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By the Numbers

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Electronic resources


Original items from you (worship, education, leadership) and unique documents from us (staff presentations, publications, policies).

Resource Update Online

View these resources online at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2349 or link to a specific item by clicking on its image or tiny URL.

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

 **Circulate** widely

 **Invite** friends to subscribe:
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347

 **Submit** your own resources

New Children's Curriculum for Fall!

A dynamic new Sunday school curriculum for age 3 to grade 8 that engages Christian communities in their life together.

Preview this material by checking:

www.shinecurriculum.com

or by borrowing a sample packet from us here:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2350.

Purchase a starter kit or materials for

the fall session by contacting MennoMedia directly – 1-800-631-6535.

The Canadian price list is here: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2351.



Adult Education

Plan ahead for your fall adult education program!

We have over 400 adult curriculum titles available for loan (including electronic, DVD and print studies).

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1817

Or ask us for help in narrowing the selection.

We'd be glad to send you items to preview over the summer.



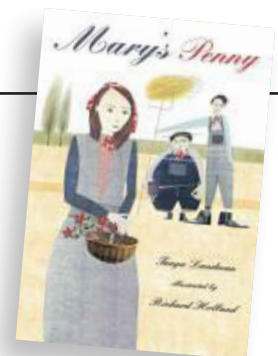
Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller

Mary's Penny

by Tanya Landman illust. Richard Holland, Candlewick Press, 2010.

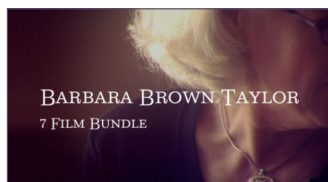
With whimsical illustrations, a fable proves that brains outweigh brawn when three siblings enter a most enlightening competition.



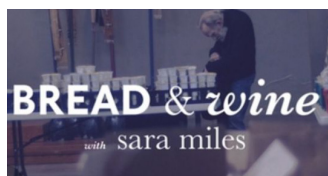
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Links worth noting

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



A 7-film bundle (from Work of the People) on the topics of Sabbath, pain, spirituality, prayer, and incarnation – with [Barbara Brown Taylor](#).



Bread and Wine by [Sara Miles](#), Work of the People. Learn of Sara Miles' unexpected conversion and her present involvement in the church's food pantry and mission.



Global Footprint Network: Ecological Footprint Quiz. Do the short footprint quiz and measure your impact on our planet.




GenOn Ministries: Developing Disciples, Energizing Churches. Geared to intergenerational learning, this website will equip faith communities and families to develop lifelong disciples of all ages.



Mental Health Ministries: To Erase the Stigma of Mental Illness. Help faith communities be caring congregations for people living with a mental illness and those who love and care for them.



Are Canadians Done with the Bible?: Canadian Bible Engagement Study, Canadian Bible Forum, 2014. Results of the first ever comprehensive national study, conducted in English and French, of how and why Canadians do or do not connect with the Bible.

 Do you have any sites to recommend?

From our Partners

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan



Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Safe Church and Church Program Policy: A Plan to Protect Children, Youth and Adults. 2012.

The purpose of this document is to ensure that MC Sask events are a safe place for all people, and that children, youth and vulnerable adults are protected from harm and abuse, the adults who work with them from false allegations, and the church from unnecessary litigation. One of several "homegrown" safe-church policies available through the Resource Centre.

Special Offer!

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6 study guides
6 Paths for Peacemaking

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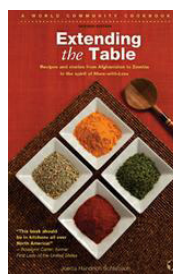


A great way to continue the conversation after the Truth and Reconciliation national gatherings have finished.

For more information, visit www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2335

From our Press

MennoMedia



Extending the Table
[Joetta Handrich Schlabach](#), Herald Press, 2014.

Cook with neighbours from around the world as you prepare flavourful dishes and feel the warmth of their kitchens. New in the Revised Edition:

- Colourful photographs of mouthwatering dishes and of people from around the world.
- Recipes and stories from places like Afghanistan, South Sudan, Thailand, and Cambodia.
- Labels and indexes for gluten-free and vegetarian recipes.
- Regional menus to help cooks plan special meals from a particular country or continent.

From Mennonite Church Canada

Several new downloadable resources:

2013 Congregational Survey Final Report

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2355

Key Assembly Discernment Materials

Full Assembly Discernment Guide - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2358

Being a Faithful Church 5.1 - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2336

Future Directions Task Force - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2357

Assembly Report Book

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2356

These resources will help you prepare for Mennonite Church Canada's National Assembly taking place this summer from July 3-6 in Winnipeg.



Coming Soon!

Mennonite Central Committee

Swords into Ploughshares: A World without War. This year's Peace Sunday Packet from MCC.

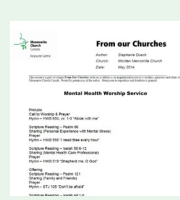
Reflects on the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I in light of Isaiah's alternative vision of swords turned into ploughshares. The packet will feature stories of people who resisted war, created oases of peace in the midst of war, and practiced alternatives to war and violence.



Available late August, here – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2087.

From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



Mental Health Worship Service

by [Stephanie Dueck](#), Morden Mennonite Church, 2014.

A worship liturgy with four sections that include scripture, song and times of sharing (someone with personal experience with mental health issues, mental health care professional, family/friends, pastor).

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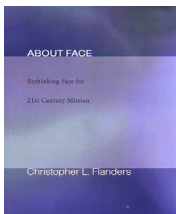
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2354



Share your church's original material at resources@mennonitechurch.ca

New Resources

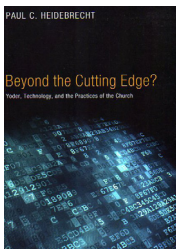
We average over 4 new resources daily.



About Face: Rethinking Face for 21st Century Mission

by [Christopher L. Flanders](#), Wipf and Stock, 2011.

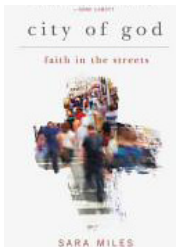
In the Thai "honour-culture," how should Christians understand the notion of "saving face" and how it relates to the ways we understand and proclaim the gospel?



Beyond the Cutting Edge: Yoder, Technology, and the Practices of the Church

by [Paul C. Heidebrecht](#), Wipf and Stock, 2014.

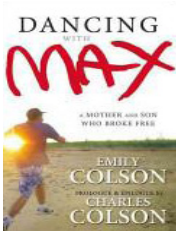
Practices of the church make it possible for Christians to conscientiously engage technology. This happens when we recognize that marks of the church such as patience, vulnerability, and servanthood can put technological ideals such as speed, control, and efficiency in their proper place.



City of God: Faith in the Streets

by [Sara Miles](#), Jericho Books, 2014.

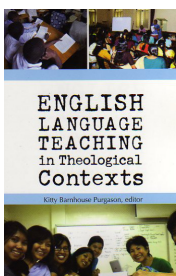
On Ash Wednesday, 2012, Sara Miles and her friends left their church buildings and carried ashes to the buzzing city streets. This is the story of marking the foreheads of neighbours and strangers, sharing blessings with waitresses and drunks, believers and doubters alike.



Dancing with Max: A Mother and Son Who Broke Free

by [Emily Colson](#), Zondervan, 2012.

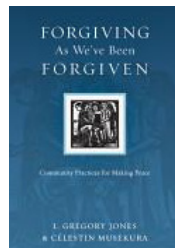
With candor and wit, Emily Colson shares about her personal battles and heartbreak when, as a suddenly single mother, she discovers her only child has autism. As Emily recalls her experiences, we discover that Max's disability does not so much define who he is, but reveals who we are.



English Language Teaching in Theological Contexts

ed. [Kitty Barnhouse Purgason](#), William Carey Library, 2010.

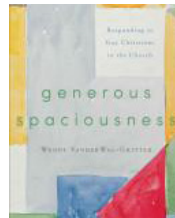
Explores various models for assisting seminary and Bible college students in learning English while also engaging in their theological coursework. Part one presents language teaching challenges and solutions; part two focuses on specific resources to inspire readers to develop their own materials.



Forgiving as We've Been Forgiven: Community Practices for Making Peace

by [L. Gregory Jones](#); [Célestin Musekura](#), InterVarsity, 2010.

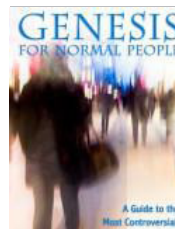
To forgive and be forgiven, we need communal practices and disciplines for a way of life that makes for peace. Jones interacts with Musekura's story to show how people can practice forgiveness not only in dramatic situations like genocide but also in everyday circumstances of marriage, family and congregational life.



Generous Spaciousness: Responding to Gay Christians in the Church

by [Wendy VanderWal-Gritter](#), Baker Publishing, 2014.

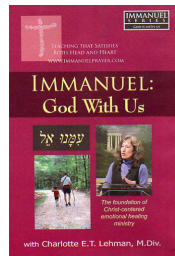
This book offers a framework for discussing diversity in a gracious way, showing that the church can be a place that welcomes a variety of perspectives on the complex matter of human sexuality. It also offers practical advice.



Genesis for Normal People (Study Guide Edition): A Guide to the Most Controversial, Misunderstood, and Abused Book of the Bible

by [Jared Byas](#); [Peter Enns](#), Patheos Press, 2012.

Illuminates the characters that fill the book of Genesis, causing us to resonate with their choices and struggles even as we marvel at their distant world.



Immanuel: God With Us: Teaching That Satisfies both Head and Heart DVD

by [Charlotte Lehman](#), 2006.

In this solidly Scriptural, warm, and engaging presentation, pastor Charlotte Lehman delves into the Biblical uses of the name Immanuel, Hebrew for "God with us," and draws out essential insights, both for emotional healing, and more broadly, for the life of Christian discipleship. She and her husband Karl will be the guest speakers at our 2014 Ministers' Conference at Assembly.



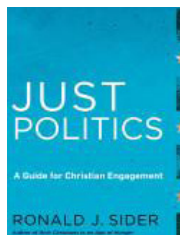
In Your Underwear: Life in Intentional Christian Community

by [Brian Dane Sanders](#), Underground Media, 2011.

A story of exposure and acceptance – what it's like to live as unique individuals in intentional community.

New Resources

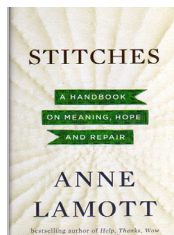
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Just Politics: A Guide for Christian Engagement

by [Ronald J. Sider](#), Baker Publishing, 2012.

Sider offers a biblically grounded, factually rooted, Christian approach to politics that cuts across ideological divides. This book will guide readers into more thoughtful and effective political activity.



Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope and Repair

by [Anne Lamott](#), Penguin Group, 2013.

In this book, Lamott explores how and where we find meaning in our modern, frantic age, especially after personal and public devastation; how we recapture peace and balance after loss; and how we locate our spiritual identities in these frazzled times.



ManTalk Cards

Vibrant Faith Ministries, 2013.

Add a new dimension to game night with this deck of cards. Each card features questions written by men for men that help move the conversation beyond the latest sports scores.



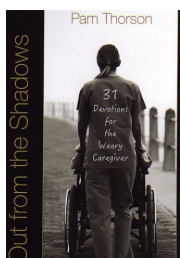
Summoned from the Margin: Homecoming of an African

by [Lamin O. Sanneh](#), Eerdmans Publishing, 2012.

Sanneh's fascinating journey from his upbringing in an impoverished village in West Africa to education in the United States and Europe to a distinguished career of teaching.

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Out from the Shadows: 31 Devotions for the Weary Caregiver

by [Pam Thorson](#), Lighthouse Publishing of the Carolinas, 2014.

A collection of thirty-one stories that pull back the veil on the unique joys and challenges of caregiving. Each devotion draws from the author's own experiences to reveal a fresh understanding of Jesus' call upon our lives as we care for others.

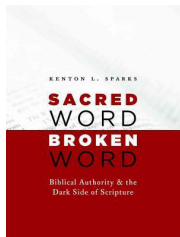


Sun Shine Down: A Memoir

by [Gillian Marchenko](#), T.S. Poetry Press, 2013.

A mother's memoir of learning to parent a special needs child with "Down's Syndrome."

SUN SHINE DOWN



Sacred Word, Broken Word: Biblical Authority and the Dark Side of Scripture

by [Kenton L. Sparks](#), Eerdmans, 2012.

Sparks argues that the "dark side" of Scripture (human violence, abuse and other atrocities) is not an illusion. Rather, these dark texts remind us that all human beings, including the biblical authors, stand in need of God's redemptive solution in Jesus Christ.



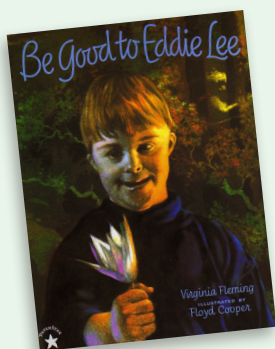
The Violence of Scripture: Overcoming the Old Testament's Troubling Legacy

by [Eric A. Seibert](#), Fortress Press, 2012.

Seibert offers perspectives on the roles human and divine violence play in different parts of the Old Testament, evaluating the biblical presentation of "virtuous" violence, and proposing strategies for reading the Bible out of a commitment to nonviolence.

the 48hr contest

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



This month's question

Name your favourite faith-based children's story. Why?

This month's prize

Be Good to Eddie Lee
by [Virginia Fleming](#).

Email your response to: resources@mennonitechurch.ca with "July/August 2014 Contest" in subject line.

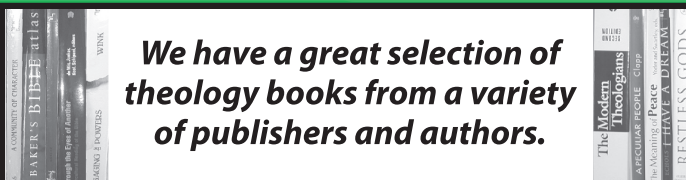
To be eligible: Contestant must be an online subscriber, and a Canadian resident. Entries are due within 48 hours of receiving electronic notice of this update.



Congratulations to Adeline Cox, Osler SK who won a copy of *An Amish Alphabet* by Ingrid Hess.

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