

# Report to Mennonite Church USA from MennoMedia

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Pick up any MennoMedia or Herald Press publication and encounter a fresh, Anabaptist approach to faith. Stop by the MennoMedia booth for a FREE copy of a new adult Bible study called *Upside-Down Living*.

## —NEW RESOURCES FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH—



### Reunion

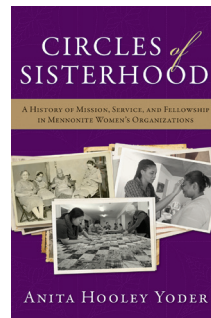
The Good News of Jesus for Seekers, Saints, and Sinners

**Bruxy Cavey**

**\$21.99 USD, hardback**

The message of Jesus changed the world . . . until the world changed the message. Join Bruxy Cavey, bestselling author and teaching pastor at The Meeting House, in the pages of *Reunion*: a dynamic investigation of the most earth-shattering, piety-smashing, life-changing news ever.

Dig into Scripture with Cavey as he unfolds God's message for the world. Learn why you shouldn't follow the Bible (but why you'll want to read it to learn how to follow Jesus). Discover your true citizenship in the Jesus Nation, where you might be ready to die for a cause but never willing to kill for one. Glimpse a God who is Love itself and who, like it or not, just can't stop thinking about you.



### Circles of Sisterhood

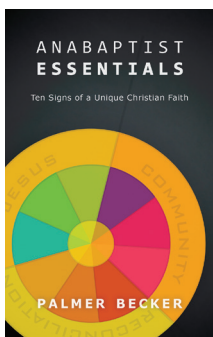
A History of Mission, Service, and Fellowship in Mennonite Women's Organizations

**Anita Hooley Yoder**

**\$24.99 USD, paperback**

**\$37.99 USD, hardback**

The saga of Mennonite women's organizations is a story of struggle and triumph, productivity and misgiving, questions and celebrations. During the 20th and 21st centuries, women's groups have offered Mennonite women a means of serving others by sewing clothing, laboring over quilts, rolling bandages, and packing school kits. Women's groups have also provided Mennonite women the opportunity to test their skills as leaders and give voice to callings they felt in a church that has not always valued their gifts for ministry. In this vibrant portrait of Mennonite Women USA, Anita Hooley Yoder paints with both broad and subtle strokes the one-hundred-year history of an organization that nurtures local church women's groups and connects Mennonite women across the world.



### Anabaptist Essentials

Ten Signs of a Unique Christian Faith

**Palmer Becker**

**\$12.99 USD, paperback**

Jesus. Community. Reconciliation. These sum up the core values of Anabaptist faith and life, writes pastor Palmer Becker in this concise new resource. In *Anabaptist Essentials*, Becker introduces readers to the key convictions and practices of Anabaptism, the Christian tradition of the Amish, Mennonites, and Brethren in Christ. From the believers within a 16th-century move-

ment to those today who try to follow Jesus, create community, and practice peace, Anabaptists have a rich witness to offer the wider world. Designed for study by small groups and for use as a resource for Christian formation and conversation, this clear, readable guide to what makes Anabaptism unique will equip readers to live out a more radical commitment to Jesus.

### Upside-Down Living

**\$9.99 USD, paperback**

Weary of Christian faith wrapped in a flag and trapped in your heart? Tired of faith as usual? Live out your Christian faith through the lens of Jesus. Follow values that seem so countercultural they appear to be upside down. Each compelling six-session Upside-Down Living Bible study helps us encounter the teachings of Jesus and wrestle with living out the kingdom here and now. Ideal for Sunday school or Bible study sessions, each topical study covers a specific theme or issue and comes with thought-provoking discussion questions and activities. Live upside down. Topics include Sabbath, technology, money, identity and aging, violence, and sharing faith stories.



### Also available:

- Spanish edition: *La esencia del anabautismo: diez rasgos de una fe cristiana singular*, \$12.99 USD
- French edition: *L'essentiel anabaptiste: dix signes d'une foi chrétienne unique*, \$12.99 USD



# Resonate

## Resonate

### A New Worship and Song Collection for the Mennonite Church

Psalm 96 declares: "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth." These ancient words invite us to raise our voices with the voices of people across time and around the globe in singing the story of how God is renewing our lives and the world.

What patterns of music and worship resonate in the church today? The 13 members of the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee are asking this question as they make selections for our new hymnal, to be released in 2020.

In conversation with pastors, congregations, musicians, and leaders of Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA, MennoMedia has launched Resonate: Join the Everlasting Song. This is the identity chosen to channel enthusiasm for our new worship and song collection.

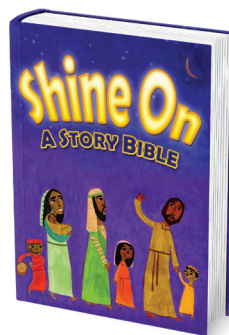
The purpose of the Mennonite Worship and Song Collection is to support vibrant worship in which God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

### We invite your participation in the following ways:

- Donate to support this important project at [HYMNALPROJECT606.COM](http://HYMNALPROJECT606.COM).
- Pray for wisdom as the committee carries out its work.
- Direct writers, composers, songwriters, artists, and hymn text writers to submit material at [MENNOMEDIA.ORG/RESONATE](http://MENNOMEDIA.ORG/RESONATE).
- Recommend songs for committee consideration. Find the link at [MENNOMEDIA.ORG/RESONATE](http://MENNOMEDIA.ORG/RESONATE).
- Follow Resonate on [FACEBOOK](#), [TWITTER](#), and [INSTAGRAM](#).

### Make plans to join us this fall as we celebrate a Great Day of Singing on October 22, 2017.

A sampler with new music and worship resources has been prepared for congregations. Pick up a free copy at the MennoMedia booth, or download a version to photocopy for your congregation at [MENNOMEDIA.ORG/RESONATE](http://MENNOMEDIA.ORG/RESONATE).



## Shine

### Living in God's Light

Shine enters a new cycle this fall, with brand-new content and the same solid pedagogical and theological foundations that you have come to expect. Starting this fall you will find more substantial resource packs and even more age-appropriate ideas for junior youth. Our team of editors makes sure that each Shine session reflects our Anabaptist values of community, reconciliation, and the centrality of Jesus. Learn more and follow **SHINE** on [PINTEREST](#) and [FACEBOOK](#).

### New for Fall!

- A new *Early Childhood Music CD* helps young children express their faith through thanksgiving and praise. Brand new for 2017, this CD is designed to use for the next three years of the Shine curriculum to provide repetition and familiarity for young children. Recorded by Quaker musician Annie Patterson. Parents and teachers can download samples on the Shine [WEBSITE](#).
- *Give Light* is a new podcast providing information and inspiration for teachers and parents on a variety of faith formation topics. Tune in monthly! Find it at [SHINECURRICULUM.COM/PODCAST](http://SHINECURRICULUM.COM/PODCAST).



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