

CALENDAR

We offer resources for...

Sep 10	Sunday school (Gather 'Round) Promotion Sunday
Sep 24	Publishing Sunday
Oct 1	World Communion Sunday
Oct 8	Thanksgiving
Oct 29	Mennonite Heritage Sunday
Nov 5	Peace Sunday
Nov 12	Mission Sunday
Dec 3	First Advent

Resource Update

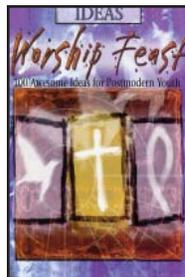
- Highlights faith and church ministry resources that Mennonite Church Canada makes available by loan, sale or electronic download.
- Is distributed 10 times a year by Mennonite Church Canada in its congregational *Equipping* package.
- For a free personal email subscription to the **Resource Update** contact resources@mennonitechurch.ca
- Submissions of a special worship service, litany or celebration are always welcome. Share with us and other congregations!
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New Youth Ministry Resources

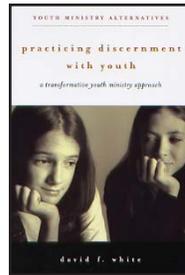


Did you know **Gather 'Round** includes youth curriculum? "Search" is a leader's guide for teachers of high school youth. Downloadable from www.gatherround.org, it includes 96 pages with an introduction, 13 sessions, and 8 reproducible pages. Two sample sessions can be found on the website.



Worship Feast series. Six books full of ideas that can be incorporated into your regular worship or serve as stand-alone ideas for short devotional times. A fresh sampling of prayers, taize services, multisensory worship, dramas, rituals, for postmodern youth.

<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/49>



Practicing Discernment with Youth: A Transformative Youth Ministry Approach by David F. White, Pilgrim Press, 2005. In this book, youth and congregations are introduced to the organic rhythms of discernment that include ancient and modern practices of listening, understanding, dreaming, and acting.

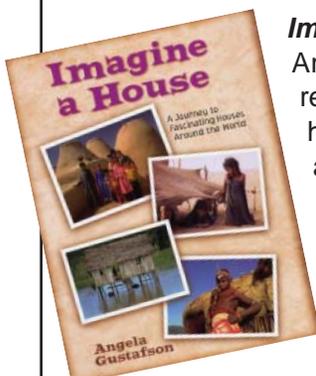


Practicing Passion: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church by Kenda Creasy Dean, Wm B Eerdman's, 2004. If the church is to speak meaningfully to youth and in turn reap the many benefits that young people have to offer, then its ministry must be predicated on passion - the Passion of Christ, the passion of youth, and the passionate faith that results when these two things come together.

Soul Shaper: Exploring Spirituality and Contemplative Practices in Youth Ministry by Tony Jones, Zondervan, 2003. A helpful resource on the topic of spiritual and contemplative practices, or disciplines such as: Sacred Reading, The Jesus Prayer, Stations of the Cross, The Labyrinth, Fasting and many more.

Childrens' Corner

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

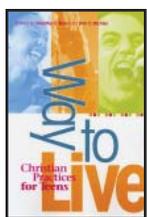


Imagine a House: A Journey to Fascinating Houses Around the World. Architecture suggests a lot about how and where a person lives. Here young readers are introduced to the wider world by looking at some unique styles of housing from around the world. Children may be amazed to know that igloos are found in Eritrea, Africa as well as in the Arctic regions, or that adobe homes can be found both in the Americas and in Northern Africa. Each description includes sketches of the dwellings, a world map identifying where they are located, full-colour photographs with captions, and short commentary providing basic information. A good complimentary piece to MCC's Child's View video series. — *Angela Gustafson, Out of the Box, 2003.*

Route to...

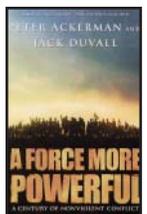
- Librarian
- Pastor(s)
- Worship Planners
- Education Coordinator
- Church Secretary

More Youth Ministry resources:



Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens edited by Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter, Upper Room, 2002. Eighteen teens and adults tackle the question, Do you know a way to live that recognizes what God is doing in me and in the world around me? Their different points of view and personal stories make living a Christian life real.

Contemplative Youth Ministry: Practicing the Presence of Jesus by Mark Yaconelli, HarperCollins, 2006. Offers an organic approach to youth ministry that helps you create meaningful silence, covenant communities, and contemplative activities that allow your students to recognize the presence of Jesus in their everyday lives.



A Force More Powerful: The Game of Nonviolent Strategy, York Zimmerman, 2006. A simulation computer game allowing the player to wage nonviolent struggles for freedom and rights – against dictators, occupiers, authoritarians and oppressive rule. The player takes the role of strategist for a nonviolent movement in one of ten scenarios.



Resource Centre on the Road

Bring the Resource Centre to your next gathering or attend one of the following events:

Sep 30 *Manitoba Equipping Conference*
– speaker, Roots and Fruits of Passionate Faith, Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship, Winnipeg

Oct 28 *Saskatchewan Equipping Conference*
– workshop leader, Resources at Your Fingertips, Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon

Nov 10-12 *Transforming Congregations in Worship Training*
– worship leader, Erb St. Mennonite Church, Waterloo, ON

Website Window

Anabaptist Online Resources

New resources online:

MC Canada/MPN partnership.

It's now simple to order all your MPN titles online from the Resource Centre. Or continue to borrow before you buy. All in one place. Check out our new design and e-commerce capacity!

www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre

Mennonite Spiritual Directors List (Canada).

A directory of Mennonites in Canada who are qualified and available to offer a listening ministry of spiritual guidance and prayer to individuals and congregations.

<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/47>

Vision Statement and Statement of Identity and Purpose MP3 Files.

These two important identity statements of MC Canada are now available on audio file. Listen to them in various languages: English, Cantonese, French, German, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese! More languages to follow. <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/48>

Gather 'Round Worship Resources. Launch the new *Gather 'Round* curriculum this fall with a special worship focus on Sunday School Promotion Sunday. Worship resources can be downloaded from

<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/46>

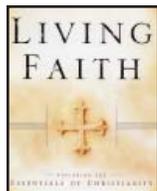
2007 Pastor Salary Guidelines.

A national guideline is published to strive for common understandings and equitable compensation for all pastors in Mennonite Church Canada. These guidelines also include a sample Memo of Understanding and Salary Worksheet.

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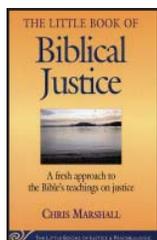
Arlyn is available to provide a display of materials, lead a workshop or Sunday School, preach a sermon or perform a drama. Contact the Resource Centre to make arrangements.

Allen Sapp's Art: Through the Eyes of the Cree and Beyond, (DVD), Allen Sapp Gallery, 2005. All people have a worldview. Our worldview is informed by our experiences, our history, our education, our upbringing, the language we speak, the culture we live in, the books we read, the media we are exposed to, etc. This video and resource guide celebrate Allen Sapp's portrayals of the richness of the Plains Cree worldview.



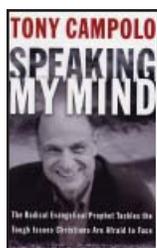
Living Faith: Exploring the Essentials of Christianity, Baker Books, 2005. (DVD, 10 sessions) How were the books of the Bible chosen? Who wrote the Bible? What does the Old Testament have to do with the New? What does it mean to live as a Christian

in the twenty-first century? Renowned scholar, Tom Wright, in *Living Faith* enables believers of all backgrounds to understand Christianity more fully through an exploration of the history, foundations and core beliefs of the faith. Leader's guide included.



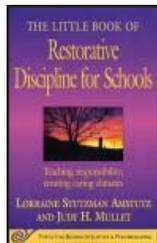
The Little Book of Biblical Justice: A fresh approach to the Bible's teachings on justice, by Chris Marshall, Good Books, 2005. Coming to grips with biblical teaching on justice is not easy. The author manages a thorny, multi-faceted subject clearly and ultimately singles out the broad areas of

theological agreement among the Bible's writers.



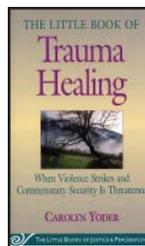
Speaking My Mind: The Radical Evangelical Prophet Tackles the Tough Issues Christians are Afraid to Face, by Tony Campolo, W Publishing Group, 2004. Campolo speaks his mind on women preachers, gay Christians, Islam, creation science, environmental responsibility, and political parties. Risky

topics – but a vulnerability Campolo is willing to take in order to speak the truth in love, insisting that God is a God of compassion, who accepts and loves us as we are - in all our diversity.



The Little Book of Restorative Discipline for Schools, by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz & Judy H. Mullett, Good Books, 2005. Can an overworked teacher possibly turn an unruly incident with students into an "opportunity for learning, growth, and community-building?" If restorative justice has

been able to salvage lives within the world of criminal behavior, why shouldn't its principles be applied in school classrooms and cafeterias? Two educators offer applications and models.

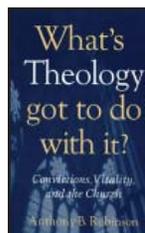


The Little Book of Trauma Healing: When Violence Strikes and Community Security is Threatened, by Carolyn Yoder, Good Books, 2005. Following the events of September 11, the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University was asked to help equip religious and civil leaders to deal with traumatized communities. Ideas have been put into practice, re-tooled, and used successfully again and again. Now the author has shaped these strategies and learnings into a book for all who have known threatened security.



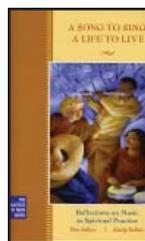
The Secret Message of Jesus: Uncovering the Truth That Could Change Everything, by Brian D. McLaren, W Publishing Group, 2006. McLaren clears away the dust of two thousand years of the Christian religion to get to the most important questions facing Christendom: Could it be that

the church has misunderstood or, in some cases, intentionally distorted Jesus' core messages? What if Jesus was right - but right in different ways than we ever realized? McLaren calls us to look hard, think deeply, and search long with him...even if the answers overturn our conventional ideas, priorities, and practices.



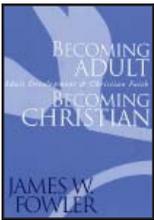
What's Theology Got to do With it?: Convictions, Vitality, and the Church, by Anthony B. Robinson, Alban Institute, 2006. Robinson carefully defines theology as the "core convictions" that help members of a congregation understand their common perspective and shared identity. He examines the

problems that occur when congregations are reluctant to focus on theology and are unsure of their beliefs. Absent core convictions, structure replaces Spirit, indirection replaces healthy dialogue, and agendas replace leadership. Congregations are strengthened when what they believe backs what they do.



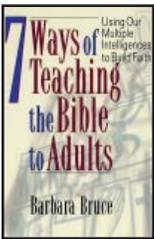
A Song to Sing, A Life to Live: Reflections on Music as Spiritual Practice, by Don & Emily Saliers, Jossey-Bass, 2005. Indigo Girl Emily Saliers and her father, Don, pen a book on the many dimensions of music in their spiritual lives. In this rich exploration of music across many settings and

styles, the authors reveal their own stories and the importance of music and justice, grief, delight and hope.



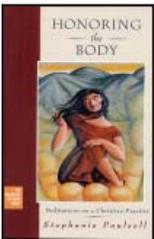
Becoming Adult Becoming Christian: Adult Development & Christian Faith, by James W. Fowler, Jossey-Bass, 2000. In this updated reissue of his 1984 classic, Fowler applies his groundbreaking research on the development of faith to Christianity.

Grounded in developmental psychology, theology, and practical ethics, *Becoming Adult* shows how communities of shared beliefs can support and nurture individuals as they shape themselves, and are shaped, in spirit and faith.



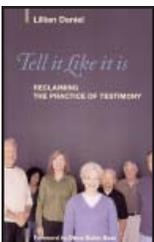
7 Ways of Teaching the Bible to Adults: Using Our Multiple Intelligences to Build Faith, by Barbara Bruce, Abingdon Press, 2000. This book shows teachers of adults how to use styles of learning to enhance the student's experience and enrich their own teaching. A chapter is devoted to

each of the seven styles: verbal, independent, social, visual, physical, musical and logical. Each chapter includes: suggestions for blending the style into lessons, questions to help teachers determine their own preferences, a lesson focusing on the learning style, and a prayer demonstrating the style.



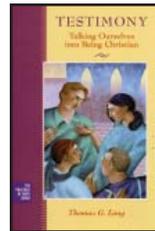
Honoring the Body: Meditations on a Christian Practice, by Stephanie Paulsell, Jossey-Bass, 2002. Paulsell draws on resources from the Christian tradition to show how we can learn to celebrate the body's pleasures, protect the body's vulnerabilities, and develop the practices that will ultimately

transform our troubled relationship with our bodies to one of honour and joy. A practical resource that weaves together scripture and story to help us recover an appreciation for ourselves as physical beings.

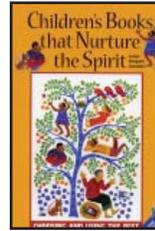


Tell it Like it is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony, by Lillian Daniel, Alban Institute, 2006. The story of one congregation's exploration with the practice of testimony and how it revitalized their worship and transformed their congregational culture. The pastor of the congregation describes how the

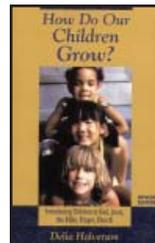
practice of testimony strengthened lay leadership, fostered more intimate community and drew the congregation closer to God. Includes some of the testimonies worshipers heard and reflections from both those who spoke and those who listened to these stories about God at work in the world.



Testimony: Talking Ourselves into Being Christian, by Thomas G. Long, Jossey-Bass, 2004. An exploration of how Christians talk when they are not in church. "Testimony" breaks the stained-glass image of religious language to show how ordinary talking in our everyday lives can be sacred speech. In a world of spin, slick marketing, mindless chatter, and easy deception, "Testimony" shows that the hunger for truthful, meaningful and compassionate speech is ultimately grounded in truth about God.



Children's Books That Nurture the Spirit: Choosing and Using the Best, by Louise Margaret Granahan, Northstone Publishing, 2003. Granahan introduces people to a wide selection of children's biblical and spiritual literature. An appraisal of over 450 books and videos.



How Do Our Children Grow? Introducing Children to God, Jesus, the Bible, Prayer, Church, by Delia Halverson, Chalice Press, 1999. Halverson offers parents and educators solid, practical ways to introduce children and young people to the Christian faith. Includes study guide.



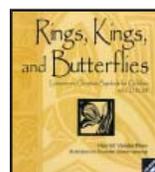
Making a Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Your Children, by Elizabeth F. Caldwell, Pilgrim Press, 2000. Talking about faith with children can be challenging for parents. How do we find the right words to say what we believe? This book helps parents address hard issues and questions

related to faith. Includes discussion questions for group study.



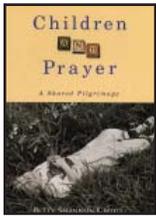
7 Ways of Teaching the Bible to Children, by Barbara Bruce, Abingdon Press, 1996. Bruce uses 7 learning styles to show you how to meet the various learning needs of each child in your classroom. The 25 ready-to-use lessons, based on the Old and

New Testament feature warm-up exercises, scripture readings, activities and options for tailoring the lessons to all your students' individual learning needs. Practical advice for discovering each child's learning preferences and a teacher training session are also included.

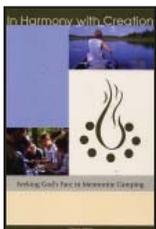


Rings, Kings, and Butterflies: Lessons on Christian Symbols for Children with CD-ROM, by Harriet VanderMeer and Elizabeth Steel Halstead, Augsburg Fortress, 2006.

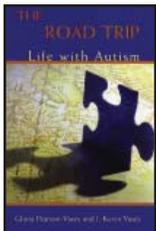
Here is a helpful resource for teachers, worship leaders and parents who want to help children learn about Christian symbols and the seasons of the church year. Bold art in a woodcut style accompanies thematic lessons, children's sermon ideas, and activities to help illuminate the story of our Christian faith. Includes CD-ROM.



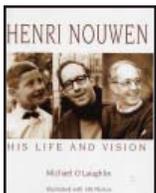
Children and Prayer: A Shared Pilgrimage, by Betty Shannon Cloyd, Upper Room Books, 1997. Provides concepts for teaching children about prayer and includes prayers written by children, prayers that caregivers can pray with children, interviews with children and resources for further study. This book is concerned with how the caregiver can model the life of prayer for children while at the same time help adults grow in their own unique prayer life with God.



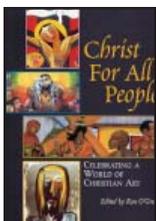
In Harmony with Creation: Seeking God's Face in Mennonite Camping 1980-2005, edited by Larry & Mary Jane Breneman Eby, Mennonite Camping Association, 2006. The authors present in popular reading style what has happened in Mennonite Camping in the last quarter century. By using the member camps of Mennonite Camping Association's own missions statements and stories, this book shows how the present status of camping in the Mennonite Church reflects and complements our Anabaptist heritage.



The Road Trip: Life with Autism, by Gloria Pearson-Vasey and J. Kevin Vasey, Novalis, 2005. For families living with autism, the road can be a lonely and difficult one. Kevin and his mother, Gloria, share their family's journey. Kevin's autism, with all its challenges and opportunities, has become a springboard for activism for people with autism and a lifelong source of spiritual growth.



Henri Nouwen: His Life and Vision, by Michael O'Laughlin, Orbis Books, 2005. Through more than fifty books Nouwen touched countless people with his compelling interpretation of Christian faith. This is a richly illustrated biography of his writings and life. It provides a many-faceted portrait of one of the most beloved spiritual writers of our time.



Christ For All People: Celebrating a World of Christian Art, edited by Ron O'Grady, Novalis, 2001. A comprehensive collection of Christian art from every region of the world. This

collection from 60 countries reveals the remarkable diversity and creativity of contemporary Christian artists and their respective understandings of Christ.

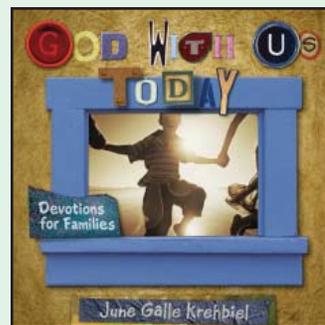


When a Congregation Is Betrayed: Responding to Clergy Misconduct, edited by Beth Ann Gaede, Alban Institute, 2006. This collection is for the "afterpastors" - interim or settled pastors - who follow misconducting pastors. And it's for lay leaders who may themselves have witnessed or been victimized by the misconducting pastor. Both groups of leaders need guidance about how to assess and effectively respond to the misconduct, how to care for the victim/survivor, and how to carry out the mission and ministry to which the congregation has been called.

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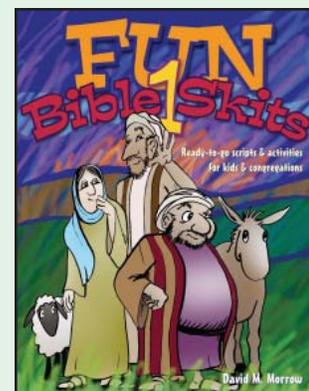
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God With Us Today: Devotions for Families by June Galle Krehbiel, Faith and Life Resources, 2006. This delightful book offers families a warm, inviting way to share devotions

at home each day. Each of the 100 devotions includes a brief meditation on a scripture passage, a prayer, a visual "God-reminder" and some questions that explore how God is reaching out to each of us today.



Fun Bible Skits 2: Ready-to-go Scripts and Activities for Kids and Congregations by David M. Morrow, Faith and Life Resources, 2006. Bring Bible stories to life with these short reproducible scripts. Each is accompanied by tips

for discussion and activities to provide flexible options for clubs, retreats, camp, Sunday school or worship settings.