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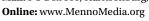
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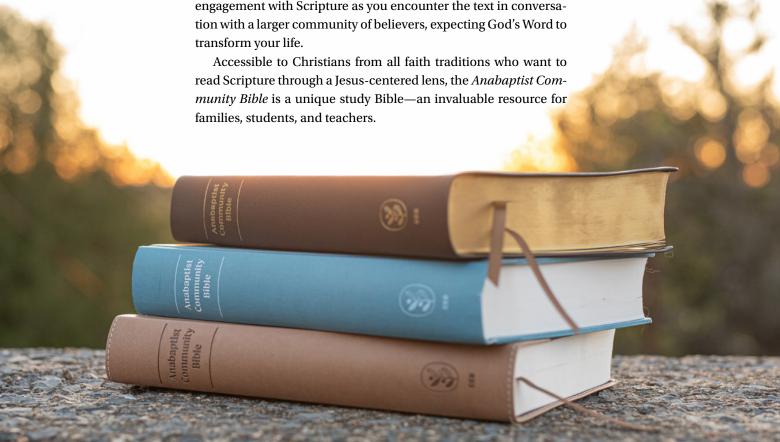
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Rediscover the Bible, together.

The Bible has sustained Anabaptist faith for 500 years, and it continues to convict, encourage, and transform us as Anabaptists. The *Anabaptist Community Bible* invites you to read Scripture with fresh eyes and to discover how key Anabaptist themes are woven throughout the stories of the Bible and your own life.

Expertly designed using the Common English Bible translation, the *Anabaptist Community Bible* will connect you more deeply to the biblical story, the Anabaptist story, and your own story. More than 7,200 marginal notes alongside the biblical text feature commentary from Anabaptist scholars, historical notes from the tradition, and the insights of nearly 600 Bible study groups. This pairing of notes and introductions alongside the biblical text commemorates the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism by modeling a community-based approach to reading Scripture and calling readers to follow Jesus in word and deed. Experience a renewed engagement with Scripture as you encounter the text in conversation with a larger community of believers, expecting God's Word to transform your life.



Features of the *Anabaptist* Community Bible

The Bible continues to enrich and inspire us. Immerse yourself in God's Word in the company of other Anabaptists. Choose the Bible option that works best for you.



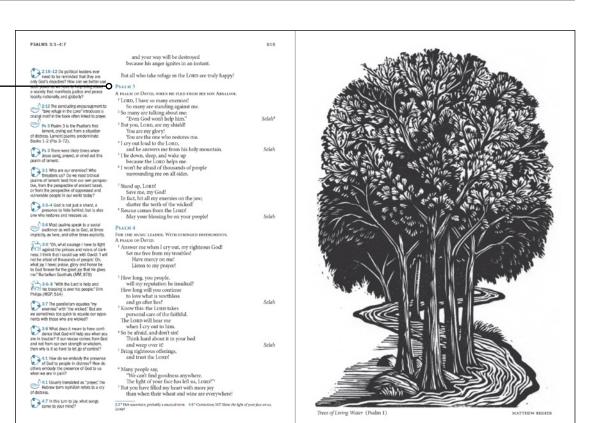


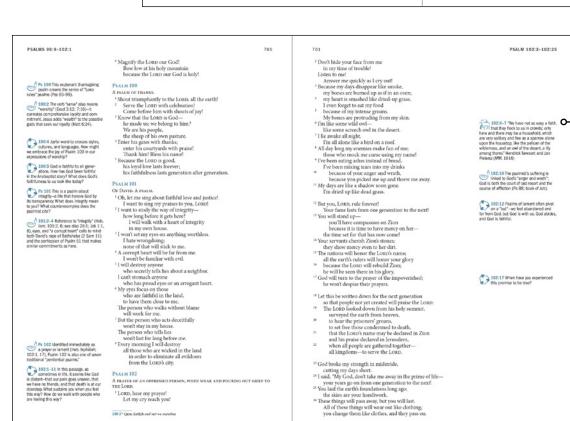


	HARDCOVER	SOFT TOUCH	GENUINE LEATHER
Full text of the Common English Bible (CEB)	✓	✓	✓
Single-column format for the biblical text with 7,200 marginal notes	✓	✓	✓
Biblical Context notes from Anabaptist scholars	✓	✓	✓
Community Reflection notes from nearly 600 Bible study groups	✓	✓	✓
 Early Anabaptist Witness notes offer insights into how early Anabaptists engaged the biblical text 	✓	✓	✓
Book introductions written by Anabaptist scholars provide context and guidance	✓	✓	✓
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	✓	✓	✓
Timelines, weights and measures, and other tables help orient readers in the biblical world	✓	✓	✓
Two-color interior with black text and blue accents for visual clarity	✓	✓	✓
16 full-color maps and charts	✓	✓	✓
Presentation page	✓	✓	✓
Large 10-point font size for the biblical text, 8.5-point font size for the notes	✓	✓	✓
Durable hardcover format with sewn binding	✓		
Soft-touch format with sewn binding		✓	
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Price	\$54.99 USD	\$69.99 USD	\$129.99 USD

Accessible Translation: The Common English Bible (CEB)

Modern Christians are used to reading Scripture in a range of biblical translations. The Anabaptist Community Bible offers readers a fresh translation-the Common English Bible (CEB). This translation, undertaken by 120 biblical scholars from 22 faith traditions and reviewed by nearly 80 reading groups, meets all the scholarly criteria for a faithful rendition of the biblical text. And it does so in a style that is easy to read aloud and with a user-friendly vocabulary that is especially accessible to a range of readers, including young readers and multilingual readers whose first language is not English. In keeping with the Anabaptist tradition, the CEB is a "people's Bible," written in a form that scholars and laypeople alike can appreciate.





A Living Bible: Interpreted by and for the Community

The Anabaptist Community
Bible features more than 7,200
marginal notes associated with
specific verses or passages.
These notes, drawn from three
distinct sources, invite readers to
participate in a lively, informed
conversation around the biblical
text. As you read and reflect on
Scripture, listen to the voice of
the Holy Spirit speaking through
these notes:

Biblical Context notes:
Written by Anabaptist
biblical scholars.

Early Anabaptist
Witness notes: Drawn
from the biblical commentary
of 16th- and 17th-century
Anabaptists.

Community Reflection notes: Nearly six hundred Bible study groups, gathered in a wide variety of Anabaptist communities in the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries, read and commented on every chapter in the Bible.

Additional Resources H

Included in the Anabaptist Community Bible are introductions to each book and several essays written by Anabaptist scholars on topics relevant to the larger vision of approaching Scripture from Anabaptist perspectives. Among other topics, the essays help readers understand the meaning of a Christ-centered approach to biblical interpretation; they address questions of how the church settled on the 66 books that make up our Bible today, and they include an essay devoted to the 16th-century Anabaptist embrace of the Apocrypha.

In addition to a beautiful set of biblical maps, indexes to Early Anabaptist Witness sources and scriptures, and other supplementary resources, the Anabaptist Community Bible includes a 365-day reading plan-with a daily set of texts drawn from the Old and New Testaments along with a passage from the Psalms or Proverbs-that will help you read the Bible in a year.

O INTRODUCTION TO

John

Context

Like the eagle that symbolizes the Fourth Evangelist, the singular processors between heaven and earth, carring it. a coording to Clement of Alexandris, the title of the spiritual gospel, in contrast to the more and the contrast of the more and the contrast of the more and the contrast to the more and the contrast of the more and the contrast of the contr

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debutes about Jesus' identity provoked by his healing and preaching ministry rather than on the proclamation of the kingdom of heaven. As a result, the gospel provides believers with rich language for professing their convictions. At the same time, it contains a polemic against he levish leaders who rejected Jesus that readers must treat cautiously to avoid being anti-levish. One approach is to set the action in the control of levis feed approach it is to set the action in the control of levis feed proposal; bit is often the control of levis feed proposal his crucification, and the control of levis feed proposal his crucification, and the third crucial shirts globy rather than human hamiltanion. John approaches the Hebrew Scriptures with a Christocentric hermeneutic, Jesus is not only the fulfillment of prophetic texts—all scripture testifies to his identity or comes to completion with him. He is Jacobis reveals only ladder (John 1851). He is the temple in which God dwells. Among the many themes and images that John draws from the Old Testament, two broad concepts—creation and covenant—stretch across the entire text. John invokes the theme of creation with the goopself hist vowed: Time be legatining: ation with the gospel's first words: "In the beginning

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	Lord's Supper	Washing of the feet
\$	Gospel of the kingdom	Spiritual rebirth
1-18) and an epilogue to the earli-	Olivet discourse	Last Supper farewell discourse
ne text (20:30-31) make John's focus lesus, from before creation, is the	John baptizing Jesus	John witnessing Jesus
of God, the complete revelation of	Exercism of demons	Raising of Lazarus
rld, and the agent in the fulfill-	Hades and Gehenna	No concept or mention of hell
k in the world. Readers are called d abide in Jesus in order to receive	Nativity of Jesus	'Hymn to the Word' prologue
ife and to become children of God.	Genealogy of Jesus	"The only-begotten God"
logy makes Jesus' divinity explicit,	Temptation of Jesus	Lamb of God
New Testament texts, where God s status (e.g., Titus 2:13; 2 Pet 1:1)	Sermon on the Mount	Seven "I Am" declarations
t Jesus as having divine power (e.g.,	Transfiguration of Jesus	Promise of the Paraclete
n John, Jesus is God incarnate.	Ascension of Jesus	Doubting Thomas

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The signs that Jesus performs and the grace poured upon believers make manifest the abundance of a restored creation, Jesus light overcomes darkness, and life overcomes doath. The language of drivine indvelling, abiding in com-munity with Christ, election, and keeping command-ments are coverant motifs. The emphasis on oneness with Christ and the play on the drivine name in the 2st 10-75, 11, 14, 11, 125, 1464, 1565, 185, 6, 8) evoke Israel's covenant to be one people with one God.

Anabaptist Lens
The Christological focus in the gospel of John informs
not only Anabaptist theology but also Anabaptist
ecclesiology and ethos.
John's theology is Christological. In knowing the
Son, we know God. Just as belief in the one true God is necessary to the covenant relationship with God, so too is belief in Jesus. In this gospel, belief entails several actions. It is an act of trust in God and Jesus' ower rather than one of human agency. It is recog-zing and publicly acknowledging that Jesus is the

INTRODUCTION TO JOHN

The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

-JOHN 1:14

messiah. Bt is understanding the Messiah according to Jesus' interpretation of tradition. John 159-10 calls us to abide in Jesus' love and keep Jesus' commandments. While the googd of individualism. The good of John offers believes an identity as a close-last community. Jesus' metaphors of the vine (151-8) and the sheepfoid (101-5) as well as his familial language engender a strong sense of he vine (151-8) and the sheepfoid (101-5) as well as his familial language engender a strong sense of being sworn together in an intimate relationship with east other as followers of Christ. We are invited into friendship with Jesus' functioned the control of the control

(15:4) and leads to complete joy (15:11).
Introduction and Biblical Context notes by Jo-Ann Brant

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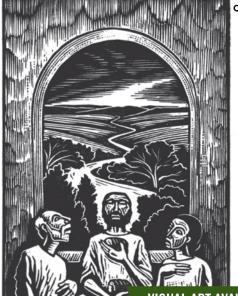
"While they were asying these things, Jesus himself stood among them
and said, "Peace be with yout." "They were terrified and afraid. They
thought they were seeing a ghost.

"He said to them. "Why are you startled!" Why are doubts arising in
your hearts" "Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and
see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have." "As he
said this, he showed them his hands and feet. "Because they were won-

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The Anabaptist Community Bible invites readers to engage the Spirit-filled tension of the "inner" and "outer" Wordthe idea that the literal or "straightforward" interpretation of the biblical text should be in constant conversation with illumination of the Holy Spirit. The Anabaptist Community Bible includes 40 artworks, each inspired by a passage of scripture, that open space for the inner Word to speak to us through a visual and often symbolic engagement with the written text. These images, all rendered in a classic woodcut style, can serve as aids in Bible study, illuminating Scripture in surprising and unexpected ways.

VISUAL ART AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

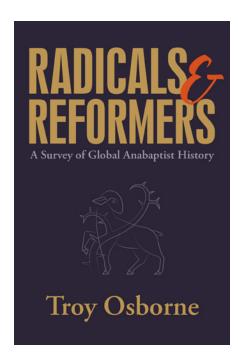
plets Jesus' wilderness teeding (2: connecting kingtom practices to sight, Sil larly, where methodologies or reason fail if 24.27), Christocentric interpretations rege readess who are formed by practices, Goo Spirit, and common stories and traditions (24.45), helping others discern diverse se usual dialogue together so we might "see".

24:46 What does it imply that the text here refers to Christ rather than

24:47 The forgiveness of sins is linked to a 'change of heart and life.' The early Anabeptists called for believes to not only accept Christ, but also experience a change of heart and a transformed life.

24:49 "If anyone is to go out for the Lord, they must be chosen by the Lord and endowed with his power; they must feel that power working in them. Above all, they must let the Lord's power rule over them and lead them." Peter Riedemann (FRCF, 184)

24:51 This was totally uncharted ground. Did the disciples understand what they was realize?





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Radicals and Reformers

A SURVEY OF GLOBAL ANABAPTIST HISTORY

Troy Osborne

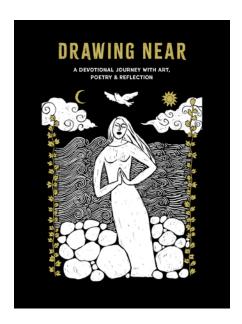
2024. 400 pages. PB. 978-0-8361-9988-8. \$34.99 USD. HC. 978-1-5138-1332-5. \$59.99 USD. Ebook. 978-1-5138-1333-2. \$24.99 USD. RELIGION / Christian Church / History

With Bibles and baptism, a movement was born.

From renegade gatherings of Christian believers in the 1500s to a global communion of more than 2.1 million members, the Anabaptist-Mennonite movement has been marked by faithfulness and failure, continuity and conflict, radicalism and reformation. In this engaging history, *Radicals and Reformers* traces the origins and development of the Anabaptist and Mennonite movements from their beginnings in Europe through their spread across the globe.

In this new authoritative introduction to Anabaptist history, historian Troy Osborne reflects on the ways that Anabaptists have defined their identity in new settings and in response to new theological, intellectual, geographic, and political contexts. Drawing from current scholarship and a range of written and visual sources, this book provides an overview of how Mennonites from Zurich to Zimbabwe have adapted to or resisted the world around them.

- Analysis and history showcases the multiple origins of the Anabaptist movement
- Excerpts from letters and other artifacts from early Anabaptism help readers understand the origin of the tradition
- Maps, charts, photographs, and sidebars provide valuable context and introduce key stories
- Part of the Anabaptism at 500 suite offered by Herald Press





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Drawing Near

A DEVOTIONAL JOURNEY WITH ART, POETRY, AND REFLECTION

Eileen R. Kinch and John D. Roth, editors

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Allow the Spirit to stir your soul.

Amid busy lives, *Drawing Near* invites you to slow down, to pause and ponder, and to explore the creative edges of your faith. This unique devotional brings together 40 stunning original artworks that illustrate a particular biblical text or story. Each image is paired with its related scripture text and an original poem by a contemporary Anabaptist writer, along with questions or prompts for further reflection and space for your creative response.

The 40 scripture texts, illustrations, and poems provide a starting point. But the biblical passage will come alive in surprising ways as you gaze at the image and allow the Holy Spirit to disrupt the text through the evocative power of art and the surprising insights of well-crafted poems.

This devotional includes plenty of white space for your own response to the Spirit's nudging—whether your own reflections, doodles, drawings, or poetry. A perfect gift that will engage people of faith, seekers, and creative souls of every age. Savor the art; reflect on the poetry; allow the Spirit to stir your soul.

- Includes 40 original linocut-style images commissioned for the *Anabaptist Community Bible*, each paired with its related biblical text and a poem by an Anabaptist poet
- Features questions and prompts for personal reflection
- Offers space to respond to the stirrings of your heart
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Footsteps of Faith

A GLOBAL ANABAPTIST DEVOTIONAL

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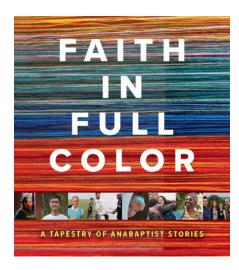
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A global testimony of faith

The 500th anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025 gives the church a unique opportunity to look back and live forward. Throughout its long history, the Anabaptist movement has centered on Scripture, discipleship, and reconciliation—with a strong focus on the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus. But we have also expressed our faith in many different ways across a range of cultural contexts.

This 40-day devotional, edited by author and historian John D. Roth, draws on insights from Anabaptist church leaders from around the globe and expands the vision of what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus today. Daily readings from Scripture, combined with devotional reflections and inspiring testimonies, challenge readers to deeper forms of discipleship. Contributors hail from the five Mennonite World Conference regions: Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and North America. Hear from this vibrant communion of saints all around the world living the faith and challenging the status quo.

- · Daily Bible readings that follow the life of Jesus
- Scripture reflections and personal testimonies by Anabaptists from around the world, each engaging the text from their own context
- Prayers to encourage and inspire readers in their Christian walk
- Part of the Anabaptism at 500 suite offered by Herald Press





Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi spent much of her professional life serving in Africa and Asia with Mennonite Central Committee. She now lives with her husband Dan in an old log house on the farm

where she grew up in Wayne County, Ohio, on the lands of the Wyandotte, Shawnee, and Leni Lenape. She enjoys writing, being outdoors, and working as a process consultant and leadership coach with Design Group International. Jeanne and Dan have three adult sons, two daughtersin-law, and four grandchildren. She loves her Orrville Mennonite Church congregation and her ties to the global church.

Faith in Full Color

A TAPESTRY OF ANABAPTIST STORIES

Compiled and written by Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi 2025. 256 pages. HC. 978-1-5138-1512-1. \$34.99 USD. RELIGION / Christianity / Mennonite AVAILABLE MAY 20, 2025

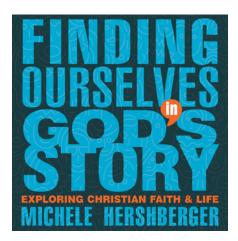
500 years of faith. 500 years of service. 500 years of community. 500 years of Anabaptism.

A church begins a nonprofit to assist single mothers in their neighborhood. A baptism takes place in a barrel during a drought in a war-torn country. An urban congregation creates an intentional community of asylum seekers. Published in conjunction with the 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist Christian faith, *Faith in Full Color* introduces readers to a tapestry of creative expressions of contemporary Anabaptist witness in the world.

This book showcases the intersection of faith and life, illustrating how congregations, faith communities, and individuals express their faith. Together, these stories compiled and written by Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi and accompanied by a diverse collection of photos address where we have been and, more importantly, where we are going as Anabaptist Christians: Where do we see God at work in our lives today? How have we seen God's faithful presence in diverse Anabaptist communities? And what does God desire of the Anabaptist movement for the next 500 years?

The stories and voices in these pages offer wise, inspiring, forward-looking counsel as we celebrate our shared faith and glimpse God at work among us.

- Hardcover, coffee table-style book with over 70 inspiring stories of Anabaptist witness accompanied by full-color photographs
- Helps readers understand and give voice to their own faith experiences
- Testifies to the ongoing presence of God in Anabaptist churches and communities
- Invites readers to consider the history and future of Anabaptist faith
- Part of the Anabaptism at 500 suite offered by Herald Press





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Finding Ourselves in God's Story

EXPLORING CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE

Michele Hershberger

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Why is the church so important to God? What's really going on in the Bible? How can I make sense of my life?

Finding Ourselves in God's Story invites readers to join a conversation that covers questions about faith. It introduces Christian faith from an Anabaptist perspective and puts readers in touch with two stories that Christians are constantly hearing and telling. First, there is the Bible's story of God working to restore us—and all of creation—to wholeness. The center of this story is Jesus Christ, who lived, died, rose, and still lives—for us. The second story involves our own lives today. How do we connect with God's story? Where is God working in our lives? What will we do with Jesus' invitation to follow him?

This book addresses the pressing questions and concerns that today's youth bring to their faith. Drawing on direct, honest discussions with Mennonite teenagers, young adults, and pastors, this guide engages groups in the conversations that matter most as it leads readers deeper into a faith that can become their own as they consider baptism or church membership.

- Outlines the tenets of Anabaptist-Mennonite faith for those considering baptism or church membership
- Suitable for group and individual study
- Helps readers consider their own story in connection with God's larger story and purpose
- Draws on in-person interviews with a diverse cross-section of Mennonite teens, youth, and pastors to address the questions that matter most at this formative stage of faith development
- Part of the Anabaptism at 500 suite offered by Herald Press





Teresa Kim Pecinovsky holds a master of education from the University of Houston and a master of divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School. She is an ordained minister through the Christian Church

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Hannah Rose Martin has had a passion for children's education since she was in the 2nd grade, which led to a bachelor's degree in education. She began teaching in an elementary school and

is now a reading interventionist and Mennonite pastor in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She is a wife and mother of two energetic children who love books. She was inspired to teach and write because she saw a need for curriculum and books that engage children's creativity and their role in the community around them. She hopes that *Sparking Peace* encourages parents and caregivers to have deeper conversations with children and together find that they are just one imaginative idea away from a transformed world.

Sparking Peace

Teresa Kim Pecinovsky and Hannah Rose Martin Illustrated by Gabhor Utomo

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Broken into beautiful. A story of friendship and healing.

After breaking a neighbor's window, a young child discovers friendship, transformation, and new beginnings in an unlikely story of peace. Gentle and moving, this poetic tale offers readers a hopeful path in the face of gun violence and despair, showing kids how peacemaking can turn conflict into friendship and new beginnings—and forge guns into garden tools.

Children grow up with lockdowns and gun violence as part of their reality. As parents, caregivers, and educators, how should we respond? *Sparking Peace* provides a springboard for those seeking to discuss gun violence and trauma with children in a way that highlights help rather than harm. This picture book helps children learn about conflict while also carefully addressing gun violence and peacemaking. It includes resources that equip parents and educators to talk about gun violence and trauma, using a story of a broken window to show kids how conflict can be transformed through acts of peace. Suggested reading for ages 5–9.

Key Features

- With few children's books on gun violence and trauma in the current marketplace, *Sparking Peace* provides a springboard for parents and educators seeking to discuss gun violence and trauma with young children in this book for ages 5–9
- Helps kids learn about conflict while also carefully addressing gun violence and peacemaking
- Additional helps at the back contain information on RAWtools (an organization that forges guns into garden tools and art) as well as a guide to help caregivers have a safe conversation with children about gun violence and reconciliation
- Part of the Anabaptism at 500 suite offered by Herald Press



Gabhor Utomo was born in Indonesia. He moved to California in 1997 to become an artist. He received his degree from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco in spring 2003. Today, he works as a freelance illustrator and has illustrated numerous children's books. His first children's book, *Kai's Journey to Gold Mountain*, is a story about a young Chinese immigrant on Angel Island. Gabhor's work has won awards and recognitions from local and national art organizations. His painting of Senator Milton Marks is part of a permanent collection at the Cal-

ifornia State Building in downtown San Francisco. He also created posters for the Mountain Play, an outdoor theater in Marin County, California. He lives with his wife Dina and his twin daughters in Portland, Oregon.





Aimee Reid a beloved children's author from Ontario, Canada, known for her heartwarming stories, including *A World of Love* and *Animal Snuggles*. Aimee enjoys writing children's books that

portray the goodness in our world. When Aimee was young, she wanted to be a teacher and a mother. She used an overturned laundry basket as a desk, assigned homework to imaginary students, and completed and corrected their assignments. When Aimee grew up, she became a teacher with a real desk who taught high school English, music, and special education. She also had three children who inspired her to begin writing. Now Aimee is a children's author who enjoys sending books out into the world for children to enjoy. She lives in Hamilton, Ontario, with her husband and children and an affectionate dog. Aimee is grateful for the many people whose lives have been stitched together in friendship with her family.



Kate Cosgrove is the illustrator of the #1 New York Times bestselling book A Day with No Words, winner of the 2024 Dolly Gray Children's Literature Award. Cosgrove's book illustrations juried

into The 41st and 43rd Original Art Annual Exhibition in NYC. Her other notable picture books include *And the Bullfrogs Sing: A Life Cycle,* a Bank Street Best Book of the Year and a Maryland Blue Crab Young Reader Award Honors book. Kate is usually hiding in her art studio with pencil-smudged fingers and a smelly dog named Stanley.

Stitched Together

Aimee Reid Illustrated by Kate Cosgrove

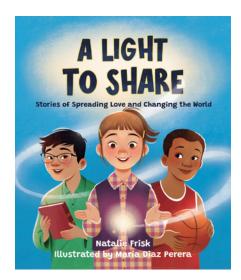
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Every stitch tells a story.

Stitched Together invites readers to journey with the narrator as she pursues a secret wish—to add a square to her church's special anniversary quilt. She ponders the faith practices of her church community that are important to her and learns from her grandmother's quilting circle about the history of their faith. Together with her church community, the young girl discovers the threads of connection woven into each quilt square and the power of shared stories. Stitched Together is a delightful tale of tradition, friendship, and the joy of making something meaningful together.

This book celebrates the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism. A church's anniversary quilting project allows readers to discover Anabaptists from around the world today. With illustrations by award-winning artist Kate Cosgrove and text by beloved children's author Aimee Reid, this picture book invites intergenerational reading—with older members of congregations and families sharing their memories with those who are younger. And it makes space for the voices of those who will become the new leaders of the Anabaptist tradition. Suggested reading for ages 5–9.

- A heartwarming tale for ages 5-9 of tradition, friendship, and the joy of making something meaningful together
- Invites intergenerational reading and points to how younger people will become new leaders in the church
- Resources at the back invite readers to discover the global Anabaptist family through a quilt project featuring squares from the different Mennonite World Conference regions
- Part of the Anabaptism at 500 suite offered by Herald Press





Natalie Frisk has worked in ministry for over 15 years. She earned a master's in theological study (biblical studies) and is pursuing a doctorate in practical theology with an emphasis on the spiritual

experience of children. While she was the curriculum pastor for a multisite church, Natalie published *Raising Disciples: How to Make Faith Matter for Our Kids* (Herald Press, 2019). She is now director of curriculum for RaiseUpFaith as she continues doing what she loves: content developing, team building, and pastorally nurturing the souls of whomever she encounters.



María Diaz Perera was born in Gijón, a small seaside town in northern Spain. When she was very young, she found that there were few things that she enjoyed as much as listening to The Beat-

les and drawing. She graduated with a degree in art history, and soon after that she studied graphic design. María has worked as a freelance illustrator for several international publishers, magazines, and advertising agencies, and she loves to work on portraits and children's books. She is inspired by '60s and '70s music, literature, and cinema, and she loves to spend time with family and friends. She still listens to The Beatles and feels fortunate to make a living doing what she loves most—illustration.

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Share your light with the world.

Hey. Hey you! Yes, you! I've got a question for you:

Have you ever gotten a really great present from someone who loves you?

And then . . . you realize that if you share that gift, it is even better than you thought?

Author Natalie Frisk introduces 12 Jesus followers who discovered their gifts and shared them with the world. These inspirational figures—from history through today—all found strength in their Anabaptist faith.

Some used their gift to share about Jesus through preaching, peace clubs, and podcasts. One person used her love of biology to teach others about the amazing world that God created.

With vivid, compelling art by María Diaz Perera, the Anabaptist stories of Conrad Grebel, Helena von Freyberg, Christoph Sauer, Tunggul Wulung, Anna Mow, Edna Ruth Byler, Alta Schrock, Lawrence Homer Hart / Sky Chief, Paulus Hartono, Issa Ebombolo, Kate Bowler, and Drew G. I. Hart come to life!

When we discover our gifts from God, it is like a light flips on inside us. This light can change the world! Suggested reading for ages 5–9.

- With vivid, compelling art by María Diaz Perera, this book for ages 5-9
 features 12 inspiring stories of Jesus followers from across history and the
 globe
- Emboldens children and adults to share their special God-given gifts with the world
- Features profiles of Conrad Grebel, Helena von Freyberg, Christoph Sauer, Tunggul Wulung, Anna Mow, Edna Ruth Byler, Alta Schrock, Lawrence Homer Hart / Sky Chief, Paulus Hartono, Issa Ebombolo, Kate Bowler, and Drew G. I. Hart
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