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We offer resources for...

Nov 5	Peace Sunday
Nov 12	Mission Sunday
Dec 3	First Advent
Dec 25	Christmas
Jan 1/07	New Year's Day
Jan 28	World Fellowship Sunday

Resource Update

- Highlights faith and church ministry resources that Mennonite Church Canada makes available by loan, sale or electronic download.

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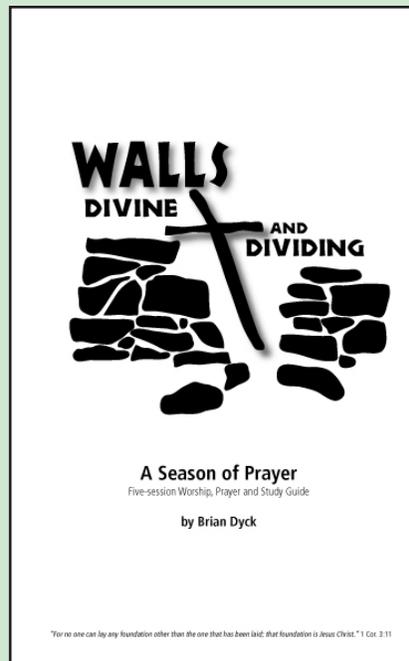
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New MC Canada Resources

Check this *Equipping* packet for sample copies!



Season of Prayer for 2007

Walls: Divine and Dividing

by Brian Dyck



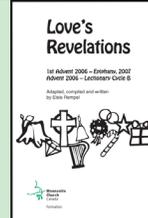
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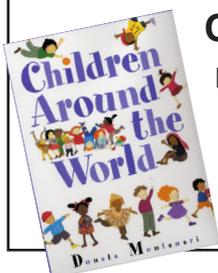
At-Home

**Advent
Guide for
Year C,
2006/07**

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Childrens' Corner

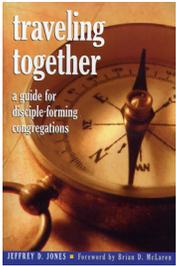
Resources for the church library, home, Sunday School class or Sunday morning storyteller.



Children Around the World

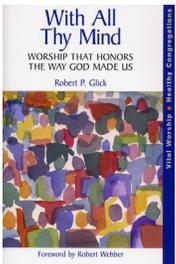
No matter where they live, children are fascinated with how children in other places live and play. This charming, informational picture book introduces young readers to twelve children from countries around the world. With simple words and delightful pictures, this book explores the themes of commonality and diversity. It is the perfect introduction to different cultures.

—by Donata Montanari, KidsCan Press, 1998.



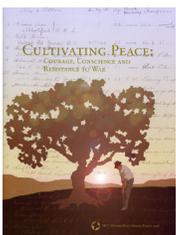
Traveling Together: A Guide for Disciple-forming Congregations. A travel guide for a journey with a sacred purpose—discerning God’s call, both as individuals and as the church. The destination will look different for different congregations but Jones provides the tools to help pastors and other leaders embark on their own unique quest to respond to God’s call.

—by Jeffrey D. Jones, Alban Institute, 2006.



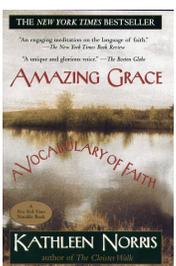
With All Thy Mind: Worship That Honors The Way God Made Us. The worship terrain has changed, but a consensus has yet to emerge even about what worship is, let alone how we should worship. Increasingly, however, people are hungry not just to know about God, but to experience God with all that they are—mind, heart,

body, and soul. Glick sees a growing awareness of the importance of intuitive, emotive, and sensual ways of knowing at a time when brain science is having a profound impact on psychology, education, and other fields. An examination of the place of words, songs, sacraments, and symbols in worship—in light of what we now know about the complexities of the human brain.—by Robert P. Glick, Alban Institute, 2006.



Cultivating Peace: Courage, Conscience and Resistance to War – 2006 Peace Sunday Packet. As Canada celebrates Remembrance Day, this year the Peace Sunday Packet takes the opportunity to remember war stories as well; not necessarily those of soldiers who killed and died

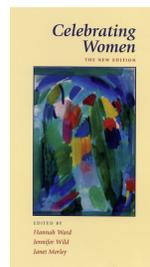
“so that war would never happen again,” but those of individuals who as a matter of conscience made a different choice: to refuse to take lives under any circumstance. Look for your congregation’s copy or download at <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/89>. —Edited by Michele Rizoli, Mennonite Central Committee, 2006.



Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith. Struggling with her return to the Christian church after many years away, Kathleen Norris found it was the language of Christianity that most distanced her from faith. She found she had to wrestle with the vocabulary and make it her own before the words could confer their blessings and grace.

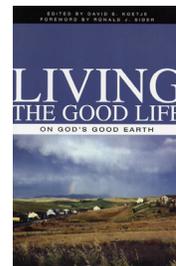
Blending history, theology, storytelling, etymology, and

memoir, Norris offers a moving account of her own gradual conversion. —by Kathleen Norris, Riverhead Books, 1998.



Celebrating Women: The New Edition. The beauty and power of women’s liturgical writing is celebrated anew in this expanded edition of a classic collection of prayer and worship material. Here are psalms, collects, and hymns suitable for formal, corporate worship as well as less structured prayers and poetry that are poignant, imaginative and tough - even

funny at times. An essential reading for anyone who seeks open and inclusive ways of praying. —Edited by Hannah Ward, Jennifer Wild, and Janet Morley, Morehouse Publishing, 1995.



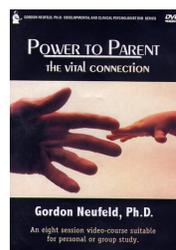
Living the Good Life on God’s Good Earth. “The earth is God’s world of wonders. It’s a place filled with hope and promise by the God who crafted it, sustains it, and lovingly works to redeem it.” This adult study is a compelling invitation to live out our calling as caretakers of God’s good earth in our daily living. Chapters

discuss the impact of environmental stewardship on: the way we live, the homes we live in, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the energy we use, the plants we grow, the work we are called to do, what we do for rest and enjoyment. Includes study guide.—Edited by David S. Koetie, Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2006.



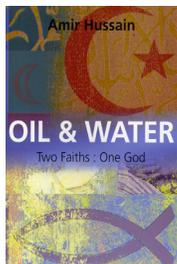
Making Sense of Adolescence, (DVD). Our highly complex society requires a lengthy adolescence and yet provides very few cues for parents and teachers on how to deal with it. The task of turning children into adults has never been more daunting. In this 6-session course, Gordon Neufeld takes the mystery out of adolescence and provides practical suggestions for how to successfully negotiate this tumultuous time. Includes study guide.

—Mediamax Interactive, 2004.



Power to Parent: The Vital Connection, (DVD). In order for parenting to work, children - including teenagers - must be in right relationship to their parents. Nothing is more critical or pivotal in parenting than this seldom recognized or addressed factor. This eight-session course, with Gordon Neufeld, explains the

concept of right relationship, providing suggestions for parenting children of all ages with attachment in mind. Includes study guide. —Mediamax Interactive, 2006.



Oil & Water: Two Faiths: One God. Listen to any news broadcast today and the message is all too often a false one: Islam is a religion of violence and behind every Muslim there lurks a potential terrorist. Islam is a threat to the values of the Christian West. Christianity and Islam are like oil and water; they don't mix. The author

confronts these popular perceptions head-on and challenges his readers to discover constructive and creative ways of relating with each other. —by Amir Hussain, CopperHouse, 2006.



In on the Action? September's Top Rentals

Adventures with the Anabaptists: A Study for Youth. Ten interactive lessons that link church history and stories of faith heroes with Bible study and contemporary discipleship. —Faith & Life Resources, 2002.

Destination Bethlehem: Dramas and Pageants for Advent/Christmas. Anthology of Christmas material by a variety of authors. CSS Publishing Company, 2004.

Night Visions: Searching the Shadows of Advent and Christmas. A devotional guide that leads spiritual travelers on a journey through the Christmas season, ushering quiet moments of introspection into a time that is often rushed and hurried.—United Church Press, 1998

read, think, pray, live: a guide to reading the bible in a new way. In these pages, you'll see how lectio divina, an ancient method of prayer, holds great promise for us, living in the noisy twenty-first century. —NavPress, 2003.

The Power of Asset Mapping: How Your Congregation Can Act on its Gifts. A step-by-step guide to help transform congregational identity and practice by helping the church appreciate its own gifts and capacities and those of its neighbours. —Alban Institute, 2004.

Bible Skits 1: Ready-to-go Scripts and Activities for Kids and Congregations. Bring Bible stories to life for all ages through these 25 ready-to-go skits and accompanying activities. —Faith and Life Resources, 2005.

A Home Alone. This VHS program focuses on the pain of an elderly widower when his wife of many years dies unexpectedly. Like so many men, he has not been taught to grieve, nor is he expected to show his overwhelming feelings of sorrow, so he buries himself in his work in an attempt to avoid painful feelings. —Magic Lanterns Communications, 1990.

Mennonite Your Way: Hospitality Travel Directory 10, 2006 – 2008. This latest edition is a listing of hosts in over 50 countries. —Mennonite Your Way, 2006.

Misplaced your other Resource Updates?

For past issues, check
<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/87>.

Each issue lists seasonal and new resources – most titles are only profiled once, so skim past issues for additional materials.

These recent issues featured specific themes:

October 2006	New Christmas resources
September 2006	New Youth Ministry resources
July-August 2006	New Adult Small Group studies

Website Window

Anabaptist Online Resources

E-commerce at the Mennonite Heritage Centre

Order new books online from the Mennonite Heritage Centre
<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/76>

Browse from these newly created subject categories:

Aboriginal Peoples
<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/77>

Anabaptists/Mennonites
<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/80>

Children's Mid-week Club program
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Christmas
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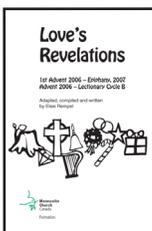
Multiple Intelligences
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Small Groups
<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/83>

Youth Ministry
<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/84>

The Language Gift: Language Learning in Seoul, Korea. While lots of people can teach English, MC Canada Witness workers offer additional gifts - they offer themselves. As they do so, they offer new ways of communicating, respond to questions about God, and share their faith.

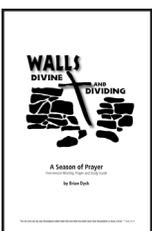
Contribute towards and learn about various MC Canada ministries through KidsPak projects. Downloadable – together with children’s activities and stories – <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/72>.



At-Home Advent Guide for Year C, 2006/07. Love’s Revelations. This year, during the season of Advent, we are encouraged to focus on God’s revelations of love to the church and the world.

Use the at-home resource as a guide for your family’s devotional time, repeating the weekly litany each day of the week as you move through the list of daily Scriptures.

Downloadable or for sale - <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/73>.



Season of Prayer for 2007. Walls: Divine and Dividing by Brian Dyck. Mennonites have a love/hate relationship with walls. Being missional has a lot to do with hospitality and extending a genuine welcome to others. But we have also seen ourselves as a separate people. At Assembly 2006, the Faith and Life Committee

of Mennonite Church Canada encouraged us to hold hospitality and holiness in a healthy tension so that each can fulfill their positive functions without excluding those whom Christ would have us invite in.

Download or purchase this year’s 5-session Season of Prayer booklet - <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/75>



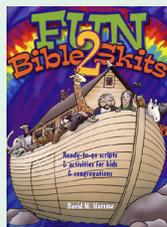
Cloth Labyrinth

Ever walked a labyrinth? Christians have historically walked labyrinths as a physical form of prayer. A labyrinth is different from a maze. Unlike any other walk, one does not have to worry about

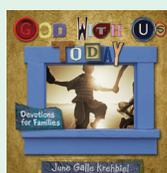
where to turn or where to go. One just follows the path that has been laid out. As one follows the many turns of the labyrinth – to the centre and then back to the world - one’s mind and spirit are helped to leave “baggage” behind.

Borrow this 13x13 foot cloth floor pattern for your next retreat, youth gathering or prayer service - <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/86>

Available from the Resource Centre for a free preview loan. To purchase, order online (www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/home) or call MPN at 1-800-631-6535.

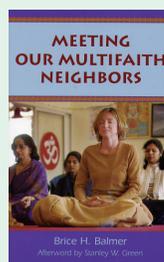


Fun Bible Skits 2: Ready-to-go scripts & activities for kids & congregations. Bring Bible stories to life for all ages through these 24 ready-to-go skits and accompanying activities! A flexible resource for worship, midweek clubs, retreats, Sunday school, camp or other settings. Second of three in this series. —by David Morrow, Faith and Life Resources, 2006.

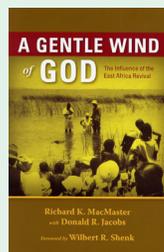


God With Us Today: Devotions for Families. One of the best headlines of God’s “good news” is that we’re not alone. But how easy it is to miss God’s call and presence when we are too busy! This delightful book offers families a warm, inviting way

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. —by June Galle Krehbiel, Faith and Life Resources, 2006.



Meeting Our Multifaith Neighbours. Missional churches continually engage neighbours of different faiths, whether across the street or around the world. This book addresses some of the key issues for North American Christians who endeavor to be respectful of other religions as they share their own faith.—by Brice H. Balmer, Herald Press, 2006.



A Gentle Wind of God: The Influence of the East Africa Revival. While Mennonite churches in mid-twentieth-century North America tried to maintain their spirituality through orthodoxy and prescribed behaviour, missionaries they had sent to East Africa often returned home with a new vision of

revival: Walk with Jesus Christ and allow nothing to disturb the relationship. This book tells the story of how that movement ultimately provided Mennonites and others a way to reignite the smoldering fires of revival. —by Richard K. MacMaster with Donald R. Jacobs, Herald Press, 2006.