

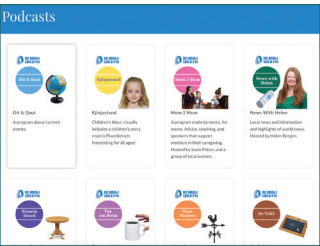
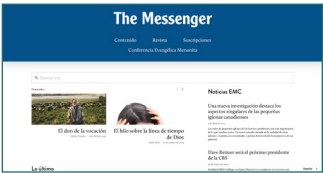
Spanish and Low German

En Busca de la Paz—Robert D. Jones
Se describe la manera activa de buscar la paz, que anhelamos, mediante la aplicación de los principios bíblicos para resolver los incómodos conflictos interpersonales. El autor sugiere que lo primero que hay que hacer es enfocar nuestras palabras y acciones en agradar a Dios, para luego encontrar el verdadero significado del arrepentimiento, que nos permita completar el mandamiento de amar al prójimo. Mediante ejemplos reales y pasajes bíblicos Jones incentiva a buscar activamente la paz.



Como Comprender la Misión—Samuel Escobar
Se presentan las nuevas dinámicas de la obra misionera en el presente siglo, donde las migraciones, de sur a norte, son consideradas como olas misioneras que vienen con la disposición de escuchar y compartir el evangelio. Basada en la Escritura la iglesia evita la imposición cultural, retoma el valor del ser humano, se sacude de la influencia de la modernidad, y considera que toda congregación (aún la mas humilde) tiene voz en la labor misionera. El autor es de Perú, vivió y estudió en España y Canadá.

El Mensajero
The online version of EMC's magazine *The Messenger* is now available in Spanish (www.emcmessenger.ca).



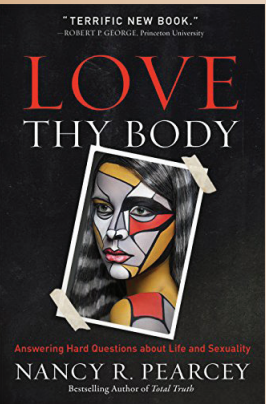
Plautdietsch Podcasts
From Mennonite Community Services we have nine Low German podcasts with topics on families, health and news (www.mcson.org/resources/podcasts).

Engaging Culture

Journey with Care—Podcast
Indigenous leaders who love Jesus talk about faith, building trust between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and God's plan for restoration. Melvina Guiboche, host of the first season, is based in Winnipeg, Manitoba and is a leader with Inner City Youth Alive.




Please note: Podcasts are ongoing and not all guests may be in agreement with our theology.



Love Thy Body: Answering Hard Questions about Life and Sexuality—Nancy Pearcey
Pearcey challenges the currently dominant worldview in the West that the mind, soul and emotions are separate from, and more important than the body. She argues that this dualism is behind many of the controversies we are challenged with, including euthanasia, abortion and sex and gender issues. Pearcey uses a sociological, philosophical and Christian perspective in her defense of a high regard for our bodies.

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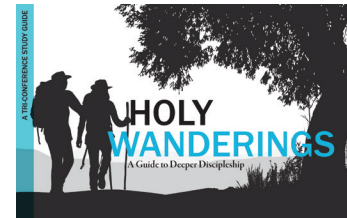
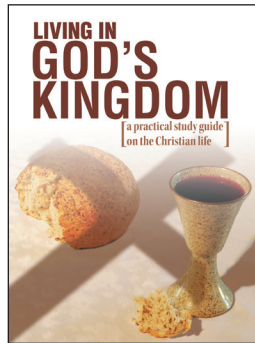


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Discipleship and Christian Living

Living in God's Kingdom—Multiple Authors (EMC, EMMC, CMC collaboration)

This is Christianity 101, Faith 101, a group study guide, and 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, and Anabaptist History and Thought. The book contains the Apostles' Creed and the EMC's story. *Living in God's Kingdom* is available at the EMC office and through our website www.emconference.ca.



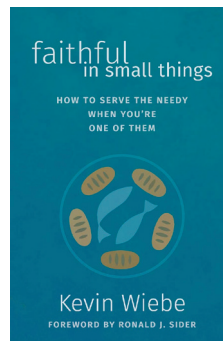
Holy Wanderings: A Guide to Deeper Discipleship—Multiple Authors (EMC, EMMC, CMC collaboration)

A sequel to *Living in God's Kingdom*, this continuing discipleship resource includes

chapters on what it means to be a biblical Christian. Effective devotional life, simple living, vocation, everyday evangelism, and conflict, are among the topics covered. *Holy Wanderings* is available at the EMC office and through our website www.emconference.ca.

Faithful in Small Things: How to Serve the Needy When You're One of Them—Kevin Wiebe

A companion book to author Kevin Wiebe's video series Pov.ology. The conversational tone and personal anecdotes make this an engaging read. The foundation for this work is found in relationships. Broken relationships can lead to poverty and the healing of relationships can help people out of poverty. The book does not leave the reader with a simple formula but challenges them to consider what is at the root of poverty.



EMC History and Theology

Seditions, Confusion and Tumult: Why Reformation Europe Thought Anabaptism Would Destroy Society—Layton Boyd Friesen

The question Friesen poses and responds to is why the civil and religious authorities reacted so harshly to the Anabaptists. There is no sense of Mennonite superiority in this book, but a careful explanation of the threat Anabaptists posed to the society they lived in as they followed their convictions.

Circling the Globe: The Story of the Evangelical Mennonite Conference—Doris Penner

In telling the EMC history Doris Penner looks back and asks us to notice how God has led. The dominant theme throughout is the deep desire to follow God sincerely and as Penner shows, that has created division but also renewal.

Secular Nonviolence and the Theo-Drama of Peace: Anabaptist Ethics and the Catholic Christology of Hans Urs von Balthasar—Layton Boyd Friesen

What happens when Christian pacifism no longer needs Jesus to support nonviolence? Why does secularity cause this dilemma for Mennonites in their theology of peace? These are the questions Friesen addresses to help Mennonite peace theology to regain a Christ-formed pacifism within secularity.

The Evangelical Anabaptist Puzzle: Discovering How the Pieces Fit—Darryl G. Klassen

Rather than talking about how those two approaches to theology are different, Klassen asks how they could be in partnership. He helps readers understand the intricacies and how these approaches can learn from each other.

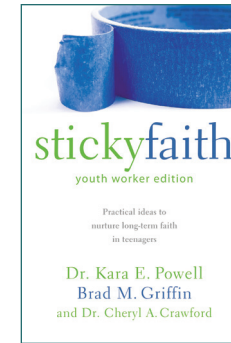
Theodidaktos—Taught by God: Journal for EMC theology and education

An occasional publication that explores theological issues in more depth. The next issue, coming soon is a “time-machine.” Find out more at www.theodidaktos.ca.

The Armchair Anabaptist—EMC Podcast

In season one, hosts Kevin Wiebe and Jesse Penner interview a series of guests on the topic “Loving Our Enemies.” Guests include EMC theologians Layton Friesen and Cameron McKenzie, writers such as Ron Sider and Brian Zahnd and EMC church leaders.

Youth Ministry

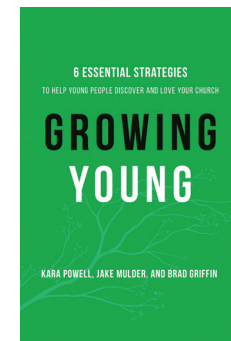
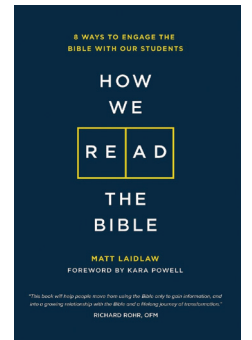


Sticky Faith: Youth Worker Edition—Dr. Kara Powell, Brad Griffin and Dr. Cheryl A. Crawford

Sticky Faith was written out of the desire to find an easy answer to how to keep youth and young adults involved in our churches after high school. There is no easy answer. However, this book identifies some significant ways that we as the broader church can invest in our younger generations so that they can stay connected and engaged with our churches. It's not about lights and fog machines but establishing significant relationships.

How We Read the Bible: 8 Ways to Engage the Bible With Our Students—Matt Laidlaw

In this book, we are invited to explore eight ways that we can engage the Bible with our students. The Bible is a book to read, commands to obey, a land to experience, a way to live, a story to engage, questions to ask, a wrestling match and a prayer book. For each of these suggested ways of engagement, there are practical ways to use the information to engage students in your youth ministry context.



Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church—Brad Griffin, Jake Mulder, and Kara Powell

This is an excellent book for churches seeking to find ways to pass on the faith to the next generation in a meaningful way. It talks about some research and theory about youth and young adult trends in our society, but it is ultimately a practical book for churches to engage young people by giving them opportunities to use their gifts to serve the church and their communities.