

Useful Sites

Covenant Eyes Porn thrives on shame and secrets. Our Internet Accountability service is designed to help you overcome porn by monitoring your Internet activity and sending a report to a trusted friend who holds you accountable for your online choices. The site also includes new articles, resources and a blog that is updated everyday.



PluggedIn/FocusontheFamily.com (BLOG) Good media discernment is about guarding our eyes and hearts before we watch or listen. And it's also about grappling with the entertainment we do see or hear. That's why the *Plugged In Blog* is devoted to guarding, discussing and grappling, with new entries written nearly everyday.

Sowhatstudies.org *So What?* Bible studies are designed for high school youth, providing your group with in-depth study using the modified inductive approach to answer questions such as what does the Bible say, what does it answer, and what difference does it make in my life?



Outreachmagazine.com It is the gathering place of ideas, insights and stories for Christian churches

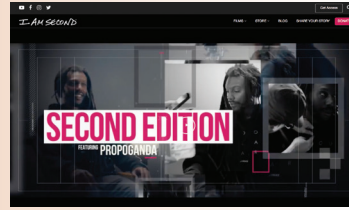
focused on reaching out to their community, locally and globally, with Christ's love. Their vision is to share stories of outreach, helping Christian leadership discover ideas, innovations, and resources to equip them to advance God's Kingdom.

GrowingLeaders.com This NPO works with schools, colleges, athletic departments and organizations



to develop today's emerging generation of leaders. They equip educators, employers, coaches, youth workers, and parents to understand and connect with this generation, and offer resources to spark conversations and life-changing experiences.

Other Sites: Not a Fan (video series), Alpha Youth Film Series, The Truth Project, LIVE Leadership, CPYU.org, YouthPastor.com, FullerYouthInstitute.org, YouthWorker.com, StudentMinistry.org, SimplyYouthMinistry.com, Skitguys.com, Iamsecond.com, Egadideas.com, The Source4ym.com.



Key Links

- ♦ **buildingchurchleaders.com** (church ministry resources)
- ♦ **http://cmcrossdale.org/resources-2/discipleship-resources/kingdom-come/** (Kingdom Come study)
- ♦ **www.dare2share.org** (teen faith-sharing tools)
- ♦ **www.emconference.ca**
 - www.emconference.ca/ce-resources
 - www.emconference.ca/theodidaktos
 - www.emconference.ca/worship-resources
- ♦ **homeword.com** (resources for churches and families)
- ♦ **www.martyrstories.org/category/stories** (Anabaptist stories of costly discipleship)
- ♦ **https://mennonerds.com**
- ♦ **The Messenger**
 - <https://issuu.com/emcmessenger>
 - www.emcmessenger.ca
- ♦ **www.povology.com** (video curriculum on poverty)

Blessings on the teaching ministries within your churches!

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Christian Education Update

Resources for Pastors, Youth Leaders and Sunday School Teachers

Holy Wanderings: A Guide to Deeper Discipleship will be available in late 2018!

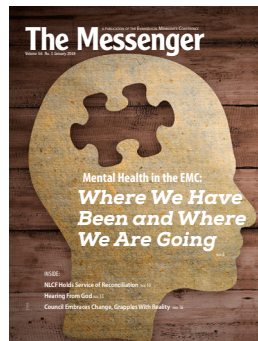
After Christianity 101, What Then?

Christianity 101, Christian Foundations, Baptism and Membership Class—your church holds classes for young people and adults interested in the Christian faith, baptism, and membership. After that, what do they study? *Holy Wanderings: A Guide to Deeper Discipleship* will be available in late 2018. Produced by the CMC, EMMC, and EMC, the 13-lesson guide looks at following Jesus together.

It will have chapters on the Bible and authority, the Bible and interpretation, faith and culture, conflict, vocation, everyday evangelism, stewardship and simple living, the local church, leadership, worship, devotional life, continuing to believe, and pilgrimage. Quotes, discussion questions, and sidebar items will assist instruction and discussion. Get copies through the national office.

Mental Health Initiative 2018

The EMC is involved in a year-long emphasis on promoting mental health and assisting those with mental illnesses. This is happening through *The Messenger*, workshops, and other means. Peter and Irene Ascough (Kleefeld), Heidi Dirks (Aberdeen), Daniel Dacombe (Heartland), and Irma Janzen (Fort Garry) oversee the project. The MHI committee is open to suggestions and to assisting congregations when asked.



The Christian Life: A Practical Study Guide

Some churches in the EMC and EMMC prefer The Christian Life book with its 12 lessons and study pages. It is being reprinted. Its conferences' histories are somewhat outdated and the price might be a bit higher because of the smaller press run. However, it remains available to serve your congregation.

Can You Read Old German Script?

Interested in reading a letter from 1894? It, and others, is being translated as an Archives Committee project. The committee seeks more volunteers to read the old script and transliterate (from old to modern German lettering) or to translate (from German to English). Letters record the writer's faith; translation allows us the privilege of glimpsing into their faith journey (Hebrews 11). The Archives Committee also welcomes help with two other projects: its photo library and data entry.

Povology Resource

Want to explore Povology, the study of poverty, theology, Church, and you? A video curriculum, developed by Kevin Wiebe (New Life), has six half-hour videos and a printable discussion guide, features interviews with Shane Claiborne, Dr. Ronald Sider, Bruxy Cavey, Steve Bell, pastors, missionaries, and professors, including EMCers. The topics are *Our Homeless Leader*, *Putting Your Money Where Your Mouth Is*, *Responding to Poverty*, *Do No Harm*, *What About The Gospel?* and *The Power of Small Things*. The material is available free to all EMC pastors and churches to stream or download from www.povology.com.



Living in God's Kingdom

This is Christianity 101, Faith 101, a group study guide, a baptism/membership guide. The six-lesson series has chapters on God and Revelation, Jesus Christ and Salvation, Holy Spirit and Discipleship, The Kingdom and the Future, Church and Mission, Anabaptist History and Thought. The book contains the Apostles' Creed and the EMC's story. Costs are low: the student manual (\$5) and leader's guide (\$4).

Follow Me

"He has showed you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? *To act justly*, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). *Follow Me: Exploring More of Our Calling as Christians* is a 13-lesson study of biblical social justice. Its topics include the biblical basis for social justice, caring for the poor, faith and work, politics, racial prejudice, abortion, war, the arms race, coffee and cocoa, materialism, caring for creation, waiting for the Second Coming, and grace amid decisions. It's *free* (postage only) for Sunday Schools, Bible study groups, youth groups, and more.



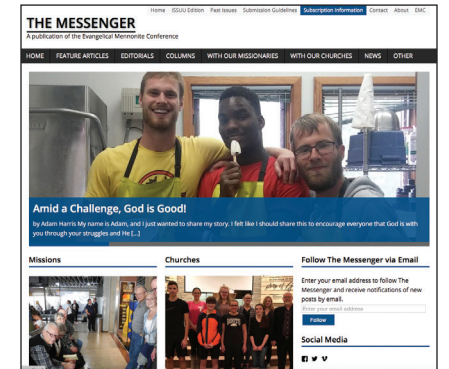
Kingdom Come: Living What Jesus Taught

This teacher led 13-lesson study (Conservative Mennonite Conference, 2014, \$35 Can) mixes video clips, role-play, choric readings, trivia games, and scripture readings with group discussions and

prayer. The content comes from across history and around the world. The topics are: Fill'er Up: Covenant—Old to New; Free at Last: Righteousness—Law to Grace; Pledge of Allegiance: Identity—Nation to Church; Away from Home: World—In It but Not Of It; The In-Group: Belonging—Bloodlines to Choice; Give It Up: Posture—Self-Ambition to Servanthood; Real Simple: Lifestyle—More to Less; Peace on Earth: Relationships—Enemies to Friends; Blowing in the Wind: Empowerment—Flesh to Spirit; and Appetizers: Epilogue—From Earth to Heaven.

The Messenger: Coming at You in New Ways!

Encourage those who attend your church (not just members) to sign up in both digital and print formats to get more information than one provides. It's free!



The Apostles' Creed and the Protestant (Radical) Reformation

The Apostles' Creed 2016 is now online in booklet form under Resources on the EMC site. Soon the Protestant (Radical) Reformation 2017 will appear, and the Mental Health Initiative 2018 will appear in the future. These booklets are useful resources in various settings.

Bearing Witness Stories Website

The Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism and Goshen College launched the Bearing Witness stories website (www.martyrstories.org) in March 2014. It shares stories of costly discipleship mostly from Anabaptist circles. It's useful for sermon and Sunday School lesson illustrations, for school assignments, personal reflection, and encouragement. EMCers Angela and Rolf Kruse appear in one story.

How Many Committees?

How many committees are linked to the BCM? Four: Archives, Education, Worship, and Youth. Each committee exists to assist your congregation. If you're interested in serving on a committee, let us know.