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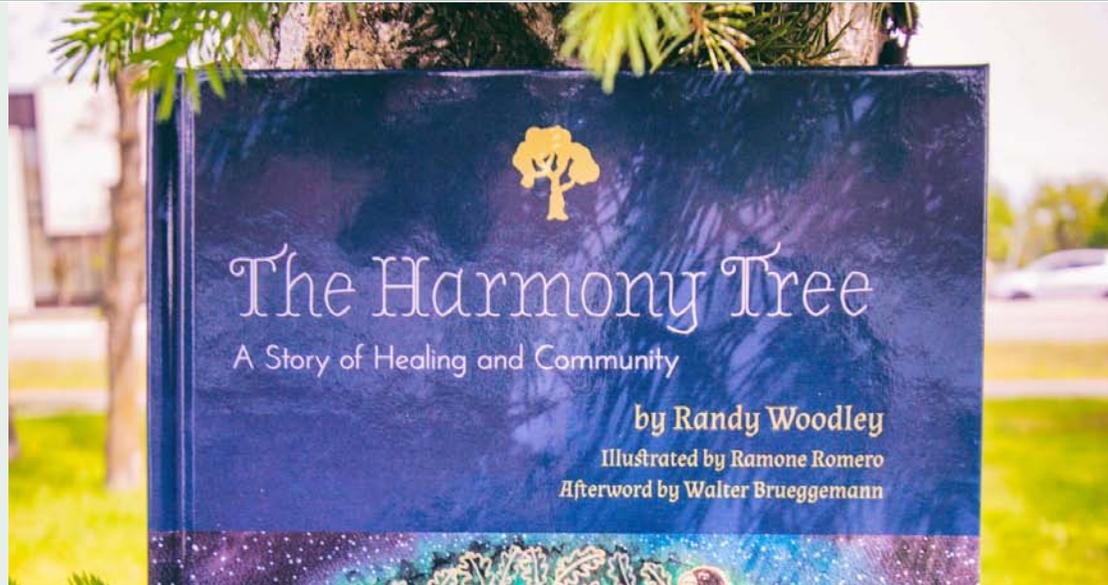
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Our annual tradition – recommended books for our lawn chairs, hammocks and beach blankets these next months!

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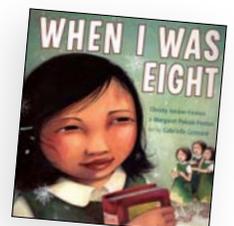
*For libraries, homes, or Sunday morning storytellers*

### When I was Eight: A True Story

by Christy Jordan-Fenton, Annick Press, 2013

Based on the author's own residential school experience, this story is a memoir that's accessible to young children. They can meet this remarkable girl who in spite of the school who tried everything to rob her of her dignity, she was determined to learn to read.

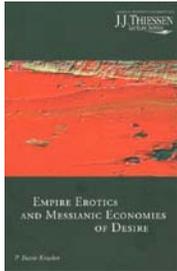
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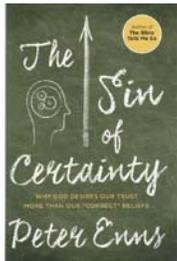
### Empire Erotics and Messianic Economies of Desire: 2013 JJ Thiessen Lectures

by P. Travis Kroeker, CMU Press, 2016.

Three lecture transcripts that undertake a theological exploration of the interconnections between desire and economics in our intimate and institutional relationships to money, material goods, and our most basic human aspirations.

**\$16.99, paperback, 91 pp. (or borrow)**

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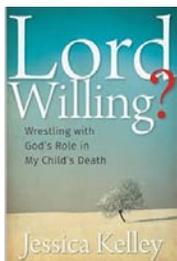
### The Sin of Certainty

by Peter Enns, HarperCollins, 2016.

Explains how Christians mistake "certainty" and "correct belief" for faith when what God really desires is trust and intimacy.

**\$26.99, hard cover, 230 pp. (or borrow)**

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### Lord Willing?

#### Wrestling with God's Role in My Child's Death

by Jessica Kelley, Herald Press, 2016.

Kelley boldly tackles one of the most difficult questions of the Christian life: if God is all-powerful and all-loving, why do we suffer? For Kelley, this question takes an even more painful and personal turn: did God lack the power or the desire to spare her four-year-old son?

**\$19.99, paperback, 295 pp. (or borrow)**

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### Wrongs to Rights: How Churches Can Engage the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

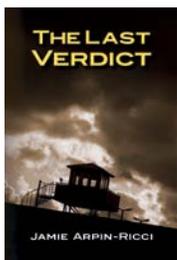
ed. Steve Heinrichs, Mennonite Church Canada, 2016.

What is the *Declaration*? And how might it gift and reorient Christian faith and practice? Short articles combined with poetry and visual arts provide a rich, engaging and accessible resource for individual and group conversation.

**\$14.00, paperback, 164 pp. (1-6 copies)**

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### The Last Verdict: A Death Row Novella

by Jamie Arpin-Ricci, 2016.

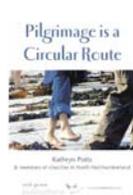
Alice's daughter was murdered. Lori doesn't believe her son could be guilty of the crime that placed him on death row. Both women are fighting for a justice they believe has been denied their children. Is either woman prepared for the truth?

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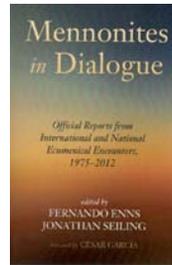


### Pilgrimage is a Circular Route

by Kathryn Potts, Wild Goose Publications, 2016.

A liturgy for those going on a pilgrimage or those who just want to reflect on the journey of life. Includes prayers and reflections from various Iona Community members.

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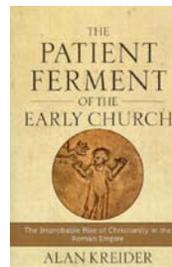


### Mennonites in Dialogue

ed. Fernando Enns, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2015.

A collection of all ecumenical conversation texts involving Mennonites' encounters with Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Reformed, Baptists, and Seventh-Day Adventists, among others.

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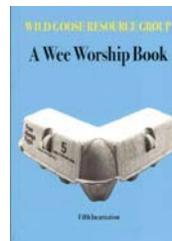


### The Patient Ferment of the Early Church

by Alan Kreider, Baker Publishing Group, 2016.

Tells the amazing story of the spread of Christianity over its first four hundred years. Challenging traditional understandings, Kreider contends the early church grew because patience was of central importance in the life and witness of the early Christians.

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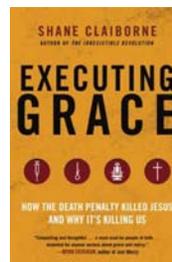


### A Wee Worship Book: 5th Incarnation

ed. John Bell, et al., Wild Goose Publications, 2015.

Offers six morning liturgies, six evening liturgies, an alternative communion service, four contemporary affirmations of faith and fourteen chants and sung responses.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18524>



### Executing Grace: How the Death Penalty Killed Jesus and Why It's Killing Us

by Shane Claiborne, HarperCollins, 2016.

A reasoned exploration of justice, retribution, and redemption that offers a powerful and persuasive appeal for the abolition of the death penalty.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18570>

## LINK

*We provide hundreds of links to videos and websites.*



### The Psalms: Conversation with Bono and Eugene Peterson

Fuller Studio, 2016.  
ONLINE VIDEO

Highlights a conversation on the Psalms that took place between Bono and Peterson at Peterson's Montana home.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/18480>



### What's It Like to be a Refugee in Canada?

National Post, 2016.  
ONLINE ARTICLE/VIDEO

The National Post reached out to 12 former refugees to have them share what they learned as newcomers to Canada and what we should all keep in mind as new refugees land on Canadian soil.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18464>



### Defining (and Challenging) the Messages of Shame

by Betty Pries, L3 Group, 2016.  
5 ONLINE ARTICLES

Shame and identity – this is a set of measures by which all of us live. It is also a set of measures that keeps us from remembering the very first lesson of the Bible: That each of us is made in the image of God.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18527>



### Young Adults and the Future of the Church

Mennonite Church Canada, 2016.  
PODCAST

A conversation with Jonas Cornelsen, spokesperson for the Emerging Voices Initiative, a group of young adults from across Mennonite Church Canada who want to speak into the process of change at all levels of their church, from congregational to regional to national.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/46/18538>



### Life in the Special Lane: Slowing it Down for My Autism Girl

by Angela Loeppky  
BLOG

Personal parental reflections on raising Hannah to meet her true potential while enjoying life among this challenge!

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### Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald on the Doctrine of Discovery

General Synod, 2015.  
ONLINE VIDEO

A simple introduction to the Doctrine that has justified the colonial aspirations of the western church and state.

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### United Church of Canada Worship Resources.

WEBSITE

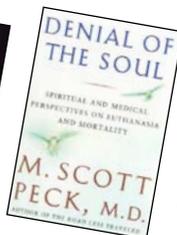
Worship resources for special days, church dates and special themes.

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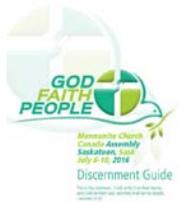
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### 2016 Assembly Discernment Guide

Mennonite Church Canada, 2016.

Contains helpful information for you as you prepare to meet with the Mennonite Church Canada slice of God's family in Saskatoon to discuss matters of faith, business, and make decisions.

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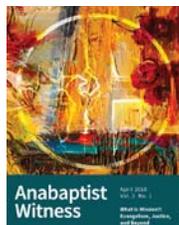


### A Time for Hope: Worship on the TRC's Calls to Action

Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2016.

Two worship services to assist leaders to lift up in prayer the people who are living with the legacy of residential schools and those living out the spirit of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18528>



### What is Mission? Evangelism, Justice and Beyond

Anabaptist Witness, April 2016.

What is Christian mission? Is it verbally sharing the gospel in order to convert non-believers? Is it social justice ministry aimed at realizing God's shalom on earth as it is in heaven? Is it some mixture of both, or something else entirely?

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18511>



### Care for God's Creatures: An Earth Day Worship Resource

Creation Justice Ministries, 2016.

Non-human creatures enrich our human vocation, teach us about God, and companion us on life's journeys. In this worship resource, we give thanks for all God's creatures and devote ourselves to better care of, and relationship with, these creatures.

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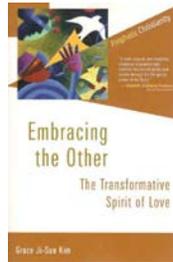
### Study Guide for Reserve 107 Film

Mennonite Church Canada, 2016.

Indigenous rights and title to the land remains a taboo topic for many across Canada, but in the small town of Laird, Saskatchewan, an old injustice is providing new opportunities for dialogue, friendship and a fierce determination to right the wrongs of the past.

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## OTHER NOTEWORTHY TITLES



### Embracing the Other: The Transformative Spirit of Love

by Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2015.

Working from a feminist Asian perspective, Kim develops a new constructive global pneumatology that works toward gender and racial-ethnic justice.

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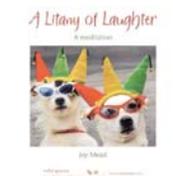


### Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict

by Erica Chenoweth and Maria J. Stephan, Columbia University Press, 2012.

Combining statistical analysis with case studies of specific countries, the authors conclude that successful nonviolent resistance ushers in more durable and internally peaceful democracies, which are less likely to regress into civil war.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18552>



### A Litany of Laughter

by Joy Mead, Wild Goose Publications, 2016.

A poetic exploration of the experience of laughter and the essential, liberating role it plays in all our lives.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18534>

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## Farewell to Miriam



If you have ever phoned CommonWord or emailed us at [info@commonword.ca](mailto:info@commonword.ca) in the last 7 years, it's likely that you've spoken with Miriam. If you have ever received a resource in the mail in the last half-decade, it's likely been packaged by her.

May 31 was Miriam's last day in the office – and we're already feeling her absence! She, her husband Hippo, and their two children are moving to South Africa in mid-June to begin new ministry with Mennonite Church Canada there. For more information, and to support their work, see <https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/tshimanga>.

Thank you, Miriam, for your dedicated service!

## artist spotlight

### Cristina Waldner

Cristina was diagnosed with Spina Muscular Atrophy at the age of one. Although she faces many physical limitations and challenges she attends university (CMU) and in addition, she pursues an interest in art. Cristina's paintings are the result of many hours of meticulous work and show her love of colour.

*CommonWord is pleased to offer Cristina's paintings on canvas, matted prints and greeting cards.*



## books for kids

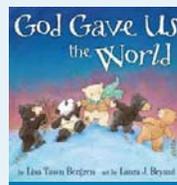


### What Is Heaven Like?

By Beverly Lewis

For any child who is coming to terms with the loss of a loved one, or even those young ones who are simply curious, *What Is Heaven Like?* poignantly addresses the questions kids ask most often.

**\$17.99 Hardcover**



### God Gave Us the World

by Lisa Tawn Bergren

This adorable story offers young children an opportunity to learn about the wonder of diversity, the gift of creativity, the importance of caring for His gifts, and how each child—each creation—is special to God.

**\$10.99 Hardcover**



### God Watches Over Me (Precious Moments)

Illustrated with the adorable Precious Moments art, this sweet little book features rhyming text about all the ways God watches over His children, helping little ones to feel safe and loved.

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### Let There Be Light

by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

This retelling of the biblical story of creation vividly portrays the wonder and beauty of God's creation on each of the seven days. With remarkable illustrations, *Let There Be Light* brings the story of creation to life for readers young and old.

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### author of the month



#### Gordon W. King

Gordon has a background in New Testament studies and international development. His writings provide a perspective rarely found among New Testament specialists. He uses stories from the margins of our current world to connect the message of the parables with global issues of poverty, ethnic violence, gender discrimination, hunger and oppression.



#### Seed Falling on Good Soil: Rooting Our Lives in the Parables of Jesus.

This book will appeal to people who long for the healing of a wounded world. **\$22.99**

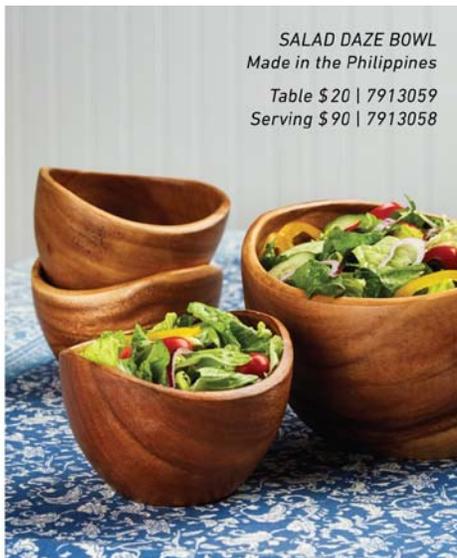
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