

# RESOURCE UPDATE

**BORROW ... BUY ... DOWNLOAD ... LINK**

600 Shaftesbury Blvd. Winnipeg MB R3P 0M4; 1-866-888-6785 (toll free); [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca); [www.resources.mennonitechurch.ca](http://www.resources.mennonitechurch.ca)

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

Camp Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267)

Summer worship  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/259](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/259)

Labour Day  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/257](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/257)

Sunday School Promotion  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/256](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/256)

Sept 8 – Christian Formation Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2082](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2082)

Sept 22 – International Peace Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2083](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2083)

Oct 6 – World Communion Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2084](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2084)

Oct 27 – Mennonite Heritage Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2085](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2085)

Nov 3 – Mission Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2086](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2086)

Nov 10 – Peace Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2087](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2087)

Dec 1 – First Advent  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343)



## What Makes a Mennonite

Redesigned in English.

Also available in Chinese, Vietnamese, Chin, Korean, Hmong.

- Ideal brochure for people new to the Mennonite Church
- Explains core Anabaptist beliefs
- Provides an overview of Mennonite history
- Dispels common myths about Mennonites
- Gives space to add your church's address label

Only \$0.25/brochure

Order in any quantity at: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2079](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2079)

## By the Numbers

**657**

External Websites

Your "Anabaptist Google"

We provide links to blogs, websites, and other external links on hundreds of topics.

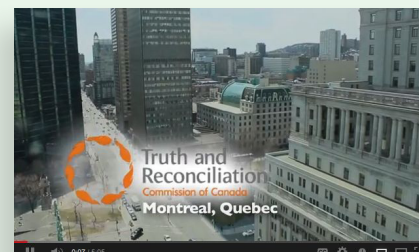
## Mennonites and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Promo DVD

ed. [Steve Heinrichs](#); [Brad Langendoen](#)

In the spring of 2013, a group of Mennonites from Alberta and BC attended Truth and Reconciliation events in Montreal.

This DVD is our invitation to attend the TRC in Vancouver, September 2013 or in Edmonton, March 2014.

Watch or borrow here: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2089](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2089)



## Catalogue Tip



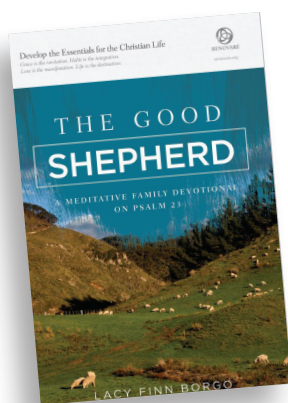
Now use our "Advanced Search" to filter your query by audience type and language – in addition to the original tools (publisher, title, scripture text, etc.).

## Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2081](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2081)

## Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller



### The Good Shepherd:

#### A Meditative Family Devotional on the 23rd Psalm

by Lacy Finn Borgo, Renovaré, 2013.

Contrary to popular belief meditation is not just used in monasteries and desert places. No, meditation can also be child's play. 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. Uses the medium of wooden toys and guided play to invite our children into the truths of the 23rd Psalm.

Borrow or download here: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2014](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2014)

A good companion piece to the Sept 22 International Peace Sunday worship materials on Psalm 23: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2093](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2093)

## Website Window

Links worth noting

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



**My Name is David**  
by [David Shapiro Sharif](#).

An animated short film that depicts the 14-year-old's speech to his fellow classmates about his autism.



**What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus?**

by [Noel Moules](#), 2012.

In this video, Moules identifies the many characteristics of a Jesus follower.



**What Kind of Asian Are You?**  
ed. [David Neptune](#); [Ken Tanaka](#), 2013.

Highlights 'white privilege' and the assumption of 'otherness' among 'visible minorities.' Good discussion starter on the topic of racism.



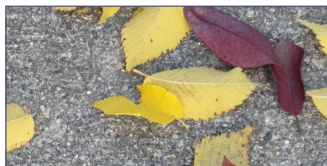
**What Would You Do? Bike Theft**  
(White Guy, Black Guy, Pretty Girl), 2010.

Another good discussion starter video on the topics of racism, racial profiling and stereotypes.



**Love Wins Ministries**

An Anabaptist mission that shares unconditional love and friendship with the homeless and poor population of Raleigh, North Carolina.



**Leaves on the Ground Blog:**  
Tilling the Soil of Faith, Life, and Ecology  
by [Byron Rempel-Burkholder](#)

A blog that offers metaphors for the spirit in the earth.



**By Their Strange Fruit**

A blog that facilitates understanding across racial divides by offering essays, resources, and forums for discussion.



**Zwiebach and Peace**  
by [Deborah-Ruth Ferber](#)

A blog by a zwiebach-eating, borscht-loving, Mennonite-by-choice pacifist who studied religious education at Tyndale University College, and is currently in the peace studies program at AMBS.

Do you have any sites to recommend?

## From our Partners

Mennonite World Conference



**2012 Mennonite World Conference Directory**

The current directory of 101 national conferences of churches in 57 countries who are members or associate members of Mennonite World Conference.

**Peace is Gospel Poster, MWC, 2013**

Graphically makes the simple point that God desires that the world be reconciled (in every way).

**2013 International Day of Peace worship resources**

by [Lois Siemens](#)

Worship resources for September 22, based on Psalm 23.

**Teaching Resources**

Several short essays on the work of the global church (by Tom Yoder Neufeld, Hanspeter Jecker, Alfred Neufeld Friesen).

## From our Press

New from MennoMedia



**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!



**Kids Can Catch The Love**

by [Sheralyn Friesen](#), Faith and Life, 2013

Stories from the Old Testament illustrate God's love for humanity and the ways people show their love for God, even when it's difficult. Kids will see that just as God loved and cared for those in stories, God loves and cares for us.



**Kids Can Know The Way**

by [Amy Nissley Stauffer](#), Faith and Life, 2013.

Shows children the way of Jesus as they learn about people he met and hear stories he told. Using Jesus' example, kids will learn how they, too, can know God and live Jesus' way.

## From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



Two recent sermons by David Driedger, pastor at First Mennonite Church in Winnipeg, inspired by the current Being a Faithful Church conversation.

**1) Navigating Faithfulness**

**2) Waded in the Water:**

Sermon on Sexual Orientations and Forms of Life

Download here:

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2091](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2091)

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



# Summer Reading List:

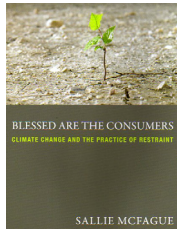
Enjoy at the cottage, the beach, the vacation, or the lawn chair at home.

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2094](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2094)



## New Resources

We average 3 new resources daily.



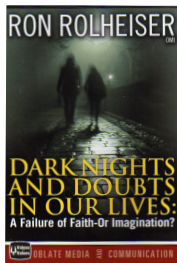
**Blessed Are the Consumers: Climate Change and the Practice of Restraint**  
by [Sallie McFague](#), Augsburg Fortress, 2013.

In this timely book, McFague calls her readers to the practices of restraint. In a world bent on consumption it is imperative that people of religious faith realize the significant role they play in advocating for the earth, and a more humane life for all.



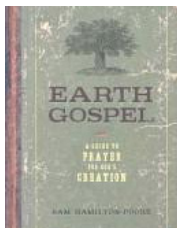
**Children in the Bible: A Fresh Approach**  
by [Anne Richards](#), SPCK, 2013.

She argues that children are not only deeply woven into God's purposes but are also makers of God's story, "providers to us of a language through which God's will for the creation is revealed."



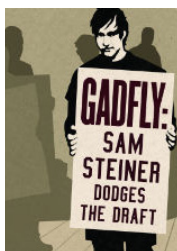
**Dark Nights And Doubts In Our Lives: A Failure of Faith - Or Imagination**  
DVD by [Ronald Rolheiser](#), Oblate Media, 2011.

Doubt and darkness do not necessarily mean that we are struggling with faith. They can just as easily mean that we are struggling inside our imagination and that God is purifying us. Join Rolheiser on this journey out of the darkness so many experience, and back into the light.



**Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation**  
by [Sam Hamilton-Poore](#), Upper Room, 2009.

Offers four weeks of prayer meditation with scripture and prayerful reflection. Join with sages across time who contemplate the beauty and delicate nature of our home, planet Earth.



**Gadfly: Sam Steiner Dodges the Draft**  
Script by [Rebecca Steiner](#); [Johnny Wideman](#), Theatre of the Beat, 2012.

Based on the compelling true story of Sam Steiner, an American draft dodger, this dramatic script follows a rebel student as he flees to Canada during the Vietnam War. Sam runs from his conservative Mennonite upbringing amidst the political realities of the '60s.



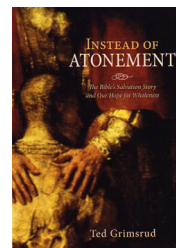
**God's Big Story: Bible Story Card Game Kit**  
Faith Alive Resources

Start by reading one of the 165 story cards, then roll the colour-coded die to choose one of six ways to explore the biblical story together as a family.



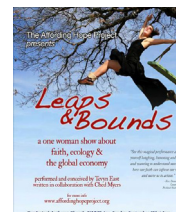
**Hellbound?: Does Hell Exist? If so, Who Ends Up There, and Why?**  
DVD by [Kevin Miller](#), 2013.

A provocative, critically acclaimed documentary that wades right into the centre of this debate.



**Instead of Atonement: The Bible's Salvation Story and Our Hope for Wholeness**  
by [Ted Grimsrud](#), Wipf and Stock, 2013.

Provides a different way, instead of atonement, to understand salvation. In turn, this biblical understanding gives us theological resources for a mercy-oriented approach to responding to wrongdoing, one that follows God's own model.



**Leaps and Bounds: The Dance of Exodus in an Age of Growth**  
DVD by [Tevyn East](#), et al, Affording Hope Project, 2010.

A dynamic one-woman show that will provoke thought (and action!) about the intersection of faith, ecology, and the global economy.



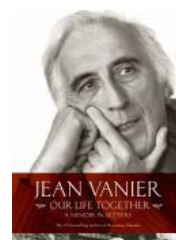
**The New Life Through Shared Ministry: Moving from Volunteering to Mission**  
by [Judith A. Urban](#), Alban, 2013.

Congregations that grow a shared ministry culture are able to facilitate the unique work God gives each member and the community as a whole, creating a system that supports the people of God as they carry out excellent, effective ministry.



**October Baby**  
DVD Gravitas, 2011.

An inspiring coming-of-age story about self-discovery and the healing power of forgiveness. Hannah's world is shattered when she discovers her parents have kept a life-changing secret from her that will force her to question who she truly is.

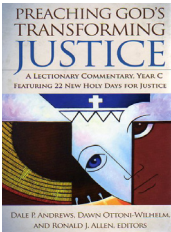


**Jean Vanier - Our Life Together: A Memoir in Letters**  
by [Jean Vanier](#), HarperCollins, 2009.

More than 40 years ago, Jean Vanier invited two men with developmental disabilities to live in his home. This simple act of friendship and compassion has grown into a worldwide L'Arche phenomenon.

## New Resources

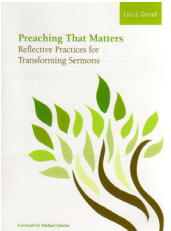
We average 3 new resources daily.



### **Preaching God's Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year C**

ed. [Ronald J. Allen](#), et al., Westminster John Knox, 2012

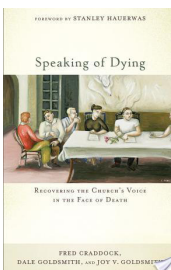
This unique commentary, the second of three in a new series, helps the preacher identify and reflect on the social implications of the Revised Common Lectionary readings. Also introduces twenty-two Holy Days for Justice.



### **Preaching That Matters: Reflective Practices for Transforming Sermons**

by [Lori Carrell](#), Alban, 2012.

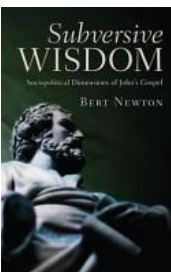
Her own goal is simple: to inspire and equip clergy to make changes that will enhance the transformative power of their preaching.



### **Speaking of Dying: Recovering the Church's Voice in the Face of Death**

by [Fred B. Craddock](#) et al, Baker Publishing Group, 2012.

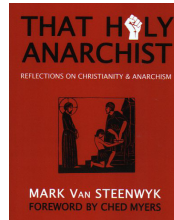
The authors, who have all been personally and professionally involved in end-of-life issues, suggest practical, theological bases for speaking about dying, communicating with those facing death, and preaching about dying. They explore how dying-in baptism-begins and informs the Christian's life story.



### **Subversive Wisdom: Sociopolitical Dimensions of John's Gospel**

by [Bert Newton](#), Wipf and Stock, 2012.

It makes the case that in the Gospel of John, Jesus walks and talks like Lady Wisdom of the Hebrew Scriptures. It explores literary themes in the Gospel of John such as Jesus as Torah, the "heavenly" perspective of the narrator and Jesus, political terminology used throughout the Gospel, and the New Exodus.



### **That Holy Anarchist: Reflections of Christianity & Anarchism**

by [Mark Van Steenwyk](#), Missio Dei, 2012.

There are few resources available to folks exploring the intersection of Christianity and anarchism. This book intends to spark conversation and help people dig deeper into the anarchic implications of the way of Jesus.



### **Through the Eyes of a Child: New Insights in Theology from a Child's Perspective**

by [Anne Richards](#); [Peter Privett](#), Church House, 2009.

Considers 14 key theological themes from one of the most neglected of perspectives - that of children.

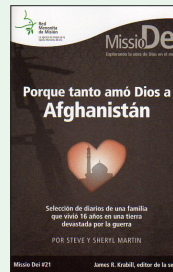


### **Why Business Matters to God (And What Still Needs to Be Fixed)**

by [Jeff Van Duzer](#), Intervarsity, 2010.

Integrating biblical studies with the disciplines of business and economics, Van Duzer displays a vision of business that contributes to the very purposes of God.

## Non-English Resources



### **Porque tanto amó Dios a Afganistán**

by Steve and Sheryl Martin, 2013.

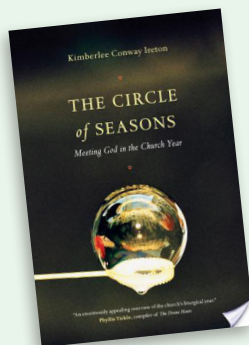
Selección de diarios de una familia que vivió 16 años en una tierra devastada por la guerra.

Como dultos jóvenes, Steve y Sheryl Martin sintieron un llamado a servir a Dios internacionalmente. A partir de las convicciones que desarrollaron en parte durante la guerra del Golfo en 1991, se convencieron de la importancia de un testimonio de paz en esa parte del mundo.

For other Spanish-language resources, see: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2090](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2090)

the **48**hr contest

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



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

What is your favourite church season? And what resource(s), other than the Bible, might accompany you through that period?

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

**The Circle of Seasons: Meeting God in the Church Year** by Kimberlee Conway Ireton.

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

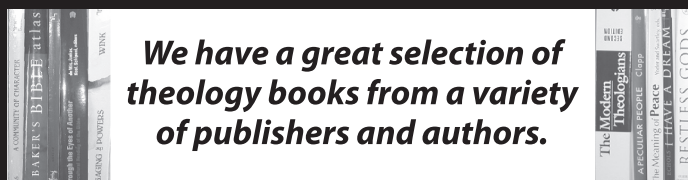
### **Congratulations to**

Congratulations to Lillian Klaassen, Rosthern, SK who won a copy of the book *Seeking Places of Peace* by Royden Loewen and Steven M. Nolt.



**CMU Bookstore**  
600 Shaftesbury Blvd. • Winnipeg

**We have a great selection of theology books from a variety of publishers and authors.**



For special orders contact

[cmubookstore@cmu.ca](mailto:cmubookstore@cmu.ca)  
Call 204.487.3300 | ext. 339  
or toll-free 877.231.4570  
[www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)