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## WORSHIP RESOURCES

May 3 – Many Peoples Sunday  
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May 10 – Mothers' Day  
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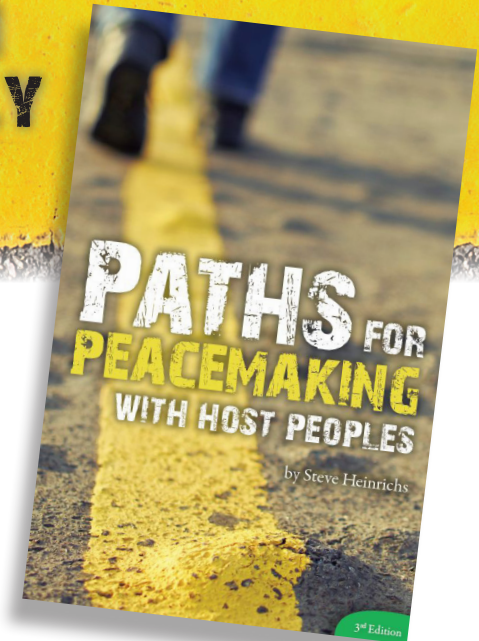
 **Submit** your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web.

## HOW MIGHT CANADIAN SETTLERS WALK JUSTLY WITH HOST PEOPLES?

Now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition!

More than ever before, Canadians are becoming aware of their fractured relationship with host peoples. Many are looking for ways to nurture better relationships and work for justice. Use this booklet to spark a conversation, and help you and your community craft your own walk of peace.

**\$2.50, paperback, 16 pp (or download)**



## Other Indigenous-Settler Relations Resources

[2014 Partnership Circle Meetings with Murray Sinclair](#)  
online video.

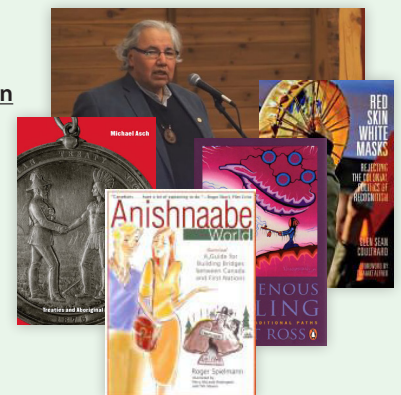
[Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition](#)  
by Glen Sean Coulthard, 2014.

[On Being Here to Stay: Treaties and Aboriginal Rights in Canada](#)  
by Michael Asch, 2014.

[Indigenous Healing: Exploring Traditional Paths](#)  
by Rupert Ross, 2014.

[Anishnaabe World: A Survival Guide to Building Bridges Between Canada and First Nations](#)  
by Roger Wilson Spielmann, 2009.

Also see – [www.commonword.ca/go/43](http://www.commonword.ca/go/43)



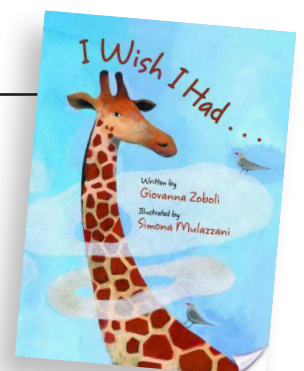
## Children's Corner

For library, home, or Sunday morning storyteller

[I Wish I Had...the Towering Neck of a Giraffe to Reach Up into the Clouds](#)  
by Giovanna Zoboli and Simona Mulazzani, Eerdman's Young Readers, 2013.

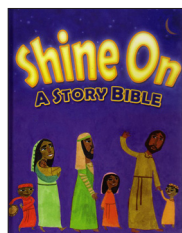
Each animal has skills and beauty wholly unique to itself. And in this lyrical book, a child describes the complementary skills and beauty possessed by various animals.

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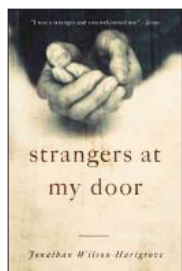


### Shine On: A Story Bible

2014.

Each story in *Shine On* is carefully selected and beautifully crafted, maintaining the spirit and poetry of the biblical text in language that is fresh and engaging for children. As a bonus, sidebars with thought-provoking questions, interesting facts, and simple activities invite families and congregations to take each story a few steps further.

**\$27.50, hardcover, 320 pp. (or borrow)**



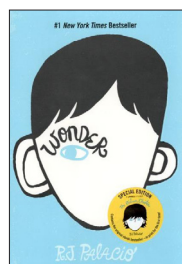
### Strangers at My Door:

#### An Experiment in Radical Hospitality

by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, 2013.

The author and his wife moved to a low-income neighbourhood in North Carolina, where they have been answering the door to anyone who knocks. When they began, they had little idea what might happen, but they counted on God to show up ...

**\$14.25, paperback, 211 pp. (or borrow)**

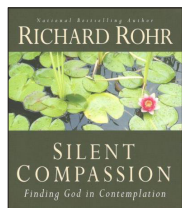


### Wonder

by R. J. Palacio, 2012.

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that prevented him from going to a mainstream school - until now. He's about to enter fifth grade at Beecher Prep. Can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances?

**\$16.99, hardcover, 410 pp. (or borrow)**



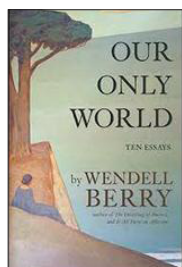
### Silent Compassion:

#### Finding God in Contemplation

by Richard Rohr, 2014.

Rohr focuses on finding God in the depths of silence. The divine silence offers us peace, inviting us to have compassion for others and experience wholeness of being.

**\$12.99, paperback, 80 pp. (or borrow)**



### Our Only World: Ten Essays

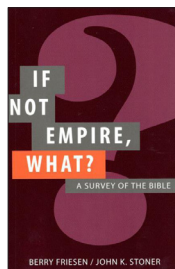
by Wendell Berry, 2015.

Well known as a foe of thoughtless resource extraction, Berry takes on industrial farming and forestry in this latest work. The destruction of locally based household economies and the conversion of large numbers of small independent producers into entirely dependent consumers, for whom everything needed must be purchased (not cultivated), severs the link between people and the land.

**\$22.25, hardcover, 178 pp. (or borrow)**

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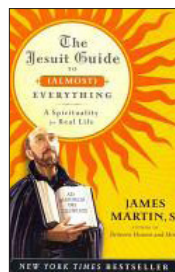


### If Not Empire, What?

#### A Survey Of The Bible

by Berry Friesen; John K. Stoner, Create Space, 2014.

We are simply asking people to read the Bible the way it was written - as a collection of arguments about life, love and power. Especially, we ask people to pay attention to the big argument, whether God created the world to work by the imperial paradigm of domination and homicidal power or by the peasant-and-commoner vision of compassion and community.

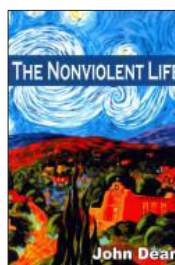


### The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything:

#### A Spirituality for Real Life

by James Martin, HarperCollins, 2012.

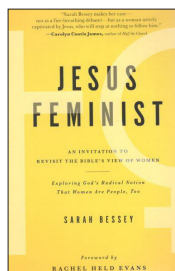
St. Ignatius to the Rescue! James Martin translates Ignatius' insights for a modern audience, revealing how we can find God in our everyday lives in often surprising ways. Includes a discussion guide.



### The Nonviolent Life

by John Dear, Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service, 2013.

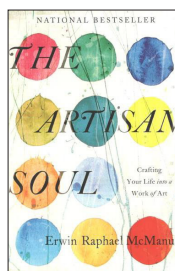
Dear focuses on three important aspects on the path toward becoming people of nonviolence - being nonviolent toward ourselves; being nonviolent to all others (including creation and creatures); and joining the global grassroots movement of nonviolence.



### Jesus Feminist: An Invitation to Revisit the Bible's View of Women

by Sarah Bessey, Simon and Schuster, 2013.

Through a thoughtful review of biblical teaching and church practices, Bessey shares how following Jesus made a feminist out of her.



### The Artisan Soul:

#### Crafting Your Life into a Work of Art

by Erwin Raphael McManus, HarperCollins, 2015.

McManus demonstrates that we all carry within us the essence of an artist. We all need to create, to be a part of a process that brings to the world something beautiful, good, and true, in order to allow our souls to come to life.

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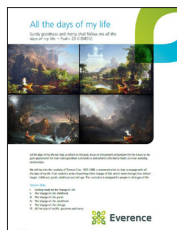
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### Leadership and the Environment

by Eddie Gardner, 2014.

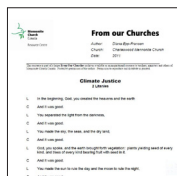
A brief essay on creation care based on the philosophy that we take care of our land, the sacred waters and the air for the benefit of the next seven generations.



### All the Days of My Life

by Beryl M. Jantzi, 2015.

A 5-session study that explores four distinct life stages: childhood, youth, adulthood, and old age.



### Climate Justice: 2 Litanies

by Diana Epp-Fransen, Charleswood Mennonite Church, 2011.

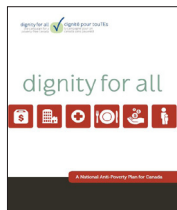
A worship litany of thanksgiving based on Genesis 1, and a litany of confession. Both would work well in an Earth Day/creation care service.



### The Sacred with Skin On: A Children's Story about Anointing

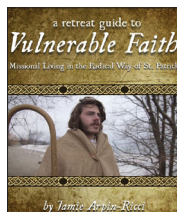
by Carrie Martens, Stirling Mennonite Church, 2014.

A children's story introducing the ritual of anointing. Can be used together with a related sermon, also available to download.



### Dignity for All: A National Anti-Poverty Plan for Canada

4.8 million people in Canada struggle to pay their rent, feed their families, and address basic needs. The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, the Canadian Council of Churches, together with Dignity for All, are working together to address poverty in Canada. Congregations are invited to engage this report and discern what it means for ministry in their local communities.

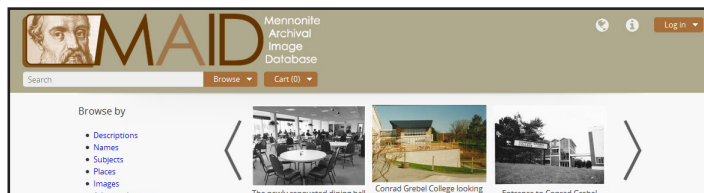


### A Retreat Guide to Vulnerable Faith: Missional Living in the Radical Way of St. Patrick

Designed to help individuals and groups who are reading Arpin-Ricci's new book *Vulnerable Faith: Missional Living in the Radical Way of St. Patrick* get the most out of the experience. This Guide includes prayers, Scripture readings, reflections, and readings.

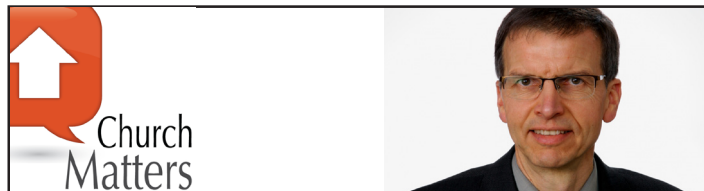
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### Mennonite Archival Image Database (MAID)

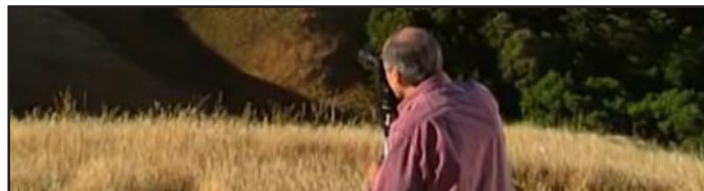
The new database provides online access to photographs of Mennonite life from the collections of several archival partners.



### Will God Look After the Earth If We Don't?

Church Matters Podcast #96 with guest Dr. Henry Janzen.

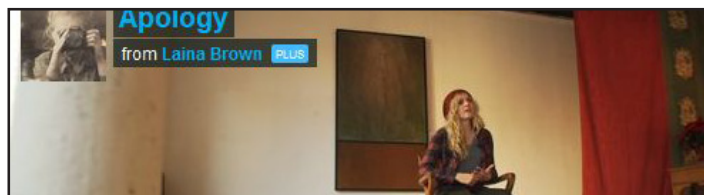
Join in the conversation as we wrestle with questions of what people can do, and what scripture tells Christians about caring for the earth.



### Celebrate what is Right with the World

by Dewitt Jones, online video.

A short film by former photographer of National Geographic, to help us approach life with confidence, grace and celebration.



### Apology

by Laina Brown, MB Missions, online video.

This short video asks "After churches and the government of Canada have apologized, what are the next steps?"

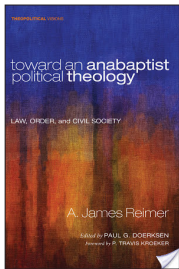


### Conversations after Church

40 Below Films, online video.

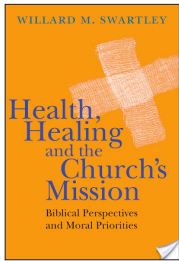
The story of six ordinary individuals, committed to the church and seeking to serve God, who encounter a dark night of the soul moving them beyond organized religion and into a personal crisis of faith.

## Other Noteworthy Titles



**Toward an Anabaptist Political Theology: Law, Order, and Civil Society**  
by A. James Reimer, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2014.

Published posthumously, this is nonetheless Reimer's (1942-2010) theopolitical project, intended to be a fully theologically conceptualized political theology. His thesis focuses on the necessity to take seriously the biblical-Trinitarian foundations for all Christian social ethics, but also on the importance of astute and faithful engagement by Christians in public institutional life, including the political realm.



**Health, Healing and the Church's Mission: Biblical Perspectives and Moral Priorities**  
by Willard M. Swartley, InterVarsity Press, 2012.

Swartley draws together biblical, historical and moral perspectives to help all Christians, including those in health care professions, respond to our current health care challenges. His conclusions will encourage, enlighten and, quite possibly, surprise readers.



**This Changes Everything: Capitalism Vs. the Climate**  
by Naomi Klein, Random House Canada, 2014.

Forget everything you think you know about global warming. The really inconvenient truth is that it's not about carbon - it's about capitalism. The convenient truth is that we can seize this existential crisis to transform our failed system and build something radically better.

## Looking for a resource person to lead a seminar?

Laura Funk, Winnipeg, offers guided personal and group retreats on a variety of topics including Prayer Practices: Ancient and New; Celtic Spirituality; Stories of the Christian faith; Healing our Images of the Divine; Labyrinths; Psalms; Emotional and Spiritual Healing; Enneagram Basics.

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# 48-Hour Contest

**Congratulations** to Tara Forshaw, Winnipeg, who won a copy of *Swords to Ploughshares* by Lisa Weaver and Amanda Huston.

**Question:** What book is presently on your night table/ereader? And, tell us if/why you would recommend it to the wider church?

**Prize:** *Immortal Diamond: The Search for our True Self*, by Richard Rohr.

Email your response to: [info@commonword.ca](mailto:info@commonword.ca) with **"April 2015 Contest"** in subject line.

