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Happy New Year to all of you.

Having enjoyed raising my baby boy to a happy toddler last year, I am also glad to be back at work at Mennonite Church Canada. This equipping has lots of up-to-date information for your church. Enjoy!

If you have questions or comments, please call 1-866-888-6785 (or locally, 888-6781) or email me at [mtshimanga@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:mtshimanga@mennonitechurch.ca). Enjoy!

**PS:** Please help ensure that these resources reach the right people. Thank you!  
- Miriam Tshimanga – *Equipping Coordinator*

## Inside this issue of Equipping:

### Mennonite Church Canada

- Faithfulness within crisis – Robert J. Suderman (pastors, leaders)
- Mennonite Church Canada Annual Report (for congregational meeting planners)
- Mennonite Church Canada Annual Video Update Script (video available soon at [www.youtube.com/mennonitechurchca](http://www.youtube.com/mennonitechurchca), for congregations, newsletters, congregational meeting planners)
- Prayer, Notes & News – Jan 2009 (for bulletin announcements, newsletters, worship planners)
- Mennonite Church Canada Ministry Highlights for 2008 (for bulletin announcements, newsletters, worship planners)
- Saskatoon 2009: Adult Assembly poster (for bulletin boards)

### Christian Witness

- Celebration Story January 2009 Philippines - A most beautiful way (for bulletin boards, leaders, worship planners, and church newsletters)
- Invitation: Experience the Church in China firsthand! (pastors, leaders)
- Letter from Native Ministry + promotional card "Reaching up to God our Creator" (for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, librarian, etc.)
- Is your congregation ready for a pandemic? Church Pandemic Resources card (see website at [www.churchpandemicresources.ca](http://www.churchpandemicresources.ca); for church leaders, mission committees, etc.)

### Support Services

- Farewell – Pam Peters-Pries (for administrators, pastors, leaders)

### Christian Formation

- MC Canada 2009 Wall Calendar (additional copies are available on request from the Resource Centre)
- Resource Update: (for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, librarian, etc.)
- On line Children's Stories (based on lectionary readings): electronic only, downloadable at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/126](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/126) (for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committee, librarian etc.)
- Lent at Home 2009 – Our Lives are in Your Hands (for pastors, worship planners, teachers, education committees, librarian). Also downloadable at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/732](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/732), with image files. (for education leaders and worship planners)

- Parish Paper: January 2009 and February 2009 (for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, librarian, etc.)
- Special Sunday Worship Resources (for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, librarian, etc.)
  - Stewardship Sunday, January 18. This resource is also downloadable on the Mennonite Church Canada web-site at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/843](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/843).
  - Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday, January 25 – Come Together in the Way of Jesus Christ. We invite you to join your brothers and sisters in five continental regions in marking World Fellowship Sunday on January 25, 2009. This resource, as well as additional stories, a longer version of the meditation, and a recipe, are downloadable at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/845](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/845).
  - Church Education Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – These worship resources are designed to assist in your worship planning for Church Education Sunday. On this Sunday we give thanks, pray for and emphasize the educational ministry of the Mennonite Church's schools, from elementary through graduate levels. This resource is downloadable on the Mennonite Church Canada web-site at <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/492>

### **Extending our faith...**

- Faith and Life Resources (for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, etc.)
  - Spring 2009 Order form
- Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (for bulletin board, leaders)
  - AMBS Summer courses, May-July, 2009
  - Kentucky Holy Land Pilgrimage