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# Report to Franconia Conference from MennoMedia

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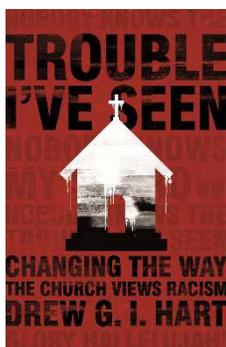
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### New Hymnal Committee set to begin its work

This past spring and summer MennoMedia, along with Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, selected a project director and committee for our new hymnal, set to debut in 2020. Bradley Kauffman of Cincinnati, mostly recently choir director and music faculty member from Hesston College, was hired to direct the project. Along with the publisher's and denomination's steering committee he oversaw the selection of a 12 member committee, from all across Canada and the U.S. The main Editorial assignments are Adam Tice, Elkhart, Indiana, text editor; Benjamin Bergey, Harrisonburg, Virginia, music editor; Sarah Kathleen Johnson, originally from Ottawa, Ontario, worship resources editor. Other committee members include Darryl Neustaedter Barg, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Paul Dueck, Cartier, Manitoba; Mike Erb, New Hamburg, Ontario; Katie Graber, Columbus, Ohio; Emily Grimes, Salem, Oregon; Tom Harder, Wichita, Kansas; SaeJin Lee, Elkhart, Indiana; Anneli Loepp Thiessen, Winnipeg; Cynthia Neufeld Smith, Topeka, Kansas

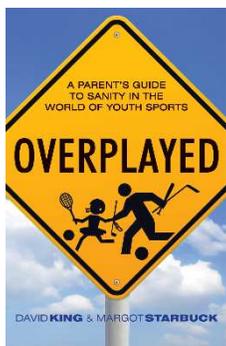
Their first meeting was in Harrisonburg in September. To receive updates about the project, send an email to [hymnalinfo@mennomedia.org](mailto:hymnalinfo@mennomedia.org).

### Two new resources for the whole church



**What if racial reconciliation** doesn't look like what you expected? The high-profile killings of young black men and women by white police officers, and the protests and violence that ensued, have convinced many white Christians to reexamine their intuitions when it comes to race and justice.

In this provocative book, *Trouble I've Seen*, theologian and blogger Drew G. I. Hart places police brutality, mass incarceration, antiblack stereotypes, poverty, and everyday acts of racism within the larger framework of white supremacy. Leading readers toward Jesus, Hart offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice. What if all Christians listened to the stories of those on the racialized margins? How might the church be changed by the trouble we've seen?



**Should I sign up our seven-year-old son** for the travel team? What should we do about our daughter's Sunday morning games? Am I the only one longing for a sane balance between children's sports, family time, and church commitments?

In *Overplayed*, David King and Margot Starbuck offer good news for Christian parents stressed out by these questions and stretched thin by the demands of competitive youth sports. Join King, athletics director at a Christian university, and Starbuck, an award-winning author and speaker, as they investigate seven myths about what's best for young athletes. Listen in as they talk to parents, pastors, and coaches about the peril and promise of children's sports. Learn practical ways to set boundaries and help kids gain healthy identities as beloved children of God—both on and off the field.



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