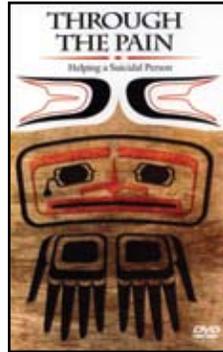


Through the Pain DVD

Through the Pain: Helping a Suicidal Person, a DVD produced by the Aboriginal Ministries Council, Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (www.evangelicalfellowship.ca), is available for \$15. A **sample** is available at the EMC national office.



Pulpit Supply

Executive secretary **Terry Smith** and conference youth minister **Gerald Reimer** remain available for pulpit supply. Please contact them through work (204-326-6401).

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.

When individual movies, such as *Fireproof*, are not covered, churches need to make their own arrangements with the producer. Since new movies get published yearly and older movies shift in popularity, it is impractical for our denomination to purchase licenses for individual titles.

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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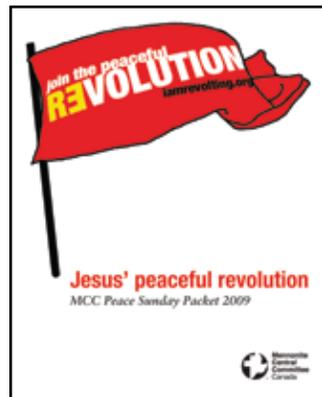
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Grappling with Peace and War

Copies of CD booklets containing *Peace Sermons by EMCers 2007 and 2008* remain available for \$2, \$4 if mailed. Not enough sermons were received to produce a *Peace and Discipleship CD* in 2009. Perhaps it will happen in 2010. Ministers are encouraged to lead their congregations in grappling with Canada's involvement in war—and many other areas of peace teaching. MCC's **Peace Sunday Packet 2009** (intro enclosed) can help: check canada.mcc.org/peacesunday or iamrevolting.org.

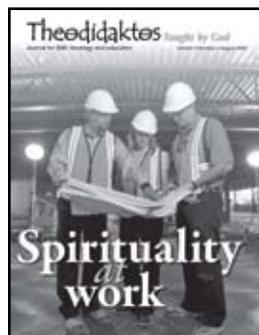


Evangelical Anabaptist Committee Follow-Up

The Boards of Church Ministries and of Leadership and Outreach forwarded a **joint report** to the General Board in July. More reporting will happen in November. The General Board will decide what gets placed before Conference Council. If you have any questions, please contact board chairs Robert Goertzen (BCM) and Layton Friesen (BLO) or staff persons.

Theodidaktos: Journal for EMC theology and education

The **fifth and sixth** issues of the journal were published in February and August 2009. Your congregation has received print copies for distribution. The *Journal* is also available on-line (www.emconf.ca/theodidaktos.htm). To submit a paper, sermon, or book review for the issue slated for early 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

Some 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.

Worship Theology

The BCM does not have a Worship Theology Committee, but is 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. A two-part series on worship by Dr. Christine Longhurst (CMU) was recently published in *The Messenger*. An editorial was also produced (July 22, 2009). Of interest to those in the Winnipeg region: The EMC endorses a **morning workshop** *New Songs for Worship IV* by Dr. Longhurst and others at CMU on Saturday, November 7 (www.cmu.ca).



Anabaptist History and Thought

An EAC-generated and now updated list of books on *Anabaptist History and Thought* is enclosed. It can **assist** pastors and other leaders in study, preaching, and teaching.

Christian Education Resources

An EAC-generated and now updated list of Christian Education resources with Anabaptist thought is included. The Education Committee **encourages** the use of Anabaptist materials or, at least, **supplementing** of interdenominational materials. Our conference is too small to provide a wide range of age-specific materials each year; using generic materials, such as Scripture Press or David C. Cook, though, loses part of what we confess.



The BCM is looking at republishing (in 2010) the 25-part series on the EMC Statement of Faith and Church Practices. A six-part **lectionary** series of preaching key Anabaptist themes is being planned; this project is in line with EAC concerns.

Close to Home Series

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