

Close to Home Series

Mennonite Publishing Network produces a practical contemporary series of pamphlets on many issues faced by EMCers. Please check MPN's **website** (www.mpn.net) for a full listing of titles printed and others being planned. This is a strong, practical, generally well-written **pastoral counselling resource**.

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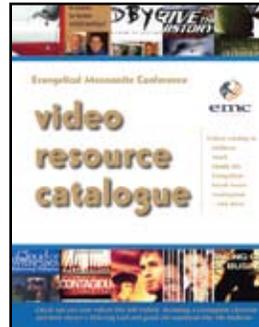
The denominational DVD/VHS license is purchased yearly from Audio Cine Films. ACF does *not* cover all films. You will need to **check the website** (www.acf-film.com) to see if a particular film is included.

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.

EMC Video Resource Library

The EMC office maintains a video resource library for church groups and individuals. Rental fees brought in allow purchase of new items. Enclosed is an **updated catalogue** of the resources available. Please put it in a place where it can be widely accessible, such as your church library. The catalogue is also available in pdf at www.emconference.ca/CE-resources.



Blessings on the teaching ministries within your churches!

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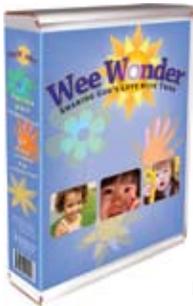


Christian Education Update

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Sunday School materials



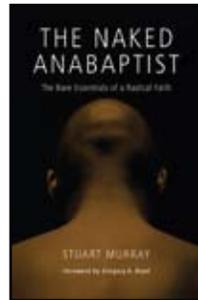
To assist pastors and S. S. superintendents in **selecting materials**, we questioned representatives from *David C. Cook* and *Gather 'Round* (Mennonite Publishing Network) on their underlying beliefs and other matters. The results, inserted with this *Update*, might be of interest to you. Further, information on *Wee Wonder*, a new MPN curriculum for two-year-olds, is included.

Also, the producers of *Gather 'Round* are looking at what comes next; the EMC is welcome to be involved in the process. The Education Committee **encourages** the use of Anabaptist materials or, at least, the **supplementing** of interdenominational materials. Our conference is, frankly, too small to provide a wide range of age-specific materials each year.

Basic Books for New Christians and on Anabaptism

Do you have titles of **books to recommend** to new Christians? Let us know, and we will make other educators aware of them. Among the many fine writers available today, N. T. Wright, the Bishop of Durham (Anglican) has written many materials, both on popular and scholarly levels.

John D. Roth has written a trilogy on Anabaptist history, beliefs, and practices: *Stories: How Mennonites Came to Be*; *Beliefs: Mennonite Faith and Practice*; and *Practices: Mennonite Worship and Witness* (Herald Press, \$14.99 each). Stuart Murray has written *The Naked Anabaptist*, an introduction to Anabaptism (Herald Press, \$15.99). All are useful.

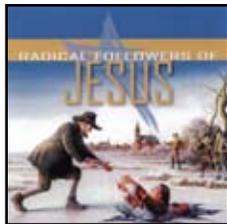


Follow Me Still Available

EM churches have used the booklet since 2006 and found it **challenging**. Has your congregation used it? The 13-lesson discussion guide costs \$2.50 (shipping is extra). **All EM churches** are encouraged to use this resource.

Radical Followers of Jesus

The Evangelical Anabaptist Fellowship (not to be confused with the EMC's Evangelical Anabaptist Committee) has produced a **new DVD** of nine stories about *Radical Followers of Jesus* (not to be confused with a video history series of the same name!). The series looks at John Huss, Felix Manz, Michael Sattler, Elizabeth Dirks, Menno Simons, the Hutterites, Johannes Reimer, Siegfried Bartel, and Sam Martin. Contact the EMC office to order a copy (\$11.20 each, plus mailing).



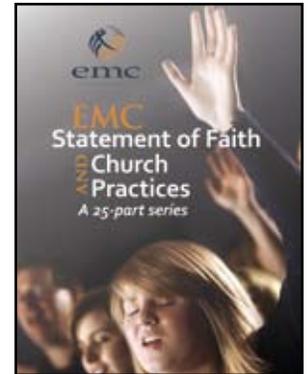
Theodidaktos: Journal for EMC theology and education

The *Journal* (April 2010) is available on-line (www.emconference.ca) and in print (free). To submit a paper, sermon, or book review, contact editor Darryl Klassen (Kleefeld EMC) at 204-377-4773.

A six-part preaching aid series on key Anabaptist themes is in progress and slated to be available for **service planning** in 2011. Its publication, within *Theodidaktos*, is in line with the Evangelical Anabaptist Committee's concerns. This series is to assist pastors to prepare messages and worship services that touch on under-emphasized parts of our *Statement of Faith*.

25-Part Series

The BCM has republished in pdf format on CD the **25-part series** on the *EMC Statement of Faith and Church Practices*. A copy is enclosed; more are available. The pdf is also available for download at www.emconference.ca/CE-resources.



Grappling with Peace and War

We have a few 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.

Evangelism Programs

What evangelism programs does your congregation use to educate newcomers or pre-Christians about the Christian faith? Let us know so we can **share** your tips on resources with others. *Alpha* seems popular now; other programs have come and gone.



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, Rebecca Roman is producing a series in *The Messenger* that began in July 2010: EMC FAQ. You are welcome to forward questions, and comments, to rroman@emconf.ca.