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WORSHIP RESOURCES

- Sunday School Promotion
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/256
- Sept 14 – Christian Formation Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2082
- Sept 21 – International Peace Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2083
- Oct 5 – World Communion Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2084
- Oct 26 – Mennonite Heritage Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2085
- Nov 2 – Mission Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2086
- Nov 9 – Peace Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2087
- Nov 30 – First Advent
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343

By the Numbers

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Video and print curriculum – for all ages.

Many biblical studies. Hundreds of thematic lessons. Ready for your fall formation programs.

Resource Update Online

View these resources online at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2380 or link to a specific item by clicking on its image or tiny URL.

Coming January 2015...

CommonWord

Bookstore and Resource Centre



- Largest curated collection of Anabaptist resources in Canada – for loan, sale and download
- Increased hours of operation and services
- Regular virtual conversations on matters of faith and life
- Fair trade giftware
- Enticing new physical location across from the new Folio Cafe and CMU Library

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Mennonite Church Canada
Resource Centre

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

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

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www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347

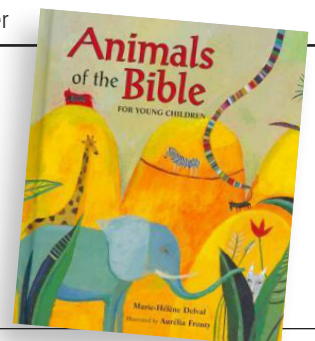
Submit your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web

Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller

Animals of the Bible for Young Children
by [Marie-Helene Delval](#) and [Aurelia Fronty](#).

The Bible's stories abound with animals. Some fill minor roles, while some are central to their stories. But God watched over all of them, delighted in their creation, and used them for great purposes and important lessons. All of them bear witness to God's wisdom and love.



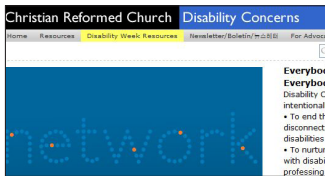
Website Window

Links worth noting

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



Bearing Witness Stories Project
Anabaptist communities worldwide can use this forum to share their stories of costly discipleship in ways that inspire greater faithfulness.



Disability Concerns
Christian Reformed Church.
Includes worship resources, accessibility guidelines, and Bible studies.



Every Creature Singing
Online adult creation care curriculum (13 sessions) produced by Mennonite Creation Care Network.

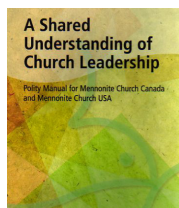


Making Change
A Four-Part Film Series
Designed for youth and young adults to open up conversations about money, faith and stewardship.

Do you have any sites to recommend?

From our Press

MennoMedia



A Shared Understanding of Church Leadership: Polity Manual, 2014
An updated Mennonite Church Canada polity manual that frames the task of leadership through a missional lens, reflecting biblical roots and Anabaptist theology through contemporary expressions of best practices and shared understandings of church leadership.



Shine Together: The Essential Guide for Leaders and Teachers
by [Rebecca Seiling](#) and [Carrie Martens](#), 2014.
The resource teachers, pastors, and congregations need to transform Sunday school into a time of nurturing faith and experiencing God's love. Learn how to use Shine and welcome children; focus on the spiritual practice of teaching, ponder ways to lead and learn from children of each age level. An excellent teacher training guide.

Faith, Sports and Leadership Resources



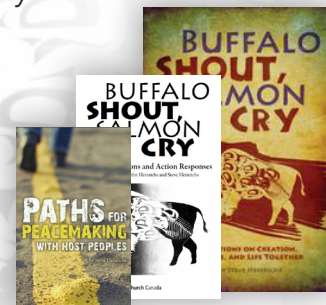
What are the pros and cons of sporting competition? There is the lure of athleticism and the stewardship of "being fit." Demands on time. Focused energy. Team pursuits. Elitism. Leadership development. Decline in church attendance and commitments.

Is organized sport in competition with faith? Or are the recreational player and elite athlete uniquely equipped spiritually? What are appropriate balances? As organized sports – in school, club or community levels – demand more and more time, money and energy, is anything being sacrificed – or can these endeavours help shape faith?

Join the conversation at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2362

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

From our Partners

SmallTall Music



Reading the Bible with Jesus
weekend retreats at Willowgrove in Stouffville, Ontario.

Bryan Moyer Suderman (of SmallTall Music) is leading four retreats (October, November, February, April) that will focus on how each gospel portrays Jesus as an interpreter of Scripture. For more information, phone Willowgrove at 905-640-2127 or email miriam@willowgrove.ca.



Check out his Mark booklet here:
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1963.

From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



Children in our Midst

A Skit and a Sermon by [Wendy Janzen](#), St. Jacobs Mennonite Church.

What kind of faith do we want to nurture in the children of our congregation? And how do we do it? Do we safely tuck it away like a valuable family heirloom - or is the purpose of faith much more (more risky, messy, vital and living)? Is faith even something to "pass on" or is it already present in the children in our midst? Explore these themes with this Christian formation skit and sermon.

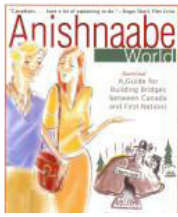
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New Resources

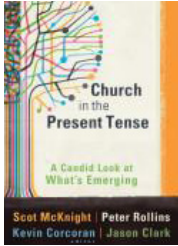
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Anishnaabe World: A Survival Guide to Building Bridges Between Canada and First Nations

by [Roger Willson Spielmann](#), Your Scrivener Press, 2009.

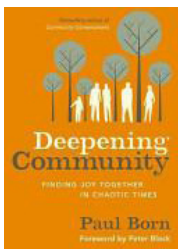
An irreverent, teasing, hilarious, yet cross-culturally astute "Survival Guide" for Canadians increasingly aware of our country's checkered past relations between Natives and non-Natives.



Church in the Present Tense: A Candid Look at What's Emerging

by [Kevin Corcoran](#), et al., Baker Publishing, 2011.

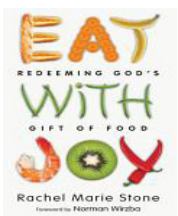
Four influential authors, each an expert in his field, discuss important cultural, theological, philosophical, and biblical underpinnings and implications of the emerging church movement. Their sympathetic yet critical assessment helps readers better understand the roots of the movement and the impact that it has had and is having on wider traditions.



Deepening Community: Finding Joy Together in Chaotic Times

by [Paul Born](#), Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2014.

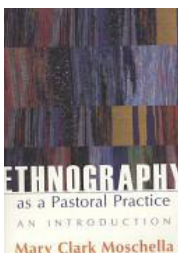
We have a choice, says Born, between shallow or deep community life. Will we react to the instability of our times by defining ourselves selfishly or out of fear? Or will we deepen our experience of community, reaching out to others and building a life of joy?



Eat with Joy: Redeeming God's Gift of Food

by [Rachel Marie Stone](#), InterVarsity, 2013.

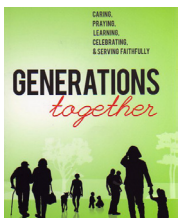
Rediscover joyful eating by receiving food as God's good gift of provision and care for us. Ultimately, redemptive eating is a sacramental act of culture-making through which we gratefully herald the feast of the kingdom of God.



Ethnography as a Pastoral Practice: An Introduction

by [Mary Clark Moschella](#), Pilgrim Press, 2008.

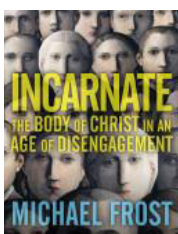
Ethnography is a way to tap the deep undercurrents in a community through a process of gathering, analyzing, and sharing data. The author informs clergy on how they can use it to give themselves "ears to hear" their members' own stories, deep wisdom, and longing for God.



Generations Together: Caring, Praying, Learning, Celebrating, and Serving Faithfully

by [John Roberto](#), et al., Lifelong Faith Publications, 2014.

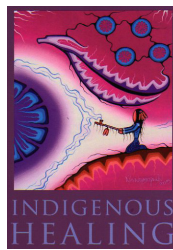
Helps leaders learn what intergenerationality looks like in practice and how to design projects and initiatives to become more intentionally intergenerational.



Incarnate: The Body of Christ in an Age of Disengagement

by [Michael Frost](#), InterVarsity, 2014.

Christianity is increasingly understood as something personal, conceptual, interior, private, neighbourless. Frost offers new hope for how the church can fulfill its vocation: to be the hands and feet of Christ to one another and to our neighbours.



Indigenous Healing: Exploring Traditional Paths

by [Rupert Ross](#), Penguin Group, 2014.

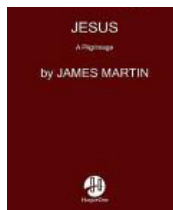
As a former Crown Attorney in Northern Ontario, Ross witnessed many destructive forces of colonization. With help from many indigenous authors, he explores their emerging conviction that healing is now better described as "decolonization therapy." And the key to healing, they assert, is a return to the traditional indigenous world view.



Inventing Hell: Dante, the Bible and Eternal Torment

by [Jon M. Sweeney](#), Jericho Books, 2014.

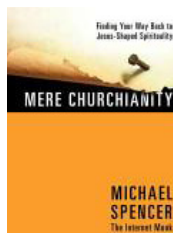
Sweeney demonstrates that our understanding of hell is based more on Dante's imagination than on Biblical truth - but in the process, he reconstructs what the Bible really says about heaven and hell, giving us a clearer, more hopeful understanding of the afterlife than ever before.



Jesus: A Pilgrimage

by [James Martin](#), HarperCollins, 2014.

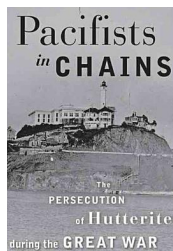
James Martin, gifted storyteller, brings the Gospels to life and invites believers and seekers alike to experience Jesus through Scripture, prayer and travel.



Mere Churchianity: Finding Your Way Back to Jesus-Shaped Spirituality

by [Michael Spencer](#), Doubleday Religious Publishing Group, 2010.

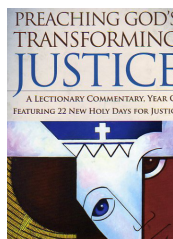
Spencer, known to blog readers as the Internet Monk, has guided a vast online congregation in its search for a more honest and more immediate practice of Christian faith. Here, as on his blog, Spencer shows readers how to practice their faith without the distractions of religious institutions.



Pacifists in Chains: The Persecution of Hutterites During the Great War

by [Duane C. S. Stoltzfus](#), John Hopkins University Press, 2013.

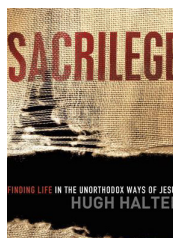
Stoltzfus explores the tension between a country preparing to enter into a world war and a people whose history of martyrdom for their pacifist beliefs goes back to their sixteenth-century Reformation beginnings.



Preaching God's Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year A

ed. [Ronald J. Allen](#); [Dale P. Andrews](#); [Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm](#), Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

For each lectionary day there is an essay that helps the preacher integrate a variety of social justice concerns into his or her preaching. Also see volumes B and C.



Sacrilege: Finding Life in the Unorthodox Ways of Jesus

by [Hugh Halter](#), Baker Books, 2011.

Helps readers rethink what it really means to become like Jesus. It exposes the patterns of thinking that have held the church hostage for years and inspires readers to rethink the way they understand Scripture, family, spiritual formation, conversion, church, sin, and more.

New Resources

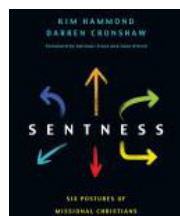
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Seamless Faith: Simple Practices for Daily Family Life

by [Traci Smith](#), Chalice Press, 2014.

Faith is learned when it is woven seamlessly into the fabric of everyday life. Here, the author shares dozens of simple practices, easy-to-organize traditions, ceremonies, and spiritual practices for many of life's stressful and faith-filled moments.



Sentness: Six Postures of Missional Christians

by [Kim Hammond](#); [Darren Cronshaw](#), InterVarsity 2014.

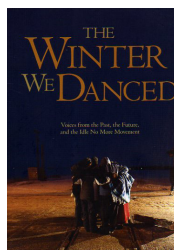
Explore the six postures of a church that's keeping pace with God's work in the world. Rediscover the gospel that first quickened your pulse and got you up on your feet, ready to go wherever Jesus called you.



The Story of Original Sin

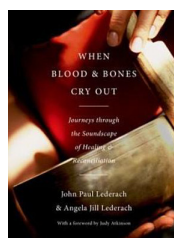
by [John E. Toews](#), Wipf and Stock, 2013.

Toews suggests that it is time to move past Augustine's theology of sin and embrace a different theology of sin that is both more biblical and makes more sense in the postmodern West and in the developing world.



The Winter We Danced: Voices from the Past, the Future, and the Idle No More Movement

A vivid collection of writing, poetry, lyrics, art and images from the many diverse voices that make up the past, present, and future of the Idle No More movement, an on-going movement for justice and Indigenous self-determination.



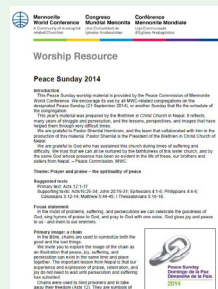
When Blood and Bones Cry Out: Journeys Through the Soundscape of Healing and Reconciliation

by [John Paul Lederach](#) and [Angela Jill Lederach](#), Oxford University Press, 2010.

Around the world, communities that have suffered the trauma of unspeakable violence - in Liberia, Somalia, West Africa, Colombia, and elsewhere - are struggling to recover and reconcile, searching for ways not just to survive but to heal. The authors show how communities can recover and reconnect through the power of making music, creating metaphors, and telling their extraordinary stories of suffering and survival. They explore the concept of "social healing," a profoundly important intermediary step between active warfare and reconciliation.

Now Available!

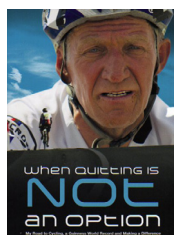
Mennonite World Conference



2014 International Day of Peace

This Peace Sunday worship material is provided by the Peace Commission of Mennonite World Conference. We encourage its use by all MWC-related congregations on the designated Peace Sunday (21 September 2014), or another Sunday that fits the schedule of the congregation. Available in English, German, French and Spanish!

Available here:
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2382.



When Quitting Is Not An Option: My Road to Cycling a Guinness World Record, and Making a Difference

by [Arvid Loewen](#) and [Paul Loewen](#), Castle Quay Books, 2014.

When Arvid set out on a 40 km bike ride only to give up after 30 km, his future as a cyclist seemed bleak. Yet, more than 15 years later, Arvid was racing alongside the world's most elite ultra-marathon athletes. This is his story of failure, courage, disappointment, triumph and laughter, and a few life lessons along the way

the **48** hr contest

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



This month's question

What was your most inspiring read of the summer? Would you recommend it to the wider church?

This month's prize

Blush: A Mennonite Girl meets a Glittering World by [Shirley Hershey Showalter](#).

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

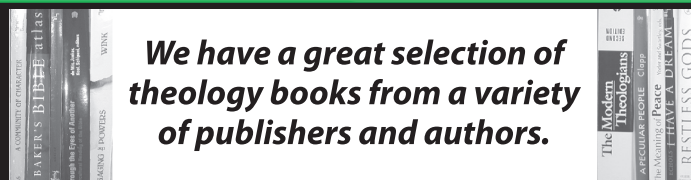
To be eligible: Contestant must be an online subscriber, and a Canadian resident. Entries are due within 48 hours of receiving electronic notice of this update.



Congratulations to Joanne Moyer, Winnipeg, MB who won a copy of *Be Good to Eddie Lee* by Virginia Fleming.

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