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2008 Resource Advocate Team

Five volunteers – Maurice Martin (Eastern Canada), Don Engbrecht (Manitoba), Marion Bueckert (Saskatchewan), Tracy Brown Ewert (Alberta), Heidi Epp (British Columbia) – are in place and eager to help congregations identify and locate the faith formation and spiritual nurture resources congregations need.

Resource Advocates will serve as an “extension” of the Resource Centre, a personal contact you can make in your Area Church. They have been trained to help give our MC Canada and Mennonite Publishing Network materials a greater profile in our congregations. And they will want to hear from you about any congregational

resourcing need you may have. Expect to meet them at your Area Church delegate session or hear from them in the coming months. Please also feel free to contact them directly – see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/153.



*From Left to Right:
Don Engbrecht
(Man.), Maurice Martin
(Eastern Canada),
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(Sask.), Heidi Epp
(BC)*

are serving as Resource Advocates for Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Publishing Network. Absent: Tracy Brown Ewert (Alta.).

Children's Corner

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



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Listen Up! Messages from God. 2008 Vacation Bible School, Faith and Life Resources. This flexible 5-day curriculum (for VBS or adaptable for mid-week children's program) introduces children to prophets from the Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jonah, Amos, and Daniel. Through stories, drama, and exciting “Listen Up Links,” kids age 4 through grade 8 will learn about God's messages of hope, transformation, mercy, justice, and faithfulness—and discover how these messages still hold true for people today!

Check www.mph.org/vbs for preview material and order information.

For additional children's books, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168.



In on the Action? January's Top Requests

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God, Money and Me: Exploring the Spiritual Significance of Money in our Lives, Mennonite Foundation of Canada, 2004. A 12-lesson study guide.

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Leader, Winter 2007, Faith and Life Resources, 2007. Quarterly leadership journal with worship features.

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Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing After Loss, GriefWatch, 1999. In this richly illustrated book, the author after suffering a big loss cooks up her own unique batch of "tear soup," blending different ingredients into her own grief process.

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Sharing the Easter Faith with Children: Helping Children Observe Lent and Celebrate Easter, Abingdon Press, 2005.

Articulates the Easter Good News for children and suggests ways that congregations and families can share that message with their children.

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And When They Shall Ask DVD. An award winning docu-drama telling the story of the Mennonites' sojourn in Russia from 1788 to the present.

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Remembering Russia: 1914-1927 DVD, by Otto Klassen, 2006. Chronicles the events of WWI, the Russian Revolution, famine and the anarchy that followed – and how it affected the Mennonite communities of southern Ukraine.

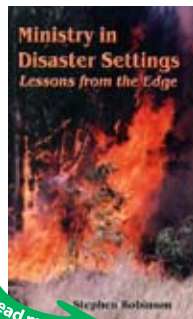
New Resources

There are 3 new resources/day. Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480 for a complete listing.



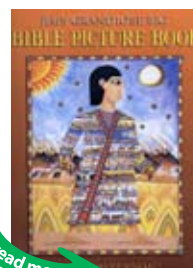
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Taming Hunger DVD, Mennonite Central Committee, 2007. Part one of this two-part DVD, "Manna from Heaven" provides a glimpse into the process of providing canned food to hungry people around the world. In "Trees of Hope" hear the stories of people in Burundi who are using canned meat in their communities to stop hunger.



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Ministry in Disaster Settings: Lessons from the Edge by Stephen Robinson, Artex Printing, 2007. This book came about through interviews with ministers and others who have shared the grace of God in the most intense of circumstances, specifically in major Australian disasters. It explores the realities of such ministry and its effect on ministry agents and explores the issues of post-traumatic stress and recovery.



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Jim's Grandiose Big Bible Picture Book by James Paterson, Bastian Books, 2007. Famous stories of the Bible – Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark, Joseph and his coat of many colours, the three Wise Men, and Joseph and Mary's flight into Egypt – are artistically depicted as you've never seen them before. Each story is lavishly recreated on a spread, and then deconstructed on following spreads with intriguing biblical, cultural, and artistic insights.



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Worship Feast: Lent and Easter CD-ROM, Abingdon Press, 2007. Takes youth groups from Shrove Tuesday to Easter Sunrise with creative, experiential worship outlines. Also includes five original Lent-themed worship songs on a CD-Rom and printed lyrics with chords.

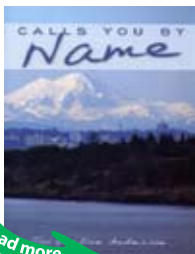
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Calls You By Name by Jacqueline Anderson, Art Bookbindery, 2007. Her dream of becoming an underwater treasure hunter ended after a near-death experience. After attending a Bible seminar during this period, she was led to find treasures in the Holy Word. Several years later while struggling with negative thinking, she began spiritual journaling. This led her once again to the Bible. She hopes others will enjoy her poetry and that it might act as a beacon toward the true Word.



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According to Vern Ratzlaff III by Vern Ratzlaff, 2005. A third collection of sermons by Vern Ratzlaff, long time pastor at the Nutana Park Mennonite Church in Saskatoon, SK.

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



Litany of Release and Blessing: A Pastor's Farewell Liturgy, downloadable file, St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, 1995. A reading for worship that marks the ending of a pastor-congregation relationship, the shift of roles and

responsibilities, while incorporating the public farewell. Our most popular *From Our Churches* resource in 2007!

➔ For other original materials, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/479

Vacation Hours

Arlyn will be away from the Centre March 25-April 14. Anita will continue half-time during those weeks. Messages will be received and orders will be filled by Anita when she's in.



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Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness by Nan C. Merrill, Continuum, 2007. Every commentary on the Book of Psalms has had to face the issue that many of these prayers celebrate wrath and vengeance. Merrill has re-examined the Psalms and transformed them into a work of piety and art. Taking each psalm in turn, she brings a vivid brilliance to some of the world's greatest prayers.

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New from Mennonite Foundation of Canada



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Management, 2006. The lessons in this booklet focus on managing money from a biblical perspective: they invite you to worship, balance, contentment, and generosity.



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From Grateful to Generous: Stewardship Sermons by John H. Neufeld, 2007. With keen insight into biblical principles and a familiarity with our modern culture's obsession with "more," these six sermons tackle the subject of money and God head-on.

See all of Mennonite Foundation's titles at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/274.

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From our Press

Close to Home pastoral care pamphlets.

Do you know people who suffer in silence because they don't know how to name and deal with a difficult personal issue? The *Close to Home* series is designed to help Christian caregivers invite others to journey toward wholeness.

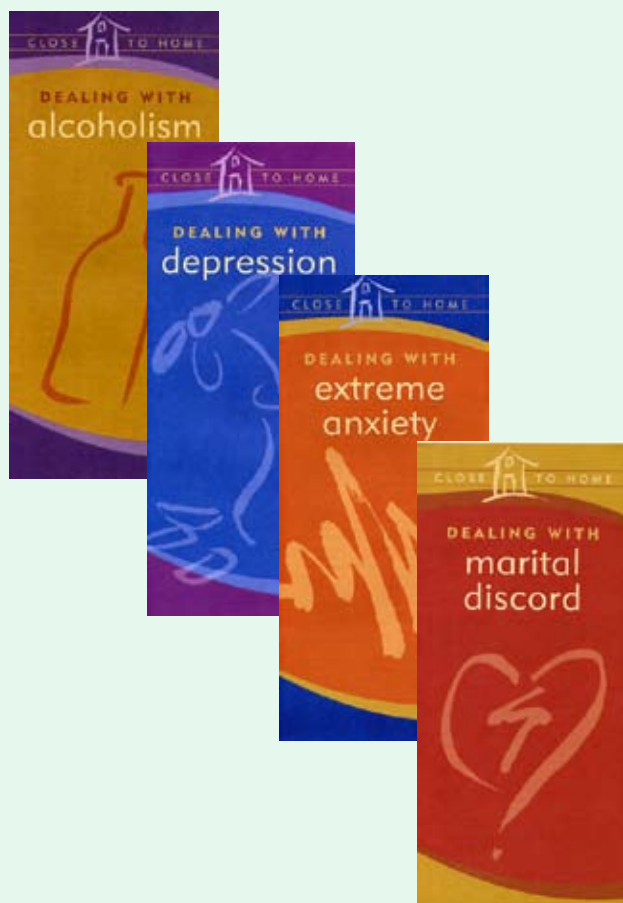
4 new titles:

[Dealing with Alcoholism](#)

[Dealing with Depression](#)

[Dealing with Extreme Anxiety](#)

[Dealing with Marital Discord](#)



➔ See www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/565 to borrow or purchase pamphlets from the entire series.

Website Window

New MC Canada resources online:

- **2008 Speakers' Bureau** – A list of Mennonite Church Canada staff and International Ministry workers who are available to preach, lead workshops, and offer other training opportunities. www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/166.
- **International Ministries Library** – We have now added all of the mission-related materials from our IM department into the Resource Centre catalogue - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/564.
- **New Sale Items from the Heritage Centre** – Purchase historical, genealogical titles from our Archives - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/76.
- **Church Matters** - Our web podcast that explores the life of the church, at home, across the street, and around the world. www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/158.

Other links worth noting:

- **Anabaptist Network** - www.anabaptistnetwork.com. A network of individuals and churches in Britain and Ireland interested in the insights of the Anabaptist tradition.
- **Christian Faith and Other Faiths: A Guide to the Internet** - www.mbseminary.edu/resources/internetguide/. Provides Christians with internet resources that will help them to strengthen their relationships with people of other faiths and to understand other expressions of spirituality.
- **Faith and the Common Good: Greening Sacred Spaces** - www.faith-commongood.net/gss/index.asp. A practical program to assist faith communities in their efforts to renew the sacred balance by making their communities more harmonious with the natural world.
- **I am Revolting/MCC Canada** - www.iamrevolting.org. Join the peaceful revolution & build a culture of peace.
- **Network of Biblical Storytellers** - www.nobs.org/. The mission of the Network of Biblical Storytelling (NOBS) is to encourage everyone to learn and tell biblical stories.
- **Planting Churches Manual** - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/563. A resource that church planters can adapt to their own situation. Specifically tailored to our Mennonite constituency.
- **Story-Lectinary** - www.story-lectionary.com/index.html. Includes stories, readings, reflections, preaching and music tips based on the lectionary readings. A Ralph Milton/James Taylor resource.