

Manz, Michael Sattler, Elizabeth Dirks, Menno Simons, the Hutterites, Johannes Reimer, Siegfried Bartel, and Sam Martin. The DVD, \$11.20 plus mailing cost, is available from the EMC national office.

DVD/VHS License

The denominational DVD/VHS license (which covers 60 EMC churches and two prospective church plants) is purchased yearly from Audio Cine Films. The license allows churches to use videos legally during services, children's church, youth events, and more. 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. 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. Unfortunately, it **does not** cover music use at local churches, which need to purchase their own local license.

2011 VBS Curriculum

In February 2011 Mennonite Publishing House (www.mpn.net) will offer its curriculum *Taste & See God is Good*. **Information** about it is available at www.mpn.net. Check it out to see if it is suitable for your summer plans. MPN designs a new curriculum for each year. Check it out!



Blessings on the teaching ministries within your churches!

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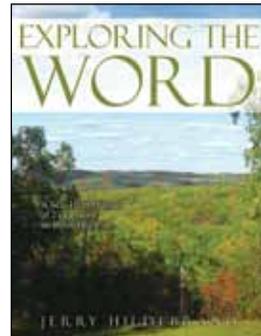


Sunday School materials

Gather 'Round, an Anabaptist C. E. curriculum, is available (www.mpn.net). It was revised for easier use. The Education Committee **encourages** the use of Anabaptist materials or the **supplementing** of interdenominational materials. Post-*Gather 'Round* plans are being made, with the EMC willing to have input. If your church has used *Gather 'Round*, how might it be improved?

Exploring the Word Review

Ray Hill, a high school teacher and a member of the BCM's Education Committee, has reviewed *Exploring the Word* by Dr. Jerry Hildebrand. Hildebrand, an EMC minister, former professor at SBC, and the holder of a doctorate in missiology, has self-published the book (160 pages). ISBN 9780973682632. The review is **enclosed**. The book is available for \$10 plus mailing from Dr. Hildebrand: Box 211, Winkler, MB R6W 4A5; 204-325-8644.



The Sermon: A Key Teaching Time

With the sermon being a central teaching time in EMC churches, improving it will assist Christian Education. One source for reflection is the now-ended series in *Canadian Mennonite* (www.canadianmennonite.org): *This Preacher Has 22 Minutes* by doctoral student Allan Rudy-Froese. Rudy-Froese has homiletics as the focus of his study, with 22 minutes being the average sermon length in the circles he moved. The articles are available in back issues (January 11, February 8, March 8, April 5, May 3, May 31, June 28, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, 2010) on-line. Though the culture of preaching that he moves within is not identical to ours, his articles are **practical**.

A Case Study for Discussion

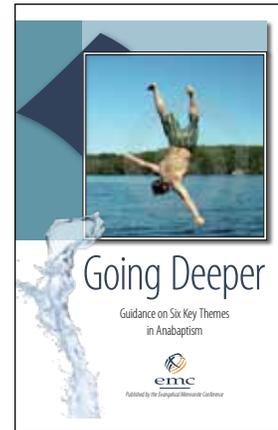
Since many of our churches rarely discuss war and peace, please find enclosed a Case Study: *How Should a Canadian Christian Respond to Remembrance Day?* It is designed as a **discussion starter**. The case study will be included also in the *EMC Peace and Discipleship Sermons 2011* CD.

Grappling with Peace, War, and Discipleship

An *EMC Peace and Discipleship Sermons* CD will be published in 2011. **More sermons**, from any year, are welcome. Please send them to tsmith@emconf.ca.

Theodidaktos: Journal for EMC theology and education

The *Journal* was published early in 2011. It is available free on-line (www).



of Faith: discipleship, believer's baptism, community, hermeneutics, church and state, and peace.

ALPHA

ALPHA is a popular, often used meal/video/discussion series to assist people exploring Christianity. It is now available in new formats. A **sample CD** and a summary sheet are enclosed for your information. Contact information is on the disc.

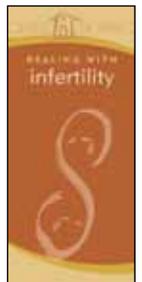


Follow Me Still Available

This 13-lesson **discussion guide** was produced by the BCM's Education Committee with the support of the BLO's Social Concerns Committee. The guide is a topical study of biblical social justice. The book costs \$2.50 (shipping is extra).

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 counseling resource**. You can find some in the men's washroom at Steinbach EMC (or purchase them from MPN).



Radical Followers of Jesus

The Evangelical Anabaptist Fellowship has produced a new DVD of **nine stories** about *Radical Followers of Jesus*. The series looks at John Huss, Felix

emconference.ca) and in print. To **submit** a 3,500-word paper, sermon (shorter), or book review (still shorter), contact editor Darryl Klassen (Kleefeld EMC) at 204-377-4773 or kemc@mts.net; or Box 129, Kleefeld, MB R0A 0V0.

Going Deeper: Guidance on Six Key Themes in Anabaptism

This 93-page preaching aid was distributed in December 2010. Additional copies are available for a modest cost. This series is to assist pastors to **prepare messages** and worship services that touch on under-emphasized parts of our *Statement*