

# RESOURCE UPDATE

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## By the Numbers

# 546

Unique borrowers at the Resource Centre in 2013.


## Catalogue Tip

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A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2256](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2256)

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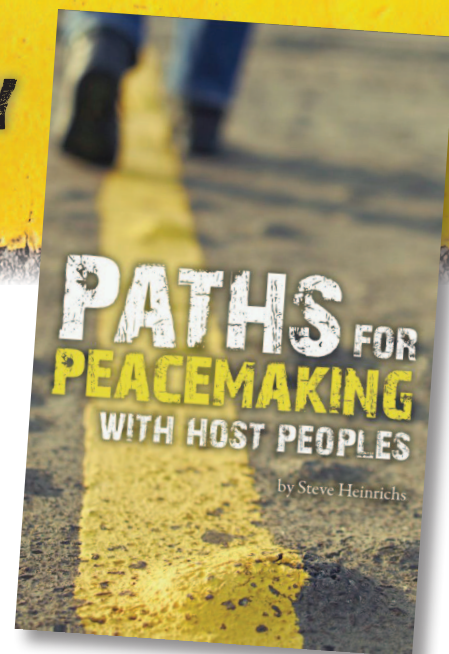
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## HOW MIGHT CANADIAN SETTLERS WALK JUSTLY WITH HOST PEOPLES?

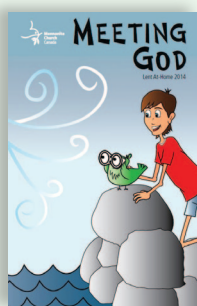
Here's a booklet of ideas to engage this difficult question. *Paths for Peacemaking with Host Peoples* by [Steve Heinrichs](#), Mennonite Church Canada, 2013, is a great resource for individuals and congregations who are asking the question "What Now?" in the arena of settler-Indigenous relations.

Free download available at:

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2249](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2249)



## Lent Resources



### LENT-AT-HOME

Our annual Lent-At-Home devotional by [Elsie Rempel](#) is a great way to engage children through the Lenten season.

Free download available at:

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2225](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2225)



### Prayer Guides

Use these weekly guides from the spiritual directors in MCEC as a group or individually to prayerfully explore your experience of encountering God this Lent.

Registration and additional information at:

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1915](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1915)

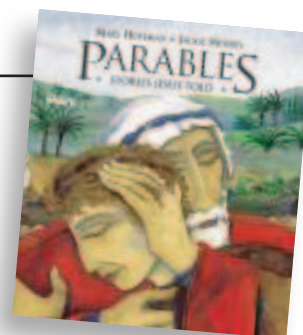
## Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller

### Parables: Stories Jesus Told

by [Mary Hoffman](#) and [Jackie Morris](#), Frances Lincoln Children's, 2001.

In eight retellings, Mary Hoffman shows how Jesus used simple parables to convey essential truths to his listeners.



## Website Window

Links worth noting

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



### Why Be a Christian?

An article by [Mark Macdonald](#).

"One of the most common questions I receive when speaking to non-indigenous audiences is this: Why would an indigenous person want to be a Christian?"



### A Letter to Tamar

by [Claire Deberg](#)

A powerful sermon about sexual abuse stylized as a conversation with Tamar of the Old Testament by way of a letter.



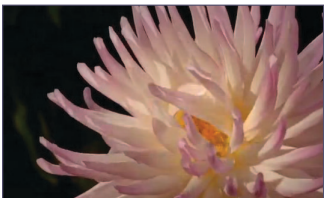
### Third Way Blog

by [Will Loewen](#), pastor at Trinity Mennonite Fellowship, Calgary, AB.



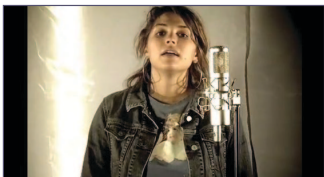
### The Forgiveness Project

A UK charity that uses storytelling to explore how personal forgiveness can positively impact people's lives – even those who have experienced violent crime.



### Gratitude

A short film on gratitude and happiness by award-winning cinematographer Louie Schwartzberg reminding us of the precious gift of life, and the beauty all around us.



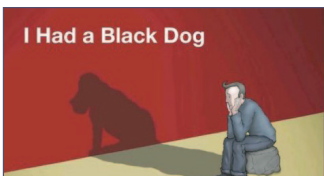
### Woman at the Well

A modern day monologue of the Samaritan woman meeting Jesus at the well in John 4.



### Future Directions for our National Church

A "preliminary consultative report" regarding the work of the newly formed "Future Directions Task Force," featuring Ken Warkentin, task force member.



### I had a Black Dog, His Name was Depression

In collaboration with World Health Organization, Matthew Johnstone tells the story of overcoming the "black dog" of depression.

Do you have any sites to recommend?

## From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



### God, Am I Good Enough?: The Borscht and Buns Community Fundraiser

by [Bruce Wiebe](#), North Leamington United Mennonite, 2013.

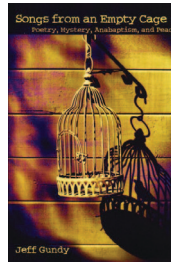
A story sermon on grace and humility that begins: "God, am I good enough ..."



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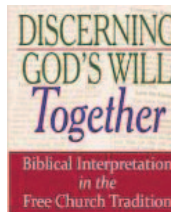
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### Songs from an Empty Cage: Poetry, Mystery, Anabaptism and Peace

by [Jeff Gundy](#), 2013.

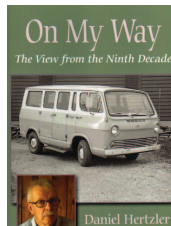
"Might poetry, among the arts that Mennonites have often regarded with suspicion, further my Anabaptist goals of making peace, working for justice, and spreading the good news, even bring another renewal to a tradition now threatened with bureaucratic ossification?" His book is an engagement in "theopoetics" – an intuitive, imagistic approach (not logical or rational discourse) to ultimate questions.



### Discerning God's Will Together: Biblical Interpretation in the Free Church Tradition

by [Ervin R. Stutzman](#), 2013.

This book invites congregations to learn communal forms of biblical interpretation through which to implement discernment practices guiding us through today's challenging ethical and theological riddles.



### On My Way: The View from the Ninth Decade

by [Daniel Hertzler](#), 2013.

This book is one part theological reflection, one part memoir, one part critique of American transportation plus various other observations on this and that, from a former Mennonite editor.



### Living Faith: Embracing God's Callings

by [Keith Graber Miller](#), 2013.

To be "called" and to be "Christian" are essentially the same thing. To be called is to see all of the world, and to see our lives, through God's eyes, and to live faithfully as disciples of Jesus. In trying to discern our callings, we need to be able to say, in a way that matters, in a way that changes us and our perspective on the world, "I am a disciple of Jesus Christ."

## Non-English Resources



### Radicalement Chrétien!: Éléments essentiels de la démarche anabaptiste

by [Stuart Murray](#) trans. [Valentine Geiser](#); [Philippe Gonzalez](#); [Thomas Gyger](#), Excelsis, 2013.

Invite à prendre Jésus au sérieux dans tous les domaines de la vie; il propose des pistes concrètes pour une vie de disciples engage.

For other French-language resources, see: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2259](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2259)

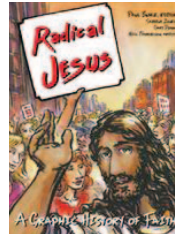
## From our Press

MennoMedia



### **Shine: Living in God's Light**

MennoMedia's dynamic new Sunday school curriculum for age 3 to grade 8. See <http://shinecurriculum.com/> for an introduction, including a sneak-peek at the new accompanying story Bible *Shine On*.



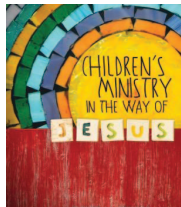
### **Radical Jesus: A Graphic History of Faith**

ed. [Paul Buhle](#), [Sabrina Jones](#); [Gary Dumm](#); [Nick Thorkelson](#), Herald Press, 2013.

A graphic novel that combines the talents of three comic artists in a unique retelling of the stories of Jesus, Christian reformers in Europe, civil rights leaders in America, and peace and justice advocates around the world. See Elsie Rempel's review at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2260](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2260)

## New Resources

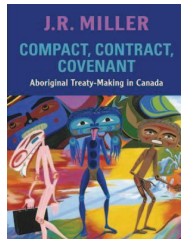
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### **Children's Ministry in the Way of Jesus**

by [David M. Csinos](#); [Ivy Beckwith](#), InterVarsity Project, 2013.

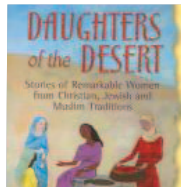
Children's ministers Csinos and Beckwith draw on research in human development and spiritual formation to show how children become disciples and churches become centres of lifelong discipleship. See Elsie Rempel's review at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2261](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2261)



### **Compact, Contract, Covenant: Aboriginal Treaty-Making in Canada**

by [J. R. Miller](#), University of Toronto Press, 2009.

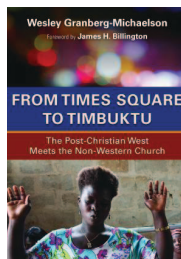
Miller untangles the complicated threads of treaties, pacts, and arrangements with the Hudson's Bay Company and the Crown, as well as modern treaties to provide a remarkably clear and comprehensive overview of this little-understood and vitally important relationship.



### **Daughters of the Desert: Stories of Remarkable Women from Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Traditions**

by [Claire Rudolf Murphy](#), Skylight Paths, 2005.

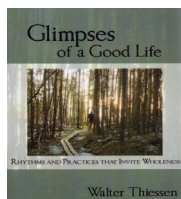
Eighteen intriguing stories that give voice to often-overlooked figures from the holy writings of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.



### **From Times Square to Timbuktu: The Post-Christian West Meets the Non-Western Church**

by [Wesley Granberg-Michaelson](#), Wm.B.Eerdmans Publishing, 2013.

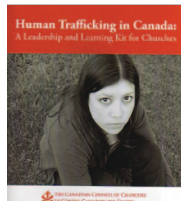
Centres of religious power, money, and theological capital remain entrenched in the global, secularized North while the Christian majority thrives and rapidly grows in the global South. World Christianity's most decisive challenge is to build meaningful bridges between faithful churches in the global North and the spiritually exuberant churches of the global South.



### **Glimpses of a Good Life: Rhythms and Practices that Invite Wholeness**

by [Walter Thiesen](#), St. Stephen's Publishing, 2013.

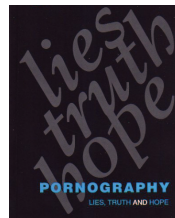
This book is a gentle invitation to explore some of the rhythms and practices that open up the possibility of wholeness in our lives, and where we can find a resilience in the midst of the highs and lows of daily life.



### **Human Trafficking in Canada: A Leadership and Learning Kit for Churches**

Canadian Council Of Churches, 2013.

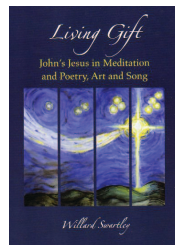
It is a tragedy that so many of us know so little about this practice that is akin to slavery. It is an ancient abuse of God's beloved ones but is also so modern, so much a part of our contemporary time and place.



### **Lies, Truth and Hope: Pornography**

Mennonite Central Committee, 2013.

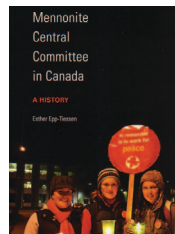
In a society filled with tantalizing sexual images and messages, it can be difficult to safeguard this good gift from God and protect it from desecration and exploitation. How does one treasure this gift and resist false claims about sex?



### **Living Gift: John's Jesus in Meditation and Poetry, Art and Song**

by [Willard Swartley](#), Evangel Publishing, 2013.

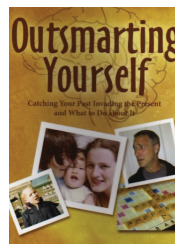
John's Gospel, rich in symbolism and imagery, invites meditation, drama, poetry, art, song, and spiritual reflection. Living Gift uses these genres to know and see Jesus, so that Jesus' life, light, and love bloom within us.



### **Mennonite Central Committee in Canada: A History**

by [Esther Epp-Tiessen](#), CMU Press, 2013.

A splendid and eloquent story of the work of MCC in Canada from its beginnings in the 1920s to the present.



### **Outsmarting Yourself**

by [Karl Lehman](#), This Joy! Books, 2011.

Outsmarting Yourself is about uncovering your brain's strategies for navigating the world, and learning how to leverage the things you can choose to do something about in order to overcome the problems you can't choose to change directly. Outsmarting Yourself will enable you to understand the people in your world, including yourself, and give you realistic, psychologically sound, and Christ-centred tools for becoming a joyful, life-giving person with thriving relationships. Karl and his wife, Charlotte, will be the plenary speakers for this summer's Mennonite Church Canada Ministers' Conference.



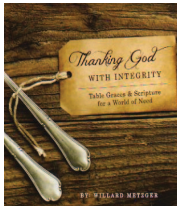
### **Strangers at My Door: An Experiment in Radical Hospitality**

by [Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove](#), Doubleday Religious Publishing, 2013.

The author and his wife moved to the Walltown neighbourhood in Durham, North Carolina, where they have been answering the door to anyone who knocks. When they began, they had little idea what might happen, but they counted on God to show up.

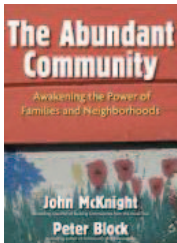
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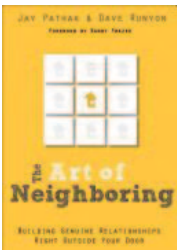
### **Thanking God with Integrity: Table Graces & Scripture for a World of Need** by [Willard Metzger](#), World Vision Canada, 2013.

Willard Metzger, Executive Director of Mennonite Church Canada, gives readers 57 prayers of table grace offered as a way of maintaining a spirit of gratitude while acknowledging the sorrow and pain of others.



### **The Abundant Community: Awakening the Power of Families and Neighbourhoods** by [John McKnight](#); [Peter Block](#), Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2012.

This book reports on voluntary, self-organizing structures that focus on gifts and value hospitality, the welcoming of strangers. It shows how to reweave our social fabric, especially in our neighbourhoods.



### **The Art of Neighbouring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door** by [Jay Pathak](#); [Dave Runyon](#), Baker Publishing, 2012.

We have hundreds of "friends" through online social networking, but we often don't even know the full name of the person who lives right next door. Through compelling true stories, the authors show readers how to create genuine friendships with the people who live in closest proximity to them.



### **The Boy Who Was Bullied**

by [Anne Huestis Scott](#), Glenn Margaret Publishing, 2011.

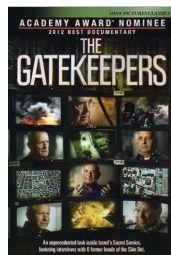
John Humphrey did not let his childhood bullies define his fate; rather he transformed his experiences into a personal resolve to promote human dignity and human rights, as the first Human Rights director at the United Nations.



### **The F word: Stories of Forgiveness**

ed. [Marina Cantacuzino](#), The Forgiveness Project.

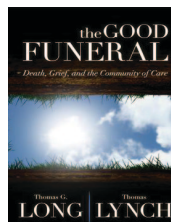
The stories aim to open up a debate around forgiveness, calling into question our often fixed beliefs about right and wrong, good and evil, justice and morality.



### **The Gatekeepers: Interviews with 6 former heads of the Shin Bet (Israel's Secret Service)**

DVD, Sony Pictures, 2013.

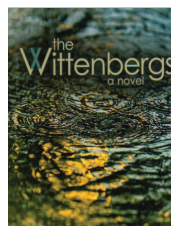
Charged with overseeing Israel's war on terror - both Palestinian and Jewish - the head of the Shin Bet, Israel's Secret Service, is present at the crossroads of every decision made. For the first time ever, six former heads of the agency agreed to share their insights and reflect publicly on their actions and decisions.



### **The Good Funeral: Death, Grief, and the Community of Care**

by [Thomas G. Long](#); [Thomas Lynch](#), Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

Through their different lenses—one as a preacher and one as a funeral director—Long and Lynch alternately discuss several challenges facing "the good funeral."



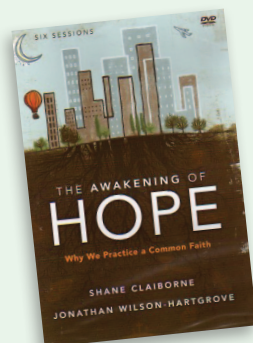
### **The Wittenbergs: A Novel**

by [Sarah Klassen](#), Turnstone Press, 2013.

Things are not well with the Wittenbergs. Only the oldest Wittenberg, the matriarch who holds the key to the family's Mennonite past, can lead the Wittenbergs along the Dnieper River and toward a better tomorrow.

the **48**hr contest

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



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

Would you forward this Resource Update to a friend? Why? Why Not?

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

**The Awakening of Hope: Why We Practice a Common Faith**

by [Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove](#)

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

with "February 2014 Contest" in subject line.

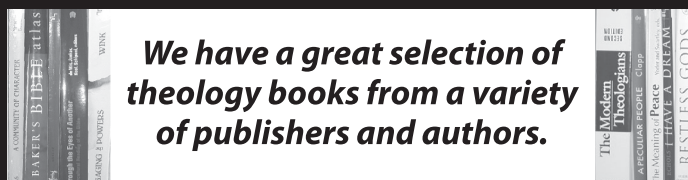
**To be eligible:** Contestant must be an online subscriber, and a Canadian resident. Entries are due within 48 hours of receiving electronic notice of this update.



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