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## WORSHIP CALENDAR

May 3 – Many Peoples Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/895](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/895)

May 10 – Mother’s Day  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/967](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/967)

May 31 – Pentecost  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/164](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/164)


June 7 – Assembly Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/991](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/991)

Baptism  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/968](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/968)


Graduation  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/969](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/969)


Camp Sunday  
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## MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

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 **Invite** friends/committee members to subscribe: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347)

 **View** this issue electronically: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/985](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/985). And take advantage of the many “Read More” links

 **Submit** your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web.

## Pastors helping Pastors

Recent studies show that pastors new to ministry eagerly seek the counsel and mentorship of more senior and experienced pastors – not just from within their congregation, but from across the country. In particular, younger pastors are looking for resources to help them work through challenging situations in their ministry: pre-marital counselling and catechism are just two examples. Moreover, among junior pastors, the internet is increasingly becoming their first source to consult.

The MC Canada Resource Centre wants to help connect junior and senior pastors with resources that play a vital role in this mentorship process. Please share with us your original materials so that we can share them more widely. Some examples include:

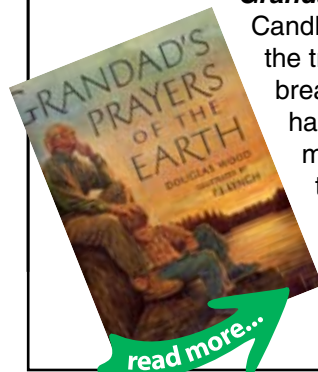
- Lenten materials from this past season (from prayers to complete services)
- Pre-marital counseling outline/sessions
- Catechism helps/outlines
- Church picnic ideas/services
- Ways your congregation incorporates technology in worship
- Process of gift discernment in your congregation

Please forward your original resources electronically to [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca).

 **For more information, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/992](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/992).**

## Children’s Corner

Resources for the library, home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller.



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**Grandad’s Prayers of the Earth** by [Douglas Wood](#) and [P.J. Lynch](#), Candlewick Press, 1999. There are many ways to pray, says Grandad: the trees reach for heaven, streams and rivers flow and chuckle, flowers breathe their sweetness into the air, birds sing. Everything in the world has its own prayer, says Grandad – and people pray some of the most wonderful prayers of all. Then one day, Grandad is gone and the boy is heartbroken. Now, more than ever, he needs to hear Grandad’s prayers of the Earth and to find the words to make his own prayers.

 **For additional children’s books, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168).**

## From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



**Sunday Morning Annual Meeting: Over 2 Sundays, [Mark Diller Harder](#), 2009.** St. Jacobs Mennonite Church has a unique practice on how it conducts its annual congregational meeting.

Understanding that “worship and work are one,” they plan their meeting over two successive Sunday mornings:

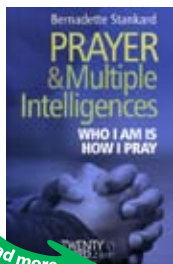
- reframing business as worship
- celebrating the past year (1st Sunday)
- envisioning the coming year (2nd Sunday)
- optimizing the time when most congregants gather

Included are the worship outlines for both services and related readers’ theatre scripts.

 **For other original materials, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/479](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/479).**

## New Resources

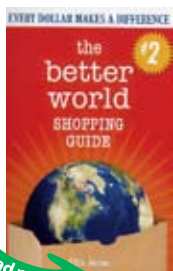
There are 3 new resources added each day. Check [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480) for a complete listing.



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**Prayer and Multiple Intelligences: Who I am Is How I Pray** by [Bernadette Stankard](#), Twenty-Third Publications, 2005. Throughout history the approaches to prayer have been as many and varied as those who undertake the spiritual journey. The author discusses multiple intelligences and how they enable us to pray “as we are.”

➔ **For other resources on multiple intelligences, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/282](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/282).**



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**The Better World Shopping Guide** by [Ellis Jones](#), New Society Publishers, 2008. A comprehensive guide for socially and environmentally responsible consumers. This book ranks every product on the shelf from A to F – turning your grocery list into a powerful tool to change the world.

➔ **For other lifestyle resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/971](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/971).**



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**Lives to Offer: Accompanying Youth on their Vocational Quests** by [Dori Grinenko Baker](#); [Joyce Ann Mercer](#), Pilgrim Press, 2007. Through adolescent stories and research, this book presents youth ministry as a companioned walk with young people in search of vocation in its public and private dimensions.

➔ **For other youth ministry paradigms/models, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/643](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/643).**



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**Deserter** DVD, Big Noise Films, 2008. Deserter is the journey of Ryan and Jen Johnson – a deserting US soldier and his young wife – as they flee across the States to seek refugee status over the Canadian border.

➔ **For other conscientious objection resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/414](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/414).**



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**Exploring Your Future: A Youth Bible Study with Jean Vanier** DVD, L'Arche, 2009. 8-session Bible study that focuses on loneliness and belonging. Vanier invites youth to have a dream for their lives and to help build a world where everyone belongs.

➔ **For other youth ministry Bible studies, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/972](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/972).**



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**Holy Darkness: Pocket Liturgies** by [Sophia Dutton](#), Proost, 2007. It often helps to have prayers to voice when we are in “dark” places. These liturgies tackle life head on with all of its brokenness, injustice, struggles, hopes and fears.

➔ **For other worship prayers/litanies, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/834](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/834).**



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**Promise and Peril: Understanding and Managing Change and Conflict in Congregations** by [David R. Brubaker](#), Alban Institute, 2009. This book will help congregations avoid the pitfalls of conflict and instead head toward a healthy relationship between and among church staff and members.

➔ **For other resources on church conflict, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/796](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/796).**



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**Re Jesus: A Wild Messiah for a Missional Church** by [Michael Frost](#); [Alan Hirsch](#), Hendrickson Publishers, 2009. Has the institutionalized church traded the radical way of Jesus for the stability of outward religious expression? Examines the church’s practices today and asks whether that is what Jesus passed down to his first century followers.

➔ **For other resources on Jesus, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/973](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/973).**

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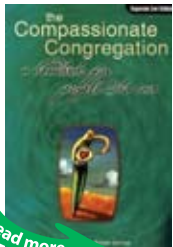
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**Learning Disabilities and the Church: Including all God's Kids in your Education and Worship** by [Cynthia Holder Rich](#); [Martha Ross-Mockaitis](#), Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2006. Provides encouraging, vital information about how kids with LD and AD/HD are “wired” and gives you ideas and strategies for meeting their needs.

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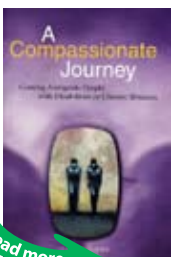
➔ **For other resources on learning disabilities, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/974](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/974).**



**The Compassionate Congregation: A Handbook for People who Care** by [Karen Mulder](#); [Ginger Jurries](#), Faith Alive Resources, 2006. This valuable handbook for elders, deacons, pastors, and other caregivers offers first-hand stories, practical advice, and resources to help churches care for people in a wide range of difficult situations.

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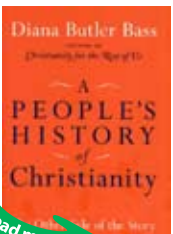
➔ **For other deacon/elder resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/975](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/975).**



**A Compassionate Journey: Coming Alongside People with Disabilities or Chronic Illness** by [John G. Cook](#), Faith Alive Resources, 2008. Helps church leaders and care team members understand the implications of living with a chronic condition and provides practical tips for developing a caring and compassionate ministry.

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➔ **For other pastoral care resources re disabled persons, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/976](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/976).**



**A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story** by [Diana Butler Bass](#), HarperCollins, 2009. For too long, the history of Christianity has been told as the triumph of orthodox doctrine imposed through power and hierarchy. Butler Bass persuasively argues that corrective—even subversive—beliefs and practices have always been hallmarks of Christianity and are necessary to nourish communities of faith.

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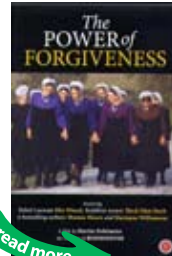
➔ **For other Christian history resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/977](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/977).**



**Mirror to the Church: Resurrecting Faith after Genocide in Rwanda** by [Emmanuel Katongole](#), Zondervan, 2009. In 1994, the most Christianized country in Africa became the site of its worst genocide. The tragedy was in Rwanda, but what happened was a mirror reflecting the deep brokenness of the church in the West. Yet by looking at what happened and why, we can find hope for the global body of Christ.

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➔ **For other resources on genocide, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/978](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/978).**



**The Power of Forgiveness** DVD, Journey Films, 2007. From Ground Zero to Northern Ireland to the Amish countryside, The Power of Forgiveness explores this important concept, and reveals how forgiveness can transform your life.

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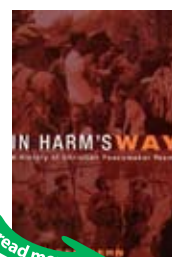
➔ **For other resources on forgiveness, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/979](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/979).**



**Girtalk Godtalk: Why Faith Matters to Teenage Girls – and their Parents** by [Joyce Ann Mercer](#), Jossey-Bass, 2008. Offers a refreshing exploration of the faith lives of adolescent girls and shows how they think about, experience, and express spiritual and religious meanings in their lives. The book also explores the important role parents play in shaping that faith.

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➔ **For other parenting resources on adolescent girls, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/980](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/980).**



**In Harm's Way: A History of Christian Peacemaker Teams** by [Kathleen Kern](#), Cascade Books, 2009. Provides a glimpse into the mistakes and successes that teams have shared with local co-workers in various nations. It also continues to pose the question, What would happen if CPT's efforts were multiplied by millions of Christians with a radical commitment to Jesus's nonviolent gospel?

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➔ **For other Christian Peacemaker Team resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/412](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/412).**

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**Learning the Way: Reclaiming Wisdom from the Earliest Christian Communities** by [Cassandra D. Carkuff Williams](#), Alban Institute, 2009. The biggest problem facing the church today, the author suggests, is that we have allowed society to dictate how we lead our churches. In contrast, Williams explores early Christian communities and their practices in order to identify principles for discipleship formation.

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➔ **For other resources on Christian discipleship, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/230](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/230).**

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**Long After I'm Gone: A Father-Daughter Memoir** by [Deborah Good](#). A powerful reflection from a daughter of her love for her father, captured in her interviews and narratives in this book.

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➔ **For other Anabaptist/Mennonite faith stories, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/355](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/355).**



**Loving Enemies: A Manual for Ordinary People** by [Randy Klassen](#) and [Joyce Klassen](#). A manual for those ready to try a “different” way of selfless love, justice and peace – for the sake of our families and the world.

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➔ **For other “peace theology” resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/981](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/981).**



**Peace to War: Shifting Allegiances in the Assemblies of God** by [Paul Alexander](#). Documents the shift within the Pentecostal movement from a strong peace witness to a much more muted one.

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➔ **For other peace-war resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/951](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/951).**

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**Spring/Summer is the publishing deadline for many resources – check out these items that will soon be released from Faith and Life Resources:**



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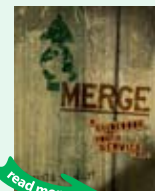
**Via: Exploring the Way of Christ.** An 8-session curriculum for those new to the church and who may know nothing of the Bible. Introduces people to the basics of Christian faith from an Anabaptist perspective. Will be available in both Spanish and English.



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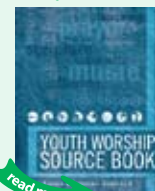
**Beyond Our Fears: Following Jesus in Times of Crisis** by [Pamela Driedger](#). Four sessions to help Christians prepare to be God's light in the midst of a pandemic crisis.

**For more pandemic resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/569](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/569).**



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**Merge: A Guidebook for Youth Service Trips** by [Krista D. Dutt](#). Leader's guide for seven biblically-based sessions before, during, and after a youth service trip.



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**Youth Worship Sourcebook** by [Sarah Kathleen Johnson](#). Curriculum modules to guide youth in understanding worship and leading creative, meaningful worship experiences.



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**For the Beauty of the Earth: Women, Faith and Creation Care** by [Patty Friesen](#). The 2009 Canadian Women in Mission Bible 12-session Study Guide.



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