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WORSHIP CALENDAR

May 2 – Many Peoples Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1261

May 23 – Pentecost
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/164

Baptism
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/968

Graduation
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/969

Camp Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267


Summer worship
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/259

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

MC Canada Assembly: One of our Greatest Resources

Are you coming to **Calgary June 29 – July 3** for our annual Assembly? Worship, workshops and discernment sessions, together with fellowship and recreation make this annual event one of the best resources we offer.

Here are some lists of resources for your perusal before we meet in Calgary:

Ministers' Conference -

"Your Signature for Joyful Ministry" with Marianne Mellinger – See Pastoral Identity resources at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/373

Assembly Discernment Sessions –

"Strengthening Our Capacity to Discern the Will and Mind of God" – See Church Identity resources at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/870
Also see Jack Suderman's paper, "Being a Faithful Church" - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1306

"Young Adults and Seniors in the Same Church" – See Young Adult resources at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/189 and Seniors Ministry resources at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1176

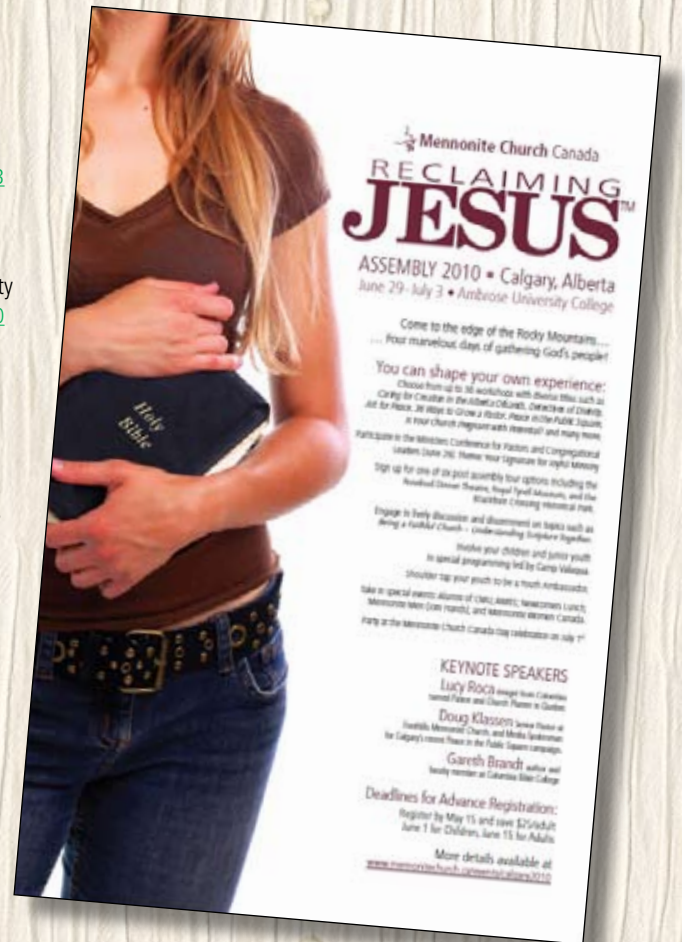
"Peace in the Public Square" – www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1185

Assembly Sunday worship materials -

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1307

Registration forms -

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1303



Children's Corner

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



A Family of Ice Cream

by Melanie DeSouza-Cook and Anita Koles McNeill, self-published, 2010.

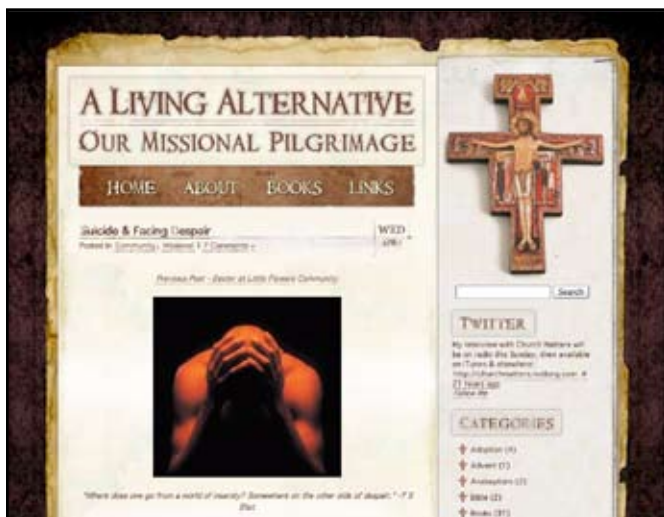
A colourful children's book that celebrates the gifts of different cultures and faith traditions that make up a blended "family of ice cream". Each "ice cream family" faces unique challenges when it comes to raising children of mixed heritage to feel okay and accepted, yet these families also signify a hope for a better, more accepting world.

For additional children's books, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168

Website Window

Links worth noting

Our catalogue links you to many websites
– here are some recent additions:



www.missional.ca/ A Living Alternative: Our Missional Pilgrimage. The blog of Jamie Arpin-Ricci, pastor of Little Flowers, a new missional church plant in MC Manitoba.

<http://mennonitegirlscancook.blogspot.com/> More than just recipes, this site is about HOSPITALITY versus entertaining. About BLESSING versus impressing.



www.thevillagecasketmaker.com An alternative (economic, ecological) choice in the funeral industry.

www.campswithmeaning.org/summer/music/music.php Downloadable original music from the staff at Camps with Meaning, Manitoba.

www.theworkofthepeople.com Visual media for the church, searchable by keyword or lectionary date.

<http://paintedprayerbook.com/> Blog of Jan Richardson, writer and artist - including her reflections during the seasons of the church year.

www.gotell.org – Bible storytelling for the global village.

✉ Do you have any sites to recommend?

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency

Managing Congregational Change: A Four Phase Process Model

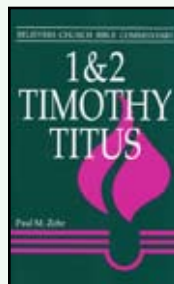
by Bruno Dyck, Mennonite Church Manitoba workshop, 2010.

In this workshop outline, Bruno Dyck parallels the process of change within a congregation with a study of the Kingdom of God in Luke. First presented at the Mennonite Church Manitoba annual delegate sessions in February 2010.

Free powerpoint download at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1305.

✉ Share your church's original material at resources@mennonitechurch.ca

From our Press



1 & 2 Timothy, Titus: Believers Church Bible Commentary

by Paul M. Zehr, Herald Press, 2010.

Applies Christian theology and ethics to the political, philosophical, religious, and cultural issues that early Christians faced as the church reached out in mission in Ephesus and on the island of Crete.



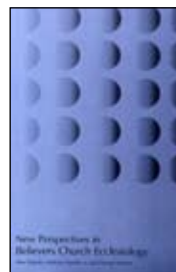
Planting Churches in the 21st Century: A Guide for those who want fresh perspectives and new ideas for creating congregations

by Stuart Murray, Herald Press, 2010

Murray suggests that church planting isn't just about numbers--it's about the renewal of the church and the development of new ways of being the church that are biblically rooted and contextually appropriate.

From our Partners

CMU PRESS



New Perspective in Believers Church Ecclesiology

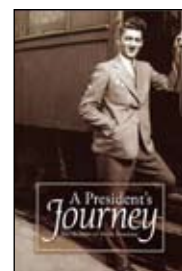
ed. Abe Dueck, Helmut Harder and Karl Koop, 2010.

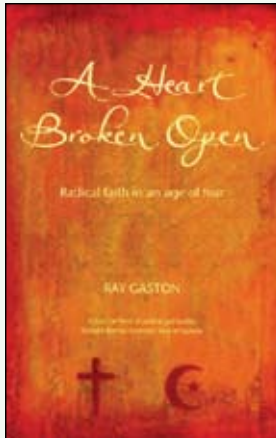
These essays engage topics such as denominationalism, the sacramental tradition, the Emerging Church movement, and Global Christianity. In a spirit of critical dialogue, this volume revisits debates over the relationship between church and world, individual and community, and practices related to the church's mission.

A President's Journey: The Memoirs of Henry Poettcker

by Henry Poettcker, 2009.

Dr. Henry Poettcker's memoirs recount his passage from a Russian Mennonite farm boy to the president of Canadian Mennonite Bible College (now CMU) and the president of Mennonite Biblical Seminary (now AMBS). Under his leadership, both institutions experienced major development and growth, and yet, where others would boast of such accomplishments, Dr. Poettcker reveals a modest life of devotion to God.



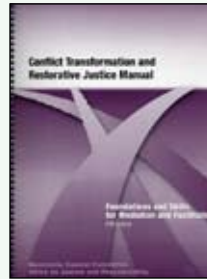


A Heart Broken Open: Radical Faith in an Age of Fear

by Ray Gaston, Wild Goose Publications, 2009.

Subject: [Inter-faith Dialogue](#)

A moving and insightful reflection by a Christian minister on his grassroots engagement with Islam – from inner-city parish ministry in Leeds to the streets of Karbala at a time of rising Islamophobia and the ‘War on Terror’.



Conflict Transformation and Restorative Justice Manual: Foundations and Skills for Mediation and Facilitation

ed. Michelle E. Armster; Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Central Committee, 2008.

Subject: [Conflict Transformation](#)

Chapters focus on faith/spirituality, peacework, conflict transformation, restorative justice, communication, mediation process, group facilitation, group conflict dynamics, standards and ethics of practice, pedagogy.



The Least of These: Strong Coffee, Greasy Spoons, and America's Leftovers

DVD with Tony Campolo, Old Fashioned Pictures, 2004.

Subject: [Ministry with the Poor](#)

It's the same old, same old at the local diner. Jim, the owner, hides in the kitchen. The regulars retread old banter. And some new guy sits alone at the counter. Then, a simple idea shatters that dull routine. The same old, same old? Not tonight. Not ever again.



For Everyone BORN: Global Songs for an Emerging Church

ed., Jorge Lockward; Christopher Heckert, 2008.

Subject: [Global Church](#)

Sharing the songs and prayers of Christians worldwide can have a significant impact upon our worship life. This volume seeks to share sung prayers and stories in a format that makes them accessible to a variety of emerging worship styles.

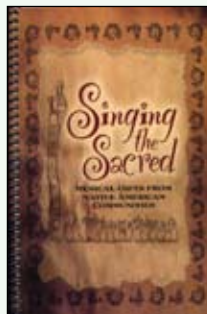


Faith and Vision: Twenty-Five Years of Christians in the Visual Arts

ed., Cameron J. Anderson; Sandra Bowden, Square Halo, 2005.

Subject: [Visual Arts](#)

This book is the record of a generation of Christians who heeded the call to make art and, in doing so, accepted its manifold challenges, tensions, and affirmations. The hope of the many contributors to this book



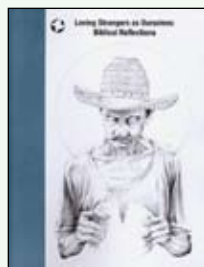
Singing the Sacred: Musical Gifts from Native American Communities

ed., Alvin Deer, GBG Musik, 2008.

Subject: [Aboriginal Music](#)

The songs come from 15 Native American communities within the US. Each song entry contains a musical score, a singable English translation, a brief history of the song, and a paragraph with performance tips called “Sharing the Gift.”

is that it will serve as a signpost of encouragement to a rising cohort of artists who follow.

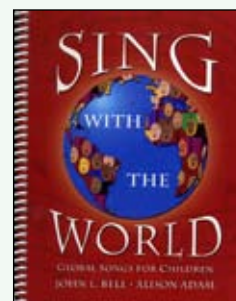


Loving Strangers as Ourselves: Biblical Reflections

Mennonite Central Committee, 2006.

Subject: [Immigration](#)

Immigration and emigration have become global phenomena in our time. This is a 7-session study of how God views immigrants and sojourners and challenges us to love and care for immigrants in our communities.



Sing with the World: Global Songs for Children

ed., John L. Bell; Alison Adam, GIA Publications, 2008.

Subject: [Children's Music Ministry](#)

These songs are accessible—many of them instantly singable—and they have been chosen for use with children in a wide variety of worship and classroom situations. This handy collection is a valuable tool to help enlighten children to the ways of other cultures through the global language of music.

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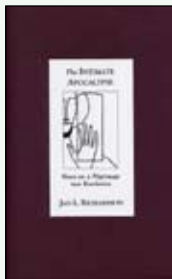
Black Gold: Wake Up and Smell the Coffee DVD

Mongrel Media, 2005. Subject: [Fair Trade](#)
Multinational coffee companies dominate an industry worth over \$80 billion. But the price paid to coffee farmers remains low. Tadesse Meskela is one man on a mission to save his 75,000 struggling coffee farmers from bankruptcy. As his farmers strive to harvest some of the highest quality coffee beans on the international market, Tadesse travels the world in an attempt to find buyers willing to pay a fair price.



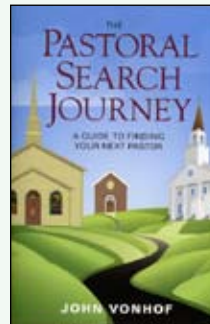
A New Kind of Youth Ministry

by Chris Folmsbee, Zondervan, 2006.
Subject: [Youth Ministry Models](#)
This book guides you on the way to discovering, developing, and practicing a new youth ministry design that more effectively engages youth with God, through Jesus, as they journey toward a life of continual spiritual finding and evolution.



The Intimate Apocalypse: Notes on a Pilgrimage into Revelation

by Jan L. Richardson, Wanton Gospeller Press, 2007.
Subject: [Revelation](#)
These dozen charcoal drawings, and the reflections that accompany them, invite the reader into a thoughtful journey through one of the most hopeful, imaginative, and powerful books of the Bible.



The Pastoral Search Journey: A Guide to Finding your Next Pastor

by John Vonnor, Alban Institute, 2010.
Subject: [Pastoral Transition](#)
It's not a common occurrence to seek out a new pastor, so pastoral search committees can sometimes feel as though they are inventing the process from scratch. Provides detailed guidance for search committees to ensure a good match between pastor and congregation.



Growing Together: Building a Marriage that Lasts DVD

by Walter Wangerin, Paraclete Press, 2004.
Subject: [Marriage Enrichment](#)
This video aims to equip couples with the tools necessary to build a vital, safe, and dynamic marriage that can sustain them through the inevitable changes and challenges life brings. Divided into 9 segments, it covers topics such as forgiveness, trust, talking and listening, and sexual intimacy.



The Open Table: An Invitation to Know God DVD

by Donald Miller, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2008.
Subject: [God](#)
There are many people who argue God doesn't exist and many who argue God does. Still, millions know that, all arguments aside, what they feel in their souls is a need for God. The Open Table DVD uses state of the art video and the power of personal testimony to put God in front of anyone who has yet to meet Him.

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