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MennoMedia serves Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada in creating faith-based print, video, radio, and web resources. It was created last July 1 when Mennonite Publishing Network and Third Way Media merged. Our main office is in Harrisonburg, Va., but we also have staff working from various locations across North America, including offices in Waterloo, Ont., Newton, Kan., and Elkhart, Ind. The merger, relocation of offices, and selling of our facility in Scottsdale, Pa., was a time-consuming process, but we now feel better poised to serve the church with faith formation and the wider society through faith witness.

Herald Press, our well-known book imprint, had a best-selling book this past year, *Mennonite Girls Can Cook*, which emphasized the importance of faith, hospitality, and community in the kitchen and around the dinner table. We hope to follow that success with our other new titles this year. You can keep abreast of all our new offerings by going to our online store at www.MennoMedia.org.

MennoMedia is also involved in a variety of other initiatives:

Worship and music. What are the worship and music trends in our congregations? What resources will be most helpful to them in the future? These are questions being asked by the Worship Council, which is sponsored by MennoMedia along with Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. One issue is whether and when a new hymnal or song collection should be published. To assist in this process, we are surveying many churches across North America, and we appreciate your participation in this process.

Sunday school curriculum. The *Gather 'Round* curriculum for children, which was designed to last eight years, began its sixth year last fall. We are looking ahead to what comes next. What are the needs of children, youth, and families in the future? How can we increase advocacy and support for Christian formation through our congregations and families? How can a core curriculum be adapted for use in more than one cultural setting? These questions were discussed in a variety of consultations last year, and decisions about next steps are being made this year.

Living more with less. Our new agency, which represents a print heritage and electronic-media heritage, is embarking on projects that combine a variety of media. The first project, which debuted last July, is based on a new edition of the Herald Press classic, *Living More with Less*.

Weekly radio program. *Shaping Families*, the 15-minute program launched in January 2010, can be heard on 18 stations. The programs feature interviews with individuals facing various tough family issues, or with experts on topics. The www.ShapingFamilies.com website is updated weekly with podcasts of all past programs available.

Online ministry. Many churches link to the *Third Way Café* website and members refer people to it in person or through their blogs. The website can be accessed at www.ThirdWay.com.

Documentary on Christian-Muslim theme. A MennoMedia-produced documentary premiered on ABC-TV in October. Titled *Waging Peace: Christian and Muslim Alternatives*, it shows how peacemaking is taking place today in both religious traditions.

We are so grateful for your support over the years. We now solicit your support for MennoMedia—through your prayers, the purchase of our materials, and financial donations.

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*MennoMedia seeks to engage and shape church and society
with resources for living Christian faith from an Anabaptist perspective.*