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### **Sunday School Curricula**

The Education Committee of the BCM **encourages** using Anabaptist materials or, at least, the **supplementing** of interdenominational materials. Anabaptist materials are available through Mennonite Publishing Network, Kindred Press (check the *Word Wise* and *Luminaire Studies* produced by the Mennonite Brethren), and Steinbach Bible College (six sets of study and leader's guides are available from the college). SBC's titles are *Radical Discipleship*, *Come Let Us Worship*, *The Last Trumpet*, *Minor Prophets*, *Hebrews*, *Living Truth*, and *The Church that Christ Builds*. *Gather 'Round* is a curriculum for children, youth and adults, put out by Mennonite Church Canada, Mennonite Church USA, and Church of the Brethren ([www.gatherround.org](http://www.gatherround.org)).



### **Leadership in Women's Ministries**

This fall Canadian Mennonite University (Winnipeg, Man.) will offer a two-year **School of Women's Ministries** (12 course) diploma program leading to certification as a *Women's Ministries Specialist*. The program involves six Saturdays of classroom units (Fall, Winter, and Spring) with two courses covered each day. There are pre-course and follow-up assignments for each course, and an **internship** is to be held in the student's home church. For information, contact director Linda Ozirney at [lizoirney@mts.net](mailto:lizoirney@mts.net). Website information is available ([www.womensministry.ca](http://www.womensministry.ca)). Ozirney is director of Women's Ministries for the Baptist General Conference of Canada.

**Blessings on the teaching ministries within your churches!**

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# Christian Education Update

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## Peace Sermons by EMCers 2008

The Education Committee seeks **sermons** for an edition of the CD booklet to be published in 2008. If you have peace sermons presented in 2007 (or earlier), please forward them for consideration. The payment is a copy of the CD.



## Peace Sermons by EMCers 2007

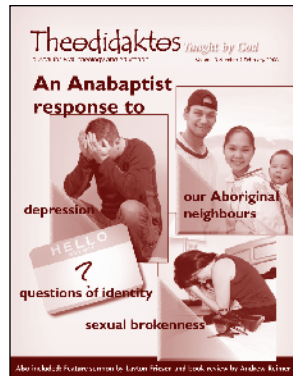
The 96-page pdf **booklet** on CD was sent to about 170 ministers listed in the *EMC Yearbook*. It is available to other people for \$2 (\$4, if mailed). It contains 17 sermons by EMC leaders. Comments have been positive. Thank you, again, to pastors who contributed. We encourage the preaching of **peace sermons** throughout the church year.

## Drafting Recommendations

The Evangelical Anabaptist Committee is revising a draft of **recommendations** to go to its overseeing boards: The BCM and the Board of Leadership and Outreach. Pastor Kenton Penner (Treesbank) is the committee's chairperson (204-824-2268).

## Theodidaktos: Journal for EMC theology and education

The **third** edition of the journal, edited by Darryl Klassen, senior pastor at Kleefeld EMC, is published. Your congregation has received print copies for distribution (it is also available **on-line** at the EMC website ([www.emconf.ca](http://www.emconf.ca)). If you need more print copies, let us know. *Theodidaktos* means taught by God. To submit a paper, sermon, or book review for the **fourth** issue, contact editor Darryl Klassen at 204-377-4773.



## Follow Me Still Available

The thirteen-lesson **discussion guide** was produced by our Education Committee, supported by the Board of Leadership and Outreach's Social Concerns Committee. The guide is topical but focuses on **biblical** social justice. A **sample** chapter is available on-line ([www.emconf.ca/publications.htm](http://www.emconf.ca/publications.htm)). The booklet can be used by cell groups, senior youth groups, older teen/adult Sunday school classes, as a pastoral preaching aid, and in other ways. Discussion questions are scattered within the lessons and there is a list of resources in the back. EM churches



have used the booklet and found it **challenging**. The booklet costs \$2.50 (shipping is extra). BCM encourages **all EM churches** to use this resource. A second printing of the guide is possible.

## Worship Theology

The BCM is no longer working toward developing a Worship Theology Committee. It is, rather, working to identify useful **resource people**, materials, and joint events. We remain concerned about some worship trends and their underlying theologies within our conference churches. The **constitution** allows the BCM to "provide resources and services to help congregations with Christian education" and "music ministries" (p. 37).



## Pulpit Supply/Sunday School Discussion

I am available for pulpit supply and **Sunday School** discussions. If you have **suggestions** about Christian Education, contact Terry Smith, BCM Executive Secretary.

## DVD/VHS License

Since the December 2007 vote at Conference Council, the denominational DVD/VHS license (which covers 60 EM churches and two prospective church plants) has been purchased from *Audio Cine Films* (effective February 1, 2008, to January 31, 2009). As indicated previously, ACF does not cover all films. You will need to check the website ([www.acf-film.com](http://www.acf-film.com)) to see if a particular film is included. The license allows churches to use videos legally during services, children's church, youth events, and more. This office does not claim to understand copyright law, but is encouraging churches to be aware of this reality as we serve in a multimedia world. To assist with **understanding** some of this, we've enclosed an article *Other inconvenient truths* (*Canadian Mennonite*, Dec. 17, 2007), used with permission.



## Articles on Preaching and Church History

Enclosed are two articles: *We can preach differently* (5 qualities of good sermons) by Palmer Becker (*The Mennonite*, Nov. 20, 2007) and *Why church matters* (*Why learn about the lives of Christians and their places and choices long ago?*) by Nancy R. Heisey (*The Mennonite*, Dec. 4, 2007). The former looks at some aspects of **Anabaptist preaching** (affirming bivocational ministers) by a former