

Please distribute to leaders in your congregation!

*Leader* is nearing the end of its second year as a resource for Mennonite congregations. Whether you are a pastor, committee chair, deacon/elder or other leader, please respond to the following survey so that we can serve you better. You may respond electronically on the *Leader* web site (at [www.leaderonline.org](http://www.leaderonline.org)) or mail this sheet to *Leader* at 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4, CANADA. Feel free to add comments on a separate sheet.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of congregation (average Sunday worship attendance): \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Conference (e.g., Alberta, Indiana-Michigan, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Your leadership role: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Thematic content

1. The front part of *Leader* and the last two or three pages seek to equip congregational leaders for various ministries in the church. Which elements are most important for equipping your congregation's leadership, and which are the least important? Regular features currently include:

Editorial • Feature stories about other congregations • Profiles of individual leaders • Reflective features on the issue theme • Interviews with leaders on the theme • Biblical reflections related to the theme • Pastoring God's People • Guiding Worship • Forming Faith • Tending Body Life • Managing the Church • Engaging the World • Pondering the Word article • Resources recommended by contributors and editors • New products from Faith & Life Resources • Leader tips • Humor • Cartoons

Most important: \_\_\_\_\_

Least important: \_\_\_\_\_

What other elements do you recommend we include? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How well do you think *Leader* meets the following goals (1=very well; 5=poorly)?

___ Be biblically grounded	___ Be accessible to lay leaders and pastors alike
___ Affirm an Anabaptist vision of the church	___ Equip leaders to be missional in thinking and practice
___ Offer material that is practical	
___ Reflect and promote the diversity of the Mennonite Church in	
___ gender	___ race/ethnicity
___ urban/rural balance	___ US/Canadian balance
___ styles of worship	

### 2. Worship Resources

1. For more than a decade, church-wide worship resources have been created by regional writing teams from Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA. During the past year, which worship resources published in *Leader* have you used in your congregation?

\_\_\_ Lent-Holy Week 2004

\_\_\_ Easter-Pentecost 2004

\_\_\_ Advent-Christmas-Epiphany 2004/05

\_\_\_ Ordinary Time/Thematic emphases, printed in Summer 04 issue

When you use the resources, do you: \_\_\_ use them mostly as written; or \_\_\_ adapt them significantly?

2. Based on your usage and needs, please check the worship elements that you consider essential for *Leader* to include.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calls to worship               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sermon ideas            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayers or acts of confession  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayers                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture reading arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> Sendings/benedictions   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture dramas               | <input type="checkbox"/> Music suggestions       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ritual suggestions             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theme song for a season |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's time                | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual elements         |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____             |

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

3. How compatible are the resources with your congregation's:

- |                             |                                     |   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| theology                    | <input type="checkbox"/> compatible | <input type="checkbox"/> not compatible |
| worship practices           | <input type="checkbox"/> compatible | <input type="checkbox"/> not compatible |
| ethnic and social character | <input type="checkbox"/> compatible | <input type="checkbox"/> not compatible |

If not compatible, please describe areas of tension or conflict.

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4. What other types of worship resources would you like to see included in *Leader*?

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5. Please offer additional feedback or suggestions on the format or content of the worship materials.

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### 3. **Leader Web site: [www.leaderonline.org](http://www.leaderonline.org)**

1. **Supplemental worship resources.** To correlate with the seasonal resources, we offer "extras" such as: dramatic resources; musical arrangements; children's activities; choral readings of Scripture; visual art; at-home resources; retreat plans; links to Mennonite Bulletin Series.

Which supplements are most helpful? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Which are least helpful? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. **Other leadership resources.** While the worship resources section is the most used part of the site, we also include other material: the current issue's editorial, lead feature, and table of contents, along with other material that relates to areas of ministry. Please let us know which of these resources you use most, and which are not as helpful to you.

Helpful: \_\_\_\_\_

Not so helpful: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Overall, rate the web site's performance (1=very good; 5=poor):

- a)  promoting the magazine
- b)  offering supplemental resources for *Leader* users

What changes could make the web site more effective? \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your survey to: *Leader* Managing Editor, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4, CANADA  
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