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By the Numbers


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Books are waiting for you with free shipping anywhere in Canada.


Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2272

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 **Circulate** widely – to librarian, pastor, worship planners, education coordinator, and church secretary

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Free Shipping Enhanced in Canada!

New!

All loaned DVDs will now be return-shipped to Winnipeg at no cost to you!

We continue to ship loaned books free – both ways.

A pre-paid return label is included with every shipped loan package. Consequently, DVDs and books can now be returned together in the same package, using that label.

DVDs and other non-print loan items will incur a shipping cost *to* the customer, but costs *back to* Winnipeg will now be covered by the Centre.



Easter Resources



New online children’s stories for the Easter Season!

Free downloadable children’s stories for the Sundays between Easter and Pentecost based on Year A lectionary readings.

Download for free at:

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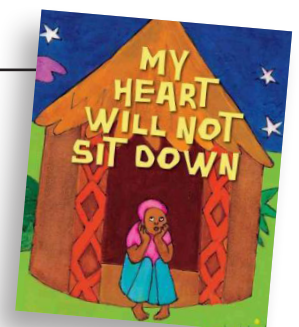
Children’s Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller

My Heart Will Not Sit Down

by [Mara Rockliff](#) and [Ann Tanksley](#), Random House, 2012.

Can one small girl in Cameroon make a difference all the way across the great salt river in America? Inspired by true events, Rockliff’s text matched with Tanksley’s vibrant illustrations bring to life the remarkable story of one African child’s vision, passion, and dedication to make the world a better place.



Website Window

Links worth noting

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



Who Are the Mennonites?: American Sign Language (ASL) Version
Mennonite Church USA

The popular original video re-shot for hearing impaired people using American Sign Language.



ANISA Newsletter: December 2013

The latest newsletter from the Anabaptist Network in South Africa, honouring Nelson Mandela and other peacemakers.



Indigenous Rights: KAIROS

An active and vibrant ecumenical voice on Aboriginal justice issues in Canada.



Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN)

Stay informed about the latest news from an Indigenous perspective.



Dave vs the Bully: With Study Guides

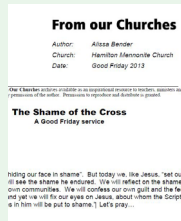
directed by [Paul Plett](#), online video, 2014.

A part of Plett's "Kids Shorts" video series, this modern re-telling of the story of David and Goliath is also a children's study about conflict transformation, demonstrating how we might be able to solve conflicts without fighting.

Do you have any sites to recommend?

From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



The Shame of the Cross: A Good Friday Service
by [Alissa Bender](#), Hamilton Mennonite Church, 2013.

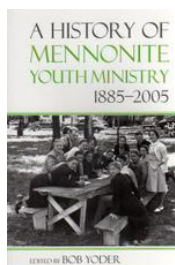
We sometimes speak of "hiding our face in shame". But today we, like Jesus, "set our faces toward Jerusalem". We will see the shame he endured. We will reflect on the shame endured by people in our own communities. We will confess our own guilt and the feelings of shame within ourselves, and yet we will fix our eyes on Jesus, about whom the Scripture says "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

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From our Partners

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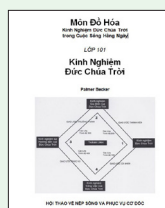


A History Of Mennonite Youth Ministry: 1885-2005

ed. [Bob Yoder](#), Institute Of Mennonite Studies AMBS, 2013.

Documents the complexities of youth ministry in one community of faith. It describes tensions between people committed to retaining a strong community characterized by longstanding traditions, and people concerned with responding to the distinctive needs of the community's young people amid societal change – over a long 120 year span.

Non-English Resources



Môn Đồ Hóa: (Discipleship Courses: 101, 201, 301, 401)
by [Palmer Becker](#), PDF series.

A series on discipleship that Palmer Becker adapted from Saddleback faith material, and used in his short-term assignment in Vietnam.

For other Vietnamese-language resources, see: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2281

ChurchMatters

What do all these people have in common?

Wilma Derksen, author, speaker, forgiveness activist.

Mariana Cantacuzino, The Forgiveness Project.

Steve Heinrichs, Director of Indigenous Relations, Mennonite Church Canada.

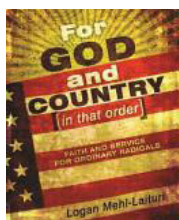
Stuart Murray, author: The Naked Anabaptist, inner city pastor, London, England.

Ovide Mecredi, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

All have been guests on Church Matters, a podcast produced by Mennonite Church Canada. Subscribe via iTunes or visit www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/158

From our Press

MennoMedia



For God and Country: In That Order: Faith and Service for Ordinary Radicals

by [Logan Mehl-Laituri](#), MennoMedia, 2013.

Filled with compelling stories and photos, Iraq war veteran Mehl-Laituri creates an almanac of soldier saints and patriot pacifists from the front lines of church history.



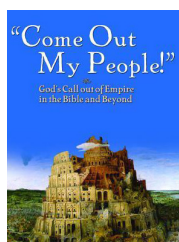
¡A Escarbar! Lider (Dig In! Leader): Trece textos bíblicos que nos muestran el camino

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

En estos tiempos en que el trabajo, la diversión y los aparatos electrónicos reclaman nuestra atención, ¿cómo podemos oír y meditar sobre la Palabra de Dios? ¡A escarbar! es un nuevo recurso para grupos que desean reunirse en torno a las Escrituras con el fin de oírlas de manera renovada, reflexionar sobre las distintas formas en que influyen en nuestra vida e invitar al Espíritu a llevarlas a la práctica hoy.

New Resources

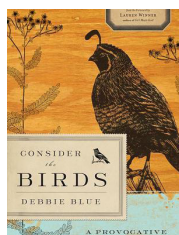
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Come Out My People: God's Call Out of Empire in the Bible and Beyond

by [Wes Howard-Brook](#), Orbis Books, 2010.

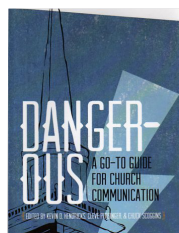
A compelling view of two competing religious visions - one of "creation" and the other of "empire" - that run throughout the Bible.



Consider the Birds: A Provocative Guide to the Birds of the Bible

by [Debbie Blue](#), Abingdon Press, 2013.

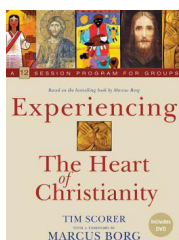
Highlighting 10 birds throughout Scripture, author Debbie Blue explores their significance in both familiar and unfamiliar biblical stories and illustrates how and why they have represented humanity across culture, Christian tradition, art, and contemporary psyche.



Dangerous: A Go-To Guide for Church Communication

by [Cleve Persinger](#), CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2013.

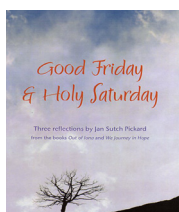
This booklet includes 19 essays on church communication, covering basic strategy and practical, real world tips for churches that want to be "dangerous."



Experiencing the Heart of Christianity: A 12-Session Program for Groups

DVD by [Tim Scorer](#), WoodLake Publishing, 2005.

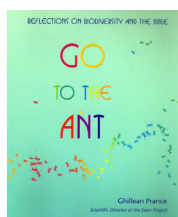
A companion to the bestselling book by Marcus J. Borg, this 12-session experiential program will enable you to engage with the issues that lie at the heart of Christianity today.



Good Friday & Holy Saturday: Three Reflections

by [Jan Sutch Pickard](#), Wild Goose Publications, 2013.

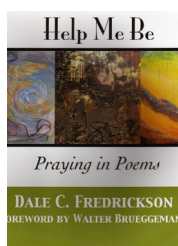
Two reflections for Good Friday and one for Holy Saturday from the Iona community.



Go To the Ant: Reflections on Biodiversity and the Bible

by [Ghilleen Prance](#), Wild Goose Publications, 2013.

It is botanist Prance's hope that this book will move Christians to wonder at some of the marvels of nature, and so to treat God's creation with reverence and more respect.



Help Me Be: Praying in Poems

by [Dale Fredrickson](#), CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2013.

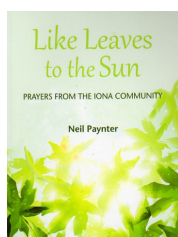
A collection of poetry (modern psalms) that are organized in three sections: Orientation (Life's Good), Disorientation (Life's Not Good), and New Orientation (Life's Good Again).



Just Love: A Framework for Christian Sexual Ethics

by [Margaret Farley](#), Bloomsbury Academic, 2012.

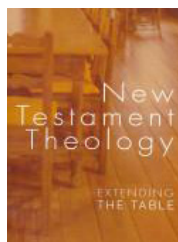
Proposes a framework for sexual ethics whereby justice is the criterion for all loving, including love that is related to sexual activity and relationships. It begins with historical and cross-cultural explorations, then addresses the large questions of embodiment, gender, and sexuality, and finally delineates the justice framework for sexual ethics.



Like Leaves To The Sun: Prayers From The Iona Community

ed. [Neil Paynter](#), Wild Goose Publications, 2013.

For many people prayer is difficult. This collection helps us to be less bothered with our uncertainties about what we should be saying when we pray. We can read a prayer and then sit quietly for a few minutes, allowing the particular words and thoughts to meet with our inner self, with our soul, which is linked to the energies and wisdom of the Creator of all things.



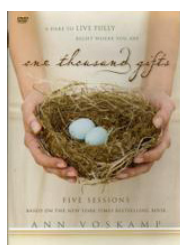
New Testament Theology: Extending the Table

by [Jon M. Isaak](#), Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2011.

New Testament theology ought to be both descriptive and constructive. New Testament theology is descriptive in that it deals with the accounts that people narrate of their experience with Yahweh, in the light of Easter. It is constructive in that it joins the diverse testimonies of the New Testament writers into a textured and thick space within which contemporary followers of Jesus continue to be shaped by the ancient yet living Spirit of God.

New Resources

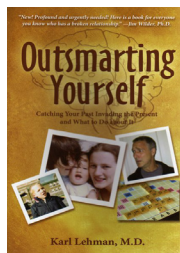
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One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are

by [Ann Voskamp](#), Zondervan, 2012.

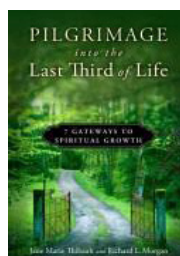
This five-session DVD One Thousand Gifts, features best-selling author Ann Voskamp as she helps watchers ponder the questions of finding joy in the midst of everything from the typical grind of daily chores and deadlines to the calamity every person eventually faces. - See more at: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2282



Outsmarting Yourself: Catching Your Past Invading the Present and What to Do About It

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

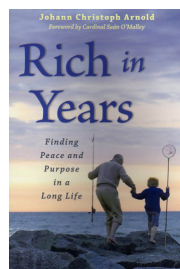
It's about uncovering your brain's strategies for navigating the world, and learning how to leverage the things you can choose to do something about in order to overcome the problems you can't choose to change directly. Karl and his wife, Charlotte, will be the plenary speakers for this summer's Mennonite Church Canada Ministers' Conference.



Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life: 7 Gateways to Spiritual Growth

by [Jane Marie Thibault](#); [Richard Lyon Morgan](#), Upper Room Books, 2012.

From age 60 to 90 and beyond, people face a time of special challenges and opportunities to draw closer to God. This book offers readers Bible-based meditations that address 7 essential tasks to living the last third of life with purpose. Topics include facing limitations, continuing spiritual growth, and leaving a legacy.



Rich in Years: Finding Peace and Purpose in a Long Life

by [Johann Christoph Arnold](#), The Plough Publishing House, 2013.

Why shouldn't growing older be rewarding? Arnold wants us to rediscover the spiritual riches that age has to offer. Now in his seventies, Arnold finds himself personally facing the trials that come with aging. But he knows, from decades of pastoral experience, what older people and their caregivers can do to make the most of the journey.



Saying Goodbye: Resources for Funerals, Scattering Ashes And Remembering

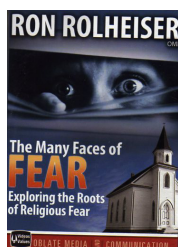
by [Ruth Burgess](#), Wild Goose Publications, 2013.

Saying Goodbye is a resource book for anyone who is planning a funeral. Here you will find words and ideas for celebrating a life in ways that are personal and honest.



S. Dorothy Grills (Saagimasak) Banner Series

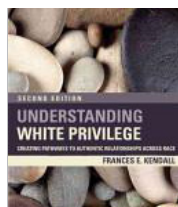
4 banners by professional artist, S. Dorothy Grills (Saagimasak - Spirit Walker), that combine both Christian symbol and aboriginal art. This set would work well in a worship or educational setting.



The Many Faces of Fear: Exploring the Roots of Religious Fear

DVD by [Ron Rolheiser](#), Oblate Media, 2013.

These talks will examine the origins and the complexities of religious fear and, after giving its proper due, will examine some biblical principles that invite us to live with less fear. One of several new Rolheiser DVDs – for the complete list, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2280



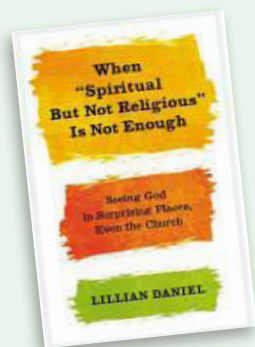
Understanding White Privilege: Creating Pathways to Authentic Relationships Across Race

by [Frances Kendall](#), Routledge Chapman & Hall, 2012.

Provides readers with a more meaningful understanding of white privilege and equips them with strategies for making personal and organizational changes.

the 48hr contest

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



This month's question

What book is presently on your night table/e-reader? And, tell us if you'd recommend it to the wider church. If so, why?

This month's prize

When "Spiritual But Not Religious" Is Not Enough by [Lillian Daniel](#)

Email your response to: resources@mennonitechurch.ca with "March 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.



Congratulations to Sandi Reutlinger, Blind Bay, BC who won a copy of *The Awakening of Hope* by Shane Claiborne and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove.

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