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“Daily life is pretty much driven by the calendar. But which calendar?” With these words of Dave Bergen, our Executive Secretary of Christian Formation, we are invited to look into our own lives and find one or maybe more answers... The Christian Year has many Special Sundays for which you receive resources through regular mailings of Equipping. By celebrating these Sundays our Congregations “keep focused on its shared mission and on the bonds of unity in Christ”. In Dave’s letter, you will find a complete list of Special Sundays for 2009.

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

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

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- Celebration Story March 2009 Ethiopia – Planning ahead through Education (for bulletin boards, leaders, worship planners, mission leaders, and church newsletters)
- Aboriginal Learning Tour – June 7- 9, 2009 Saskatoon and surrounding area (for bulletin announcements, newsletters, mission leaders)

Christian Formation

- Which Calendar? – Dave Bergen (for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, librarian, etc.)
- Resource Update March 2009: (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 (for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committee, librarian etc.)
- Lent at Home 2009 – Our Lives are in Your Hands, downloadable at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/732, with image files. A hard copy was in the January 2009 Equipping (for education leaders and worship planners).
- Company of 1000 provides loans to support the training of pastors of the congregations of Mennonite Church Canada. Applications for the 2009-2010 school year are due on May 15, and are downloadable at: www.mennonitechurch.ca/programs/leadership/leaves/index.htm . (For pastors, lay leaders and prospective pastors.)
- Special Sunday Worship Resources downloadable at: www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/Browse/752 (for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, librarian, etc.)
 - Lent and Easter materials are available to view and download at: www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/Browse/709
 - Many Peoples Sunday – Colourful Stones for Christ www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/897

Extending our faith...

- Mennonite Publishing Network - Faith and Life Resources (for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, etc.)
 - Update March 2009