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Reaching up to God our Creator



A resource box for adults, and children ages 9-14, developed by Ojibway, Metis, Cree, and European church leaders.

- Teaching tools that help Native and non-Native peoples connect and learn from each other
- Stories and teachings that bridge cultures in our Canadian context
- A new lens to see our common Christian faith

➔ **[Preview this new resource kit](#)**
 Includes lesson sample, book excerpts, poster thumbnails, ordering information.

➔ Borrow or purchase (\$10) the books **[Maskipiton](#)** and **[Teachings of The Sacred Tree](#)** separately.



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Children's Corner Resources for the library, home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller.



Sleep in Peace by Ingrid Hess, Herald Press, 2007.

This charming book-length poem is the perfect bedtime story. It assures the child trying to put off the inevitable that no matter where or how they live, everybody goes to bed sooner or later. Children learn that, just like them, kids around the world are going to bed, too. And, just like them, God watches over all children as they sleep in peace.

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



In on the Action? February's Top Requests

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[Stages on the Way : Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week & Easter](#)

Wild Goose Publications, 2000. Litanies, meditations, readings, poems, prayers and symbolic actions for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

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[Holy Ground: Liturgies and Worship Resources for an Engaged Spirituality](#)

Wild Goose Publications, 2005. A collection of worship material that reflects the world we live in with a range of subjects from globalization and the environment to interfaith dialogue.

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[Coffee, Corn and the Cost of Globalization](#)

DVD, Mennonite Central Committee, 2004. Learn about some issues of economic globalization through the stories of two communities in Mexico.

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[Turning up the Heat: Studies on the Passion of Jesus](#)

Faith and Life Resources, 2000. Six interactive sessions discussing how the story of Jesus' journey to the cross reveals not only God's passionate love for humanity, but also Jesus' invitation to a life of servanthood and non-violence.

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[Sing the Story: Hymnal: A Worship Book Supplement II](#)

Faith and Life Resources, 2007. Songs and worship resources from Advent to Pentecost that tell the story of the life, ministry, death, resurrection, and reign of Jesus Christ.

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[Bikemovement the Documentary: A Young Adult Perspective on Church](#)

DVD, 2007. This documentary follows a group of young adults who, during the summer of 2006, rode bicycles across the US as an initiative to engage in conversation regarding their perspectives and visions for the church.

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[Mennonite Church Canada Compilation DVD 2](#)

2006. Highlights of MC Canada ministries in Canada and around the world, including Nanchong, Colombia, and Cuba.

New Resources

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



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The Sharing Circle: Stories about First Nations Cultures by Theresa Meuse-Dallien, Nimbus Publishing, 2003. Seven children's stories about First Nations culture and spirituality teach children about Mi'kmaq beliefs and heritage. A part of the new MC Canada resource collection, *Reaching Up to God Our Creator* (see page 1).



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The Sacred Tree: Reflections on Native American Spirituality by Phil Lane, et al., Lotus Press, 2004. A handbook of Native Spirituality for indigenous peoples all over the Americas and the world. Native values and traditions are being taught as the

primary key to unlocking the force that will move native peoples on the path of their own development. The elders have prophesied that by returning to traditional values, native societies can be transformed. This transformation would then have a healing effect on our entire planet. A part of the new MC Canada resource collection, *Reaching Up to God Our Creator* (see page 1).



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Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers: Year A, 2008, Canadian Edition

by James L. Weaver, Liturgy Training Publications, 2007. What does it mean to proclaim the scriptures in worship? The author begins this book with an introduction that outlines the ministry of the scripture teller/reader. A commentary accompanies every scripture passage, presenting background so that readers may understand what they are reading and thus proclaim with confidence. Margin notes are also provided for each reading, pointing out difficult pronunciations and natural divisions within the texts.



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The Legal Guide for Canadian Churches

by David Blaikie and Diana Ginn, Novallis, 2006. Recognizing that most people working in the church need guidance when confronting church-related legal issues, lawyers (and long-term church members) David Blaikie and Diana Ginn have assembled a comprehensive legal summary. This handy book references different areas

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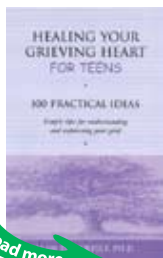
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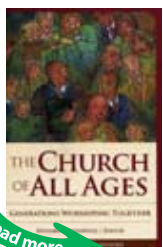
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Healing Your Grieving Heart for Teens: 100 Practical Ideas by Alan D. Wolfelt, Companion Press, 2001. In this new book for grieving teenagers, Dr. Wolfelt honestly and straightforwardly affirms teen's thoughts and feelings and gives them dozens of ways to understand and cope with their grief. Unlike longer, more text-dense books on grief, the one-idea-per-page format is inviting and digestible for this age group.



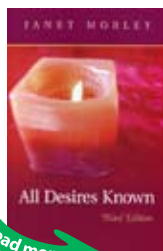
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Creating Meaningful Funeral Ceremonies: A Guide for Families by Alan D. Wolfelt, Companion Press, 2000. This workbook affirms the importance of having a personalized funeral and helps families create a ceremony that will be both healing and meaningful for years to come. The book includes many practical suggestions as well as a comprehensive funeral planning worksheet.



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The Church of All Ages: Generations Worshiping Together ed., Howard Vanderwell, Alban Institute, 2008. Nine writers - pastors, teachers, worship planners, and others serving in specialized ministries - offer their reflections on issues congregational leaders need to address as they design their worship ministry. In particular, how can congregations hold the generations together when they worship?

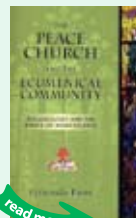


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All Desires Known: Third Edition by Janet Morley, Morehouse Publishing, 2006. A classic and indispensable resource for public worship and private devotion that speaks to people from many traditions - both within and beyond the Church. Offering worship language that's inclusive of women's experience yet deeply rooted in the words, stories, and images of Scripture, these prayers resonate not only with women, but with all who love the Bible and who want to pray with honesty and directness.

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New from Pandora Press



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The Peace Church and the Ecumenical Community: Ecclesiology and the Ethics of Nonviolence by Fernando Enns, Pandora Press, 2007. The author calls all churches to work toward sustainable peace. Enns proposes that both Christian ethics and ecclesiology need to be based on a trinitarian view of God as creator of the world, incarnated in Christ, and present in the Holy Spirit.



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Remember Us: Letters from Stalin's Gulag (1930-37) Volume One: The Regehr Family, by Ruth Derksen Siemens, Pandora Press, 2008. "Remember us as we remember you" – the plea from a father for his family in a prison camp in Stalin's Gulag empire. Though a criminal offence in the Soviet Union, Jasch Regehr's and other family members' letters (463 letters between 1930-37) did manage to arrive in Carlyle, SK. They were finally discovered in 1989 by Peter Barga, son of the recipients and are now housed in the Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives. The author states, "The world needs to know this story," and has gone on to document a gripping tale of death and torment, but also of hope and endurance.

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Original materials from our constituency



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[The Guest House: November 16, 2007 CBC Podcast.](#) The CBC's Jennifer Lee takes us to a special Guest House in Calgary, provided by Foothills Mennonite Church. Hear how this ministry began and how it's a welcome service to people from out-of-town who are visiting loved ones who are hospitalized.

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Dancing Through Thistles in Bare Feet: A Pastoral Journey

by Gary Harder, Herald Press, 2008. What makes a reluctant but successful music-loving pastor tick? Gary Harder tells of forty-two years in that role with these deeply personal, inviting, and honest stories. Amid the chaos of people's lives, Harder finds, God is often present

in unexpected ways. Harder creates a candid and lively conversation between experience and reflection; between the biblical witness and the stark reality of conflict in the church; between crisis and opportunities for ministry.



Summer Youth and Worship Resources, Faith and Life Resources.

This year, *Gather 'Round* Sunday School will offer two supplements on the Summer 2008 theme "The Things that Make for Peace:"

- Junior/Senior youth supplement that provides "connecting" and "responding" ideas plus one reproducible handout for each session – purchase as part of your Sunday School order.
- Congregational worship resources on the *Gather 'Round* themes, integrating the education and worship times around the theme of peacemaking. These will appear in the summer *Leader* magazine, due out shortly.

Free downloads from MPN:

- [Youth Guide \(www.faithandliferesources.org/pdf/YouthGuide.pdf\)](http://www.faithandliferesources.org/pdf/YouthGuide.pdf) – A guide to help your congregation nurture spiritual growth in high school youth. Offers a 4-year plan to ensure that your youth receive a comprehensive grounding in Bible, Anabaptist/Mennonite theology and history, and habits of Christian living.
- [MennoLens \(www.faithandliferesources.org/pdf/MennoLens.pdf\)](http://www.faithandliferesources.org/pdf/MennoLens.pdf) – A tool for evaluating Christian resources with a Mennonite eye. Use this guide to help your congregation choose materials that will form and reinforce strong Anabaptist/Mennonite faith among your children, youth and adults.

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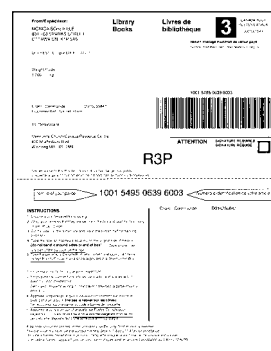
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Arlyn will be away from the Centre March 25-April 14. Anita will continue half-time during those weeks. Messages will be received and orders will be filled by Anita when she's in.