**

DVD, SexSmartFilms, 2012.

Trans is an up-close and very personal journey into the transgender world through the memorable stories and the unusual lives of a remarkable cast of characters.

# the 48hr contest

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



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

What element would you make sure to include in a retelling of Mennonite history in North America?

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

*Seeking Places of Peace: A Mennonite History in North America* by Royden Loewen and Steven M. Nolt.

Email your response to: [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca) with "June 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.

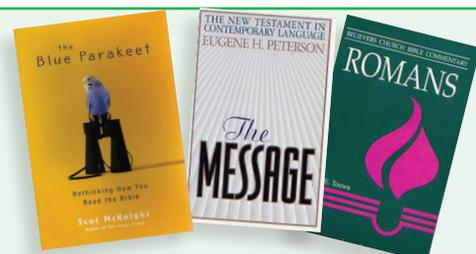
### **Congratulations to**

Congratulations to [Zac Klassen, Arborg, MB](#), who won a copy of the book *Eat this Book* by Eugene H. Peterson.

## Thank you

for your many helpful responses to last month's question! Which resource has helped you best understand the Bible? In addition to the "Holy Spirit," "Church," "professors," and the "Bible" itself, check here for a sampling of your responses. [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2066](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2066)

- The Blue Parakeet* – by Scot McKnight - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2044](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2044)
- The Message* – Eugene Peterson - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2049](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2049)
- Believers Church Bible Commentary series* - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2046](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2046)



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