

# RESOURCE UPDATE

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## WORSHIP RESOURCES

April 13 – Palm Sunday  
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April 17 – Maundy Thursday  
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April 18 – Good Friday  
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April 20 – Easter  
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May 4 – Many Peoples Sunday  
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May 11 – Mother's Day  
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June 8 – Pentecost  
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Baptism  
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## By the Numbers

**141**

*Cheaper by the Dozen* orders. Congregations and librarians can order 12 loaned books - free - for an extended loan period, special events, etc. For more information, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2310](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2310)


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## Lent and Easter Resources

Your link to Holy Week services (Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae, Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, Seder meal, Easter).

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1936](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1936)

## Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller

### Welcome: Give and Receive God's Great Love

Faith and Life Resources, 2014.

MennoMedia's 2014 Vacation Bible School curriculum invites children in early childhood through grade 5 to discover how much God loves each one of us! Through acts of hospitality we are able to share the gift of God's love with those around us. Visit [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2315](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2315) for more info.



## Website Window

Links worth noting

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



### Thanking God with Integrity

[Willard Metzger's](#) Interview on 100 Huntley Street, 2014.

Willard shares about his experience during the Haiti earthquake and how that led to this collection of 57 table graces.



### Defenders of the Land

Unique organization dedicated to building a movement for Indigenous rights.



### FaithTrust Institute:

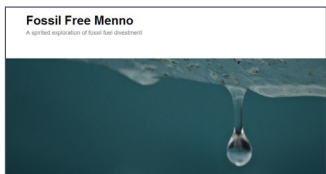
**Working Together to End Sexual and Domestic Violence**

with [Marie M. Fortune](#).



### Messy Church

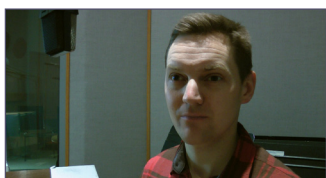
A fun, family-centred way of being church based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.



### Fossil Free Menno:

**A Spirited Exploration of Fossil Fuel Divestment**

An appeal to Mennonites in Canada to divest monies in companies that profit most from destruction of the climate.



### Church Matters Podcast: Episode 85

What is Love? Guest: Paul Plett. The latest podcast to kick off our 8th year!



### The Forgiveness Project

Uses storytelling to explore how ideas around forgiveness, reconciliation and conflict resolution can be used to impact positively on people's lives, through the personal testimonies of both victims and perpetrators of crime and violence.



### Home Budget Analysis

An online calculator from Everence to help determine where your household money is going.

Do you have any sites to recommend?

## From Mennonite Church Canada



### Making Change

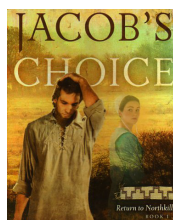
*Making Change* is a 4-part online video series designed for youth and young adults to open up conversations about money, faith, stewardship. From badminton to buying mustard, each episode is paired with a discussion guide for facilitators to open up all kinds of conversations at your local church, school, credit union, or anywhere there's an intentional space for it.

Watch here:

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2311](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2311)

## From our Press

MennoMedia



### Jacob's Choice: Return to Northkill Book 1

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

Based on actual events, *Jacob's Choice* describes how one man's commitment to pacifism leads to a season of captivity, a complicated romance, an unrelenting search for missing family members, and an astounding act of forgiveness and reconciliation.



### Bonnet Strings:

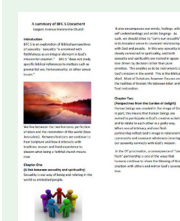
**An Amish Woman's Ties to Two Worlds**

by [Saloma Miller Furlong](#), Herald Press, 2014.

At age twenty, Saloma Miller left behind her Amish community in Burton, Ohio, and boarded a night train for Vermont, where she knew no one. Soon, however, a vanload of people from her community, including the Amish bishop, arrived to take her back into the fold. Thus began a years-long struggle of feeling torn between two worlds: would she remain Amish and embrace the sense of belonging and community her Amish life offered, or would she return to the newfound freedom she tasted in Vermont?

## From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



### A Summary of the BFC 5 Document

by [Marla Langelotz](#), Sargent Ave. Mennonite Church, 2013.

One congregation's summary of the Being a Faithful Church 5 document.

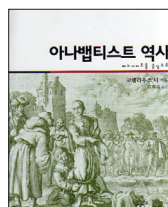
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## Non-English Resources



### 아나뱃티스트 역사(아나뱃티스트 시리즈)

(An Introduction to Mennonite History)

by [Cornelius J. Dyck](#), Daejanggan, Korean, 2013.

This is a history of Mennonites from the 16th century to the present. Though simply written, it reflects fine scholarship and deep Christian concern.

For other Korean-language resources, see: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2106](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2106)

## From our Partners

2 New Online Video Series from MCEC



### **Round Table: MCEC Moving into the Future: Identity, Mission, Unity in Diversity**

by [Jeff Steckley](#); [Brian Bauman](#); [Henry Paetkau](#); [Ester Neufeldt](#); [David Martin](#), 2014.

Join MCEC's Leadership Team in an important dialogue about the Church's future.



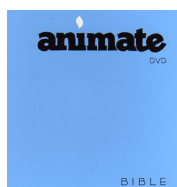
### **Communion: The Lord's Supper and the 21st Century Church**

by [Tom Yoder Neufeldt](#); [C. Arnold Snyder](#).

Is communion an expression of inclusive hospitality or an expression of our core identity as baptized Christians? Should we and how might we include our children in this sacred meal? These and other questions are explored in this recent presentation.

## New Resources

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### **Animate Bible**

DVD, Augsburg Fortress, 2013.

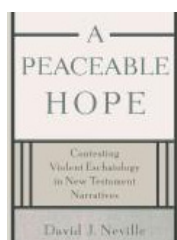
Seven live-action presentations enriched with dynamic animation to jumpstart conversations about the Bible. With Nadia Bolz-Weber, Rachel Held Evans, Phyllis Tickle and others.



### **Becoming a Good Samaritan: Teen Edition**

DVD by [Michael R. Seaton](#), Zondervan, 2012.

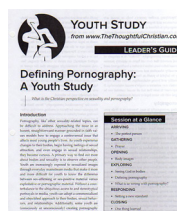
Six engaging sessions helping guide teens on how to begin to bring hope to those suffering from poverty, social injustice, disease, oppression, and more.



### **A Peaceable Hope: Contesting Violent Eschatology in New Testament Narratives**

by [David J. Neville](#), Baker, 2013.

Neville shows that for every narrative text in the New Testament that anticipates a vehement eschatology, another promotes a largely peaceable eschatology. This work furthers the growing discussion of violence and the doctrine of the atonement.



### **Defining Pornography: A Youth Study**

The Thoughtful Christian, 2014.

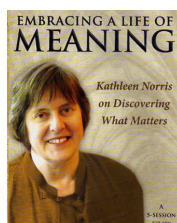
In this study, high school students are challenged to set a new standard that values people as created in God's image. The study examines the difference between sexuality and pornography using a Christian perspective.



### **Does Anybody Else Look Like Me?: A Parent's Guide to Raising Multiracial Children**

by [Donna Jackson Nakazawa](#), Da Capo Press, 2004.

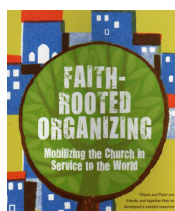
Drawing on psychological research and input from over fifty multiracial families, this book addresses the special questions and concerns facing these families, explaining how we can best prepare multiracial children of all ages to make their way confidently in our colour-conscious world. See Elsie Rempel's review at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2314](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2314).



### **Embracing a Life of Meaning: Kathleen Norris on Discovering What Matters**

DVD by [Kathleen Norris](#); [Tim Scorer](#), Morehouse, 2012.

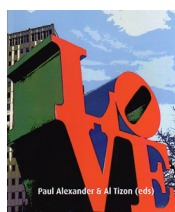
Norris provides a unique viewpoint on "what matters most," including sessions on belief, the Bible, Community, and Place.



### **Faith-Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World**

by [Alexia Salvatierra](#); [Peter Heltzel](#), InterVarsity Press, 2014.

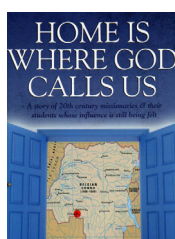
This model of "faith-rooted organizing" offers a path to meaningful social change that takes seriously the command to love God and to love our neighbour as ourself.



### **Following Jesus: Journeys in Radical Discipleship**

by [Paul Alexander](#); [Al Tizon](#), Regnum Books, 2013.

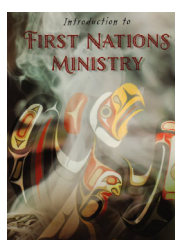
This book honours Ron Sider, by bringing together a group of scholar-activists, old and young, to reflect upon the gospel and its radical implications for the 21st century.



### **Home Is Where God Calls Us: A Story of 20th Century Missionaries & Their Students**

by [Dwight L. Short](#), Austin Brothers, 2013.

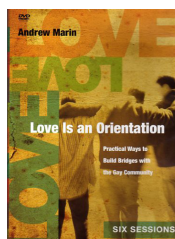
This book is not only an adventure story of mission work in the deepest parts of Africa, Dwight Short also outlines how the church today, a legacy of these early missionaries, is continuing to make a difference in modern day Congo.



### **Introduction to First Nations Ministry**

by [Cheryl Bear-Barnetson](#), Cherohala Press, 2013.

Bear-Barnetson presents an approach to First Nations ministry from the foundations of indigenous worldview and values. The practical missiological and theological principles discovered here can be implemented in any cross-cultural ministry context.



### **Love Is an Orientation: Practical Ways to Build Bridges with the Gay Community**

DVD by [Andrew Marin](#), Zondervan, 2011.

In this six-session small group Bible study, Marin sensitively engages the theological, political and social disconnects between the Christian community and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.



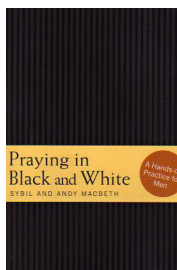
### **Love Wins - For Teens: If God Threw A Party, Would Everyone Be Invited? Would You?**

by [Rob Bell](#), HarperCollins, 2011.

In his teen edition of the bestselling book *Love Wins*, Rob Bell tackles all these questions in a way that addresses the real challenges of growing up in today's world.

## New Resources

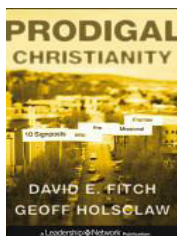
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### **Praying in Black and White**

DVD by [Sybil MacBeth](#) and [Andy MacBeth](#), Paraclete Press, 2012.

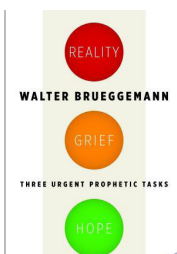
An effective way to equip men to discover their call to pray together. Leading different prayer exercises, Andy addresses the problems men face and barriers that keep them from praying as a group.



### **Prodigal Christianity: 10 Signposts into the Missional Frontier**

by [David E. Fitch](#); [Geoff Holsclaw](#), Jossey-Bass, 2013.

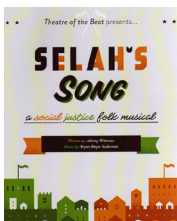
Offers a down-to-earth, accessible, and yet provocative understanding of God's mission of redemption in the world, and how followers of Christ can participate in this work.



### **Reality, Grief, Hope: Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks**

by [Walter Brueggemann](#), Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2014.

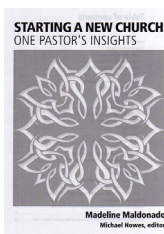
Pointing out striking correlations between the catastrophe of 9/11 and the destruction of ancient Jerusalem, Brueggemann shows how the prophetic biblical response to that crisis was truth-telling in the face of ideology, grief in the face of denial, and hope in the face of despair.



### **Selah's Song: A Social Justice Folk Musical**

by [Johnny Wideman](#); [Bryan Moyer Suderman](#), Theatre of the Beat, 2014.

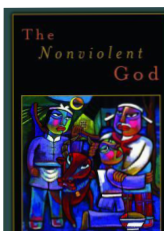
A musical about a young girl whose courage inspires a village, and whose music becomes an anthem for peace. Recently debuted in Stouffville, Ontario with many cast members from Community Mennonite Fellowship.



### **Starting a New Church: One Pastor's Insights**

by [Madeline Maldonado](#) and [Michael Howes](#), Mennonite Church USA.

The purpose of this booklet is to help a new congregation with business administration in a congregational setting. Though written for churches in the US, some parts are applicable to Canadian settings.



### **The Nonviolent God**

by [J. Denny Weaver](#), Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2013.

Weaver argues that since God is revealed in Jesus, the nonviolence of Jesus most truly reflects the character of God. The way Christians live - Christian ethics - is an ongoing expression of theology. Consequently, he suggests positive images of the reign of God made visible in the narrative of Jesus - nonviolent practice, forgiveness and restorative justice, issues of racism and sexism, and more - in order that Christians might live more peacefully.



### **What Is Sexting?: Sex + Texting = Sexting**

The Thoughtful Christian, 2009.

Provides parents, clergy, and teachers with a foundation for how to help teenagers make sexual decisions in day-to-day life that will also serve to benefit a teen's interactions in cyberspace. This study also takes an unflinching look at the social and legal ramifications of sexting.



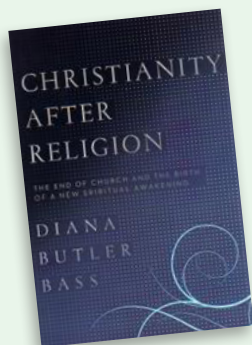
### **Wounded Children, Healing Homes: How Traumatized Children Impact Adoptive and Foster Families**

by [Jayne E. Schooler](#); [Betsy Keefer Smalley](#); [Timothy J. Callahan](#), Navpress, 2010.

Addresses the reality of unmet expectations of parents and offers validation and solutions for the challenges of parenting deeply traumatized and emotionally disturbed children. See Elsie Rempel's review at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2314](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2314)

the **48** hr contest

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



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

What are you currently studying in adult Sunday school or small group? Would you recommend it to another congregation?

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

**Christianity after Religion**

by [Diana Butler Bass](#)

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

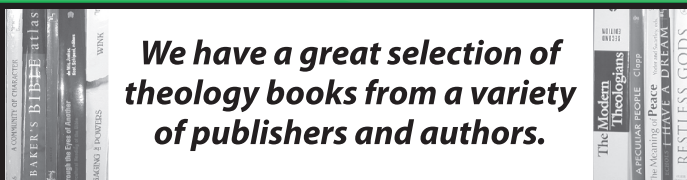
with "April 2014 Contest" in subject line.

**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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