

TRAILMIX

Morsels of info from the Western District Conference Resource Library.
October, 2009.

Trailmix can also be found at: www.mennowdc.org/Library.html.

A whoppin' good list of goodies for you to explore!

1. Here at the Conference Resource Library, our Video Catalog has been updated, with the addition of about 60 new DVD's. You may explore and print it out at: www.mennowdc.org/2009Videocatalogwithoutindex.pdf Oh, you are very observant...it does not have an index at this point...so just search by the various subject areas.
2. If you prefer an abridged version of new videos, see the doc at the bottom of this page which lists a few of them, along with full descriptions.
3. A new listing of children's books that are chosen for their Anabaptist values (peace-making, generosity, ethics) and are wonderful additions to your personal or church library or suggested for gift-giving. This list is generated annually, and uses the heading "Children's Books for Telling in Church" since these are ones I heartily affirm for using during the Children's Time during Worship. See it at: www.mennowdc.org/2009-11-CIO.pdf Be sure to forward the list to your worship planners and church librarians!
4. And finally - do US a favor and take three minutes to fill out a survey on the "friendliness" on our web site. We want to make improvements...but need to hear your ideas. Find the survey link on our home page at: www.mennowdc.org.

Brand New DVD Study Series

from the

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DVD

394.2

McK

[McKinley, Rick.](#)

Advent conspiracy : can Christmas still change the world? / Rick McKinley, Chris Seay, and Greg Holder ; with contributions from co-conspirators around the world.

-- Four sessions, totaling 55 minutes -- Grand Rapids, Mich. : Zondervan, 2009

One DVD; one 150 page softcover book

Includes book / discussion guide. A prophetic dream -- The religion of consumerism -- Worship fully -- Spend less -- Give more -- Love all -- What if? -- Letters from co-conspirators.

Join the growing groundswell of Christ-followers who are choosing to make Christmas what it should be - a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth, not a retail circus.

DVD
241.6
Bri

Bridging the Gap: conversations on befriending our gay neighbors. -- 120 minutes over 4 sessions on two DVD's. Bonus footage adds another 60 minutes. -- New Direction Ministries of Canada, 2009

Includes discussion guide.

A 4-session interactive DVD for small groups addressing the question, "How would Jesus want us to treat our gay neighbors?" Segment 1: Gay People are our Neighbors (28 minutes); Segment 2: The Journey of Loving Same-Gender Attracted People (34 minutes); Segment 3: Loving Each Other Through Difference and Disagreement (37 minutes); Segment 4: Creating a Safe Place in the Christian Community (22 minutes).

DVD
284.3
Qui

The Quickest Ever DVD Guide to Anabaptists and their Values. -- 4 minutes -- Goshen, IN : Mennonite Health Services Alliance, 2009.

For youth, adults. To be used as a companion piece to the book: A Quick Guide to Anabaptist values. .

Hang on to your chairs and listen carefully to this fast paced, humorous overview of Anabaptist values. Although produced for Mennonite Health Services, it would have lots of applications - especially for a church membership class.

DVD
261.8321
Hoc

[Hochfeld, Paul](#)

Health, Money and Fear. -- 48 minutes -- 2009

Also available on www.youtube.com.

An emergency room physician takes it upon himself to conduct nation-wide interviews and create a documentary that exposes the American Health Care System to be operating out of fear, greed and money.

DVD
248.86
Win

[Winner, Lauren](#)

Mudhouse Sabbath. -- Total running time 65 minutes, over 7 sessions. --

Brewster, MA : Paraclete Press, 2009.

Sorry, no discussion material.

Winner shares the spiritual practices she has adopted in her quest to reconcile Judaism and Christianity. Seven sessions include these topics: Christianity and Judaism; Sabbath Keeping; Hospitality and Mindful Eating; Jewish and Christian Prayer; The Practice of Fasting; Mourning Well and Doorposts.

DVD

248.32

Mac

Kids

[MacBeth, Sybil](#)

Praying in Color: Kid's Edition : The Teaching DVD. -- 20 minutes --
Brewster, MA : Paraclete Press, 2009.

See also the adult version: Praying in Color and the DVD that shows how to lead a group in this exercise.

Introduces the simple way of praying through the use of crayons, pens and paper.

DVD

261.8325

Ser

Servant or Sucker: wise and compassionate ways to help the poor. -- 5 sessions, each 10-15 minutes each. -- EcuFilm, 2008.

For youth, adults.

Helps viewers discern appropriate Christ-centered actions when it comes to addressing poverty on a personal or organizational level. Included are realities of poverty such as concepts of time, relationships, money and values, interviews and steps viewers can take to be an effective servant without getting suckered.

Produced for Youth Ministry:

DVD

259.2147

Lol

LOL: 6 funny video illustrations that will have you ROFL (rolling on the floor laughing). -- 6 video clips, each 2-3 minutes. -- BlueFish TV, 2009

For youth. .

Funny skits on everything from vampires to terrorists, to youth group mascots.

DVD

259.2147

Pra

Prayer: 4 video illustrations highlighting our unique relationship with God through prayer. -- 8 minutes total -- Bluefish TV, 2009.

For youth and adults.

Two of the clips are spoofs, two are thought provoking. Great for sermon-starter or discussion starter. .

DVD

226.8

Purple

36 Parables: Purple. -- 40 minutes -- Youth Specialties, 2009.

For youth and adults.

Includes three dramatized parables: Out of Reach (Parable of the Friend at Midnight); The Car Lot (Parable of the Shrewd Manager); Sean (Parable of the Barren Fig Tree). .

DVD

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What

What Would You Do?: 4 video illustrating how character is reveled in difficult choices. -- 8 minutes total -- Bluefish TV, 2009.

For Youth.

Open-ended illustrations about friendship, kindness, truth-telling and personal convictions would be great discussion-starters.

DVD

259.2145

Fie

Con

[Fields, Doug](#)

Conflict: Overcoming Stress in Your Life / Featuring interviews with Alex and Brett Harris, Joy Whitlock and Bluetree. -- Four video-driven sesions from 16-19 minutes long -- BlueFish TV, 2009.

For youth. Includes 4 DVD's and a leader's guide. .

Students share real-life stories about conflict in their lives, then Fields offers Biblical insight into the most common areas of conflict and teaches students how to reach peace and forgiveness in those relationships. Session 1: Conflict with Family; Session 2: Conflict with Friends; Session 3: Conflict with Authority; Session 4: Conflict with God.

DVD

259.2145

McD [McDowell, Sean](#)

Am I Happy: the search for something more / Featuring interviews with Donald

Miller, Israel Houghton and Stephanie Smith. . -- Four video-driven sessions, each 14-20 minutes long -- BlueFish TV, 2009.

For youth. Four DVD's and one leader's guide. .

Offers biblical insight into the fleeting nature of happiness and the true meaning of joy. Session 1: Searching for Happiness in Relationships; Session 2: Searching for Happiness in Accomplishments; Session 3: Searching for Happiness in Appearances; Session 4: Searching for Happiness despite Circumstances.

DVD

259.2145

Nas

Why [Nasser, David](#)

Why Jesus: answering tough questions about our savior / Hosted by Mac Powell of Third Day. -- Four video-driven sessions, each 13-20 minutes long -- BlueFish TV, 2009.

For youth, adults.

Nasser addresses the tough questions that students have about Jesus and points them back to the scriptural truths about our Savior. Session 1: What's the big deal about Jesus?: Session 2: Was Jesus God, or Just a Good Man?; Session 3: Were Jesus' Miracles just an Illusion?; Session 4: Is Jesus the Only way to Heaven?