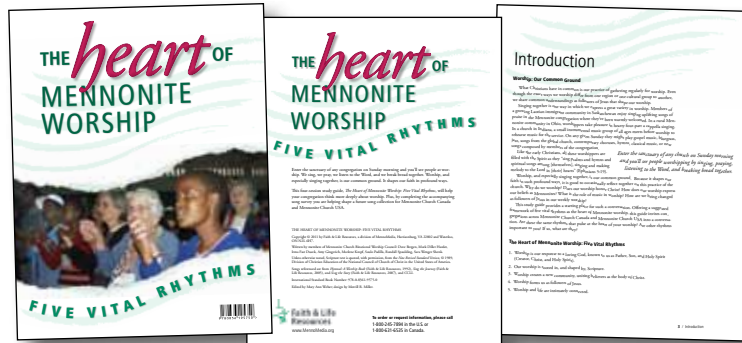


## Free Worship Guide

Mennonite Church USA and MC Canada congregations are tracking the songs they use (for a year); a worship guide has also been prepared to assist churches in worship service planning. It can be printed free from [www.MennoMedia.org/worship](http://www.MennoMedia.org/worship).



## Canadian Mennonite University short courses

CMU offers 17 short courses (three or four sessions) on a wide range of topics to be held in area churches ([www.cmu.ca/portable.html](http://www.cmu.ca/portable.html)). It is possible that other educational institutions in your region do the same. Why not check with them?

## Licensing Reminders

The denominational video license (which covers EMC churches) is purchased yearly from *Audio Cine Films*. ACF does *not* cover all films. 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. Local churches should *not* purchase a license from ACF.

The EMC national office CCLI music license covers musical uses at regional and national events. It does not cover music use by local churches. Such congregations need to purchase their own local license from CCLI.

## Key Links

- [www.acf-film.com](http://www.acf-film.com) (Audio Cine Films video licensing)
- [www.mennomedia.org](http://www.mennomedia.org) (*Rejoice!* devotional guide, *Close to Home* pamphlets, Mennonite Church worship guide)
- [www.emconference.ca](http://www.emconference.ca) (*Theodidaktos*, *2011 Peace and Discipleship Sermons by EMCers* booklet, video resource catalogue, and more)
- [canada.mcc.org/peacesunday](http://canada.mcc.org/peacesunday) (*Peace Sunday Packet 2011*)
- [www.mennonitechurch.ca](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca) (*What is an Anabaptist Christian?* booklet)
- [re-worship.blogspot.com](http://re-worship.blogspot.com) (Dr. Christine Longhurst's worship blog)
- [www.cmu.ca/portable.html](http://www.cmu.ca/portable.html) (CMU short courses)

## Enclosures

- *2011 Peace and Discipleship Sermons by EMCers* CD booklet
- *Ancient Future: A Mennonite Catechism* curriculum sample
- *Rejoice!* daily devotional guide sample
- Evangelical Anabaptist resource list

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

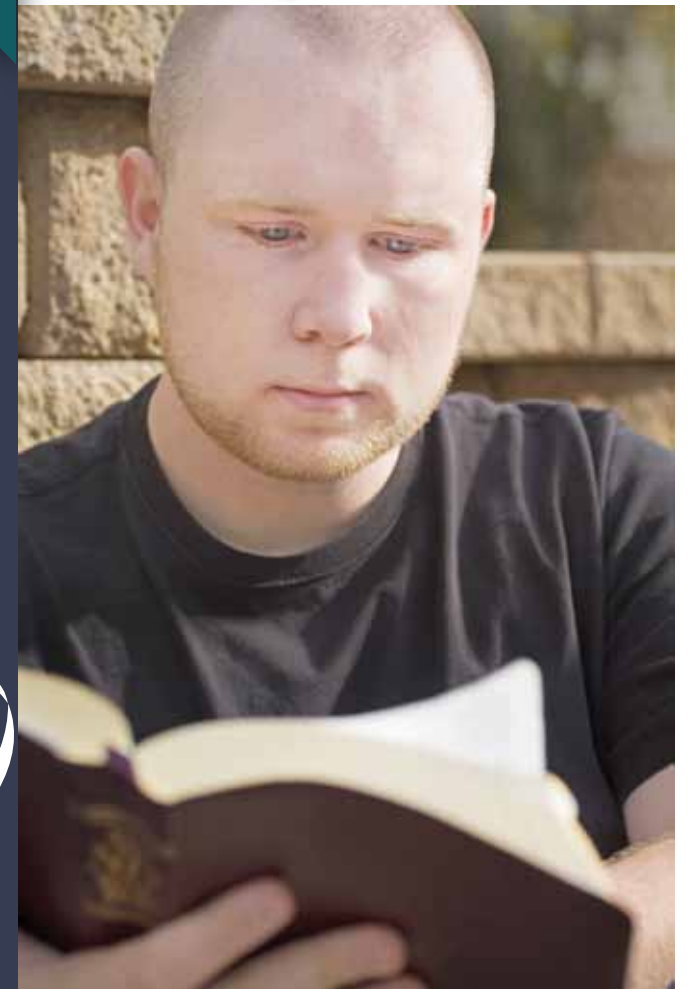
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# Christian Education Update

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## Two Questions or Comments We Hear

In our work with Christian Education, we come across challenging questions and comments. Here are two (paraphrased). How would you guide a person making them?

1. *When a person has gone through our local church educational program, what sort of Christian do we expect him or her to be? How will we measure their maturity in Christ? Teaching after conversion to obey what Christ has taught is part of the Great Commission. Hans Denck, an early Anabaptist leader, said no one can know Christ except he follow him in life. How does your church evaluate maturity in Christ?*

2. *Our church isn't interested in Anabaptism because some people weren't raised with it. One might gently ask questions: Should we avoid teaching Scripture, Evangelical truth, or Evangelical Anabaptism because some people weren't raised with it? Did the first Anabaptists teach it because they were raised with it? Are members aware of how Evangelicalism is indebted to the early Anabaptist movement's understanding of and practice of Scripture? (This includes believer's baptism, missions, freed/free will, separation of church and state, and more.) Dialogue. Teach the substance sensitively.*

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## Resources for EMC Churches

The EMC's Education Committee encourages the use of Evangelical Anabaptist materials or the supplementing of interdenominational (whether Evangelical or Anabaptist) materials. We have put together a list of resources (enclosed) to assist in the teaching ministries of the local church: whether Sunday School, VBS, small groups, preaching and teaching.

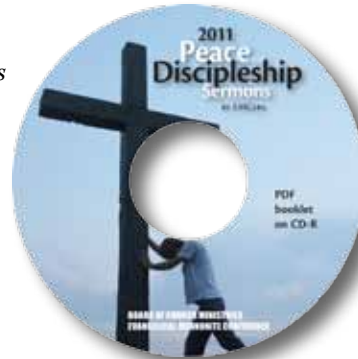
## Ancient Future: A Mennonite Catechism

Teacher lesson guide author Eric Jordan M. Doerksen and student guide writer Layton Friesen, both having a connection with Fort Garry EMC, combined efforts in developing an 18-lesson guide on Christian beliefs within an Anabaptist perspective. Enclosed are a cover letter, the preface to the teacher's guide, a sample lesson

(teacher's guide and student guide). The entire materials are available for free (in electronic version) to interested churches. Contact Fort Garry EMC at 204-261-1084 or [fortgarryemc@mts.net](mailto:fortgarryemc@mts.net).

## Grappling with Peace and Discipleship

A 2011 *Peace and Discipleship Sermons* by EMCers CD booklet is enclosed with this mailing. The category was broadened from "peace" to "peace and discipleship." Additional CDs are available for \$2 plus mailing or as a free download (pdf) from [www.emconference.ca/ce-resources](http://www.emconference.ca/ce-resources).



## Theodidaktos: Journal for EMC theology and education

The *Journal* is being published twice in 2011. It is available free online ([www.emconference.ca](http://www.emconference.ca)) and in print. For 2012, to submit a 3,500-word paper, sermon (shorter), or book review (still shorter), contact editor Darryl Klassen (Kleefeld EMC) at 204-377-4773 or [kemc@mts.net](mailto:kemc@mts.net). The *Journal* provides an in-depth look at issues and a voice for EMCers.



## Rejoice!

*Rejoice!* is an Anabaptist daily devotional guide produced by MennoMedia ([www.mennomedia.org](http://www.mennomedia.org)). A free sample is enclosed. Please note that two organizations have since merged to form MennoMedia; the material has an old publisher's name in it.

## Close to Home Series

*MennoMedia* (formerly *Mennonite Publishing Network* and *Third Way Media*, who merged in July 2011) produces a contemporary series of pamphlets on many issues faced by EMCers. Please check MM's website ([www.mennomedia.org](http://www.mennomedia.org)) for a full listing of titles printed and others being planned. This is an effective, practical, well-written pastoral counseling resource.

## EMC Video Resource Library

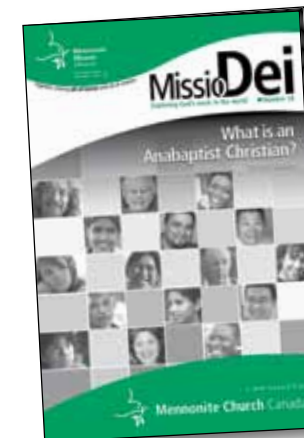
Rebecca Roman keeps our library current. The catalogue is available online at our website ([www.emconference.ca](http://www.emconference.ca)). Rental fees are low, designed on a cost-recovery basis to help main and expand the library. New title suggestions are welcomed.

## Peace Sunday Packet 2011

MCC's *Peace Sunday* packet is a resource to assist your congregation to prepare for Peace Sunday, held just prior to Remembrance Day. Its writer, Matthew Bailey-Dick, has also prepared a *Supplement* that includes historical accounts of nonviolence over the past 100 years and stories of nonviolence, quotes, and additional book, web, and other resources. The *Peace Sunday Packet* and *Supplement* can be found at [canada.mcc.org/peacesunday](http://canada.mcc.org/peacesunday).



## What is an Anabaptist Christian?



A booklet of this title by experienced pastor and college professor Palmer Becker ([palmer.ardys@rogers.com](mailto:palmer.ardys@rogers.com)) focuses on: "Jesus is the center of our faith. Community is the center of our lives. Reconciliation is the center of our work." The booklet (2008) from Mennonite Church Canada can be purchased for \$4 (and sometimes half-price); the study booklet and leader's guide can be downloaded free at [www.mennonitechurch.ca](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca). As Evangelical Anabaptists, we might wish for more shades of meaning, but the booklet is useful.

## Worship Blog and Short Course

Dr. Christine Longhurst, a Mennonite Brethren educator with much training and experience in worship, has published articles in *The Messenger* that were well received. Her blog can be found at [re-worship.blogspot.com](http://re-worship.blogspot.com). Her short course (three or four sessions in a local church) on *Critical Issues in Congregational Worship* is available through CMU (Winnipeg, Man.).