

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

801

External Websites.

We provide links to quality blogs, websites, and other external links on hundreds of topics.

Resource Update Online


View these resources online at mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2406 or link to a specific item by clicking on its image or tiny URL.

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

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

 **Invite** friends/committee members to subscribe:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347

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

BROKEN COVENANT

An Online Documentary

What significance does the Royal Proclamation of 1763 have today?



Join a delegation of Indigenous leaders and church guests (including [Steve Heinrichs](#), Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous Relations Director) as they journey to London, England to mark the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Proclamation to meet with the British Crown. Discover why this old legislation matters not only to Indigenous peoples, but to all Canadians.

Together with the Discussion Guide and Companion Article, this online documentary is a great adult study resource.

Watch here - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2374

Other notable recent Mennonite Church Canada online videos:

Being a Faithful Church

with [Loren Johns](#)

A conversation about the Bible and sexuality.

Watch here - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2399

2014 Native Assembly Plenary Presentations

Watch here - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2407

Chris and Selah Visit Macau

Our Ministry Animators are on the road again!

Watch here - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2408



Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller

Two more *Kids Shorts* videos from [Paul Plett](#), with study guides by [Elsie Rempel](#)


The Lost Goat

Directed by [Paul Plett](#)

A modern day re-telling of the Good Shepherd story set in Kenya.


Hope in the Dry Season

Directed by [Paul Plett](#)

A modern day re-telling of the story of Job set in Kenya.

Don't forget the Study Guides



Website Window

Links worth noting

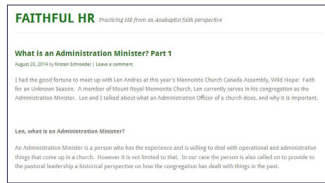
Serving you with curated links to videos and websites. Here are some recent additions:



Behind the Mixer:
Teaching Church Audio Artistry
by Chris Huff; Brian Gowing.



Audio Visual Guidelines
Truro Anglican Church



What is an Administration Minister?

Kirsten Schroeder blogs about her conversation with Len Andres from Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon about the role of administrative officer.

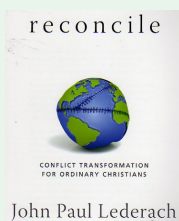
Do you have any sites to recommend?

From our Press

MennoMedia



Resplandecé: Historias de La Biblia Para Niños
The children's story Bible for the new Shine curriculum, now also available in Spanish!



Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians
by **John Paul Lederach**.

Contains practical ideas for transforming conflict in everyday life from an internationally renowned mediator, who has worked in war zones and entrenched conflicts across five continents.



Generation Why 2014

Help a new generation of youth apply the Bible to real life. In a time of violence, injustice, materialism, and hard questions, this curriculum offers a different point of view.



Are you writing an original Advent study, devotional, Christmas story, worship service, drama or pageant this year?

Send us an electronic copy. We'd love to add your offering to our growing list of Christmas resources found here –

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78.

From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



North Edmonton Ministry:
Mennonite Church Alberta
by **Donna Kampen Entz**, **Paul Bergen**
and **Valerie Proudfoot**.

This video was produced to share Donna Kampen Entz's work of witness among people of other faiths in Mennonite Church Alberta's North Edmonton Ministry. Individuals that know Donna personally are interviewed in a variety of situations. This video will encourage Mennonites to be faithful witnesses and to make powerful connections while informally, yet intentionally, engaging with those of other faiths.

Request a copy here: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2409.
(Access limited to Mennonite individuals and congregations.)



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

From Mennonite Church Canada

OH, THAT YOU WOULD REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY



Oh, that You would Reveal your Mystery:
2014/15 Advent-Epiphany At-Home
devotional booklet and colouring pages

by **Elsie Rempel** and **Ryan Roth Bartel**.

Our popular annual family resource that includes worship ideas, prayers and activities suitable for home. Download here - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2395.



Waa es een Anabaptistische Christ?
The new Low German translation of the popular What is an Anabaptist Christian?
by **Palmer Becker**.

Becker summarizes Anabaptist understanding in three key statements, namely that: Jesus is the center of our faith; Community is the center of our lives; and Reconciliation is the centre of our work.

Download here - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2383



2014 Assembly Worship Services

by **Irma Fast Dueck**; **Marilyn Houser Hamm**; **Darryl Neustaedter Barg**; **Kirsten Hamm**

The worship services at the 2014 Mennonite Church Canada Assembly, in Winnipeg. Includes directions for the symbolic boat origami.

Download here - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2410



Mennonite Church Canada Witness Workers:
PowerPoint Slides/Handouts

One page Powerpoint slides/handouts that profile Mennonite Church Canada Witness (International Ministry) workers and their ministries. Perfect for projection before/during/after worship services, during prayer request times, congregational meetings, reporting time, Sunday School and Adult Education times, etc.

Download here - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2169

The Opportunities and Challenges of Post-Christendom.

Six webinars

(from October through June) presented by the Centre for Anabaptist Studies in the UK.

For more information, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2411

CommonWord countdown



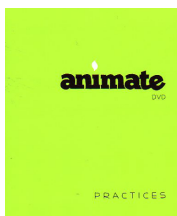
104 DAYS

until our January 6 opening!

The CMU Bookstore and Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre are amalgamating in 2015 and together will feature the largest curated Anabaptist collection in Canada – for loan, sale and download. Additional services include extended hours, *Ten Thousand Villages* products and regular live streamed events.

New Resources

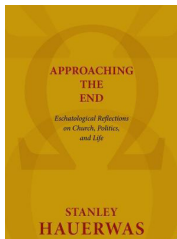
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Animate Practices

DVD, Augsburg Fortress, 2014.

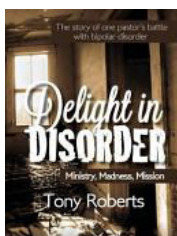
An introduction to the central practices of the Christian faith, why they are important, and how we can take part in them today. Sessions feature perspectives from Christian thought leaders on topics such as prayer, worship, money, and service. Facilitator's Guide also available.



Approaching the End: Eschatological Reflections on Church, Politics, and Life

by [Stanley Hauerwas](#), Wm.B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2013

In this book Stanley Hauerwas explores the significance of eschatological reflection for helping the church negotiate the contemporary world, exploring such questions as: Christian unity, sacrifice, suffering, death and dying.



Delight in Disorder: Ministry, Madness, Mission

by [Tony E. Roberts](#), A Way With Words, 2014.

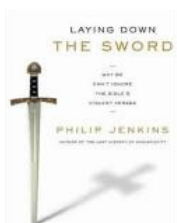
The story of one pastor's battle with bipolar disorder. This spiritual memoir is a blend of meditations where faith and mental illness co-exist, at times fueling each other to dangerous distortion, at times feeding each other to fruitful gain.



Fail: Finding Hope and Grace in the Midst of Ministry Failure

by [J.R. Briggs](#), InterVarsity Press, 2014.

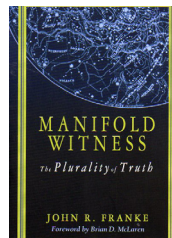
With candid vulnerability, Briggs explores the landscape of failure, how it devastates us and how it transforms us. Without offering pat answers or quick fixes, he challenges our cultural expectations of success and gives us permission to grieve our losses.



Laying Down the Sword: Why We Can't Ignore the Bible's Violent Verses

by [Philip Jenkins](#), HarperCollins, 2011.

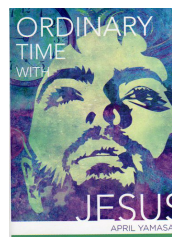
Presents a vital framework for understanding both the Bible and the Qur'an, gives Westerners a credible basis for interaction and dialogue with Islam, and delivers a powerful model for how a faith can grow from terror to mercy.



Manifold Witness: The Plurality of Truth

by [John R. Franke](#), Abingdon Press, 2009.

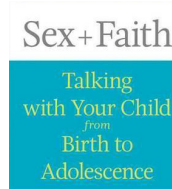
If God is ultimate truth, why is it so difficult to agree on issues related to truth? In this provocative yet thoughtful book, he argues that orthodox and biblical Christian faith is inherently pluralist, and that this diversity, far from being a problem that needs to be overcome, is in fact a blessing from God and part of the divine design and intention for the church.



Ordinary Time with Jesus: Cycle B Sermons for Proper 23 Through Christ the King Based on the Gospel Texts

by [April Yamasaki](#), CSS Publishing Company, 2014.

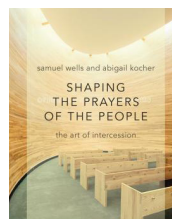
Whether looking for a sermon resource, a private devotional, or a small-group study, Yamasaki invites readers to journey with her, confidently proclaiming the magnificence of an extraordinary God living and breathing in ordinary times.



Sex + Faith: Talking with Your Child from Birth to Adolescence

by [Kate Ott](#), Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

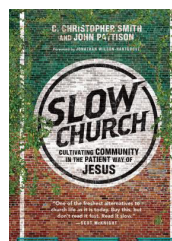
Talking with your child about sex can be scary! Sex + Faith helps parents incorporate their faith values with sexual information so they can answer questions, discuss sexuality at each stage of childhood, and show support of sexual differences.



Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession

by [Samuel Wells](#); [Abigail Kocher](#), Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2014.

Begins by considering what public prayer is and offering practical guidelines for avoiding common pitfalls. It explores prayer as an integral part of worship and discusses the language we need (and don't need) to address God.



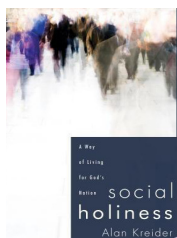
Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus

by [C. Christopher Smith](#); [John Pattison](#), InterVarsity Press, 2014.

Do we fail to notice how quickly the church is capitulating to a culture of unreflective speed, dehumanizing efficiency and dis-integrating isolationism? Smith and Pattison invite us to leave "franchise faith" behind and enter into the ecology, economy and ethics of the kingdom of God, where people know each other well and love one another as Christ loved the church.

New Resources

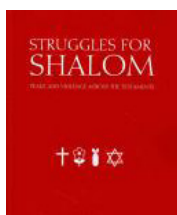
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Social Holiness: A Way of Living for God's Nation

by [Alan Kreider](#), Wipf and Stock, 2008.

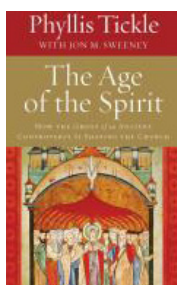
Anabaptism has been a marginal movement which the dominant Christendom traditions have viewed with suspicion. From the margins, they are making contributions that the centrist Christian traditions are now listening to. As this respect and convention grows, will Anabaptism in the process lose "holiness?"



Struggles for Shalom: Peace and Violence Across the Testaments

ed. [Laura L. Breneman](#); [Brad D. Schantz](#), Wipf and Stock, 2014.

A collection of essays by biblical scholars about peace, justice, and violence in ancient Jewish and Christian texts, written to honor the life work of Mennonite scholars Perry B. Yoder and Willard M. Swartley.



The Age of the Spirit: How the Ghost of an Ancient Controversy is Shaping the Church

by [Phyllis Tickle](#); [Jon M Sweeney](#), Baker Publishing, 2014.

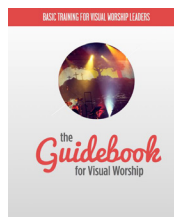
The Great Schism about 1000 years ago caused the one faith to split into two churches, East and West. It all swirled around one Latin word in the Nicene Creed, filioque, that indicated the Holy Spirit proceeded both from God the Father "and from the Son." Readers will encounter not just the interesting historical realities that have shaped our faith today but also the present resurgence of interest in the Holy Spirit seen in many churches.



The Collar: Reading Christian Ministry in Fiction, Television, and Film

by [Sue Sorensen](#), Wipf and Stock, 2014.

Using the framework of novels, plays, TV, and movies to make inquiries about pastoral passion, frustration, and fallibility, CMU professor Sue Sorensen's well-informed, sprightly, and perceptive book will be helpful to pastors, parishioners, those interested in practical theology, and anyone who enjoys evocative literature and film.



The Guidebook for Visual Worship: Basic Training for Visual Worship Leaders

by [Stephen Proctor](#), Illuminate.us, 2014.

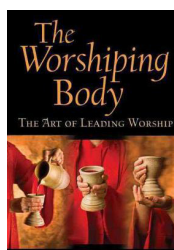
Creating visual art is a powerful expression of worship, and it serves as a creative way to facilitate environments where people are free to worship fully and without restraint. This brief guide offers a variety of creative suggestions!



The New Parish: How Neighborhood Churches Are Transforming Mission, Discipleship and Community

by [Paul Sparks](#); [Tim Soerens](#); [Dwight J. Friesen](#), InterVarsity Press, 2014.

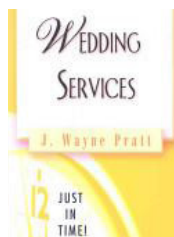
How powerful the gospel can be when it takes root in the context of a place, at the intersection of geography, demography, economy and culture! When the local church is part of the community, connected to the struggles of the local people and the land, the gospel becomes so much more tangible and compelling.



The Worshipping Body: The Art of Leading Worship

by [Kimberly Bracken Long](#), Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

By focusing on what worship leaders do with their bodies, eyes, ears, lips, hands and feet, this book creatively outlines the difference one's presence as worship leader makes.



Wedding Services: Just In Time!

by [J. Wayne Pratt](#), Abingdon Press, 2008.

The pastor fills a unique role in wedding service planning. This slim volume helps the pastor offer care with sensitivity while addressing the spiritual needs and complexities of weddings in today's world.

the **48** hr contest

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



This month's question

Can you name the Resource Centre's new moniker, beginning January 2015? And identify one additional service we'll be offering?

This month's prize

Bonnet Strings: An Amish Woman's Ties to Two Worlds by [Saloma Miller Furlong](#).

Email your response to: resources@mennonitechurch.ca

with "October 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 Charlotte Bueckert, SK who won a copy of *Blush* by Shirley Hershey Showalter.

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