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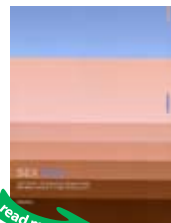
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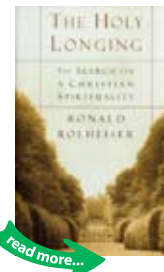
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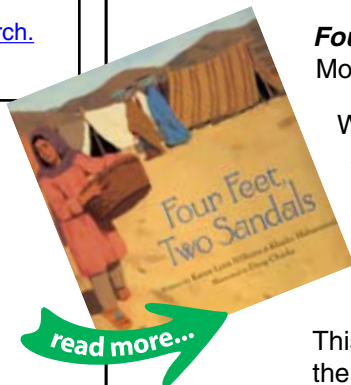
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GodSpace.

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



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Four Feet, Two Sandals, by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed; illustrated by Doug Chayka, Wm. B. Eerdman's, 2007.

When relief workers bring used clothing to the refugee camp, everyone scrambles to grab whatever they can. Ten-year-old Lina is thrilled when she finds a sandal that fits her foot perfectly, until she sees that another girl has the matching shoe. But soon Lina and Feroza meet and decide that it is better to share the sandals than for each to wear only one.

This book portrays the strength, courage, and hope of refugees around the world, whose daily existence is marked by uncertainty and fear.



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



In on the Action?

May's Top Requests

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[What if the Zebras Lost their Stripes?](#)

By John Reitano, Paulist Press, 1998.

Addresses children and racism with rare sensitivity and humour.

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[And to think that we thought that we'd never be friends](#)

by Mary Ann Hoberman,

Crown Publishers, 1999. A children's picture book that looks at quarrelling and its consequences, and how turning fighters into friends leads to greater peace.

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[The Radicals](#)

DVD. Gateway Films, 2004.

The story of Michael and Margaretha Sattler dramatizing the origins of the Anabaptist movement in Europe in the early 16th Century.

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[Maskipiton: Peace Chief of the Cree](#)

Mennonite Church Canada, 2007. The story

of Maskipiton, a 19th century Plains Cree chief who, after his encounters with a Christian missionary and a Cree elder, was inspired to live a life of peace and forgiveness.

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[Shroud for the Journey: The Clayton](#)

[Kratz Story](#) VHS, Urbania Productions,

2001. This video is the story of four young people who find meaning and inspiration in the moving testimony to Kratz whose life and choices as an early MCC volunteer continue to inspire.

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[Simply Enough: Straight Talk from Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne on Simple, Just Living](#)

DVD, Alternatives for

Simple Living, 2007. An intensely personal dialogue about the foundations of the Christian life and voluntary simplicity.

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Original materials from our constituency



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[When Your Spouse has Died: A Guide for the Bereaved](#)

downloadable file from First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. This booklet, prepared by a group of recently bereaved women, is a guide to help grieving people manage practical, emotional and spiritual issues connected with their loss.



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

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New CD – *My Money Talks: Songs for Worship*, 2007.

Incorporates a variety of musical genres that mirrors the different worship styles in our congregations and speaks to the often difficult topic of stewardship.

[And download the CD's accompanying artwork by Lynette Wiebe.](#)



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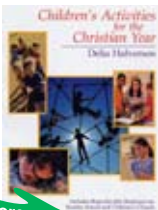
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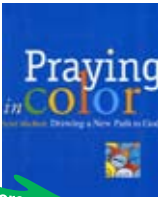
New Resources

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



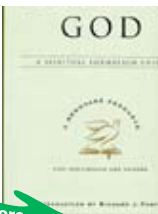
Children's Activities for the Christian Year by Delia Halverson, Abingdon Press, 2004. Activity resources to help new and veteran children's leaders interpret the meaning of the Christian year for children from preschool through elementary age.

For other "children's activity" resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/639



Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God by Sybil MacBeth, Paraclete Press, 2007. "This new prayer form gives God another door to penetrate the locked cells of our hearts and minds," explains Sybil MacBeth. "For many of us, using only words to pray reduces God by the limits of our finite words."

For other resources on "forms of prayer," see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/640



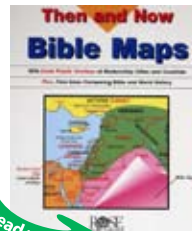
Renovare Spiritual Formation Guides: For Individuals and Groups. A series of 4 small group studies developed by Richard Foster that helps us become spiritually formed, conformed, and transformed into the image of Jesus Christ. Other 12-week topics include: prayer/worship, mission, God, Jesus.

For other "small group studies" see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/372



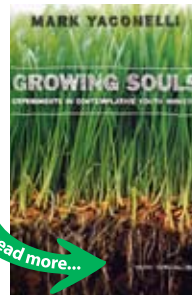
In Harmony with God: Choral Prayer and Preparation by Lynn M. Trapp, Carol A. Leitschuh, Liturgical Press, 2008. What is the prayer life of the congregational choir? How is it tended? Here's a resource to help deepen the experience of choir rehearsal as the group prepares for its ministry through song.

For other "choir conductor" resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/641



Then and Now Bible Maps, Rose Publishing, 2005. Gives you full-colour Bible maps with clear plastic overlays of modern cities and countries. Perfect for Bible studies when you want to know where a Bible city or country is today.

For other "biblical maps" see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/642



Growing Souls: Experiments in Contemplative Youth Ministry by Mark Yaconelli, Zondervan, 2007. This book chronicles the journey of more than a dozen youth ministries working to move Christian spirituality out of the retreat centre and into the youth room.

For other "youth ministry model" resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/643

ONLINE TOOL TIP

Electronic resources (downloads and webpages) are now simpler to access! Now when you generate a search list, a click on the title gets you directly to the resource (previously it took you to a "records page". If you still wish to see a more detailed record of the resource (often including further links), simply click on "(view record)" – a separate link to the right of the title.

For other frequently asked questions, check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/169

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New MC Canada resources online

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Recent Formal Statements:

- [Signatory to the Campaign to establish a Canadian federal Department of Peace](#)
- [Signatory to the Joint Declaration by Christian Leaders on Israel's 60th Anniversary](#)
- [Signatory to the Canadian Council of Churches Letter to the Prime Minister on the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine \(the Holdomor\)](#)

Links worth noting:

[Citizens for Public Justice.](#) Includes stories and data on poverty in Canada, biblical and faith-based reflections, and key components of national anti-poverty strategy tools for engaging your Member of Parliament.

[Interactive Preaching.](#) A website developed by Graham Old, who convenes the Anabaptist study group in Northampton, England. The website "is all about promoting the practice and values of dialogical, experimental, communal and practical preaching."

[The Story of Stuff.](#) A 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns.

Ready for Sunday School?

Here's a short checklist:

- [Gather 'Round website.](#)** For sample sessions, tips, ordering information, and more, see www.gatherround.org.
- [Gather 'Round Handbook.](#)** A rich resource for anyone who is committed to effectively including children and youth in the life of the congregation. To borrow or purchase, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/338.
- [Sunday School Promotion Sunday.](#)** Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/256 for a list of litanies and prayers, including MC Canada's new "church blessing" ritual for 2008.
- [Children's Bibles.](#)** For a sampling appropriate for different age levels in your Sunday School, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/337.

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Beyond Me: Grounding Youth Ministry in God's Story, by Wendell Loewen, Faith and Life Resources, 2008. This resource grounds youth ministry in God's reign, which contrasts with the consumerism and alienation of today's adolescent story. At the heart of this "contrast culture" are a relationship with a God who is lovingly involved in our world; a community where youth and adults connect meaningfully and follow Christ together; a discipleship that includes compassionate service; and a conviction that God's future has invaded the present.



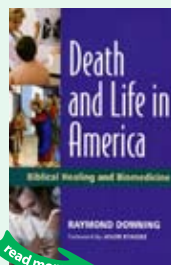
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Sing the Story 2 CD, Herald Press, 2008. The music featured here is based on the book, *Sing the Story*, published in 2007. The music embraces the heart of our worship and devotion: Jesus Christ. The selections especially focus on the seasons of the church year from Advent to Pentecost, telling the story of Jesus.



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The Family Song by June Hooper Piefer, Herald Press, 2008. Every day, the friendly Stranowsky family sings their favourite song to help them remember all of God's joyous blessings. When things go haywire one afternoon, it takes a crying baby, an overflowing toilet, a harried police officer, five kittens, the new neighbours, and The Family Song to remind them of God's presence.



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Death and Life in America: Biblical Healing and Biomedicine, Herald Press, 2008. Family physician Raymond Downing offers a bold critique of western medicine and sees medical care as one of the fallen "principalities and powers" in need of redemption. But Downing's hope lies beyond biomedicine—in biblical healing, especially the healing miracles of Jesus. In conversation with the Bible, Ivan Illich, William Stringfellow, Susan Sontag, and others, Downing revisits how Westerners approach medicine. He sees suffering and healing as essentially spiritual experiences at the roots of life and death.