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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Mennonite Church Canada,

We as a couple have spent 36 years of our adult lives living and working in Native communities in Manitoba. More recently, we have been working hard at broadening Mennonite Church relationships with Aboriginal communities across Canada.

It has been a wonderful journey of learning from another culture and sharing our lives and Christian faith. One thing we learned early on was that God has had a profound impact upon Aboriginal lives, culture and faith in every age. Evidence of God our Creator is everywhere! We have so much to learn from each other. That is why we decided to create a new cross-cultural, Christian resource called **Reaching Up to God our Creator**.

We are extremely excited to present to you the new **Reaching Up to God our Creator** Resource Box. In it you will find a host of intergenerational materials: there are items for children, youth and adults for a variety of settings – Sunday School classes, clubs, worship settings such as children's features, camps, etc.

These materials have been developed by church leaders in collaboration with people of Ojibway (Anishinabe), Metis, Cree and European roots who seek to help the church of Jesus Christ grow in faith and in the recognition of each other as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

To learn more, you can:

- * **Preview** the **Reaching Up to God our Creator** resource box at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/554.
- * **Borrow** the resource box from the Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre by calling 1-866-888-6785 ext. 152 or 171, or request it online (see web address above).
- * **Purchase** the box for \$225.00 from the MC Canada Resource Centre.

We have so much to learn from each other. We hope that this resource box will be of help to you on your journey.

With thankfulness,

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