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Between Epiphany and Lent

As you contemplate the passing and the approach of significant seasons in our church year, I offer you another edition of Equipping, chock full of stuff you can use right away. One item I especially wish to highlight is the message from Dave Bergen regarding Children's Church Resources. He'd like to know whether such resources are useful, and solicit feedback from Sunday School leaders/parents regarding some new kids' resources we have been working on (please see his request below). Is your congregation planning to use these items with your children? If so, are the resources helpful? Resources of any kind can be time and cost intensive. We'd like to know if we're hitting the mark, or not. We would be extremely grateful if you can help us solicit feedback.

In the meantime, I wish you a rich time of reflection and inspiration as we move into Lent and the Great Resurrection Story. And, thanks again for helping to ensure this resource packet reaches the right people in your congregation.

Inside this issue of Equipping:

2012 Assembly Package*

(for pastors, leaders, bulletin boards, newsletters)

- 2011 Assembly Minute Book
- 2012 Assembly Cover Letter
- 2011 Assembly Poster
- 2011 Assembly Delegate Certificate
- 2011 Assembly Bulletin Insert

* A special Assembly hardcopy package - including the items above, will be coming soon in the mail

Mennonite Church Canada

- *Happy Endings*- Willard Metzger
(for pastors, leaders, bulletin boards, newsletters, youth, young adults)
- *Prayer, Notes & News* - February 2012
(for bulletin announcements, newsletters, worship planners, leaders)

Christian Witness

- *Celebration Story - Awesome Experience!*
(for bulletin boards, worship planners, church newsletters, mission committees)
- *The Character of Grace* - Tim Froese
(for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, librarians, bulletin boards)
- *Resources for Israel/Palestine and cover letter*
(for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, librarians, bulletin boards)

Christian Formation

- *Resource Update 2012 No. 2*
(for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, librarians, bulletin boards)
- *Childrens Church Resources*
(for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, librarians, bulletin boards)
- **Special Sunday Worship Resources**
(for pastors, worship planners, teachers, education committees)
 - o Many People's Sunday, May 6, 2012
- Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada Lenten *Guided Prayer* resource. (see link below)
(for small groups, prayer and study groups, Christian Education leaders, pastors, etc.)
 - o Register (by January 29) to receive Lenten prayer sheets based on the Gospel and Psalm readings – for individual and group experiences. Cost is \$40/congregation.
 - o For more information about the resource and the registration process, download free sample materials at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1693.
- **Online Children's Stories** (based on lectionary readings) (available online only)
(for worship planners, teachers, pastors, education committees, librarians - see links at top of page)

Extending our faith

- **Parish Paper**
(for leaders, educators, pastors)
 - o January - *How to Perfect Your Leadership Triangle*
 - o February - *How to Manage Change Resistance*

*hardcopy only