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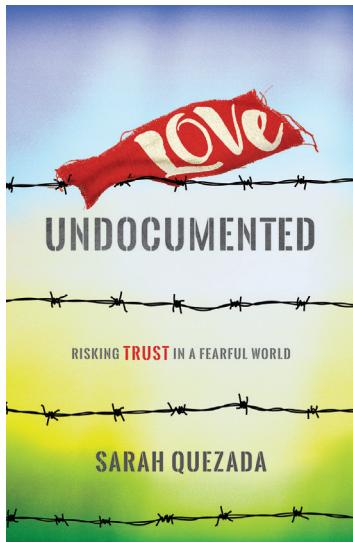
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## REPORT TO CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE *from MennoMedia*

**WHO WE ARE:** At MennoMedia and Herald Press we publish highly readable, thoughtful books and curriculum on Christian faith, discipleship, spirituality, reconciliation, and theology from an Anabaptist perspective. Our product lines reach a broad spectrum of readers—from evangelical, mainline, and Anabaptist backgrounds—and offer a “third way” approach between the sometimes contentious camps of the culture wars. Our Herald Press books target a wide swath of readers and thinkers who seek to live by Jesus-centered principles and values such as community, simple living, and social justice, as well as people who are curious about Amish and Mennonite communities. Our MennoMedia curriculum and periodicals reach congregations that share these same affinities, and cultivate passion for faith formation and an active life of faith rooted in trusting God and following Jesus.

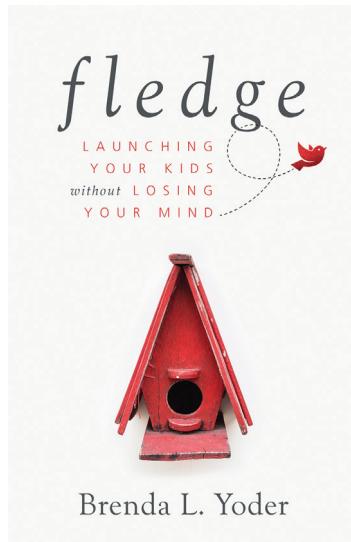
### NEW RESOURCES FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH, FROM HERALD PRESS



As a young Christian, Sarah Quezada had a heart for social justice. She was also blissfully unaware of the real situations facing today's immigrants. Until she met someone new . . . who happened to be undocumented. In *Love Undocumented*, Quezada takes readers on a journey deep into the world of the U.S. immigration system. Follow her as she walks alongside her new friend, meets with lawyers, stands at the U.S.-Mexico border, and visits immigrants in detention centers. With wisdom from Scripture, research, and these experiences, Quezada explores God's call to welcome the stranger.

With Quezada as your guide, discover a subversive Savior who never knew a stranger. Get to know the God of the Bible, whose love and grace cross all borders. Respond to an invitation to turn away from fear and enter a bigger story.

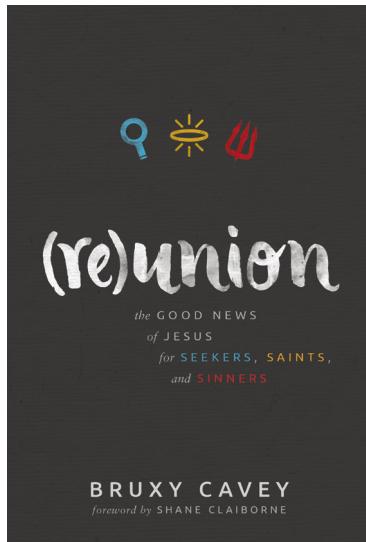
Available January 2018. \$15.99 USD



Your kids are spreading their wings. Are you ready? In *Fledge*, counselor, educator, and mother Brenda L. Yoder helps Christian parents navigate the many transitions of the launching years. How do you parent tweens at home and young adults away from home at the same time? What's a good balance between boundaries and freedom? How can you pray for your fledgling youth? And what do you do with all that mom grief?

Your job as a parent isn't over; it's just changing. Equip yourself with biblical wisdom for this season of transition in your family life. Learn the patterns to avoid and the habits to pursue. Launching your children can be scary, and some days it might make you crazy. But you've been raising them to do just this. *Fledge* will help you release your children into the future that God has planned for them.

Available March 2018. \$15.99 USD



The message of Jesus changed the world . . . until the world changed the message. Is a truncated and fragmented version of the good news masquerading as the full, forceful gospel of Jesus? A growing movement of truth-seekers and Jesus-lovers believe so, and they are calling for a return to the first and foundational message of Jesus. 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 will want to read it to learn how to follow Jesus). Scout out the real definitions of sin and salvation. 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.

Available in paperback May 8, 2018. \$16.99 USD.  
Available now in hardback. \$21.99 USD.



## A NEW WORSHIP AND SONG COLLECTION FOR OUR CHURCH

A worship and song collection marks a particular threshold between where the church has been and where the Spirit of God may be leading. It earnestly and prayerfully looks forward. It preserves some of what is familiar while leaning into challenge and prophetic action, to continue to welcome and inspire worshipers new to the church and those who have been present for many years. As patterns of church life and identity shift from generation to generation, worship rhythms respond to this Spirit-led movement.

### BACKGROUND

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 to be released in 2020.

Currently, we are making plans toward the following formats:

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| 1. Pew edition                      | 4. Musical accompaniment edition |
| 2. Large-print and keyboard edition | 5. Worship resources edition     |
| 3. Projection edition               | 6. Digital app                   |

### HOW MUCH IS IT COSTING TO DEVELOP?

It will cost between \$600,000 and \$700,000 to develop this collection before any sales are made. That includes expenses for a project director, editorial assistant, music editor, text editor, worship editor, and the 14-member volunteer committee working over three years to learn new songs, explore available resources, and consult on the best ones to keep or add to our worship lexicon.

### HOW CAN I SUPPORT THIS EFFORT?

The Resonate team is a talented, dedicated, prayerful group of musicians, pastors, scholars, and educators. They have volunteered a finite period of years for this complex work. The new hymnal is scheduled to be published in 2020, and MennoMedia is a small organization without the cash reserves needed to undertake such a large project.

Consider a financial gift to come alongside the committee's substantial volunteer effort to bring this project to completion. Learn more, or make a gift via credit card, at [MennoMedia.org/Resonate](http://MennoMedia.org/Resonate).



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