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A resource packet for equipping Mennonite Church Canada pastors and leaders

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Sunday dates	Prayers Please pray for and with the Church	Ministry Notes: This is how your financial support of Mennonite Church Canada is ministering...from across the street to around the world	News/Announcements: Stay in tune with the wider church
Nov. 1, 2009	Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker Daniel Pantoja is working with the Integrated Mennonite Church in the Philippines to coordinate relief efforts for victims of typhoon-related flooding in late September 2009. Pray that adequate food, shelter and clean drinking water will be available for all.	Your gifts enable the development of on-line resources such as this year's downloadable Advent booklet, " <i>Bursting In and Breaking Out.</i> " See www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1179 Thank you for helping us make resources like this one readily available for home and church use.	The October episode of <i>Church Matters</i> , Mennonite Church Canada's monthly podcast, features Pastor Gordon Allaby sharing the story of how his congregation creatively incarnates Jesus' peace in the public square in Osler, Sask. Allaby was interviewed live at the MC Canada assembly in June. Tune in via www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1178 or iTunes.
Nov. 8, 2009 Mission Sunday	Relationships are at the heart of all MC Canada ministries – from Formation and Christian Witness to Support Services. We invite your prayers for rich and blessed relationships at home and abroad, nurturing the soil for God's love and grace to blossom and flourish.	Following the Mennonite World Conference Assembly in July, Mennonite Church Canada Witness helped to organize an Indigenous Learning Tour that brought together aboriginal peoples from across North and South America. Thank you for supporting the development of these important connections!	Submissions about sustainable living wanted! In 2010, Mennonite Publishing Network will publish <i>Simply Sustainable</i> , a collection of ideas about how people can live simply and sustainably while caring for creation. You can share how you are living more sustainably by visiting www.simply-sustainable.org . Reviewers and testers are also needed.
Nov. 15, 2009 Peace Sunday	On September 30 th , a Private Members Bill proposing a federal Department of Peace was tabled in Parliament. Mennonite Church Canada has had a strong influence in shaping this bill together with the Canadian Department of Peace Initiative. Please pray that public resolve to support this idea will gather momentum throughout the long process ahead. For more information, see www.departmentofpeace.ca .	Through a variety of ministry partnerships and initiatives such as the Peace in the Public Square proposal approved by Delegates at Assembly 2009, Mennonite Church Canada is striving to spread the message that God's all-encompassing Shalom – peace – is attainable without violence. Your continued prayers and support help to share peace!	
Nov. 22, 2009	MC Canada Witness Workers in Macau, George and Tobia Veith and their family, are currently on a North American ministry tour. Pray that their engagements with congregations near and far will strengthen existing relationships and create new ones.	Your giving to Company of 1000 helped support 7 students from Conrad Grebel and CMU explore their gifts for ministry in a local congregation through the Ministry Inquiry Program. Thank you for your generosity!	The November episode of <i>Church Matters</i> , Mennonite Church Canada's monthly podcast, features an interview with Robert (Jack) Suderman, General Secretary of Mennonite Church Canada, on the topic of being a faithful church in times of challenge and tumult. This interview was recorded live at the MC Canada assembly in June. Tune in via www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/206 or iTunes.
Nov. 29, 2009 1st Advent	Creating, Redeeming, Sustaining God, we enter this Advent season with gratitude for Creation and Christ. We pray for your Holy Spirit to comfort and guide us as we faithfully await Christ's coming, and for your plan of redemption to unfold. Amen.	MC Canada Support Services undergirds all of MC Canada Ministries – from keeping you informed about ministry and your pastor's pension plan, to providing a variety of behind-the-scenes administrative services. Thank you for contributing to this foundational ministry!	