

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

Nov 10 – Peace Sunday  
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 Dec 1 – First Advent  
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 Jan 12 – Stewardship Sunday  
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 Jan 19 – Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday  
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## By the Numbers

**839**

Non-English resources – including materials in 26 languages

## Catalogue Tip

Want to read our website in a language other than English? Use the convenient Google Translator tool at the bottom of our site to read our web content in your own language.

## Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2157](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2157)

## MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:



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**Submit** your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web

## Are you ready for Christmas?

### Looking for an Advent study or an alternative to “Christmas” consumerism?

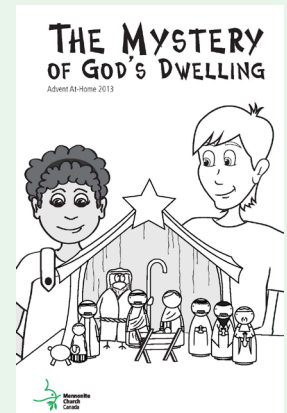
Perhaps a worship resource for Christmas Eve, a story or DVD for your children, a drama or pageant? Many Advent/Christmas resources, including dozens of free downloadable items from our congregations, can be found online or borrowed from the Centre:

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78)



## Advent At-Home

Our annual Advent At-Home Devotional by [Elsie Rempel](#)



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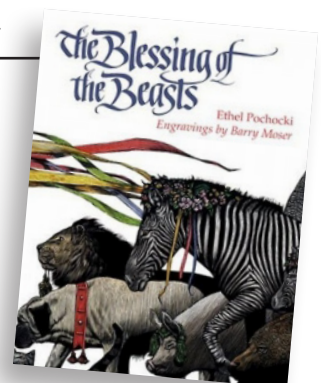
## Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller

### **The Blessing of the Beasts**

by [Ethel Pochocki](#), illust. [Barry Moser](#), Paraclete Press, 2007.

Francesca (a cockroach) and Martin (a skunk) find a creative way into the church for the “special blessing” of the animals - and what a sight they see! Kids and adults alike will treasure this new story about the value of all creatures, and will learn anew that all of creation has value, purpose, and God’s blessing.



## Website Window

Links worth noting

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



### Barefoot Ministries

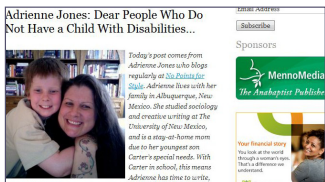
Barefoot exists to provide youth workers with effective ministry tools and resources.



### Advocacy Toolkit

by [Maria van Geest](#), Citizens for Public Justice, 2008.

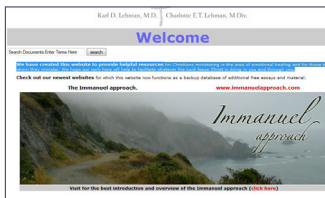
Demonstrates how you have power to influence the legislative process.



### Dear People Who Do Not Have a Child with Disabilities

by [Adrienne Jones](#), The Femonite, 2013.

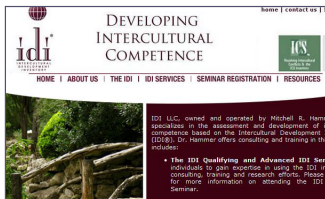
Hurtful and helpful things parents of kids with mental/emotional/social issues often hear.



### Emotional Healing Resources

by [Karl Lehman](#); [Charlotte Lehman](#)

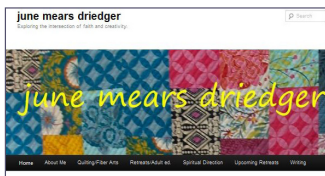
Helpful resources for Christians ministering in the area of emotional healing. The Lehmans will be our speakers at next summer's Mennonite Church Canada Ministers' Conference.



### Developing Intercultural Competence

by [Mitchell R. Hammer](#)

An assessment tool that Mennonite Church USA uses - allowing for both power and privilege to be addressed in any cultural context.



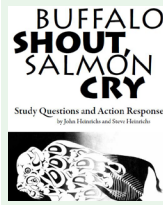
### Exploring the Intersection of Faith and Creativity

by [June Mears Driedger](#)

A blog by a former pastor and current editor of *Leader* magazine.

Do you have any sites to recommend?

## From Mennonite Church Canada



### Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry: Study Questions and Action

by [John Heinrichs](#); [Steve Heinrichs](#), 2013.

Engage the Indigenous-Settler timely conversation with this free downloadable companion to "Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry." An 18-session study guide.



### Yummo Comes Home

DVD, Outreach Canada, 2013.

A documentary supported in part by Mennonite Church Canada Indigenous Relations provides a window into the harmful effects of Indian Residential Schools through the eyes of Isadore Charters, an Okanagan/Thompson Nation artist and carver. He shares his journey of healing and reconciliation through faith, artistic expression and community.

2 related documents now available online:



### Ministerial Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedure: Mennonite Church Canada

ed. [Karen Martens Zimmerly](#), 2006.

A means for the Area Church of MC Canada that extends credentials to ministers to make factual determinations about complaints of ministerial sexual misconduct regarding an accused minister and to impose sanctions when warranted.



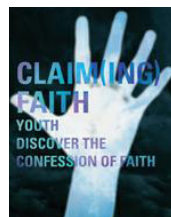
### Justice Making: The Church Responds to Clergy Misconduct

ed. [Karen Martens Zimmerly](#)

Guidelines for support and accountability in order to provide justice-making for everyone concerned.

## From our Press

New from MennoMedia



### Claiming Faith: Youth Discover the Confession of Faith

ed. [Mary Ann Weber](#), 2013.

Invites youth and their leaders to explore, discover, and claim faith through an Anabaptist-Mennonite lens.



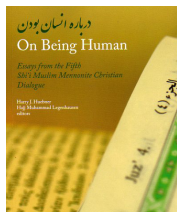
### Dig In: Leader's Guide

ed. [Karen Jantzi](#) by [Leonard Beechey](#), 2013.

A new tool for adult groups to gather around Scripture - hearing it in fresh ways, reflecting on the different ways it affects our lives, and inviting the Spirit to make it practical for today.

## From our Partners

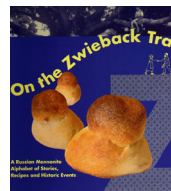
CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY



### On Being Human: Essays From The Fifth Shi'i Muslim Mennonite Christian Dialogue

ed. [Hary Huebner](#); [Haji Muhammad Legenhausen](#), 2013.

Fourteen essays on the process of interfaith dialogue. Surprises abound as discussions reveal astonishing similarities across denominational lines and differences in basic concepts where similarities were assumed.



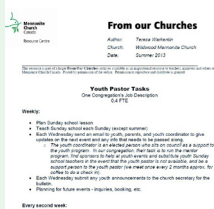
### On the Zwieback Trail

by [Lisa Weaver](#); [Julie Kauffman](#); [Judith Rempel Smucker](#), 2011.

A Russian Mennonite alphabet of stories, recipes and historic events.

## From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



### Youth Pastor Job Description

by [Teresa Warkentin](#), Wildwood Mennonite Church, 2013.

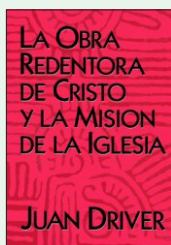
After many years of youth ministry, Teresa was asked to summarize her job involvements in the congregation (.4 FTE). This listing of job tasks may be of interest to other youth ministers and youth ministry planning teams. How does it compare to your responsibilities?

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

## Non-English Resources



**La Obra Redentora de Cristo, y la Misión de la Iglesia**  
by [John Driver](#)

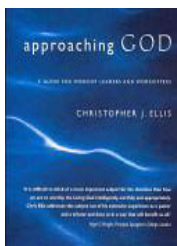
Este libro de Driver es una invitación a ver la cruz, no ya meramente como fuente de salvación individual, sino más bien como el lugar donde comienza la renovación de la creación, esto es, como el evento donde empiezan a crearse los cielos nuevos y la tierra nueva que Dios ha prometido y que la comunidad mesiánica anticipa. ¡Que muchos lectores presten atención a este mensaje!

Download here:  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2163](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2163)

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

## New Resources

We average over 4 new resources daily.



### Approaching God: A Guide for Worship Leaders and Worshippers

by [Christopher J. Ellis](#), Canterbury Press Norwich, 2008.

Worship in the evangelical tradition is a blend of prepared and extempore contributions. It generally follows a set pattern, but openness to spontaneity is an essential ingredient. An effective training resource for worship leaders.



### Barefoot Church: Serving the Least in a Consumer Culture

by [Brandon Hatmaker](#), Zondervan, 2011.

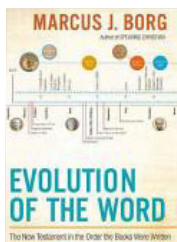
Drawing from his own journey, Hatmaker proves to readers that serving the least is not a trendy act of benevolence but a lifestyle of authentic community and spiritual transformation.



### Emerging Dictionary for the Gospel and Culture: A Conversation from Augustine to Zizek

by [Leonard E. Hjalmarson](#), Wipf & Stock, 2010.

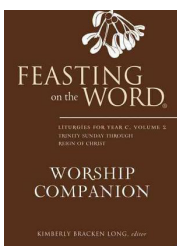
Why not a roving, eclectic dictionary that is both ridiculously current and particular, and at the same time broadly inclusive, reaching back to Augustine and St. Benedict?



### Evolution of the Word: The New Testament in the Order the Books Were Written

by [Marcus J. Borg](#), HarperCollins, 2012.

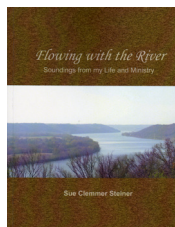
By putting the books of the NT in the order they were written, Borg allows us to read these documents in their historical context. For the first time, see how the core ideas of Christianity took shape and developed over time.



### Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2 and Year A, Volume 1

by [Kimberly Bracken Long](#), Westminster John Knox, 2013.

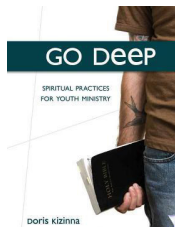
These resources offer a multitude of poetic prayers and responsive readings for all parts of worship and complement existing denominational resources.



### Flowing With the River: Soundings from my Life and Ministry

by [Sue Clemmer Steiner](#), 2013.

These short essays provide glimpses into the life of one Mennonite woman whose calling has - to her astonishment - taken the shape of offering God's refreshment to others as a pastor and spiritual guide.



### Go Deep: Spiritual Practices for Youth Ministry

by [Doris E. Kizinna](#), Wood Lake, 2009.

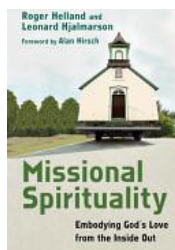
Offers inspiration and practical tools to youth leaders who want to develop and deepen their youth ministry, both for themselves and for the youth to whom they minister.



### Growing Justice: Kairos Advent Resource 2013

Kairos, 2013.

While we are all used to the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, there's another tradition out there (the Advent Garden) that encourages us to explore our place within Creation and thus focuses on the themes of minerals, plants, animals, and human beings.



### Missional Spirituality: Embodying God's Love from the Inside Out

by [Roger Helland](#); [Leonard E. Hjalmarson](#), InterVarsity Press, 2011.

In this book the authors helpfully reconnect spirituality and mission, showing you how the spiritual life, when lived properly, follows a similar progression: we "come home" to Christ, loving him from our heart and soul and mind and strength.



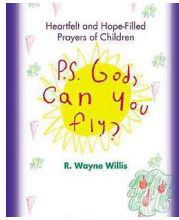
### Mothering Mennonite

by [Rachel Epp Buller](#); [Kerry Fast](#), Demeter Press, 2013.

This volume joins narrative and scholarly voices to address both the roles of mothering in Mennonite contexts and the ways in which Mennonite mothering intersects with and is shaped by the world at large.

## New Resources

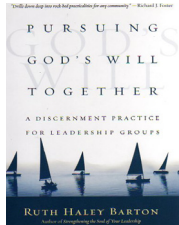
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### **P. S. God, Can You Fly?: Heart-Felt and Hope Filled Prayers of Children**

by [R. Wayne Willis](#), Westminster John Knox, 2002.

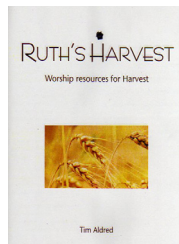
A longtime chaplain at a children's hospital, R. Wayne Willis has collected prayers and cards left by children in the hospital chapel.



### **Pursuing God's Will Together: A Discernment Practice for Leadership Groups**

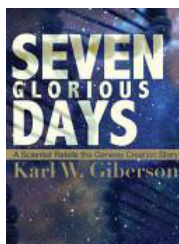
by [Ruth Haley Barton](#), InterVarsity Press, 2012.

Church teams have long relied on models adapted from the business world. Barton helps teams transition to another model - the spiritual community that discerns God's will together.



### **Ruth's Harvest: Worship resources for Harvest**

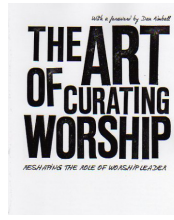
Worship resources for celebrating harvest based around the biblical story of Ruth and addressing issues of injustice and poverty.



### **Seven Glorious Days: A Scientist Retells the Genesis Creation Story**

by [Karl W. Giberson](#), Paraclete Press, 2012.

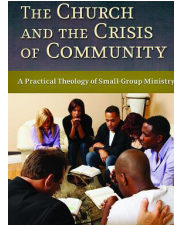
What would the biblical creation story look like if it was written today? Using biblical imagery and vivid metaphors, science-and-religion scholar Giberson recasts the Genesis creation story within the framework of the latest ideas from modern science.



### **The Art of Curating Worship: Reshaping the Role of Worship Leader**

by [Mark Pierson](#), Sparkhouse Press, 2012.

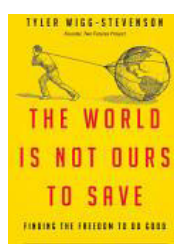
Promotes a new vocabulary to help worship curators work out how and why and where worship can best engage their community, inside and outside the church, in transformative encounters with God.



### **The Church and the Crisis of Community: A Practical Theology of Small Group Ministry**

by [Theresa F. Latini](#), Eerdmans, 2011.

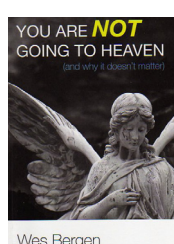
Shows how well-developed groups -- those with mission statements, leadership training, and solid organizational structure -- can be a truly effective tool in the church's work of transforming broken and shallow forms of community into life-giving, life-sustaining relationships with God and others.



### **The World Is Not Ours to Save: Finding the Freedom to Do Good**

by [Tyler Wigg-Stevenson](#), InterVarsity Press, 2013.

Veteran activist Tyler identifies the practical and spiritual pitfalls that threaten much of today's cause-driven Christianity. He casts an alternate vision for doing good based on the liberating truth that only God can save the world.



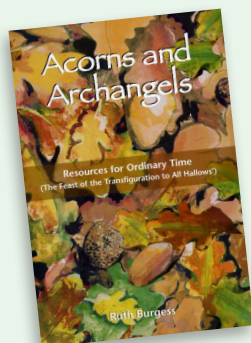
### **You are NOT going to Heaven: (and why it doesn't matter)**

by [Wes Bergen](#), Wipf and Stock, 2013.

Souls are irrelevant when the air is dirty, the water is undrinkable, and there isn't enough to eat. These are the things that the Bible really cares about and form the building blocks for the salvation that God offers.

the **48**hr contest

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



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

Name a valued tradition or innovation in your congregation's Sunday morning worship service.

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

**Acorns and Archangels: Worship Resources for Ordinary Time** by [Ruth Burgess](#), Wildgoose Publications.

**Email your response to:** [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca) with "November 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 Michael Turman, Ontario who won a copy of *Fingerprints of Fire, Footprints of Peace*, by Noel Moules.

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