

# RESOURCE UPDATE

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## WORSHIP RESOURCES

- June 8 – Pentecost  
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- Baptism  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/968](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/968)
- Graduation  
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- Camp Sunday  
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- Summer Worship  
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- Labour Day  
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## By the Numbers

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## MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

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

 **Invite** friends/committee members to subscribe:  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347)

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

## Summertime! Suntime! One in the Sun time!

Stay connected as a congregation in the slower, scattered summer months by encouraging folks to reflect on a specific, creation focused scripture text (eg. Psalm 104):

- **Writers** – muse on this text from a congregational blog or website, or keep a word or pictorial journal. Share these musings during a monthly display or storytelling event in your church, Sunday school, fellowship groups, etc.
- **Travelers** – post your summer journeys on a map in the church foyer. How does the Psalm 104 “read” from another location?
- Soak in scripture by having all ages memorize sections of Psalm 104 – and present this as part of a special worship service in early fall.
- Put on a summer musical, host a jam session or house concert in your community.
- **Educators** - order the VBS material, Give and Receive God’s Great Love ([www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2329](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2329)) and lead a weekend event for all ages, culminating in Sunday morning worship and a potluck.
- Care for creation by collaborating in a community garden plot and grow produce for the local food bank. Post pictures of the garden on the church website.



## Happy summering!

## Summer Reading List:

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

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## Website Window

Links worth noting

Serving you with curated links to videos and web sites. Here are some recent additions:



### What are Anabaptists?

by [Tyler M. Tully](#), the Jesus Event, 2013.

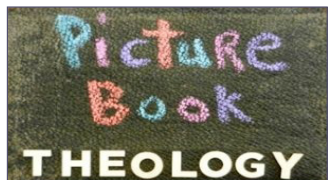
A helpful synopsis of Anabaptist history, including a detailed timeline of events.



### Practicing Reconciliation

Blog by [Sara Wenger Shenk](#), AMBS

A blog that asks questions important to faith and the church. Sara writes not as president of AMBS, but as a practical theologian.



### Picture Book Theology: Making Theological Connections by Using Secular Picture Books

by [Hanna Schock](#).

Identifies the sacred treasures inside these common picture books.



### Resources for Transition Season

From Fuller Youth Institute.

Free blessings, prayers and videos for the graduation – and other spring transitions.



### Intersections: MCC Theory & Practice Quarterly

ed. [Alain Epp Weaver](#); [Bruce Guenther](#).

The successor to the MCC Peace Office Newsletter.

Do you have any sites to recommend?

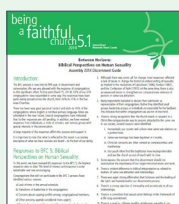
## Preparing you for Assembly 2014



### Interim Report - Future Directions Task Force: October 11, 2013

by Future Directions Task Force following consultation with Area Church leaders

The General Board of Mennonite Church Canada appointed a Task Force on discerning future directions in response to two central questions: What is God's Spirit calling us to? What are the best ways for the Church to thrive and grow? This is their interim report.



### Being a Faithful Church 5.1 Document (2014): 2014 Discernment Guide

A summary of congregational responses to the BFC 5 document and the topic of human sexuality. Also includes observations, trends, and discernment questions in preparation for Assembly 2014.

## Special Offer!

6 *Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry* books

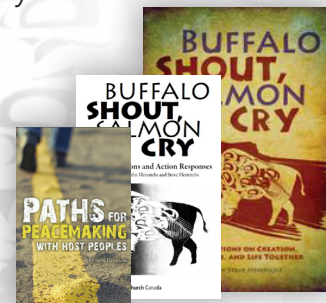
6 study guides

6 Paths for Peacemaking

Only \$99  
(includes shipping)

A great way to continue the conversation after the Truth and Reconciliation national gatherings have finished.

For more information, visit [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2335](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2335)



## From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



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

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

Fun for the whole family, "Selah's Song" is a heartwarming musical about a young girl whose courage inspires a village, and whose music becomes an anthem for peace.

Borrow the script and sound track here:

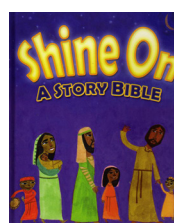
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2330](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2330)



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## From our Press

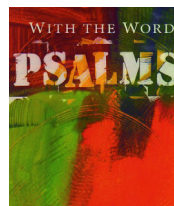
MennoMedia



### Shine On: A Story Bible

MennoMedia 2014.

Grow lifelong faith one story at a time. A beautifully illustrated, 320-page hardcover book with stories that are fresh and engaging for children. *Shine On* may be used at home or in tandem with the new Shine! Sunday school curriculum.



### With the Word

Genesis and Mark are the newest *With the Word* Bible study guides from MennoMedia. Each session has study, discussion, and reflection along with seven short devotionals.



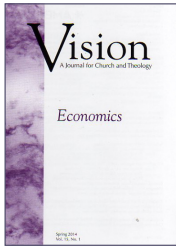
### KidsCan Speak Up KidsCan Celebrate

Two new resources of all-in-one, flexible lessons for children grade 1-5 (perfect for children's clubs, camp or other settings). Each study includes 10 sessions.



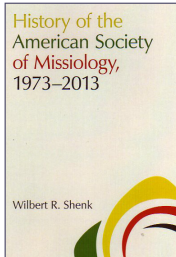
## From our Partners

Institute for Mennonite Studies, AMBS



### **Vision - Economics Issue, Spring 2014**

A general sampler on economics and scripture. The diverse contributions provide inspiration for continued wrestling with the economic dimensions of the gospel, working out what it means to love God with our assets.



### **History of the American Society of Missiology: 1973-2013**

by [Wilbert R. Shenk](#).

This study of the first forty years of the American Society of Missiology is at once a history of that society and an admirably nuanced account of how mission studies have flourished despite the secularization of the academy and epic changes in the scope, agents, and locus of mission.

## Register online for this summer's Assemblies

### National Assembly

Winnipeg, Manitoba  
July 3 to July 6



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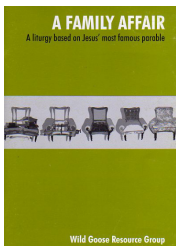
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
July 28 to July 31



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## New Resources

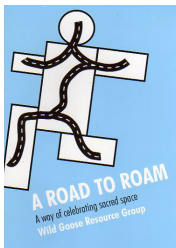
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### **A Family Affair: A Liturgy Based on Jesus' most famous Parable**

by [John L. Bell](#); [Graham Maule](#), Wild Goose, 2008.

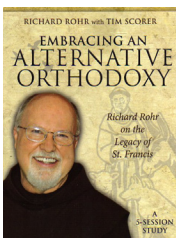
A liturgy focused on the parable of The Prodigal Son.



### **A Road to Roam: A Way of Celebrating Sacred Space**

by [John L. Bell](#); [Graham Maule](#), Wild Goose, 2006.

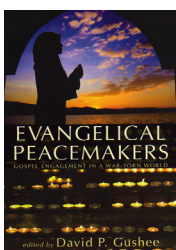
A liturgy of "pilgrimage" that guides the participants around the places of significance in most churches or worship spaces.



### **Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy: Richard Rohr on the Legacy of St. Francis**

by [Richard Rohr](#); [Tim Scorer](#), Curriculum DVD, Morehouse Education Resources, 2014.

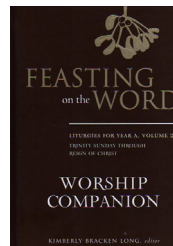
A five-session adult curriculum that explores key topics central to Franciscan theology and practice.



### **Evangelical Peacemakers: Gospel Engagement in a War-Torn World**

ed. David P. Gushee, Wipf and Stock, 2013.

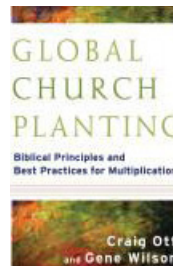
The collection gives considerable attention to Christian-Muslim relations and offers a number of extraordinary accounts of evangelical peacemaking with Muslims and efforts to engage Islam as a living religious tradition.



### **Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2**

by [Kimberly Bracken Long](#), Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

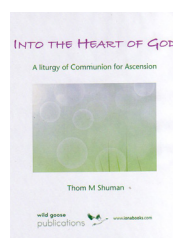
Based on the Revised Common Lectionary, the liturgical pieces offer helpful preparation aids for Ordinary Time in Year A.



### **Global Church Planting: Biblical Principles and Best Practices for Multiplication**

by [Craig Ott](#); [Gene Wilson](#), Baker, 2011.

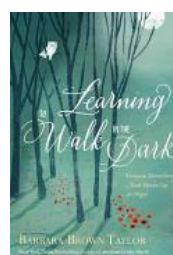
Combining substantive biblical principles, missiological understanding and practical insights, this book highlights the various models and development phases of church planting.



### **Into The Heart of God: A Liturgy of Communion for Ascension**

by [Thom M. Shuman](#), Wild Goose Publications, 2014.

A communion liturgy for Ascension Day – a reminder that at Pentecost the torch of Jesus' ministry was passed on to the disciples, and down to us through all the centuries.



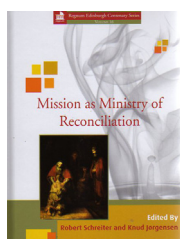
### **Learning to Walk in the Dark**

by [Barbara Brown Taylor](#), HarperCollins, 2014.

Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark." With her characteristic charm and literary wisdom, she is our guide through a spirituality of the nighttime, teaching us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty and giving us strength and hope to face all of life's challenging moments.

## New Resources

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### **Mission as Ministry of Reconciliation**

by [Robert J. Schreiter](#); [Knud Jørgensen](#), Regnum Books International, 2013.

Offers a valuable understanding of mission as ministry of reconciliation.



### **The Twelve Minor Prophets: Leader's Guide and Participant Handout**

The Thoughtful Christian, 2013.

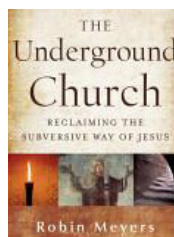
An adult study guide that reviews the biblical prophetic books to try and identify a common message in the text.



### **Paul's Non-Violent Gospel: The Theological Politics of Peace in Paul's Life and Letters**

by [Jeremy Gabrielson](#), Wipf and Stock, 2013.

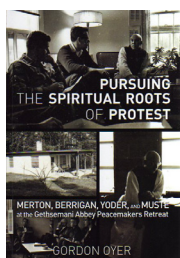
After his Damascus road experience, Paul zealously announced the gospel, but abandoned his violent ways. His apostolic vocation included calling and equipping assemblies of people whose common life was ordered by a politics characterized by peaceableness.



### **The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus**

by [Robin Meyers](#), Jossey-Bass, 2012.

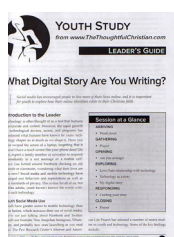
No matter how the church may organize itself or worship, the defining characteristic of the church of the future will be its Jesus-inspired countercultural witness.



### **Pursuing the Spiritual Roots of Protest: Merton, Berrigan, Yoder, and Muste at the Gethsemani Abbey Peacemakers Retreat**

by [Gordon Oyer](#), Wipf and Stock, 2014.

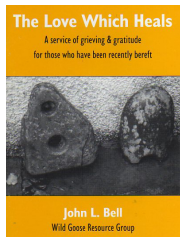
In 1964, Trappist monk Thomas Merton hosted an unprecedented gathering of peace activists in search for spiritual roots to nurture sound motives for "protest." These are the notes from those meetings.



### **What Digital Story Are You Writing?**

by [Kate Ott](#), The Thoughtful Christian, 2014.

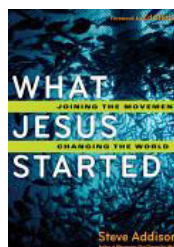
A youth curriculum that helps high schoolers take a critical look at their online identities and how they compare to their identities in their Christian faith.



### **The Love Which Heals: A Service of Grieving and Gratitude for those who have been recently Bereft**

by [John L. Bell](#), Wild Goose, 2000.

A liturgy that enables people who have experienced a bereavement to share both their grief and their hope in a public act of remembrance and thanksgiving.



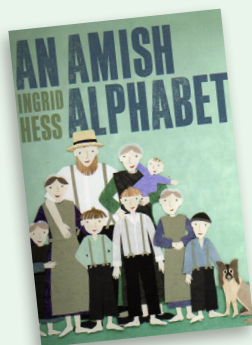
### **What Jesus Started: Joining the Movement, Changing the World**

by [Steve Addison](#), InterVarsity, 2012.

What Jesus started was a movement that began small, with intimate conversations designed to build disciples into apostles. That movement is still happening today, and we are called to play our part in it.

the **48** hr contest

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



### *This month's question*

What social media platform do you most commonly use? Why?

### *This month's prize*

*An Amish Alphabet*  
by [Ingrid Hess](#).

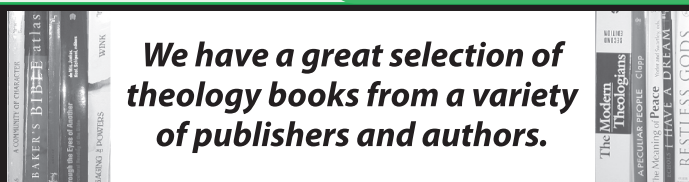
Email your response to: [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca) with "June 2014 Contest" in subject line.

**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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