

Close to Home Series

Mennonite Publishing Network produces a practical contemporary series of pamphlets on issues faced by EMCers. Please check MPN's **website** (www.mpn.net) for a full listing of titles printed and others being planned.



DVD/VHS License

The denominational DVD/VHS license (which covers 60 EM churches and two prospective church plants) is purchased yearly from Audio Cine Films. As indicated previously, ACF does *not* cover all films. You will need to **check the website** (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.

CCLI Music License

The EMC national office CCLI music license covers musical uses at regional and national events. Sadly, it **does not** cover music use at local churches, which need to purchase their own local license.

Blessings on the teaching ministries within your churches!

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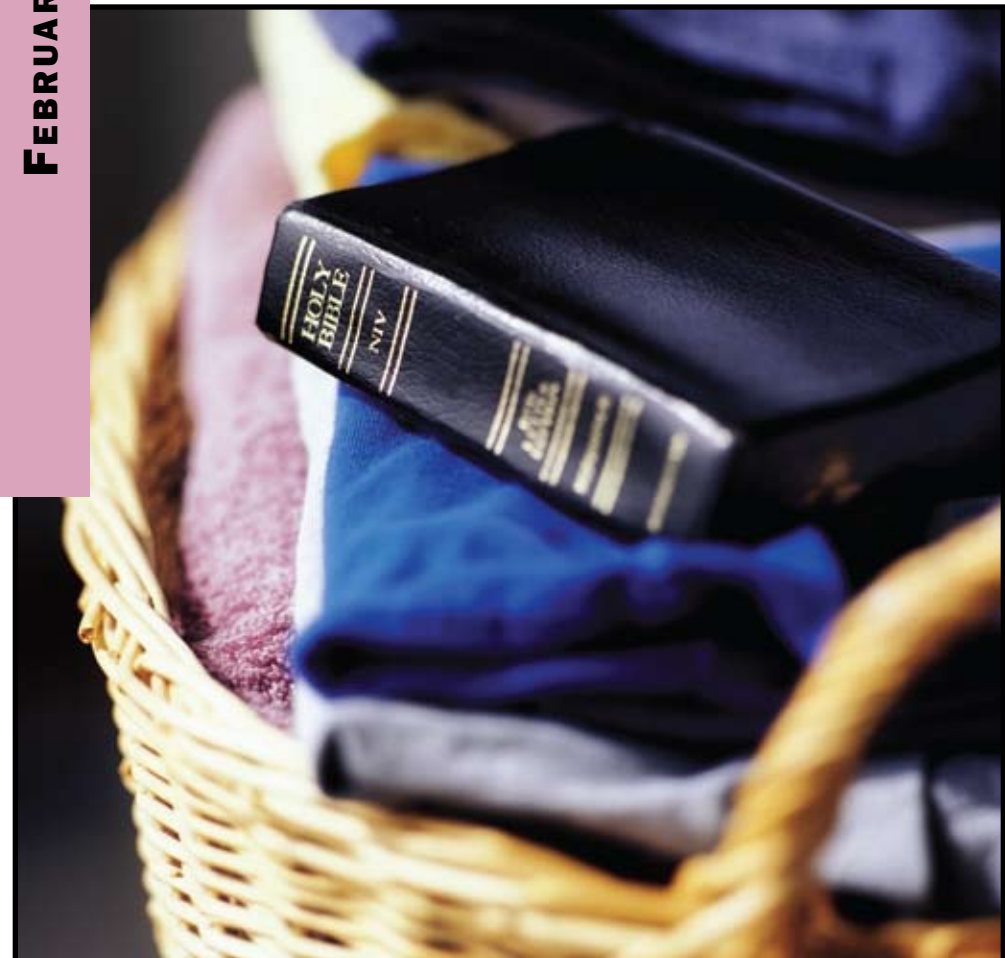
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Christian Education Update



Worship Theology

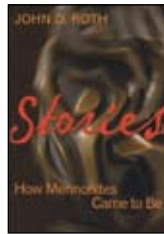
Look in *The Messenger* for a two-part series on the **use of Scripture** on Sunday morning (Dr. Christine Longhurst) and within congregational teaching (Dr. Cameron MacKenzie).

Roth Trilogy

The Messenger is in the midst of publishing reviews of a Herald Press trilogy by Dr. John D. Roth (Goshen College), on our history, beliefs, and worship: *Stories: How Mennonites Came to Be* (2005); *Beliefs: Mennonite Faith and Practice* (2007); and *Practices: Mennonite Worship and Witness* (2009). These books are thoughtful **resource materials** for pastors and members. Church libraries would do well to purchase them (about \$12.99 USD each).

EMC FAQ

Do your board or church members ask: “**What do we get from the Conference?** Why do we give to the Conference? How does the Conference work?” It is fair that pastors be expected to value the EM Conference and have a better than average understanding of its benefits and workings. To assist leaders and members, a series is appearing in *The Messenger*: EMC 101. It looks at the vision of the Conference and how our constitutional organization assists toward this.



Evangelism Samples

Some years ago the (then) Board of Education and Publication produced evangelistic pamphlets that local churches could use. Samples are enclosed. Sometimes denominations have **designed ads or pamphlets** that could be used by local churches to both attract people and identify with their denomination (space left for local church info). Would such materials be of interest to you?

Christian Education Resources

The Education Committee **encourages** the use of Anabaptist materials or, at least, the **supplementing** of interdenominational materials. Our conference is too small to provide a wide range of age-specific materials each year.

Book Reviews

Do you see books that you are interested in, but can't afford to buy? If they are of **value to review** for conference benefit, *The Messenger* can request a review copy, which becomes free to the reviewer when the review is in. Send us a title you would be interested in reviewing.

25-Part Series

The BCM is republishing in CD format the **25-part series** on the *EMC Statement of Faith and Church Practices*. The series was well received.



Preaching Aid

A six-part **preaching aid** series on key Anabaptist themes is in process. It is in line with Evangelical Anabaptist Committee concerns. This series is to assist pastors in considering and preparing messages that touch on under-emphasized parts of our Statement of Faith.



Grappling with Peace and War

Copies of CD booklets containing *Peace Sermons* by EMCers 2007 and 2008 remain available for \$2, \$4 if mailed. We have five sermons on hand for a *Peace and Discipleship* CD in 2010. **More sermons**, from any year, are welcome. Please send them to tsmith@emconf.ca.

Theodidaktos: Journal for EMC theology and education

The *Journal* is available on-line (www.emconf.ca) and in print. To submit a paper, sermon, or book review for the **two issues** slated for 2010, contact editor Darryl Klassen (Kleefeld EMC) at 204-377-4773. For an alert and astute church, theological education is critical and **discerning discussion is necessary**.

Follow Me Still Available

EM churches have used the booklet and found it **challenging**. Has your congregation used it? The 13-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 it focuses on biblical social justice. 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. The booklet costs \$2.50 (shipping is extra). **All EM churches** are encouraged to use this resource.