



RESOURCE UPDATE

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CALENDAR

We offer resources for...

- July 10 MC Canada Assembly Sunday
- Sep 4 Labour Day
- Sep 11 Sunday School Promotion Sunday
- Oct 2 Worldwide Communion Sunday
- Oct 9 Thanksgiving

Note: July 4-26, Arlyn is on vacation. The Resource Centre will officially be closed, though the door will be open to walk-in traffic.

Circulate your worship materials here!

Congregations are always looking for current, tested resources from our member congregations. Email, fax or post us your copy of a special service, litany or celebration, and we'll pass it on.

Update Subscription

Subscribe to this monthly *Update* and receive it free by email. Simply send your name, phone number and email address, with the instruction "subscribe" to

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Resource Centre Secrets



■ **Borrowers are in good company!** Circulation of resources at the Centre is up 35% from last year and over 200 new borrowers have used our Centre in 2005.

■ **One-stop shop!** Bookmark www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre as your place for all MC Canada resources. For a complete list of MC Canada products, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/Browse/695

■ **Search** our online catalogue with increasing ease! From the simple keyword search to Arlyn's Quick-Pick Bibliographies, from annotated descriptions to cover images, the catalogue is updated daily to help you with the search process. Also look for the new **Ministry/Resource Sampler** at the Charlotte Assembly, a CD that will help you navigate through the resource offerings from Mennonite Church Canada Christian Formation.

■ **Browse before you buy!** Borrow any Herald Press, Faith and Life Resources, MCC or Mennonite Media title here before purchasing.

■ **We're here for you!** Arlyn continues to field many worship, education, family, and church leadership related requests (and more) and is happy to put you in touch with appropriate resources. Just call or email.

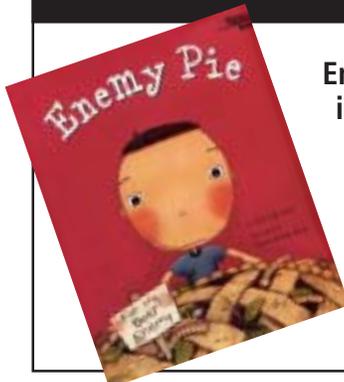
■ **Circulate** your own creative materials here! We continue to accept resources that congregations have developed – and then post them in the catalogue.

■ **Keep abreast** of new and seasonal resources! This *Resource Update* is packed with four pages of information each month. Circulate this newsletter widely in your congregation. Encourage people to subscribe to the free electronic mailing.

■ **Invitations welcome!** The Resource Centre has been on the road this winter: Arlyn has led workshops in Saskatchewan and Eastern Canada, preached in three provinces, set up displays at meetings across the country, and recently gave the input at a regional pastor/spouse retreat.

Children's Corner

Resources for the church library, home, Sunday School class or Sunday morning storyteller.



Enemy Pie, by Derek Munson; illustrated by Tara Calahan King, 2000.

In this funny yet endearing story, one little boy learns an effective recipe for turning a best enemy into a best friend. With charming illustrations that bring to life the difficulties and ultimate rewards of making new friends, *Enemy Pie* serves up a sweet lesson in friendship.

Route To:

- Librarian
- Pastor(s)
- Worship Planners
- Education Coordinator
- Church Secretary

Highlighting recent Mennonite Church Canada products online:

Assembly Sunday www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceView/5/7083

A worship outline on the assembly theme, "Can't Keep Quiet" for your congregation on July 10 or on the Sunday your delegates report back to your church.

Healing and Hope Gift Sampler, Spring 2005

www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceView/5/7042

Celebrate God's mission in the world and discover how you can bring healing and hope into someone's life.

Current *Kids Pak* project (China) www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceView/5/7071

A children's "Giving Project" of Mennonite Church Canada. Includes stories and activities that teach participants about the ministries of the broader church and the joy of giving.

Weekly Children's Stories www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceView/23/6796.

Written by Mennonite Church Canada constituents, each lectionary-based story is accompanied by an object lesson or a set of "wondering" questions.

Monthly Celebration Stories www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceView/23/6882

Celebration Stories are moments in the work and ministry of Mennonite Church Canada Witness. We invite you to share the stories, either during worship, or in your church newsletter.

Canadian Conscientious Objection website www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceView/6/6477

If Canada went to war, what would you do? Check out the story of Conscientious Objectors and the choices they made during WWII. And listen to the CJOB call-in talk show "God Talk" with guests Conrad Stoesz and Dr. David Schroeder, May 8, 2005.

Labour Day resources on the sacredness and meaning of work. www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/Browse/718

Sunday School Teacher Dedication litanies and prayers www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/Browse/719

Summer Worship Themes www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/Browse/720 Still looking for a summer worship theme? Here are some possible options, including materials for "at-home" worship.



In on the Action?

May's Top Picks (most requested items)

- *Joy is Our Banquet: Resources for Everyday Worship* by Keri Wehlander, United Church Publishing, 1996.
- *Worship for all Seasons: Selections from Gathering for Pentecost, Summer, Autumn* by Thomas Reginald Harding, United Church Publishing, 1994.
- *The Blessing Candles: 58 Simple Mealtime Prayer-Celebrations* by Gaynell Bordes Cronin; Jack Raths Schmidt, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2000.
- *I'm Your Child, God: Prayers for Our Children* by Miriam Wright Edelman and illustrated by Bryan Collier, Hyperion Books for Children, 2002.
- *A Generous Orthodoxy* by Brian D. McLaren, Zondervan, 2004.
- *Celebrate the Psalms: Our God is Awesome*, Vacation Bible School curriculum, Faith and Life Resources, 2005.



Resource Centre on the road

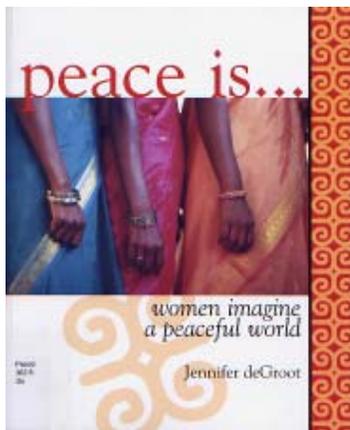
Bring the Resource Centre to your next gathering.

Arlyn is available to provide a display of materials, lead a workshop or Sunday school, preach a sermon. Contact the Resource Centre to make arrangements.

- August 14 Preaching, Sargent Ave. Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- September 9-11 Resource person, MC Sask Junior Youth Retreat, Camp Shekinah, Saskatchewan
- October 1 Workshop "Acting Out in Church (In a Good Kind of Way)", MCM Equipping Conference, Winkler, Manitoba

New Resources

A Change of Pastors: And How it Affects Change in the Congregation by Loren B. Mead, Alban Institute, 2005. Twenty years after *Critical Moment in Ministry* was first published, Loren Mead returns to revise his groundbreaking work on one of the most important times in a congregation's life - the time between one pastor's leaving and another's arrival. In this revised edition, Mead helps clergy understand the process parish members go through before the new pastor arrives and gives lay members guidance that allows them to take advantage of this fertile time for change in the congregation.



Peace Is ...: Women Imagine a Peaceful World by Jennifer deGroot, Mennonite Central Committee, 2001. Simple, yet powerful images and words gathered in India, Chad, Niger, Senegal, South Africa, Lesotho and Uganda by an MCC worker in 2000. We are invited through this book to engage the people,

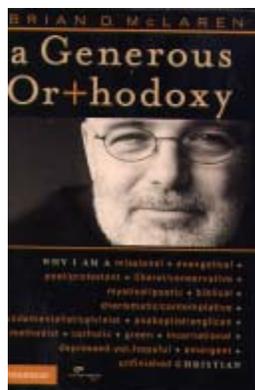
walk with them for a few moments listening to the messages of skin and voice, messages of determination, frustration, fatigue, delight, and an insistence that the world be a better place for the next generation.

What Dying People Want: Practical Wisdom for the End of Life by David Kuhl, 2003. A palliative care physician offers a profound and practical book about living with a terminal illness. Dr. Kuhl shows us that we can learn lessons in living from those who are dying, and that it is possible to find meaning and peace in the face of death. Includes ways to enhance the doctor/patient relationship; guidance on how to hold a family meeting; an introduction to the process of life review; direction in listening and in speaking your truth.

The Enneagram: A Christian Perspective by Richard Rohr, Andreas Ebert and translated by Peter Heinegg. This book has sections on where the enneagram came from, what it is, what the 9 enneagram personality types are, and how Christians can benefit from it. Part II looks at the 9 types from a Christian perspective. Rohr identifies the root sin of each type, and how God can redeem that sin into a beautiful gift. He also talks about what gifts the types naturally have, and how we can grow in those.



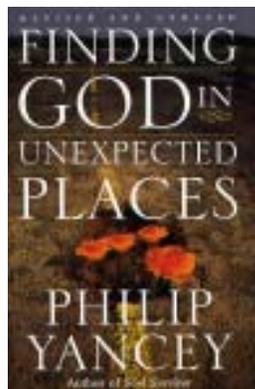
Can't Keep Quiet CD by Bryan Moyer Suderman, 2005. Another playful and contagious collection of "songs for small and tall," ranging from folk and bluegrass to a touch of funk – including 14 original tunes. A wonderful follow-up collection to his first CD, *God's Love is For Everybody*.



A Generous Orthodoxy by Brian D. McLaren, 2004 calls for a radical, Christ-centred orthodoxy of faith and practice in a missional, generous spirit. McLaren argues for a post-liberal, post-conservative, post-protestant convergence that will stimulate lively interest and global conversation among thoughtful Christians from all traditions. Walks through the many

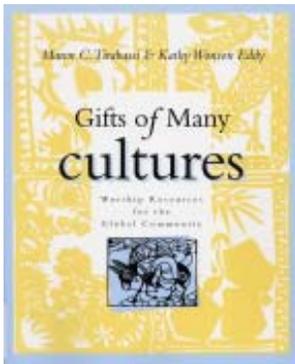
traditions of faith and embraces all that brings us to the centre of Christ.

The Renovare Spiritual Formation Bible: New Revised Standard Version edited by Richard J. Foster, Dallas Willard, Walter Brueggemann, Eugene H. Peterson, 2005. Many people are looking for a fresh way to read the Bible, not as a text to be mastered, but as a story to enter into and a lifestyle to pursue. This Bible introduces the concept of the "with-God life," a model for seeing the whole of Scripture as the unfolding story of God's plan for our loving relationship with our Creator. This central theme weaves throughout the essays, introductions, notes and exercises, powerfully revealing how God is present to his people today and throughout history.



Finding God in Unexpected Places: Revised Edition by Philip Yancey, 2005. Yancey shows inspiring evidence of God in the most unlikely places - including Ground Zero - while refusing to settle for easy answers.

New Resources (continued)



Gifts of Many Cultures: Worship Resources for the Global Community by Maren C. Tirabassi, Kathy Wonson Eddy, 1995. A diverse anthology of original prayers, poetry, stories and readings for sermons, invocations, calls to worship, and much more, for all the seasons of the church year. Also includes

black-and-white art suitable for reproduction, as well as descriptions of worship services and practices from around the world.

CATALOGUE TOOL TIPS

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www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre

Type "Equipping June 2005" into the keyword search. Six downloadable files from last month's *Equipping* package are immediately listed. All past issues of *Equipping* are now available this way. Click on "Benin: A Tale of Two Men," last month's "MC Canada Witness Celebration Story." Then click on the downloadable series "A Moment for Celebration" to see the complete list. **Retell these stories during worship or in your church newsletter!**



Checked the Resource Centre web pages recently?

Our online catalogue now features:

- **Quick-Pick Bibliographies** — (fast references to recent resources on popular themes)
- **Seasonal materials**
- **User-friendly Records** (Over 1100 cover images and helpful annotations)
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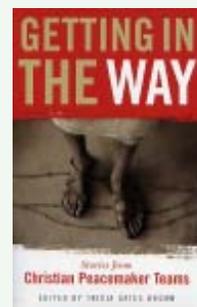
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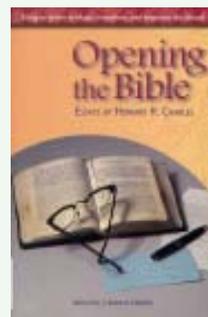
Through the Eyes of Another: Intercultural Reading of the Bible, edited by Hans de Wit, Louis Jonker, Marleen Kool, Daniel Schipani, Herald Press, 2004. This book documents an unprecedented three-year research study centered on the story of the encounter of Jesus with a Samaritan woman. The study involved a unique partnership of lay persons, pastors, teachers

and scholars, representing many countries in five continents. Readers will find this volume a special testimony to the fascinating nature of intercultural Bible reading and its potential contribution to the life of faith communities and to the work of church agencies and scholars.



Getting in the Way: Stories from Christian Peacemaker Teams edited by Tricia Gates Brown, Herald Press, 2005. First-person narratives written by members of CPT that tell of the fear, joy and challenge faced by the CPT who work to reduce violence and conflict in places like Haiti, Iraq and Colombia. Whether relating an

account of incarceration in an Israeli prison, the death of a CPT member in Iraq, or coming face-to-face with angry loggers in the forests of Canada, the narratives are intimate, moving and deeply humanizing.



Opening the Bible: Essays by Howard H. Charles edited by Robert Charles, Herald Press, 2005. In this collection of fifty essays, Howard Charles brings his gifts as a scholar, teacher, and expositor of the Bible to a variety of themes arising from the scriptures as a whole and from the Old and New Testaments. Originally written as

lesson helps for teachers of adult Sunday school classes, these very readable essays will inform, inspire, and give insight to anyone seeking a better understanding of the form and content of the Bible.

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