

RESOURCE UPDATE

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WORSHIP RESOURCES

Jan 18 – Stewardship Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2155

Jan 18 – Mennonite World
Fellowship Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2156

Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491

March 29 – Palm Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/160

April 2 – Maundy Thursday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/161

April 3 – Good Friday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/162

April 5 – Easter
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/163

Thank you for your responses to our 48-Hour Contest last month!

the **48**hr
Contest

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

Last month's question:

Name 2 reasons why you subscribe to the *Resource Update*.

Here's what a few of you are saying:

"I'm guaranteed to find new
resources that I didn't even
know existed."

"There are often resources
I hadn't thought of needing
that pique my interest and
fill my cup."

**"It's a resource cupboard
filled with everything
I need to do ministry."**

"Keeps me 'in
the know' when
I'm busy."

"I love it when the
Update email comes in!
I trust the resource."

"The Update contains a wide
range of resources... different
kinds of resources that bring
new perspectives."

If you don't already receive the Update automatically, subscribe here: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2122.

By the Numbers

1372

Children's resources

For children, and
teachers and parents
of young children

Resource Update Online


View these resources online at
mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2453
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

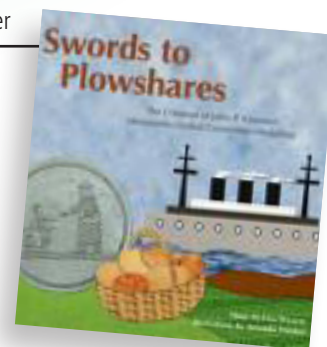
Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller

Swords to Plowshares: The Creation of John P. Klassen's Mennonite Central Committee Medallion

by [Lisa Weaver](#).

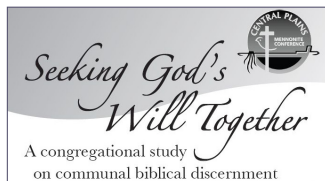
As seen through the eyes of young Isaak, a fictional character living in Ukraine in the 1920s, it tells the historical account of John P. Klassen's work as a young art teacher. Klassen gathered bullets scattered through his village and showed young Isaak how to make molds and melt bullets to create a lead medallion. That was later given to MCC to thank them for the food and relief supplies.



Website Window

Links worth noting

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



**Seeking God's Will Together:
A Congregational Study on
Communal Biblical Discernment**
Central Plains Mennonite Conference, 2014.
Online video.

A six-unit study designed to help congregations answer this question through the practice of communal biblical discernment.



**TRC Working Group of the Anglican
Diocese of New Westminster, BC**
by [Laurel Dykstra](#). Online video.

A video on the legacy of Indian Residential Schools. Features MCBC's Indigenous Relations Director, Brander McDonald.



Living with a Black Dog
Online video.

A guide for partners, caregivers and sufferers of depression.



**Geertruydt, the wife of Menno
Simons A Dramatic Monologue**
by [Julia Reimer](#). Online video.

An imaginative rendering of early Anabaptist experience through the eyes of Geertruydt, who became Menno's wife after he left the priesthood.

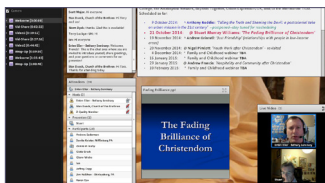


**Free Bible Images:
The Word in Pictures**
Download free sets of Bible story images for teaching.



Art in the Christian Tradition
Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

A large library of digital photos for free download.

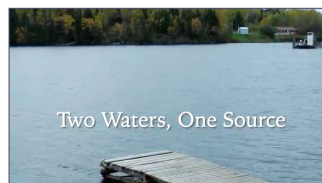


**The Fading Brilliance
of Christendom**
by [Stuart Murray](#). Webinar Presentation.

As Christendom fades, should we grieve or celebrate its passing? What resources should we carry with us into post-Christendom? The first of several free webinars from the Centre of Anabaptist Studies in the UK.

Do you have any sites to recommend?

From Mennonite Church Canada



Two Waters, One Source
Online video.

On October 9, 2014, a group from Winnipeg, Manitoba decided to visit Shoal Lake No.40 First Nation to learn their story. Although their lake is the source of Winnipeg's fresh drinking

water, they have been on a boil water advisory for over 15 years. The First Nation community spends \$240,000 annually to import bottled water. Until three years ago, the only access they had to the mainland was a small barge, or the frozen lake during winter. For the last century, this community has been fighting for a road to solve their forced isolation issue. This "Freedom Road" will make it possible to receive a water treatment plant and allow the community to safely access the mainland.



**2014 Partnership Circle Meetings:
Next Steps**
by [Murray Sinclair](#). Online video.

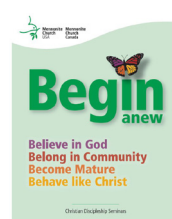
Sinclair, chair of the Truth and Reconciliation committee, spoke at Building Bridges on the theme of "Next Steps for the Church in the Reconciliation Journey."



**Church Matters Podcast:
Episode 94: Conscientious
Objection to War in South Korea**
Guest: [Jae Young Lee](#), 2014. Podcast.

In Canada, various forms and degrees of conscientious objection have been in place since 1793. Conscientious

Objectors, often called CO's, may receive alternative service assignments or be sent to war in non-combative roles. In South Korea, alternative service means a two-year prison term. Hear Jae Young Lee share the story of Sang Min Lee who is currently serving a prison term for refusing to participate in military training.



Begin Anew: Christian Discipleship Seminars
by [Palmer Becker](#), 2014. Online PDF in both English and Spanish.

A new 16-session study that describes Christianity as a combination of believing, belonging, becoming, and behaving. This course is designed to bring about faith in God as known in Jesus Christ, a solid sense of belonging in a family of loving people, and a disciplined lifestyle. This new lifestyle leads to becoming joyfully involved in a ministry in the church and in God's mission in the world. Use in an adult small group study or in catechism.

From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



**Mennonite Youth and Young
Adults in Church**
by [Jessica Reesor Rempel](#), Mennonite Church Eastern Canada. Online video.

Youth and young adults in the Mennonite church are regularly talked about, but rarely heard from. Here is their wisdom around two questions: What is the best thing about church? What would make church more authentic?



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

CommonWord countdown



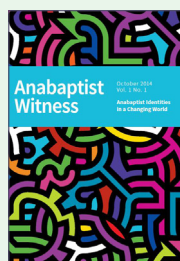
23 DAYS

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.

From our Partners

AMBS



Anabaptist Witness, Volume 1, Number 1, October 2014: Anabaptist Identities in a Changing World

ed. [Jamie Pitts](#) and [Jamie Ross](#), AMBS, 2014. Online Journal.

This first issue explores Anabaptist and Mennonite identities - how they have evolved and how they might help us live into our communities and the work God calls us to.

From our Press

MennoMedia

This summer's Vacation Bible School materials



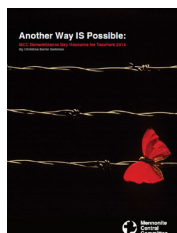
Message Received: Hearing God's Call

Faith and Life Resources, 2014.

Samuel heard it during the middle of the night. Mary heard it through an angel. The disciples were hard at work when they heard it. *Message Received: Hearing God's Call* lets children know that God continues to call all kinds of people - including them!

New Resources

We average over 4 new resources daily.



Another Way IS Possible: Remembrance Day Resource for Teachers

by [Christina Bartel Barkman](#), Mennonite Central Committee, 2014.

Over the years, numerous public school teachers have contacted Mennonite Central Committee for ideas to help them plan Remembrance Day observances in their schools. Written by Mennonite Church Canada worker in the Philippines, Barkman's words help challenge the belief that war is inevitable or necessary, and encourage nonviolent peacemaking.



Come Back

by [Rudy Wiebe](#), Random House Canada, 2014.

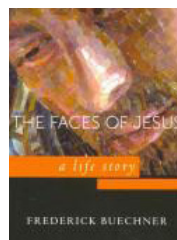
Hal Wiens, a retired professor, is mourning the sudden death of his loving wife, Yo. One snowy April morning, he sees a tall man in an orange downfill jacket walk past on the sidewalk. The jacket, the posture, the head and hair are unmistakable: it's his beloved oldest son, Gabriel. But it can't be - Gabriel killed himself 25 years ago.



A Pie Plate Pilgrimage: A Novel

by [William Loewen](#), Wordly Lion Press, 2014.

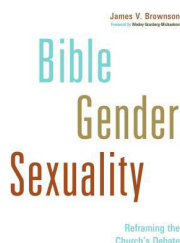
Lydia Phillips has a degree in comparative literature and she thought she had found a dream job at a publishing company. Suddenly, she is commissioned to oversee the compilation of a Christian self-help book, even though she has no faith background of her own. A first novel by one of Mennonite Church Canada's pastors.



Faces of Jesus: A Life Story

by [Frederick Buechner](#), Paraclete Press, 2014.

Buechner retells the stories of the Gospels and reminds us that to see Jesus afresh is to be changed and challenged and put back on our feet. The *Faces of Jesus* is a distinctive and warmhearted look at this person, this God, this teacher, this wanderer, this man of suffering.



Bible, Gender, Sexuality: Reframing the Church's Debate on Same-sex Relationships

by [James V. Brownson](#), Eerdmans, 2013.

Brownson argues that Christians should reconsider whether or not the biblical strictures against same-sex relations as defined in the ancient world should apply to contemporary, committed same-sex relationships. Presenting two sides in the debate - "traditionalist" and "revisionist" - Brownson carefully analyzes each of the seven main texts that appear to address intimate same-sex relations.



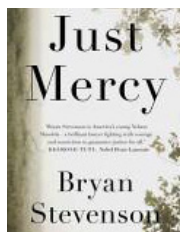
Friends and Peer Pressure: Junior High Group Study

by [Kara Powell](#), Gospel Light Publications, 2009.

Friends are so important to today's tweens, and the good news is that friendship matters to God, too! Now youth workers can teach junior high kids how to have healthy relationships based on respect and acceptance, in ways that make sense for their lives.

New Resources

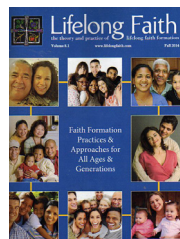
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Just Mercy

by [Bryan Stevenson](#), Spiegel & Grau, 2014.

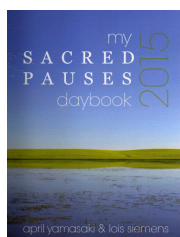
A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time.



Lifelong Faith Series Vol 8 Issue 1 Fall 2014

Lifelong Faith Associates, 2014.

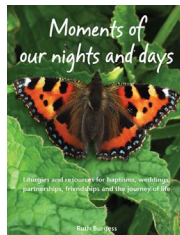
Latest issue of this recommended faith formation journal. Includes articles on "milestones ministry," youth ministers' "identity crisis," digital media for ministry, using movies, videos, and music.



My Sacred Pauses Daybook 2015: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal

by [April Yamasaki](#), illust. [Lois Siemens](#).

Photographs and journal prompts – from two of our Mennonite Church Canada pastors. The calendar portion shows one week per page with some bonus ideas for pausing, room to keep appointments, jot down quick ideas, record your sacred pauses, or use as a mini-journal in any way you choose. Based on April's earlier book *Sacred Pauses*.



Moments of Our Nights and Days: Liturgies and Resources for Baptisms, Weddings, Partnerships, Friendships and the Journey of Life

by [Ruth Burgess](#), Wild Goose Publications, 2014.

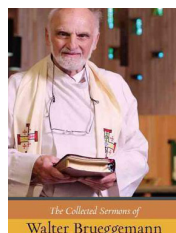
This is a resource book for anyone who is planning a baptism, naming ceremony, wedding or civil partnership, and the celebration of many other significant moments.



Roots in the Cotton Patch Volume 1: The Clarence Jordan Symposium 2012

ed. [Kirk Lyman-Barner](#); [Cori Lyman-Barner](#), Wipf and Stock, 2014.

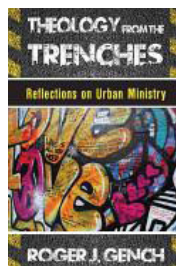
Contains Symposium presentations addressing Clarence's influence as a storyteller and contextual preacher and prophet, his pacifist witness in a violent and segregated South, and the contemporary meaning of his life's work in Christian community.



The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann

by [Walter Brueggemann](#), Westminster John Knox Press, 2011.

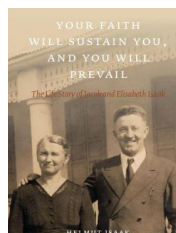
In addition to being one of the world's leading interpreters of the Old Testament, Walter Brueggemann is a skilled and beloved preacher. This collection of sermons demonstrates Brueggemann's fidelity to biblical texts, which come alive with meaning in our contemporary world.



Theology from the Trenches: Reflections on Urban Ministry

by [Roger J. Gench](#), Westminster John Knox, 2014.

While urban pastors devote time and energy to all the typical demands of ministry, they also grapple with challenges endemic to city life. Throughout, Gench integrates memoir, sermons, and essays on social ministry, and reflections on the theology and spirituality of parish life. Urban pastors will not only find themselves relating to Gench's experiences but will also uncover practical help for their ministry.



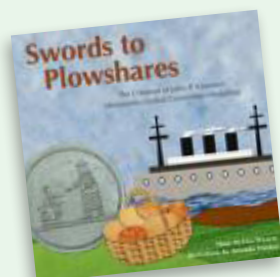
Your Faith Will Sustain You And You Will Prevail: The Life Story of Jacob and Elisabeth Isaak

by [Helmut Isaak](#), Books on Demand, 2014.

This book tells the impressive life-story of the author's parents and their remarkable pastoral leadership within a group of Mennonites who fled Stalinist Russia in 1929 to settle in the "undeveloped" Paraguayan Chaco. Also available in German translation.

the **48**hr contest

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



This month's question

How has the Resource Centre equipped you for "ministry" in the last while? (Name a title, a conversation, a downloadable file, an idea, a service, etc.) We're also open to hearing ways we can serve you better!

This month's prize

Swords to Plowshares: The Creation of John P. Klassen's Mennonite Central Committee Medallion by [Lisa Weaver](#)

Email your response to: resources@mennonitechurch.ca with "January 2015 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 Irene Enns, Abbotsford, BC who won a copy of *Claim(ing) Faith: Youth Discover the Confession of Faith* by Mary Ann Weber.



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