

CommonWord

Bookstore and Resource Centre

In 2024 [CommonWord](http://www.commonword.ca) will be entering its 10th year as a combined national bookstore and resource centre. We are in a strong position to move into our next decade.

Over 50 years of service

CommonWord owes its strength to a long history as a university bookstore and congregational resource centre that dates back to the 1940s and 50s. In 1974, the Conference of Mennonites in Canada hired its first Resource Centre staff person. Since then, our ministry has grown in its ability to foster faith development by serving you with Anabaptist and related resources to buy, borrow, and more recently, access online. Watch for further information about our 50th anniversary in 2024!

Our Pandemic story

Since the lifting of Covid restrictions, retail and loan activity has rebounded well. Up to December 19, 2023, we fulfilled over 700 online retail orders, transacted nearly 8,000 in-store purchases, delivered over 2,600 loans, and saw 17,000 items downloaded—all reflecting a year-over-year increase. Thank you for your engagement.

New for You

CommonWord partnered with MennoMedia this past year to distribute a new family storybook Bible, The Peace Table. As of this writing, buyers have ordered almost 750 copies. Thank you to Mennonite Church Canada for advancing funds to purchase inventory. Consider ordering yours—for your children, grandchildren, congregation, children ages 6-10.

Staying Current

We make a point of gathering and curating materials on important current topics. Several examples from this past year include:

- » The Palestine-Israel Network’s recommended resources on the current war (and long-standing conflict) in the Middle East <www.commonword.ca/go/3301>.
- » Regional Church climate working groups offer recommended resources under the banner “Together in Hope” <www.commonword.ca/go/3698>.
- » Indigenous Relations resources that reflect our calling as Mennonite Church Canada <www.commonword.ca/go/2098>.
- » Materials to inspire, inform and equip congregations

in mission and in partnership with the wider work of the church <www.commonword.ca/go/2283>.

» Formal regional church conversations on:

- Death and dying (including green burials, palliative care, Medical Assistance in Dying) <www.commonword.ca/go/3687>.
- The Character of Jesus <www.commonword.ca/go/1406>
- Church Identity/Vision <www.commonword.ca/go/2941>
- The Rural Church <www.commonword.ca/go/3299>
- Hope <www.commonword.ca/go/1725>
- Vocation/Calling <www.commonword.ca/go/2285>
- LGBTQ+ Inclusion <www.commonword.ca/go/3002>

Here for you

We are eager to amplify and support wider church conversations. Discover how to access CommonWord resources with the short video tutorial at <https://www.commonword.ca/go/tutorial>. Or contact us directly with any question by calling 1-877-846-1593 or e-mailing info@commonword.ca. Subscribe to the bi-weekly Curator email updates. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Embed our RSS feeds on your congregation’s website.

Thank you

We are grateful to Mennonite Church Canada and Canadian Mennonite University for an ongoing commitment to Christian faith formation. And we thank you for your support as well.

CommonWord is your bookstore and resource centre. We look forward to serving you in 2024!

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