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WORSHIP RESOURCES

Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday
www.commonword.ca/go/68

March 29 – Palm Sunday
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April 2 – Maundy Thursday
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April 3 – Good Friday
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April 5 – Easter
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May 3 – Many Peoples Sunday
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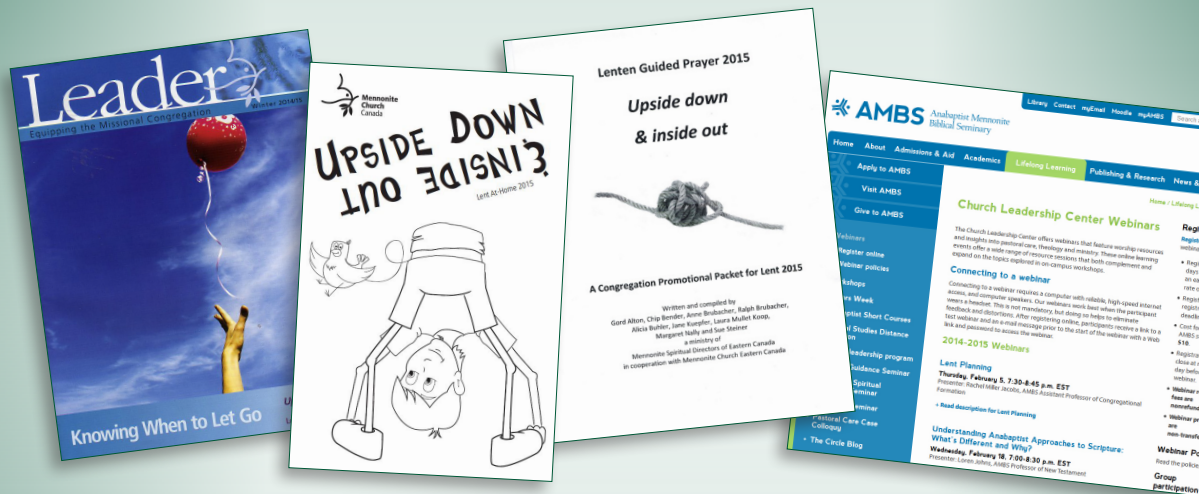
May 10 – Mothers' Day
www.commonword.ca/go/74

May 24 – Pentecost
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A package of complementary Lenten Resources

for worship, home devotion, and guided prayer

Use together in a congregational context – or independently at home or for personal use.



By the Numbers

3 Partners

CMU Bookstore
Ten Thousand Villages
Mennonite Church Canada
Resource Centre

to form **CommonWord**

the Curator Online

View these resources
online at
www.commonword.ca/go/78
or click on an item's image or
description.

Leader Worship Resources – www.commonword.ca/go/76

At-Home Devotionals – www.commonword.ca/go/66

Lenten Prayer Guide – www.commonword.ca/go/62

AMBS Lent Planning Webinar – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1940

Additional Lenten resources

including many new studies, devotionals, and worship items

www.commonword.ca/go/77

MAKE THE MOST OF THE CURATOR:

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

Invite friends/committee
members to subscribe:
www.commonword.ca/go/81.

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

Children's Corner

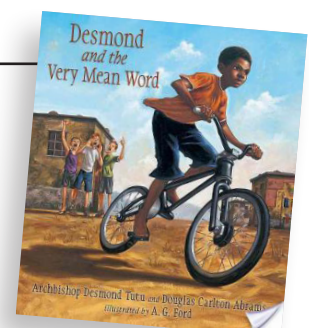
For library, home, or Sunday morning storyteller

Desmond and the Very Mean Word: A Story of Forgiveness

by Desmond Tutu, Douglas Carlton Abrams and A. G. Ford.

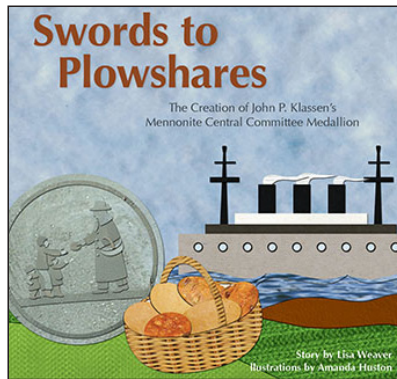
Based on a true story from Archbishop Desmond Tutu's childhood in South Africa, *Desmond and the Very Mean Word* reveals the power of words and the secret of forgiveness.

Borrow or buy (\$15.50) – www.commonword.ca/go/79



Buy

Competitive sale prices. Special orders accepted.



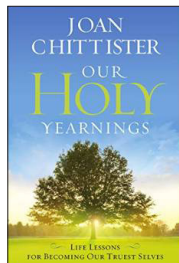
Exclusive offer
We're the sole Canadian distributor of this children's story.

Swords to Ploughshares

by Lisa Weaver, 2014

Young Isaak gathered bullets scattered through his Russian village, melted them, and made medallions.

\$22.50 (or borrow)



Our Holy Yearnings

by Joan Chittister, 2014.

Reflections on the myth of perfection, our need for failure, the power of true humility, reverence for the created order, and the search for God.

\$11.25

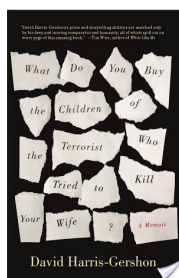


The Best Yes: Making Wise Decisions in the Midst of Endless Demands

by Lysa TerKeurst, 2014.

Find the best yes, or the choice that shapes all our other choices – the role God wants most for you to play.

\$14.95

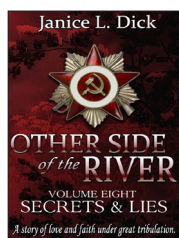


What Do you Buy the Children of the Terrorist who Tried to Kill your Wife?

by David Harris-Gershon, 2014.

Part memoir, part political thriller, part exposé of the conduct of the peace process in the Middle East, this book confronts the personal costs of the conflict, and reveals the human capacity for recovery and reconciliation.

\$16.95



Other Side of the River: A Story of Love and Faith under Great Tribulation

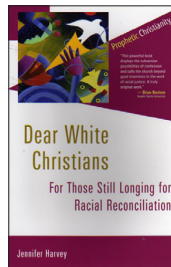
by Janice Dick, Tressle Press, 2014.

A novel about the Mennonite experience in the Stalinist regime.

\$14.99 (or borrow)

Borrow

Free shipping for loan books; free return shipping for loan DVDs.

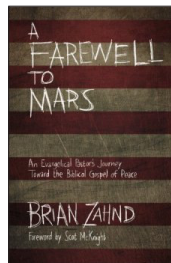


Dear White Christians:

For those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation

by Jennifer Harvey, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2014.

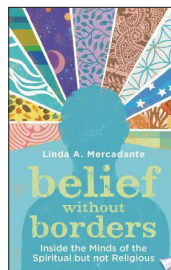
How should just-committed white Christians think about race?



A Farewell to Mars: An Evangelical Pastor's Journey toward the Biblical Gospel of Peace

by Brian Zahnd, David C. Cook, 2014.

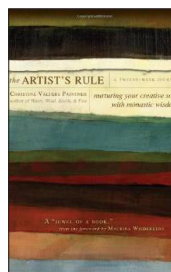
We know Jesus the Saviour, but have we met Jesus the Prince of Peace?



Belief without Borders: Inside the Minds of the Spiritual but not Religious

by Linda Mercadante, Oxford Press, 2014.

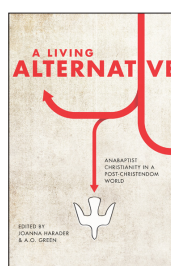
Eighty five "Nones" (people without religious affiliation) here candidly speak for themselves.



The Artist's Rule: Nurturing Your Creative Soul with Monastic Wisdom

by Christine Valters Paintner, Ave Marie Press, 2011.

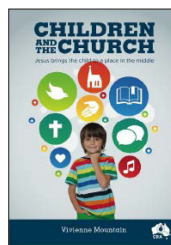
Explores the mutually nourishing relationship between contemplative practices and creative expression.



A Living Alternative: Anabaptist Christianity in a Post-Christendom World

edited by Joanna Harader and A. O. Green, Etteloc Publishing, 2014.

What does faith look like in a world where Christianity no longer dominates economy, policy and morality? Includes contributions from Canadians: Chris Lenshyn, Jamie Arpin-Ricci, Deborah-Ruth Ferber, William Loewen.



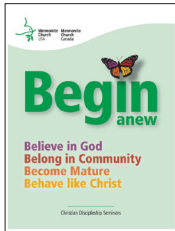
Children and the Church: Jesus brings the Child to a Place in the Middle

by Vivienne Mountain, Christian Research Association, 2014.

This book draws attention to the place of the child in the church, drawing on the Child Theology Movement and interviews with children's pastors and ministers.

Download

All of our electronic resources are free to download. These originate from our denominational offices, congregations, partners and commissioned writers.



Begin Anew: Christian Discipleship Seminars by Palmer Becker, Mennonite Church Canada, 2014.

Sixteen session study series that can be used as a catechism or adult study.



Bridgefolk Footwashing and Agape Meal by Mary Schertz and John Klassen, 2014.

A footwashing service and love feast that could be used together or independently.



Creation Care Primer: For Churches Mennonite Creation Care Network and Mennonite Church Canada, 2014.

A catalyst for discussion and exploration on the topics related to creation care. Includes many additional resources.



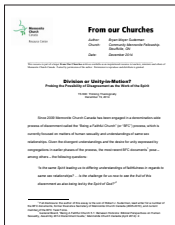
Returning Veterans, Returning Hope: Sunday School Curriculum by Jason Boone, Titus Peachey, Evan Knappenberger, Mennonite Central Committee US, 2014.

A six-session adult study that invites pacifists and military veterans to walk with one another on a common journey toward peace.



Upside Down, Inside Out Lent At-Home Devotional by Elsie Rempel.

A family resource for the weeks of Lent. Includes worship ideas, pondering questions, prayers, activities – all suitable for the home. Follows the texts and themes of the Leader magazine.

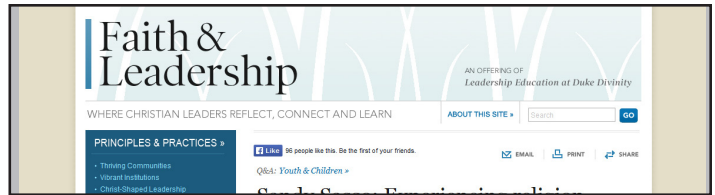


Division or Unity-in-Motion? Probing the Possibility of Disagreement as the Work of the Holy Spirit by Bryan Moyer Suderman, 2014.

In this theological studies paper, Bryan asks, "Can it be that, in the context of a vigorous and ongoing process of discernment, the current disagreements within Mennonite Church Canada about same sex relationships may be understood as the work of the Spirit among us?"

Link

We provide hundreds of links to videos and websites.



Experiencing Religion through Story

by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, Faith and Leadership, 2014.

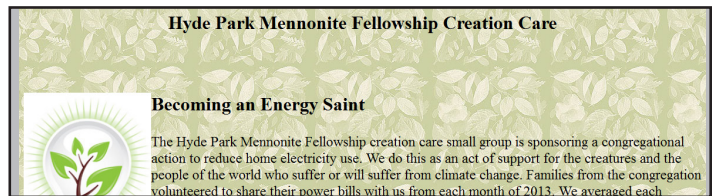
A transcript of an interview Sasso gave on the topic of story and faith formation.



Chris, Selah and Gloria Visit Botswana

online video, Mennonite Church Canada, 2014.

Our friends meet Milton who gives them a tour and shows them some of the work in which Nathan and Taryn Dirks, Mennonite Church Canada witness workers, are involved.



Becoming an Energy Saint

online video, Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship, 2014.

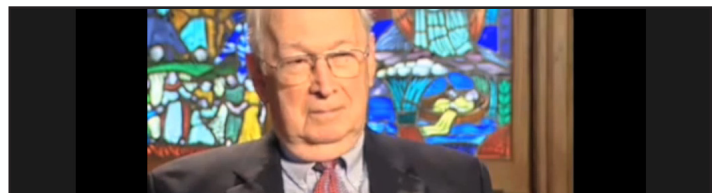
One congregation's creative way of reducing their energy consumption.



A Veteran Tells the Truth about War

online video, Collective Evolution, 2013.

An inspiring short speech!



Fred Craddock on Preaching

online video, Day One, 2008.

A 10-part exploration of the art of preaching – from one of the masters.

CommonWord

Your **expanded** one-stop Anabaptist
Bookstore and Resource Centre

Buy a book, borrow a DVD, purchase fair-trade coffee, download a podcast, air your unique query, and share your own sermon! We look forward to serving you.

We've tweaked our newsletter format to reflect the significant changes that have happened here. On January 5 we opened as CommonWord, a new library-store combination.

What's in it for you?

We know some things are best purchased, **so we offer:**

- Competitive prices
- Curated Christian/Anabaptist inventory
- Flexibility to process your special orders
- Ten Thousand Villages products, on site

We know budgets can be tight and diverse church interests may mean needing to preview items first, **so we offer:**

- Thousands of loan materials – for your home and congregation
- Free shipping of loan books – both ways – anywhere in Canada
- Free return shipping of loan DVDs – anywhere in Canada

We know acquiring resources immediately is often critical – especially from a distance, **so we offer:**

- Thousands of free electronic resources

We know that no one place can offer everything, **so we provide:**

- Hundreds of links to recommended external websites

Finally, we know it's not easy – even in a hyper-information era – to always find the “right” title, **so we offer:**

- Free consulting. Please contact us and we'll help direct you to materials that are right for you.

Buy, borrow, download, link, consult. All from one location!

And now, we're open longer than ever before:

- 9 am – 5 pm • Monday – Wednesday, Friday
- 9 am – 8 pm • Thursday
- 10 am – 3 pm • Saturday

We'll be resuming our **48-Hour Contest** next month – be sure to look for it!



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