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Mennonite Church Canada – Web Site Tips and Tools



Greetings Friends:

Over the past year the Mennonite Church Canada website has grown (www.mennonitechurch.ca). The web site now has some 2000 pages of information and inspiration. Some areas have been reorganized. Here are a number of things that your church may be interested in.

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News Service

- If you or anyone in your congregation is interested in staying on top of Mennonite Church Canada News, simply go to <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/news/releases/subscribe/>. You'll get bi-weekly email news updates with the latest stories of God's work in the world through our international and national ministry workers, information, and inspirational updates on a variety of topics.

RSS News feature (stands for ReaSimple Syndication):

- For Webmasters: You can have items from Mennonite Church Canada's bi-weekly news service automatically listed and updated on your website. For help on how to do this, check out: <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/help/rss.htm>
- For individuals who like to keep up with the news on a regular basis: You can have up to date access to Mennonite Church Canada news stories by using some of the new RSS aware software. For more information check out: <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/help/rss.htm#person>

Web Calendar

- To find out what's happening in the Mennonite Church Canada-wide community visit: <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/>
- You can submit your events on the Web Calendar. Visit: <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/> and then click on the link that says: "You can submit events for posting from this page!"

Links to Congregations

- Does your church have a web site? Help build our cross-country community by having it listed on our [Links \[http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/links/\]](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/links/) page. Submit your church web site link to: webmaster@mennonitechurch.ca

PDF help

Many of the documents available are in "PDF" format.

- The free viewer for PDF files is called Adobe Acrobat Reader and is available at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>
- For help using PDF files visit: <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/help/dl.htm#pdf>

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Resource Updates

- If you have ever been called upon to lead your congregation in worship or music, teach a Sunday school class, or preach a sermon, then you'll want to subscribe to receive the electronic Resource Updates from Mennonite Church Canada's Resource Centre. Visit <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/resourcecentre/subscribe/> and you'll begin receiving this 10 times per year synopsis of what's new and what's in season at the Resource Centre.

Shift of Resources to the Resource Centre Catalogue

- In an effort to consolidate our resources in one location on our website, they are being catalogued in the Resource Centre Catalogue [<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/>]. The Resource Centre Catalogue has listings for the traditional physical resources (books, tapes, etc) and now includes "new media" resources – files you can download.
- As of April 1, 2005 these "new media" resources are being added to the Resource Centre Catalogue online.
- As this transition takes place the existing Resource pages [<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/>] will increasingly contain links to the catalogue listings in the Resource Centre Catalogue.
- Most of the Church Administration tools will remain on the Finance & Human Resources pages [<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/financehr/>].

Thanks!

If you are a regular visitor to www.mennonitechurch.ca, thank-you for coming. Return often as new items and features become available on a regular basis. If you seldom or never visit, you are invited and encouraged to do so. If you have suggestions for items to add, update, or improve, we welcome your contribution.