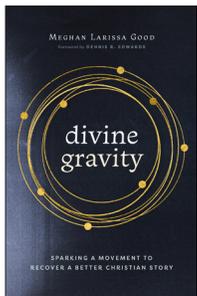


Report to **Central District Mennonite Conference**

Spring 2024

At MennoMedia we publish curricula and books that call readers to follow Jesus in word and deed. We publish resources about Christian discipleship, spirituality, reconciliation, justice, and theology from an Anabaptist perspective. Our curricula, periodicals, and hymnals reach a broad spectrum of evangelical, mainline, and Anabaptist readers and congregations, cultivating passion for faith formation and an active life of discipleship.

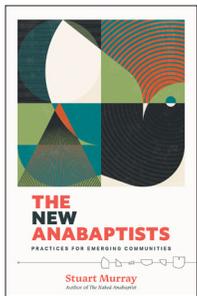
NEW RESOURCES FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH, FROM HERALD PRESS



Divine Gravity

Sparking a Movement to Recover a Better Christian Story

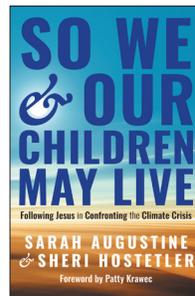
Meghan Larissa Good invites readers into a movement that is finding ways to tell a better Christian story. Readers will rediscover what an authentic, Jesus-centered Christianity looks like and how, through Christ, God is breathing new life among us, restoring creation, and reconciling all divided things. In this better story, isolation, intolerance, polarization, and death have no grip.



The New Anabaptists

Practices for Emerging Communities

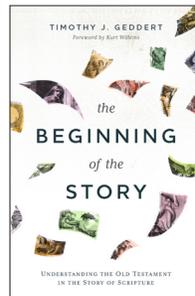
What does it look like to be an Anabaptist community in the modern world? In this companion to *The Naked Anabaptist*, author Stuart Murray identifies 12 common practices of churches and communities that are shaped by an Anabaptist vision. He explores how these practices might shape emerging Christian communities and inspire those seeking fresh expressions as cultural changes accelerate.



So We and Our Children May Live

Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis

Everywhere we look, we see signs that all is not right with our earth. Ecological justice requires challenging our assumptions about creation and our relationship to it. It requires decolonization. Authors Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler offer hope for a better future alongside concrete actions for joining with Indigenous Peoples to protect life and negotiate with decision-makers for sustainable change in the way of Jesus.



The Beginning of the Story

Understanding the Old Testament in the Story of Scripture

Although the Bible contains 66 books, most Christians turn first—and perhaps only—to the New Testament. Author Tim Geddert says that to understand the Bible—the grand story of God’s dealings with humanity, of God’s relationship to the whole universe—we must learn to read the first three-quarters of Scripture as Jesus did, and as the New Testament teaches us to do.

NEW FOR SUMMER: PATH TO PEACE CURRICULUM FROM SHINE

Shine’s new *Path to Peace* summer curriculum allows teachers and children to follow the peace paths in *The Peace Table* storybook Bible. The curriculum includes faith formation materials for PreK–Kindergarten and Elementary age levels.

For 2024, the unit is built around the “Peace with Creation” peace path from *The Peace Table* and includes three 5-session modules. Each session includes songs, prayers, instructions for telling the Bible story, wondering questions, activities, and media connections. Churches will need a copy of *The Peace Table* for each classroom.



New for Families: “Follow the Peace Path” Cards

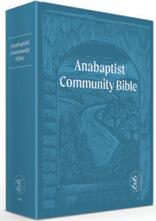
Extend learning and bring the Bible story home with a deck of “Peace with Creation” cards. Each of the 52 cards in the deck comes packed with ideas for families to do at home together. Whether a church has summer Sunday school or not, these cards are a great way to stay connected with families and provide parents and caregivers with an easy and fun faith formation resource. Purchase one deck of cards for each family.



Learn more at ShineCurriculum.com.

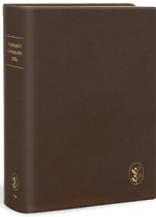
ANABAPTISM AT 500: LOOKING BACK, LIVING FORWARD

The 500th anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025 gives the church a unique opportunity to celebrate the Spirit's calling together of diverse people across all boundaries of culture and geography. MennoMedia's vision is to lead the way in helping North American Anabaptist Christians experience spiritual renewal by creating fresh, forward-looking resources for Anabaptism's quincentenary celebration.



Coming January 2025: *The Anabaptist Community Bible*

Embark on a transformative journey with the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. Immerse yourself in the teachings of Scripture, seamlessly interwoven with the rich tapestry of the Anabaptist movement. Expertly designed using the Common English Bible translation, this edition connects you more deeply to the biblical story, the Anabaptist story, and your own story. Experience a renewed engagement with Scripture as you engage the text in conversation with a larger community of believers, expecting God's Word to transform your life. Accessible to Christians from all faith traditions who want to read Scripture through a Jesus-centered lens. The *Anabaptist Community Bible* will be available in hardcover, soft touch, and limited edition genuine leather for preorder in late spring 2024.



Key features of all editions:

- The text of the Common English Bible (CEB)
- Single-column format for the biblical text, with over 7,200 marginal notes
- Biblical book introductions written by Anabaptist pastors, leaders, and scholars provide context and guidance
- Biblical Context notes from Anabaptist pastors, leaders, and scholars
- Community Reflection notes from nearly 600 Bible study groups
- Early Anabaptist Witness notes offer insights into how early Anabaptists engaged the Bible
- 40 original linocut illustrations of the biblical story
- Informative essays on Anabaptist hermeneutics, the Apocrypha, and other topics useful for group discussion
- A 365-day Bible reading plan and suggestions for group Bible study
- Durable Smyth-sewn lay-flat binding
- Presentation page for gift-giving
- 2-color interior
- Full-color Oxford maps
- 10-point font size



Learn more about other products marking this anniversary at AnabaptismAt500.com.

FINANCIALS, FISCAL YEAR 2023–24*

* MennoMedia's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. Amounts are listed in USD.

| INCOME | FY23–24 to date | | FY23 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | July–Dec. budget | July–Dec. actuals | July–Dec. Actuals |
| GROSS SALES | | | |
| Herald Press | \$ 525,000 | \$ 519,802 | \$ 478,353 |
| Curriculum/Church Products | \$ 294,250 | \$ 248,938 | \$ 284,217 |
| Periodicals | \$ 130,000 | \$ 122,932 | \$ 128,484 |
| Shine Project Income | \$ 150,000 | \$ 103,560 | \$ 80,670 |
| Distribution & Royalty | \$ 32,900 | \$ 33,689 | \$ 33,451 |
| Total Gross Sales | \$ 1,132,150 | \$ 1,028,921 | \$ 1,005,175 |
| COGS & ROYALTIES | \$ 301,208 | \$ 374,253 | \$ 314,758 |
| Gross margin | \$ 830,942 | \$ 654,668 | \$ 690,417 |
| OTHER INCOME | | | |
| Misc. Income | \$ 44,094 | \$ 63,680 | \$ 41,341 |
| Donations | \$ 384,600 | \$ 266,651 | \$ 306,056 |
| Grants | \$ 17,502 | \$ 1,265,000 | \$ 30,000 |
| Total Other Income | \$ 446,196 | \$ 1,595,331 | \$ 377,397 |
| TOTAL INCOME LESS COGS | | \$ 2,249,999 | \$ 1,067,814 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Wages & Benefits | \$ 591,642 | \$ 653,485 | \$ 510,373 |
| Fixed Expenses | \$ 49,216 | \$ 49,947 | \$ 50,256 |
| Variable Expenses | \$ 584,535 | \$ 507,962 | \$ 625,240 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 6,984 | \$ 14,241 | \$ 16,170 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 1,232,377 | \$ 1,225,635 | \$ 1,202,039 |
| NET INCOME | \$ 44,761 | \$ 1,024,364 | \$ (134,225) |