

## CALENDAR

### Summer:

Assembly Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/605](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/605)

Camp Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267)

Vacation Bible School  
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Summer worship  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/259](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/259)

### Fall:

Labour Day  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/257](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/257)

Sunday School Promotion  
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## Route to...

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

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



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**The Golden Rule** by Ilene Cooper; illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska, Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2007.

A grandfather and his young grandson discover some words posted on a wall: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” The Golden Rule. It can be found in all the world’s religions and in every culture. It’s easy to say and to remember, but what does it really mean? And how can you live by it?

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For additional children’s books, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168).



## Assembly 2008

### Discernment Themes:

Resources for your perusal before  
Winnipeg 08

- **Thriving Pastors: Healthy Churches** – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/504](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/504) and [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/606](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/606)
- **Greening the Life of Our Church** – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/79](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/79)
- **Confessing Jesus Christ in a Religiously Pluralistic World** – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/180](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/180)
- **Being a Peace Church: An Urgent Choice** – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/184](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/184)

### Speakers:

Tom Sine - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/608](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/608)  
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**Registration, schedule and related materials:**  
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### Recent topics and guests include:

*Jesus the Way Maker* with Richard Twiss, a First Nations theologian and author

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/598](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/598)

*Making Your Church Matter in Your Neighbourhood* with Rudy Dirks, pastor

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/592](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/592)

*Does the Church Matter Beyond the Congregational Level?* with Pam Peters-Pries

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/590](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/590)

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* with guests from the United, Anglican, Catholic, Evangelical Mennonite Conference churches

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/550](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/550)

*Global Gift Sharing and the Church* with Charles and Dolores Mahlangu, from Africa

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/536](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/536)

*Kids, Communion and Church* with Elsie Rempel

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/591](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/591)



## In on the Action?

### March-April's Top Requests

**Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy** by Donald Kraybill, Steven Nolt, David Weaver-Zercher, 2007. Explores the many questions about the religious beliefs and habits that led the Amish to forgive so quickly after the shootings in Nickel Mines in October 2006.

**Maskipiton: Peace Chief of the Cree** retold by Pat Pankratz and Elsie Rempel, Mennonite Church Canada, 2007. Based on actual written accounts by those who were close friends of Chief Maskipiton, it is a story of his love of God's word, his ability to forgive the man who killed his father, and the transformation of a man of violence to a man of peace.

**Remembering Russia: 1914-1923 DVD** by Otto Klassen, 2006. Chronicles the events of WWII, the Russian Revolution, famine and the anarchy that followed – and how it affected the Mennonite communities of southern Ukraine.

**Words for Worship** by Arlene Mark, Herald Press, 1995. This collection of prayers, litanies, blessings and commissionings is a ready resource for pastors and leaders, to enrich and deepen worship together.

**The Way is Made by Walking: A Pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago** by Arthur Paul Boers, Intervarsity Press, 2007. The author's story of renewed spirituality springing from an old, old path walked by millions before him. It's a story of learning to pray in new ways, embracing simplicity, forming community, living each day centered and focused, depending on God to provide.

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## New Resources

There are 3 new resources/day. Check [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480) for a complete listing.

**There have been two significant new additions to our Centre in the last few months:**

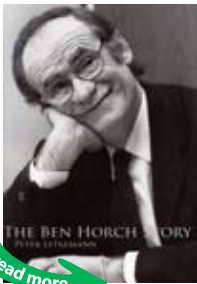
1. **The MC Canada International Ministries library** (200 titles) has been added to our database. Most are listed under “Mission” subject category - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/616](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/616). Check for mission stories, theology, history and cross-cultural resources.
2. **Spanish-language library** (100 new titles). [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/327](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/327). Check for curricula, theological/pastoral texts, other books – both original language resources and translated Anabaptist classics. Now, search also in the Spanish language!



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**The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith and Politics in a Post-Religious Right America** by Jim Wallis, HarperCollins, 2008. What will it take to solve the biggest issues of our time: extreme and needless poverty, global warming and environmental degradation, terrorism and the endless cycle of violence, racism, human trafficking, health care and education, and other pressing problems? Wallis helps us rediscover our moral center and provides both the needed inspiration and a concrete plan to hold politics accountable and find solutions to our greatest challenges.

→ **For other books on “church and politics” see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/617](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/617)**



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**The Ben Horch Story** by Peter Letkemann, Old Oak Publishing, 2007. Once in a generation or two, a gifted, charismatic leader emerges within a religious and ethnic community to leave an indelible cultural and spiritual legacy ... Ben Horch was such a leader in the sphere of music. His unique musical gifts were graced with an infectious personality and a genuine love and respect for people of all faiths and cultures... He not only possessed a remarkable musical ear, but he always sought to hear the inner musical “heartbeat” of music students, fellow musicians and of the choirs and congregations he worked with.



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**Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope** by Brian D. McLaren, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2007. “More and more Christian leaders are beginning to realize that for the millions of young adults who have recently dropped out of church, Christianity is a failed religion. Why? Because it has specialized in dealing with ‘spiritual needs’ to the exclusion of physical and social needs.” What he sets forth in this provocative work is a “form of Christian faith that is holistic, integral and balanced.”

→ **For other titles by Brian McLaren, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/618](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/618)**

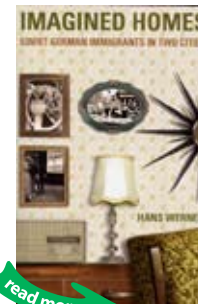


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**I am Hutterite** by Mary-Ann Kirkby, Polka Dot Press, 2007.

In 1969, Ann-Marie Dornn’s parents did the unthinkable. They left a Hutterite colony near Portage la Prairie, Manitoba with seven children and little else, to start a new life. This book chronicles her quest to reinvent herself as she comes to terms with the painful circumstances that led her family to leave community life.

→ **For other titles on “Hutterites,” see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/619](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/619)**



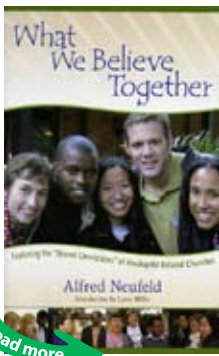
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**Imagined Homes: Soviet German Immigrants in Two Cities** by Hans Werner, University of Manitoba Press, 2007. Employing a cross-national comparative framework, Hans Werner reveals that the process of integration into a new urban environment was greatly influenced by how the immigrants imagined their settlement experiences would be. Winnipeg’s migrants chose a receiving society where they knew they would again be a minority group in a foreign country, while Bielefeld’s newcomers believed they were “going home” and were unprepared for the conflict between their imagined homeland and the realities of post-war Germany.

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**What We Believe Together: Exploring the Shared Convictions of Anabaptist-Related Churches** by Alfred Neufeld, Good Books, 2008. This book offers a fresh and up-to-date look at the seven core beliefs, and the practices that have developed from them, held by Mennonite-related groups around the world today. Writing as a member from the Southern Hemisphere, the author brings a fresh view to a movement that for

400 plus years was active primarily in Europe and North America (the majority of the members now live in the Global South).

➔ **For other titles from the Mennonite World Conference “Global Anabaptist Shelf,” see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/134](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/134).**



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**Through the Red Gate DVD**, Out to See Entertainment, 2008. Peter Bergen was just seven years old when he and his family narrowly escaped the Russian Gulag and an almost certain death. The rest of his relatives were not so fortunate. During Stalin’s reign (1922-53), thousands of Mennonites, along with 45-60 million people perished through enforced exile, execution, famine, and resulting disease.

Now, in a story that crosses continents and binds together generations, a rare and long forgotten cache of letters reveals the terrifying details of his family’s fate.

➔ **For other “Russian Mennonite history” materials, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/620](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/620)**



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**The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating the Missional Church** by Alan Hirsch, Baker Publishing Group, 2006. How did the number of Christians in the world grow from as few as 25,000 one hundred years after Christ’s death to up to 20 million in AD 310? How did the Chinese underground church grow from 2 million to over 100 million in sixty years despite considerable opposition? The author reveals the

paradigmatic insights he discovered as he delved into those questions and translates these findings into the context of the contemporary Western church.

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



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**Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith** by Anne Lamott, Riverhead Books, 2007. Lamott delivers a poignant, funny, and bittersweet primer of faith, as we come to discover what it means to be fully alive. This collection is a personal exploration of the faith and grace all around us.

➔ **For other “Faith memoirs,” see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/346](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/346).**



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**Wrestling with the Text: Young Adult Perspectives on Scripture** by Keith Graber Miller and Malinda Elizabeth Berry, 2007. Through its reporting of young adults wrestling anew with the Bible, this volume marks an important occasion of and for Mennonite conversation about identity and

scriptural authority. When Jacob wrestled with God’s messenger in Genesis, he did not let go until he received a blessing. So Jacob was renamed Israel, or “God Wrestles.” A theme uniting this book’s 16 stories plus responses is this reality of wrestling in search of blessing.



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**Seeking Peace in Africa: Stories from African Peacemakers** edited by Donald E. Miller, et al., 2007.

The stories in this volume are the hopeful responses of Africans who have lived through horrific violence. Some are unbearable tales of despair at the loss of millions of lives due to warfare, riots, terror, starvation, AIDS and disease. Others are remarkable descriptions of courageous peacemaking in the midst of nearly impossible circumstances.

## From our Press

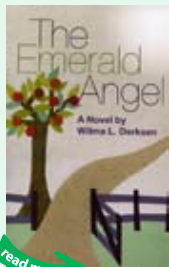


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### ***Bouquets: Intentional Relationships in Making Disciples***

by Bruce Hamsher, Herald Press, 2008. Developing intentional relationships with those outside our personal circles is a way to plant seeds that can bring souls to Christ. The author urges believers to patiently cultivate those relationships and live out the scriptural call to be

“the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved.”



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***The Emerald Angel*** by Wilma Derksen, Herald Press, 2008. A novel set in the Emerald Valley of British Columbia. A mysterious path through an orchard attracts the attention of young Ava, who knows that her grandmother's house is at the end of the trail. Why do so many people visit Ava's grandmother with their troubles and problems? As Ava

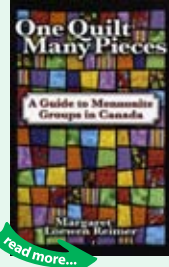
watches, her grandmother blesses the visitors with her extraordinary gifts of compassion, empathy and, most of all, listening.



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### ***I Am Not a Social Activist: Making Jesus the Agenda***

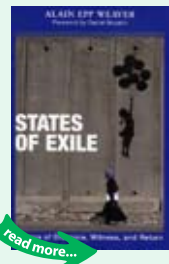
by Ronald Sider, Herald Press, 2008. In the essays in this book, the author calls on those in the evangelical stream to become more aware and concerned about poverty, injustice, and peacemaking, while he urges socially active Christians to embrace the great commission and to be more committed to Christ than to political agendas.



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### ***One Quilt Many Pieces: A Guide to Mennonite Groups in Canada: Fourth edition***

by Margaret Loewen Reimer, Herald Press, 2008. An updated introduction to more than twenty Mennonite groups in Canada, with membership facts on Old Order communities, mainstream denominations, German-speaking family groups, tiny clusters of congregations, and churches of many ethnicities and languages.



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### ***States of Exile: Visions of Diaspora, Witness and Return***

by Alain Epp Weaver, Herald Press, 2008. Offers a political theology of exile which envisions diaspora and return as both integral dimensions of the church's witness for the shalom of the city. Unlike conventional views, the author envisions the Christian

church as a community in exile which must learn to be theologically “not in charge.” The church in exile, he argues, must cultivate a receptiveness to the in-breaking of God's Spirit from beyond its walls.

## Upcoming Conferences

**Attending? Or wished you could? The Resource Centre has titles from these conference's key-note speakers:**

**May 23-24 Come to the Table** worship and arts conference, with John Bell, Emmanuel MC, Abbotsford, BC – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/61](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/61)

**June 1-3 Vision for the Long Term Pastorate:** Alban Seminar with Edward White, Shekinah Retreat Centre, SK – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/276](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/276)

**June 3-4 Our Money Talks: Theological Studies Event** with Bryan Moyer Suderman, Camp Valaqua, AB – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/614](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/614)

**June 9-11 Never Call them Jerks: Healthy Responses to Difficult Behaviour** with Arthur Paul Boers, Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, MB – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/615](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/615)

**July 7-10 MC Canada Assembly/Summit** with Tom Sine – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/608](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/608), Christine Sine – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/609](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/609), Tom Yoder Neufeld – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/610](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/610), April Yamasaki – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/611](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/611)

## From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



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### **[What shall we do with the Family Farm?](#)**

downloadable file, by Barb Draper, Floradale Mennonite Church, Floradale, ON. A drama that looks at the issues around selling the family farm: the health and retirement needs of the aging farmers, their children who have city commitments and each person's love of the farm.

**For other original materials, see**

**[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/479](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/479)**