

## CALENDAR

We offer resources for...

April 1: Palm Sunday  
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April 5: Maundy Thursday  
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April 6: Good Friday  
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April 8: Easter  
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May 27: Pentecost  
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## 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](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca)

- Submissions of a special worship service, litany or celebration are always welcome. Share with us and other congregations!

- Links in the electronic publication are LIVE - just click to enter our website.

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## Route to...

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

## Youth Ministry Resources

The Resource Centre recently re-catalogued its whole **youth ministry library**. We have **culled** old resources, **integrated** new materials from several other libraries, and have given each resource new **subject categories** for ease of access.

### Looking for:

- Youth programs?
- Worship resources?
- Youth curriculum?
- Pastoral care resources?
- Mentoring materials?
- Retreat helps?



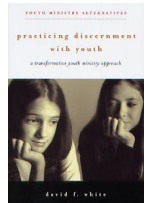
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### Here are 3 examples:



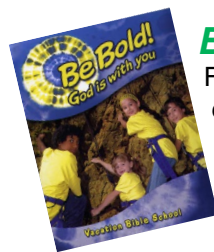
**An Insider's View of Jesus.** This comprehensive youth curriculum on Christian discipleship turns the 12 "Fish Eyes" scripts of Ted and Lee (on VHS or DVD) into meaningful lessons for your group. *Linda Bannan and Rick Marschall, Youth Specialties, 2003.*

**Practicing Discernment with Youth.** 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. *David White, Pilgrim Press, 2005.*



**Read the Book.** A chart (for youth) designed to make the full reading of the Bible as interesting, fun, and un-bewildering as possible. Suggestions for how to use the chart and additional facts about the Bible, are also given. *Faith and Life Resources, 2007.*

## Childrens' Corner Resources for the library, home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller.

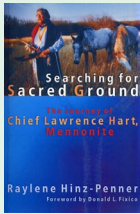


**Be Bold: God is With You.** 2007 Vacation Bible School, Faith and Life Resources. This flexible five-day curriculum challenges children to put their trust in the steadfast God whose message is always the same: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you." Each day's worship time introduces a new Bible story through lively drama and singing. Ten interactive "Courage Connection" stations provide hands-on learning and fun to reinforce the theme. Check [www.mph.org/vbs](http://www.mph.org/vbs) for preview material and order information.

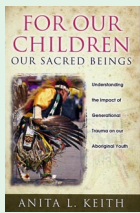


**For additional children's books, check**  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168)

**Aboriginal Peoples:**



**Searching for Sacred Ground.** The story of Cheyenne Peace Chief Lawrence Hart and the intersection of his Cheyenne people with the author's Mennonite ancestors of the 1880's in Oklahoma. *Raylene Hinz-Penner, Cascadia Publishing House, 2007.*



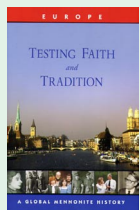
**For Our Children: Understanding the Impact of Generational Trauma on our Aboriginal Youth.** The author offers an Aboriginal perspective of what took place during colonization as a catalyst for healing. *Anita Keith, Healing the Land, 2006.*

➔ **For more Aboriginal resources, see** [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/77](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/77)

**Anabaptists/Mennonites:**



**Remembering Russia 1914-1927** DVD. Otto Klassen was born in Russia and has spent a lifetime chronicling the Russian Mennonite experience. This DVD offers a historical snapshot of the cataclysmic events leading to the immigration of the Russian Mennonites to Canada in the 1920's. *Mennonite Central Committee, 2006.*



**Testing Faith and Tradition: Europe.** This Anabaptist history volume recounts the often tortuous and formative experiences of the past 480 years in Europe, from the origins of Anabaptism to current realities. *Ed., John A. Lapp, C. Arnold Snyder. Good Books, 2006.*

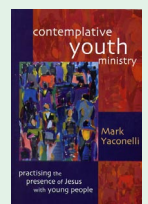
➔ **For more Anabaptist history resources, see** [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/177](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/177)

**Prayer/Spiritual Practices:**

**A Season of Prayer.** 5-week session guides for worship, prayer and study produced annually by Mennonite Church Canada. Download at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/195](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/195)

**Contemplative Youth Ministry.** Create meaningful silence, covenant communities and contemplative activities that allow your youth to recognize the presence of Jesus in their everyday lives. *Mark Yaconelli, HarperCollins, 2006.*

➔ **For more prayer resources, see** [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/185](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/185)



**Bible Study:**



**Reading the Bible with the Damned.** The author encourages the church and the unchurched to read the Bible together. This book demonstrates how to bridge this gap. *Bob Ekblad, John Knox, 2005.*



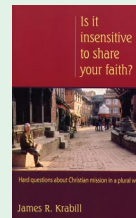
**Colossians Remixed: Subverting the Empire.** Is Colossians just a pretext for justifying a dominating political and economic power? Reading this New Testament book in context, both ancient and contemporary, can perhaps give us new ears to hear. *Brian Walsh and Sylvia C. Keesmaat, InterVarsity Press, 2004.*

➔ **For more adult studies, see** [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/190](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/190)

**Inter-Faith Dialogue:**



**Meeting Our Multifaith Neighbours.** This book addresses some of the key issues for North American Christians who endeavour to be respectful of other religions as they share their own faith. *Brice Balmer, Herald Press, 2006.*



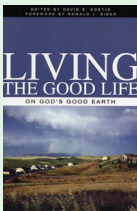
**Is It Insensitive to Share Your Faith?** Hard Questions about Christian Mission in a Plural World. Is it polite – is it even imperial – for Christians to invite others to faith? Krabill, a confessing Christian, writes vulnerably about how he answers. *James R. Krabill, Good Books 2005.*

➔ **For more inter-faith dialogue resources, see** [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/180](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/180)

## Creation Care/Environment:



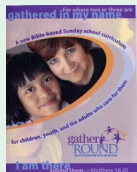
**An Inconvenient Truth: A Global Warning** DVD. Former Vice President Al Gore presents an eye-opening and compelling view of the future of our planet—and our civilization. This is a wake-up call that cuts through myths and misconceptions to deliver the message that global warming is a real and present danger. *Al Gore, Paramount Pictures, 2006.*



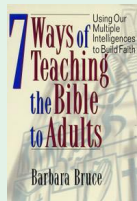
**Living the Good Life on God's Good Earth.** This adult study is a compelling invitation to live out our calling as caretakers of God's good earth in our daily living. Includes study guide. *Ed. David Koetie, Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2006.*

➔ **For more creation care resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/79](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/79)**

## Church Education:



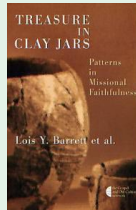
**Gather 'Round Sunday School curriculum.** A Bible-based curriculum nurturing children, youth and adults in becoming followers of Jesus at home, in Christian community, and in the world. Also see [www.gatherround.org](http://www.gatherround.org). *Faith and Life Resources.*



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

➔ **For more Church education resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/178](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/178)**

## Missional Church:

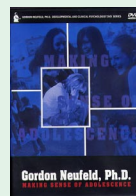


**Treasure in Clay Jars: Patterns in Missional Faithfulness.** If you saw a missional church, what would it look like? Presents the case studies of nine missional congregations from across North America and explores eight concrete “patterns” common to these churches. *Lois Barrett, William B. Eerdmans, 2004.*

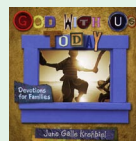
**Missional Ecclesiology and Leadership.** This essay, in two parts, looks at questions of the nature of a missional church and the components and characteristics of leadership needed to be such. Download at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/199](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/199). *Robert J. Suderman, Mennonite Church Canada, 2005.*

➔ **For more missional church resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/181](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/181)**

## Parenting:



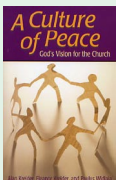
**Making Sense of Adolescence** DVD. In this 6-session course, Gordon Neufeld takes the mystery out of adolescence and provides practical suggestions for how to successfully negotiate this tumultuous time. Includes study guide. *Mediamax Interactive, 2004.*



**God With Us Today: Devotions for Families.** 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. *June Galle Krehbiel, Faith and Life Resources, 2006.*

➔ **For more parenting resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/183](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/183)**

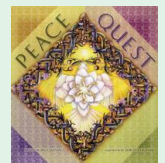
## Peace:



**A Culture of Peace: God's Vision for the Church.** The authors suggest how to develop “peacemaking reflexes”; and how to cultivate vulnerability and humility, two essential attitudes of peacemakers. The 2005 selection for the Global Anabaptist-Mennonite of Literature. *Alan Kreider, Eleanor Kreider, Paulus Widjaja, Good Books, 2005.*

**Peace Quest: Nurturing Peace within the Self, Relationships, Society and the Planet.** A collection of exercises for children to build feelings of inner peace and also to build their skills for making peace with others. *Kelly Guinan, 2002.*

➔ **For more peace resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/184](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/184)**

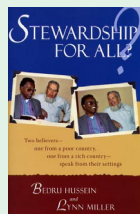


## Stewardship:



**KidsPak.** There are many ways for children and adults to learn about and contribute towards the various ministries of MC

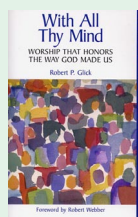
Canada. Check out these Sunday school or home giving projects—together with children’s activities and stories—at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/72](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/72).



**Stewardship for All.** This book brings together two authors from two vastly different parts of the world (Ethiopia and the United States) to talk about stewardship. The 2006 selection for the Global Anabaptist-Mennonite of Literature. *Bedru Hussein, Lynn Miller, Good Books, 2006.*

➔ **For more stewardship resources, see** [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/112](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/112)

## Worship:



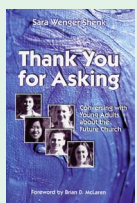
**With All Thy Mind.** An examination of the place of words, songs, sacraments, and symbols in worship – in light of what we now know about the complexities of the human brain. *Robert Glick, Alban Institute, 2006.*



**Preparing Sunday Dinner: A Collaborative Approach to Worship and Preaching.** Addresses the steps of planning, preparing and hosting worship and examines some of the challenges and pitfalls faced by those who collaborate in ministry. *June Alliman Yoder, Marlene Kropf, Rebecca Slough, Herald Press, 2006.*

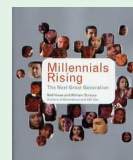
➔ **For more worship resources, see** [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/187](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/187)

## Young Adults:



**Thank You for Asking: Conversations with Young Adults about the Future Church.** Gritty, honest stories of young adults as told to their peers that provide a window into the realities of ministry to people of all ages. *Sarah Wenger Shenk, Herald Press, 2005.*

**Millennials Rising.** The authors suggest that today’s millennial teens are defying conventional wisdom about youth. Learn more about the generation that the authors predict will reject Gen X pop culture and rebel against Boomer politics. *Neil Howe and William Strauss, Vintage Books, 2000.*



➔ **For more young adult resources, see** [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/189](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/189)

## Website Window

Anabaptist Online Resources

**Have an Anabaptist website that you wish to highlight? Send me a link at [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca)**

**Youth Peace Resources** – Mennonite Church USA has launched a new website to help youth learn more about Christian peacemaking. Includes youth blogs and storytelling forums. [www.MennoniteUSA.org/youthforpeace](http://www.MennoniteUSA.org/youthforpeace)

**Mennonite Creation Care Network** – A bi-national network that seeks to equip lay people and leaders from MC Canada and MC USA with tools, resources and models that will educate, encourage, and inspire the church to care for creation. [www.mennocreationcare.org](http://www.mennocreationcare.org)

**Bible Kids** – a Canadian Bible Society website for pre-schoolers and early grade-schoolers. It is hoped that being able to see, hear and “play” with the Bible, kids will develop a love for Scripture. Tested/approved by Mennonite children! [www.biblekids.ca](http://www.biblekids.ca)

## CATALOGUE TOOL TIPS

**I am on our congregation’s search committee for our next pastor. What MC Canada resources are available?**

- Type [search committee] in the keyword field, **or**
- Click [MC Canada Resources], [Pastoral Leadership], [Ministerial and Congregational Leadership Resource Packets].

Either approach locates the packet entitled *Ministry Transitions: The Congregational Search Committee Version* which includes multiple downloadable documents to aid in a congregation’s pastoral transition.

**For other frequently asked questions, check** [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/169](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/169)