

# CommonWord Curator

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## WORSHIP RESOURCES

Materials for Mennonite Church Canada  
Special Sundays, United Nations Special Days,  
and seasonal Church Calendar Days

### JAN 15 – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

[www.commonword.ca/go/355](http://www.commonword.ca/go/355)

### JAN 18-25 – WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

[www.commonword.ca/go/970](http://www.commonword.ca/go/970)

### JAN 22 – MENNONITE WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

[www.commonword.ca/go/356](http://www.commonword.ca/go/356)

### JAN 27 – HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

[www.commonword.ca/go/772](http://www.commonword.ca/go/772)

### FEB 20 – WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

[www.commonword.ca/go/766](http://www.commonword.ca/go/766)

### FEB 26 – TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

[www.commonword.ca/go/773](http://www.commonword.ca/go/773)

### MARCH 1 – ASH WEDNESDAY

[www.commonword.ca/go/68](http://www.commonword.ca/go/68)

### MARCH 8 – WORLD WOMEN'S DAY

[www.commonword.ca/go/529](http://www.commonword.ca/go/529)

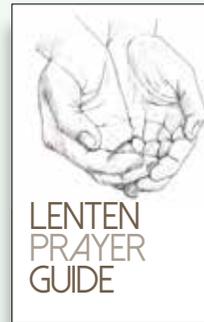
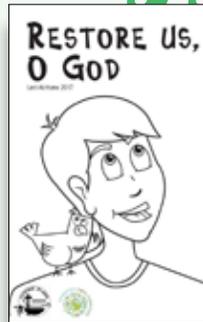
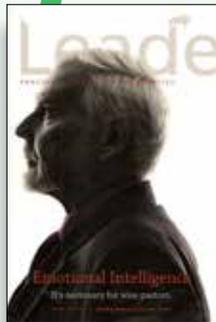
### MARCH 21 – INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

[www.commonword.ca/go/767](http://www.commonword.ca/go/767)

### MARCH 22 – WORLD WATER DAY

[www.commonword.ca/go/768](http://www.commonword.ca/go/768)

# Preparing for Lent



A package of complementary Lenten resources  
for worship, home devotion, and guided prayer

Leader worship series – [www.commonword.ca/go/811](http://www.commonword.ca/go/811)

At-Home devotions – [www.commonword.ca/go/748](http://www.commonword.ca/go/748)

Lenten Prayer Guide – [www.commonword.ca/go/485](http://www.commonword.ca/go/485)

Check out the full Lenten library - [www.commonword.ca/go/481](http://www.commonword.ca/go/481)

## New Tools for the New Year

Get off to a Great Start



### Worship Calendar

Links to worship resources for  
special Sunday services,  
church year occasions, and  
particular United Nations days.  
[http://www.commonword.ca/  
ResourceView/43/18802](http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18802)



### Adult Curriculum Guide

Links to Bible curriculum  
and thematic studies.  
[http://www.commonword.  
ca/ResourceView/43/18950](http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18950)



### Video Tutorial

A simple demonstration to help  
get you started searching for  
resources on our website.  
[http://www.commonword.ca/  
ResourceView/48/18599](http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/18599)

## THE Curator ONLINE

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

WEBSITES, DOWNLOADABLE ITEMS,  
ONLINE VIDEOS, PODCASTS

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resources to be  
listed by CW.



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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

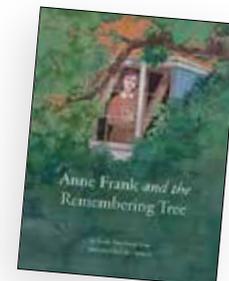
For libraries, homes, or Sunday morning storytellers

### Anne Frank and the Remembering Tree

by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, illust. Erika Steiskal, Skinner House Books, 2015

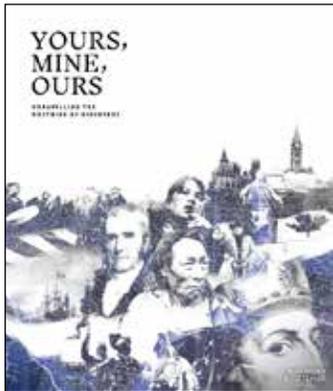
A story of Anne Frank, who loved a tree, and the tree who promised never to forget her.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18896>



## BUY

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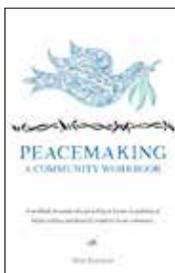


### **Yours, Mine, Ours: Unravelling the Doctrine of Discovery**

New Special *Intotemak* Edition  
ed. Cheryl Woelk and Steve Heinrichs

[http://www.commonword.ca/  
ResourceView/2/18692](http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18692)

\$14.00 each (1-6 copies)  
\$11.00 each (7+ copies)



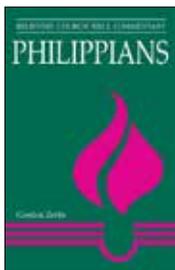
### **Peacemaking: A Community Workbook**

by Matt Balcarras, Small Change Publishing, 2016.

Anabaptists believe that peace and peacemaking are at the heart of the gospel. This workbook includes six essays and accompanying discussion questions, along with online videos, that connect us with the challenges we face in being people that seek to imitate Jesus.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/16/18892>

\$12.99, paperback, 86 pp.



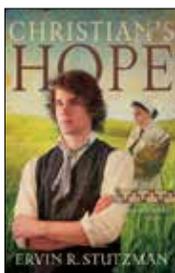
### **Philippians (Believers Church Bible Commentary)**

by Gordon Zerbe, Herald Press, 2016.

What if, instead of reading Philippians, we allowed Philippians to read us? Zerbe challenges readers to allow Paul's prison letter to interpret our own lives by imagining ourselves into the ancient Roman world rather than extracting lessons out of historical and cultural context.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18891>

\$34.99, paperback, 350 pp.



### **Christian's Hope: Return to Northkill, Book 3**

by Ervin R. Stutzman, Herald Press, 2016.

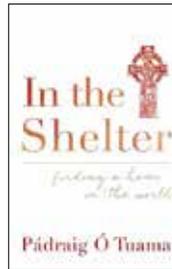
When Christian Hochstetler returns to the Amish after being captured as a child during the French and Indian War, he feels restless, missing his Native American family. Will Christian choose the Amish identity that his father desires for him, or depart from his family and faith community again?

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/16/18872>

\$16.99, paperback, 337 pp.

## BORROW

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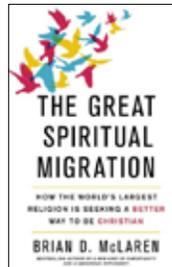


### **In the Shelter: Finding a Home in the World**

by Pádraig Ó Tuama, Hodder & Stoughton, 2015.

Interweaving everyday stories with analysis, gospel reflections with mindfulness and Celtic spirituality with poetry, Ó Tuama applies ideas of shelter and welcome to journeys of life.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18876>

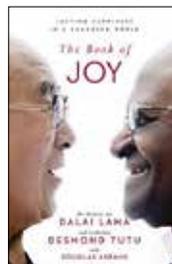


### **The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian**

by Brian D. McLaren, Convergent Books, 2016.

Despite dire headlines about the demise of faith and drop in church attendance, Christian faith is not dying. McLaren challenges readers to stop worrying and indulging in nostalgia, and instead, to embrace the powerful new understandings that are reshaping the church.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18873>

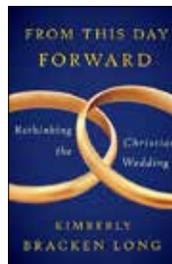


### **The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World**

by Dalai Lama, et al, Viking, 2016.

Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama share their own hard-won wisdom about living with joy even in the face of adversity.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18874>

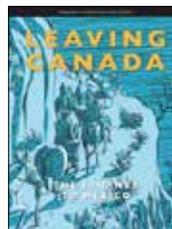


### **From This Day Forward: Rethinking the Christian Wedding**

by Kimberly Bracken Long, Westminster John Knox Press, 2016.

Suggesting that the church reinterpret classic biblical metaphors and expand the range of scriptural sources that inform our understanding of marriage, Long examines what makes a marriage liturgy faithful, inclusive, and sensitive to pastoral concerns.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18877>



### **Leaving Canada: The Journey to Mexico, Mennonite History for Young People, Volume 1**

by Rosabel Fast, illust. Lynn Shwadchuck, D. F. Plett  
Historical Research Foundation, 2016.

Go by train and enjoy your first breakfast in a tent-village home as you learn why these people migrated from Canada to Mexico in the 1920s.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18880>

## LINK

We provide hundreds of links to videos and websites.



### Future Directions: Covenant New

Interim Council, Mennonite Church, 2016.

WEBSITE

A central source for congregations and individuals to access current information related to the ongoing Mennonite Church transition process.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18919>



### Illustrated Children's Ministry

2016

WEBSITE

Illustrated resources for the church and the home, encouraging creativity and active engagement with faith. A wide variety of resources are available, including illustrated Bible stories and colouring sheets.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18860>



### Colour Code: A Podcast about Race in Canada

by Denise Balkissoon and Hannah Sung Sung, Globe and Mail

ONLINE AUDIO

Against a backdrop of the perennial Canadian avoidance of racial issues, these two hosts ask bold questions in order to spark new conversations.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18752>



### Moses Falco: On Faith and Life

by Moses Falco, 2016.

WEBSITE

Falco's faith reflections and musings as a new pastor in Mennonite Church Manitoba.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18773>



### Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery: A Movement of Anabaptist People of Faith, Doctrine of Discovery Coalition

WEBSITE

A group of Mennonite church and lay leaders formed a Doctrine of Discovery Coalition in 2014 with the aim of sharing information, passion and resources surrounding the issue.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18805>



### Peace Lab: Podcasts

by the Peace and Justice Support Network, The Mennonite.

ONLINE AUDIO

A twice-monthly podcast focused on current events, faith and peacemaking from a Mennonite perspective.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18806>

Resources for

## Parenting:



+ more

## DOWNLOAD

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



### Radical Hospitality: Responding to the Issue of Immigration

Mennonite Church USA, 2015.

A 6-13 session Bible study calling congregations to engage the complex immigration experience.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18825>



### MCC and Palestine and Israel: Commonly Asked Questions

Mennonite Central Committee, 2016.

Having worked in this region for over 65 years, MCC aims to share their answers to frequently asked questions.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18884>

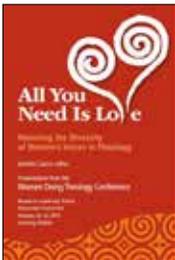


### Mennonite Church Canada Resolution on Palestine and Israel: FAQ

Mennonite Church Canada, 2016.

Delegates at the 2016 Mennonite Church Canada Assembly in Saskatoon voted in favour of a resolution for a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians. This FAQ offers explanations to commonly asked questions about the Church's decision.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18908>



### All You Need is Love: Honouring the Diversity of Women's Voices in Theology

ed. Jennifer Castro, Mennonite Church USA, 2016.

What does it mean to love in the midst of a world rife with struggle, oppression, economic and political tension? Essays selected from the Women Doing Theology Conference.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18907>



### A Reading of Genesis 1

by Ray Friesen, Emmaus Mennonite Church, 2016.

A contemporary retelling of the creation story in Genesis 1 for two readers.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18861>



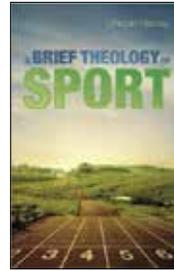
### Called to Dialogue: Interreligious and Intra-Christian Dialogue in Ecumenical Conversation

World Council of Churches, 2016.

Explores the relationship between intra-Christian dialogue and interreligious dialogue, diffusing common tensions and fostering understanding.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/18928>

## OTHER NOTEWORTHY TITLES

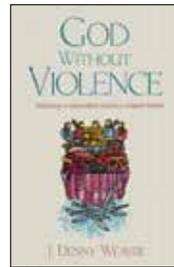


### A Brief Theology of Sport

by Lincoln Harvey, Wipf and Stock, 2014.

Harvey draws readers into a creative vision of sport by considering it on the basis of the divine act of creation.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18898>



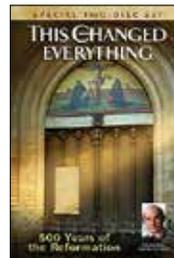
### God without Violence: Following a Nonviolent God in a Violent World

by J. Denny Weaver, Wipf and Stock, 2016.

Playing off a five-year-old boy's question concerning whether parents would put their son to death on a cross, these 18 sessions plunge headlong into the ongoing debate about the character of God. Introducing foundational issues of theology and ethics, Weaver invites us to embrace a nonviolent atonement image.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18899>

## NEW DVDS FOR LOAN



### This Changed Everything: 500 Years of the Reformation

Christian History Institute, 2016.

Celebrating the fruits of the Reformation while exploring difficult questions about the cost of division, this documentary asks: Could schism have been avoided? Is there hope for reunification? What did Jesus really mean when He prayed for His followers to be 'one'?

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/18/18853>

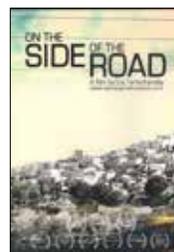


### Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story

directed by Grant Baldwin, Bullfrog Films, 2015.

We all love food, so how could we possibly be throwing nearly half of it in the garbage? This documentary looks at our systemic obsession with expiration dates, perfect produce and portion sizes that are having devastating consequences around the globe.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/18/18895>



### On the Side of the Road

directed by Lia Tarachansky, Naretiv Productions, 2013.

Tarachansky, a former West Bank settler, examines Israelis' collective amnesia of the events of 1948 when the state of Israel was born, leaving most Palestinians refugees. Travelling back to her settlement where that historical erasure gave birth to a blind new generation, she is met with outrage and violence.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/18/18935>