

Annotated bibliography

This bibliography was prepared by Hyung Jin (Pablo) Kim Sun and Sarah Kathleen Johnson as a starting point for further reflection and action.

Anabaptist voices

Augustine, Sarah. *The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. Herald Press, 2021.

Sarah Augustine explains the Doctrine of Discovery and its ongoing impact on Indigenous Peoples and the planet. She calls for Mennonites to reckon with our Christian colonial legacy as part of our commitment to following Jesus in the way of justice and peace. Many of the themes present in her response to this issue of *Vision* are explored in greater depth in the book.

Hart, Drew. *Making It Plain: Why We Need Anabaptism and the Black Church*. Herald Press, 2025.

Modeling deep attention to both interculturality and decoloniality, Anabaptist Drew Hart calls for the integration of the radical discipleship of the Anabaptist tradition with the prophetic witness of the Black Church. Hart directly addresses the Doctrine of Discovery and anti-Blackness in ways that resonate with many of the themes explored in this issue of *Vision*.

Heinrichs, Steve, and Esther Epp-Thiessen, eds. *Be It Resolved: Anabaptists and Partner Coalitions Advocate for Indigenous Justice, 1966-2020*. Mennonite Church Canada, 2020.

This 480-page volume collects and contextualizes over ninety documents detailing commitments Anabaptists in Canada have made to Indigenous justice and decolonization since the 1960s. Statements address Indigenous land rights, access to water, education and housing, missing and murdered women and girls, the legacy of residential schools, and restorative responses to crime, among other topics. The result is not a self-congratulatory narrative of “progress” but an account of a complex and winding journey. The book includes a study guide with questions for discussion and actions of response.

Kim Sun, Hyung Jin (Pablo). *Building Mennonite Belonging: Toward an Intercultural Church*. McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2025.

Kim Sun examines how Canadian Mennonites, especially in Mennonite Church Canada, are wrestling with ethnicity, culture, race, and identity as the church becomes more ethnoculturally diverse. Using three theological frameworks—messianic community, missional church, and shalom church—he argues that the resources for building intercultural belonging already lie within the Mennonite tradition, and what is needed is intentional transformation so all can experience full belonging. This book connects strongly with decolonial discipleship by challenging settler/white Mennonite norms, decentering dominant cultural assumptions, and fostering a church intercultural in worship, leadership, and communal life so that discipleship is not just personal but deeply shaped by justice, inclusion, and mutual transformation.

Rashid, Jonny. *Jesus Takes a Side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel*. Herald Press, 2022.

Rashid argues that following Jesus necessarily involves taking sides with the oppressed, and rejecting neutrality and the so-called “third way” that often upholds the status quo. Drawing on his pastoral and activist experience, he presents discipleship as a public, embodied, and political practice. His call to solidarity with marginalized communities resonates with a decolonial approach to discipleship, where faith entails dismantling systems of domination and building intercultural communities rooted in justice, mutuality, and prophetic witness.

Reesor-Keller, Leah. *Tending Tomorrow: Courageous Change for People and Planet*. Herald Press, 2024.

Leading change in churches and communities is challenging. Weaving together personal narrative, theological reflection, and practical guidance, Leah Reesor-Keller invites leaders to consider how to nurture change with deep attention to local colonial, intercultural, and ecological contexts.

von Gunten, Edith, and Neill von Gunten. *Walking Together: Intercultural Stories of Love and Acceptance*. Mennonite Church Canada, 2022.

In this volume, Edith and Neill von Gunten share stories about their relationships with Indigenous communities around Lake Winnipeg spanning more than four decades. The volume weaves together biblical principles with the Ojibwe “Way of Life” teachings through seven chapters that reflect on love, respect, courage, honesty, wisdom, humility, and truth. In some sense the volume is a meditation on lives of decolonial discipleship lived out through shifting institutional structures and in deepening relationships with Indigenous communities. The book includes a study guide for personal reflection or group discussion.

Additional resources

Aldred, Raymond C., and Matthew R. Anderson. *Our Home and Treaty Land: Revised and Expanded*. Friesen Press, 2024.

Boopalan, John. *Memory, Grief, and Agency: A Political Theological Account of Wrongs and Rites*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

Charles, Mark, and Soong-Chan Rah. *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*. InterVarsity Press, 2019.

Lansdowne, Carmen. *Wearing a Broken Indigene Heart on the Sleeve of Christian Mission*. CMU Press, 2025.

Marzouk, Safwat. *Intercultural Church: A Biblical Vision for an Age of Migration*. Fortress Press, 2015.

Medina, Néstor, and Becca Whitla, eds. *Decolonizing Church: Emerging Voices Speak*. McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2025.

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