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## By the Numbers

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Book Launches were held in May for:

Jamie Arpin Ricci's  
*Vulnerable Faith*  
&

Gareth Brandt's  
*Spirituality with Clothes On*

All featured loan titles found in the *Curator* can also be purchased by special order.

Contact the CommonWord staff for more details.

## The Curator Online

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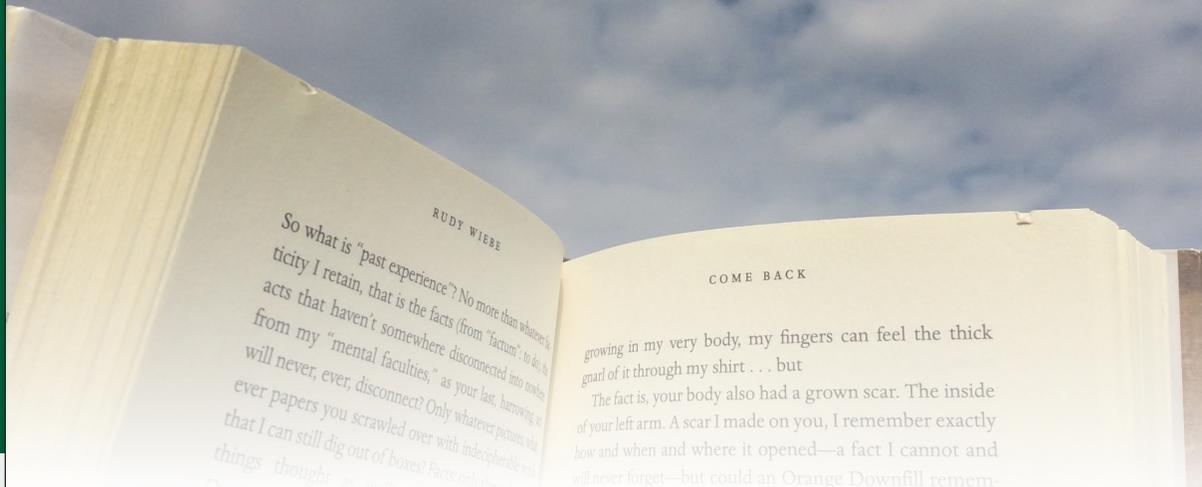
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 **Submit** your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web.

# Summer is Coming! What are you reading?



## 2015 Summer Reading List

CommonWord is continuing our annual tradition of compiling a summer reading list – a stack of books that will accompany us and our lawn chairs, hammocks and beach blankets the next months.

Will you join us in reading these great titles?  
Or, let us know what else you are reading – we'd love to hear!

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## Children's Corner

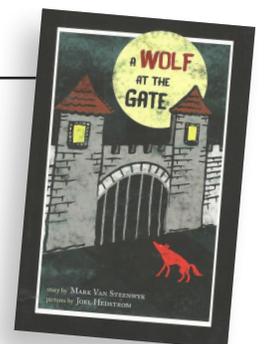
For library, home, or Sunday morning storyteller

### **A Wolf at the Gate**

by Mark Van Steenwyk, illust. Joel Hedstrom, *The Mennonite Worker of Minneapolis*, 2015.

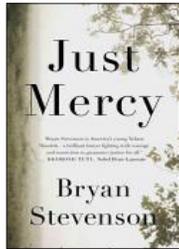
A story of second chances and the power of love inspired by the legend of Saint Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio.

**\$13.50, paperback, 76 pp. (or borrow)**



## Buy

Competitive sale prices. Special orders accepted.

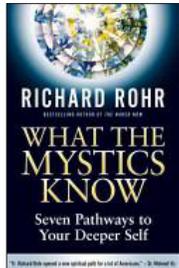


### **Just Mercy**

by Bryan Stevenson, Spiegel & Grau, 2014.

An unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a glimpse into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of justice.

**\$28.00, hardcover, 336 pp.** (or borrow)



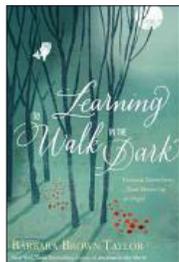
### **What the Mystics Know:**

#### **Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self**

by Richard Rohr, Crossroad Publishing Company, 2015.

Drawing from the best and most poetic of Richard Rohr's essays from nearly a quarter of a century, each chapter in this new collection examines one of the seven core mystical truths.

**\$18.95, hardcover, 155 pp.**

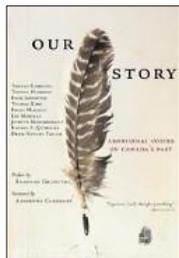


### **Learning to Walk in the Dark**

by Barbara Brown Taylor, HarperCollins, 2014.

With her characteristic charm and literary wisdom, Taylor is our guide through a spirituality of the nighttime, teaching us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty and giving us strength and hope to face all of life's challenging moments.

**\$15.95, hardcover, 200 pp.** (or borrow)

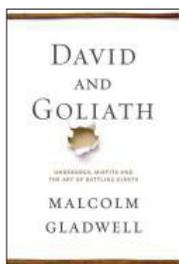


### **Our Story: Aboriginal Voices on Canada's Past**

ed. Adrienne Clarkson, Anchor Canada, 2005.

A collection of original stories written by some of the country's most celebrated Aboriginal writers, and inspired by pivotal events in our country's history.

**\$18.50, paperback, 250 pp.** (or borrow)



### **David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants**

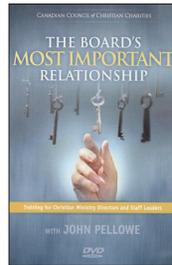
by Malcolm Gladwell, Little, Brown & Co, 2013.

Gladwell challenges how we think about obstacles and disadvantages, offering a new interpretation of what it means to be discriminated against, or cope with a disability, or lose a parent, or attend a mediocre school, or suffer from any number of other apparent setbacks.

**\$25.99, hardcover, 305 pp.** (or borrow)

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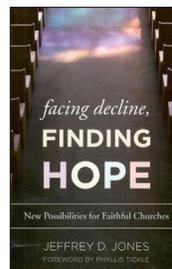
Free shipping for loan books; free return shipping for loan DVDs.  
All featured loan titles can also be purchased by special order.



### **The Board's Most Important Relationship: Training for Christian Ministry Directors and Staff Leaders**

Curriculum DVD by John Pellowe, Canadian Council of Christian Charities, 2015.

Whether you are seeking to affirm and strengthen a good board-leader relationship or trying to redeem a broken one, this DVD (8 modules) will provide many practical ideas and tips.



### **Facing Decline, Finding Hope: New Possibilities for Faithful Churches**

by Jeffrey D. Jones, Alban Institute, 2015.

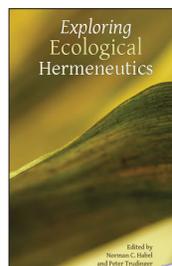
A powerful book for leaders who want to honestly assess the size of their church and plan for faithful, invigorating service regardless of whether membership numbers are up or down.



### **The Walk a Mile Film Project**

DVD, Directed by Michelle Derosier, Thunderstone Pictures with Maamawe, 2009.

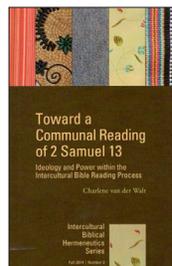
A series of 5 short documentary films that are designed to educate and encourage frank conversations about the reality of the life and history of Aboriginal peoples across Canada.



### **Exploring Ecological Hermeneutics**

ed. Norman C. Habel; Peter L. Trudinger. Society of Biblical Literature, 2008.

In these groundbreaking essays, sixteen scholars seek ways to retrieve the role or voice of Earth in the biblical text, a voice previously unnoticed or suppressed in most interpretations.



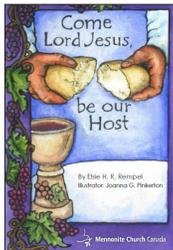
### **Toward a Communal Reading of 2 Samuel 13: Ideology and Power within the Intercultural Bible Reading Process**

by Charlene van der Walt, Institute of Mennonite Studies, 2014.

Van der Walt uses a shared reading of the biblical story of Tamar's silencing to facilitate intercultural conversation on difficult subject matter - rape and violence against women.

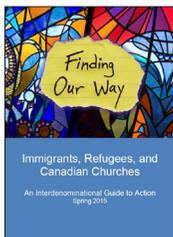
## Download

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



**Come Lord Jesus, be our Host**  
by Elsie Rempel, illust. Joanna G. Pinkerton, Mennonite Church Canada, 2015.

Engaging this six-session study guide will help congregations celebrate communion faithfully in ways that respect Christian tradition, honour Jesus as host, and help form and celebrate faith for all ages and stages.



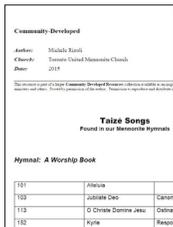
**Finding Our Way: Immigrants, Refugees and Canadian Churches**  
by Matthew Bailey-Dick; Nelson Chang, Centre for Community Based Research, 2015.

Whether your church is made up of immigrants and refugees, of Canadian-born, or a mixture of both, this Guide will help you to re-discover the calling of what it means to be a faithful church within our rapidly changing communities.



**The Parable of the Lost Son: Musical Theatre**  
ed. Harry Harder, Pleasant Point Mennonite Church, 2004.

The dramatic presentation of this familiar parable is in four short acts - the story as the younger son sees it, the perspective of the elder son, the experience of the father, and finally the response of the first hearers of this parable.



**Taizé Songs: Found in our Mennonite Hymnals**  
ed. Michele Rizoli, Toronto United Mennonite Church, 2015.

A listing of Taizé songs found in *Hymnal: A Worship Book*, *Sing the Journey*, and *Sing the Story*.



**Blessing of Release: When a Congregation Leaves the Area Church**  
by Jerry Buhler, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan, 2015.

A short blessing for the congregation that leaves an Area Church - and for the relationship between the two, going forward.

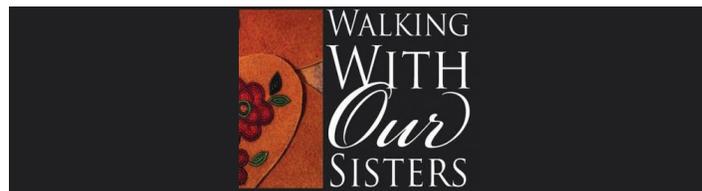
## Link

We provide hundreds of links to videos and websites.



### Let All Creation Praise

Worship and other resources for congregations to celebrate God's love for creation, to worship God with creation so as to reconcile and restore our human relationship with the rest of nature, and to foster love and care for God's whole creation.



### Walking with our Sisters

A commemorative art installation to honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous Women of Canada and the United States; to acknowledge the grief and torment families of these women continue to suffer; and to raise awareness of this issue and create opportunity for broad community-based dialogue on the issue.



### 22 Time-Tested Ways to Love Your Pastor

by April Yamasaki.

22 best practices, suggested by this seasoned minister, for congregations to love and empower their pastors, whether paid or unpaid, full-time, part-time, or bivocational.



### Runaway: With Study Guides

directed by Paul Plett, Mennonite Church Canada, 2015.

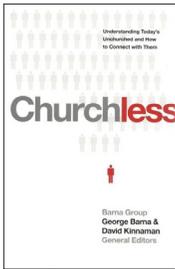
Online video. A modern day re-telling of the story of the Prodigal Son, told especially for younger children.

# Cheaper by the Dozen

Bulk Loan Option for Librarians and Planning Committees

Order 12 books of your choice for an extended 6-week loan. We'll pay the shipping costs - both ways. An excellent way to preview new materials, host displays on specific themes, and expand your selection to the congregation. Contact us for details.

## Other Noteworthy Titles

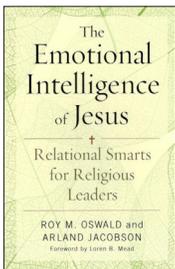


### **Churchless: Understanding Today's Unchurched and How to Connect with Them**

ed. George Barna; David Kinnaman, Tyndale House, 2014.

This practical, insight-driven book will help you look past the surface of church attendance to deeper spiritual realities and understand those who choose not to be part of a church - the first step toward building trust-based relationships that lead to Christ-centered community.

**Borrow**

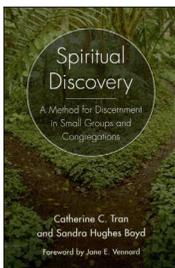


### **The Emotional Intelligence of Jesus: Relational Smarts for Religious Leaders**

by Roy M. Oswald; Arland Jacobson, Alban Institute, 2015.

The book walks readers through five key principles of emotional intelligence—self-awareness, empathy, assertiveness, optimism, and stress management—illustrating these principles in the life of Jesus and offering practical applications for leaders today.

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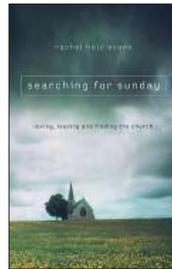


### **Spiritual Discovery: A Method for Discernment in Small Groups and Congregations**

by Catherine Tran, Sandra Hughes Boyd, Alban Institute, 2015.

A practical guide for groups desiring a prayerful approach to decision-making. This book offers step-by-step guidance for practicing this discernment process, the powerful instrument the authors have created to help groups enact spiritual growth and change in their communities.

**Borrow**



### **Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church**

by Rachel Held Evans, Thomas Nelson, 2015.

A memoir about making do and taking risks, about the messiness of community and the power of grace, this book is about overcoming cynicism to find hope and, somewhere in between, Church.

**\$20.75, paperback, 269 pp.** (or borrow)



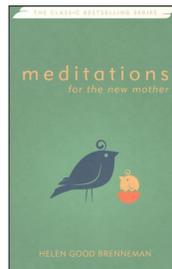
### **Pray Like a Gourmet: Creative Ways to Feed Your Soul**

by David Brazzeal, Paraclete Press, 2015.

Brazzeal stirs together a love of French dining and his innovative prayer practices with a dash of international adventure to concoct an inspiring, reinvigorating prayer experience.

**\$18.99, paperback, 181 pp.** (or borrow)

## From MennoMedia



### **Meditations for the New Mother**

by Helen Good Brenneman, 2014.

These uplifting and thoughtful meditations speak to the heart of new mothers, bringing much-needed refreshment and spiritual insight as new moms walk with God through the wondrous and tiring days of early motherhood.

**\$7.99, paperback, 79 pp.** (or borrow)

# 48-Hour Contest

**Congratulations** to Carolyn Vis, Prince Albert, SK who won a copy of *Mother of the Year* by Kalyn Falk.

**Question: What book is on your "summer reading list"?**

**Prize:** *One Light Still Shines: My Life Beyond the Shadow of the Amish Schoolhouse Shooting* by Marie Monville

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

