

A Guide to NC LIVE for Local Churches
in the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

To celebrate National Library Week, April 10-18, 2011, the NC Conference Media Center has written this guide to assist our local churches in making use of Christian resources available through NC LIVE, a service of North Carolina Public Libraries. To use these resources, you must have a public library card which can be obtained in-person at your local public library with photo identification. Public library cards are free to eligible local residents. Students are also granted access through their educational institutions.

To find your local public library, visit <http://www.publiclibraries.com/northcarolina.htm> or check with your local county or city government.

What is NC LIVE?

NC LIVE is an extensive collection of free electronic resources available to all public library card holders in North Carolina. This guide for churches in the NC Conference will focus on resources of use to local church leaders and laity available through NC LIVE on your home computer. Many of the examples given are specific to Methodism.

"Designed for at-home use, NC LIVE eBooks, magazines, newspapers, journals, media, and other online materials are available from any Internet connection via library websites, and through www.nclive.org.

NC LIVE offers free electronic access to resources for all ages on topics ranging from careers, business, and investing, to auto repair, health, history, and genealogy. NC LIVE resources are available to all North Carolinians through their local public, community college, or academic library."

- From <http://nclive.org/about>, Accessed March 10, 2011

NC LIVE Databases

The complete list of available databases can be browsed by subject, type of resources offered, or in an A-Z list. Alternatively, the search box will search all of the databases at the same time. This guide provides brief descriptions, search tips, and examples of titles in each database that could be of use to local churches.

ABC-CLIO eBook Collection

This database includes, "6,000 encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, and guides from ABC-CLIO, Greenwood Press, Libraries Unlimited, and Praeger."ⁱⁱ These eBooks include volumes from the Critical

Companions to Popular Contemporary Authors and Literature in Context series which provide historical and critical commentaries on classic works of history and literature.

Search Tips: Try browsing by subject category and choose Religion and Mythology. There are seven sub-categories that reveal book titles when expanded. You can also search by keyword. A search for "Methodist" returned over 300 results.

Examples of Titles: *Between Heaven and Earth: Christian Perspectives on Environmental Protection*, *Families of the Bible: A New Perspective*, *Women and Christianity*, *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Theologians*

Academic Search Premier

This database includes "journal articles from many disciplines – business, social science, humanities, science, education, and more." Many of them will give you the full text of the article.

Search Tips: This database (and others hosted by EBSCOhost) has a very advanced search engine offering options for searching by publication, full-text only, scholarly only, photographs, publication date, and more. However, you may find the keyword search at the top of the page the easiest to use. A search for "Methodist" in article title only returned 11,248 results. Searching the full text of articles for this term returned 42,493 results. Many of these articles are from psychological, sociological, or religious scholarly journals. Your results can be further limited using the qualifiers and sorters on the side and top of the results page, respectively. Limiting by subject or publication could be particularly helpful.

Examples of Titles: *"And Made Us to Be a Kingdom": Race, Antislavery, and Black Evangelicals in North Carolina's Early Republic*; *Psychological Type Profile of Methodist Circuit Ministers in Britain: Similarities to and Differences from Anglican Clergy*

African-American Poetry

This database is a collection of poetry written by African Americans from the first recorded poem by an African American in 1746 through the nineteenth century. There is a lot to treasure here in African American spirituality and early African American Christianity. Try reading these poems at a heritage event at your church.

Search Tips: Click on Search. Try searching for keywords such as God, Jesus, Christian, worship, praise, hymn, faith, spirit, etc. You can also search by the names of the poets.

Examples of Titles: *A Hymn Written for the Dedication of the Vine Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Buffalo* by James Monroe Whitfield, *The Resurrection of Jesus* by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper

American Poetry

This database is similar to the African-American Poetry collection but expands its scope to include "over 40,000 poems by more than 200 American poets from the Colonial Period to the early twentieth century."ⁱⁱⁱ

Search Tips: Click on Search. Try searching for keywords such as God, Jesus, Christian, Methodist, worship, praise, hymn, faith, spirit, etc. You can also search by the names of the poets.

Examples of Titles: *The Methodist Church* by Hannah Flagg Gould, *Go Down Moses*

American Slavery: A Composite Biography

This database is a collection of written and audio biographical narratives by former American slaves.

Search Tips: This site contains keyword and advanced search options. However, the Subject Index is excellent and recommended. Try these subjects: Bible (References To), Church (Black), Church (General), Religion (General), and Spirituals.

Examples of Titles: Narratives are organized by the name of the speaker.

Archive Grid

This database is a collection of "historical documents, personal papers, and family histories"ⁱⁱⁱⁱ made available from thousands of professional archives including Duke University and the University of North at Chapel Hill. It is most helpful for researching genealogical and church histories.

Search Tips: It is easiest to just type your keywords into the search box. Search tips are listed underneath the search box. The proximity search may be especially helpful if you are searching for a person's name or unsure of an exact phrase. Your results can be limited by the collection they came from and locations. A search for "Methodist" returned 7,030 results. Try narrowing this search by adding the words "North Carolina" and "Conference".

Examples of Titles: *Presidents of the Wesleyan Conference, 1770-1900*; *United Methodist Church records, 1784-1984 bulk 1800-1940*; *Mack B. Stokes scrapbook, 1980*.

ArticleFirst

This database is operated by OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) and gives access to records for journal articles gleaned from a plethora of databases. It has a huge scope and so requires specific searches. If you have a specific topic in mind and want a journal article, this is the database for you.

Search Tips: This database has a powerful search engine, and it should be used to the best of its ability to narrow your search results. There are basic, advanced, and expert search options. The question marks next to each search box provide detailed instructions. For non-academic research, I recommend limiting to full-text articles. This means that you can read the full article right where you are, and you

will not have to track down journals in a library. You could also opt to browse the titles of journals that are included in the database.

Examples of Journal Titles: *The A.M.E. Church Review, Church and Society, Church History, Culture and Religion, Methodist History, The Interpreter*

Business Source Premier

This database is a collection of business information. The most relevant parts to the local church seem to be the country profiles. If you are planning a mission trip or have a mission team in another country, this database can give you current information about the country including economics, monitoring reports, and background notes.

Search Tips: The search function for this database is very straightforward. First, click on Country Reports. Then, you can easily type the name of the country in the browse box. You could also choose the Region tab to get reports on all of the countries in a particular region. At the results screen, click on the publication title. On the next screen, click on the date for the report you would like to read.

Examples of Titles: *Armenia Country Review, Political Risk Yearbook: Haiti Country Report, Country Profile. Japan*

CAMIO

This database is OCLC's Catalog of Art Museum Images Online. It includes images of museum pieces from all around the world. The images can be used for educational and research purposes, but they cannot be published. That means they are okay to use as illustrations in Sunday School, but they cannot be printed in the church bulletin, on flyers or on the website.

Search Tips: There is a simple keyword search box at the top of the page. A search for "Jesus" returned 382 results. These results can be narrowed by artist, format, date, and subject. There is an advanced search option if needed.

Examples of Titles: *Virgin and Child* by Leonardo da Vinci, *The Passion: The Resurrection* by Albrecht Dürer

Consumer Health Complete

This database compiles a ton of health information that could be very helpful in pastoral care and creating caring communities of support within the church by providing factual information about a variety of health issues.

Search Tips: Begin your search by entering a keyword in the search box, selecting the first letter, or choosing a general topic. If you choose Mental Health, for example, check the box of what you would like information about. You will notice tabs underneath the search box on the results page. It is important that you click through each one of these tabs to see results or you can see All Results on the

first tab. The tabs could include evidence-based reports, encyclopedia entries, reference books, fact sheets, pamphlets, news, drugs, herbs, and alternative sources.

Examples of Titles: *Coping with Anxiety and Phobias, When the Warrior Returns Home, Cyberbullying and Self-Esteem*

CQ Researcher

"*CQ Researcher* is noted for its in-depth, unbiased coverage of health, social trends, criminal justice, international affairs, education, the environment, technology, and the economy. . . . Each single-themed, 12,000-word report is researched and written by a seasoned journalist. The consistent, reader-friendly organization provides researchers with an introductory overview; background and chronology on the topic; an assessment of the current situation; tables and maps; pro/con statements from representatives of opposing positions; and bibliographies of key sources."^{iv} This database also enables you to create a profile so that you can sign up for email alerts and save favorites, searches, and history.

Search Tips: Browse by Topic and Issue Tracker are the most direct ways to access the reports. There is also a cumulative index if you are looking for something very specific. Browse by Topic offers a Religion category that can be further narrowed. The Christianity topic offers 12 different reports. The Issue Tracker is more specific and offers many reports on topics such as abortion, the death penalty, gambling, immigration, religion and politics, and more.

Examples of Titles: Protestants Today, Prayer and Healing, Human Rights Issues, Searching for Jesus

Digital NC

This link takes you to an online collection of digitized archival heritage items from repositories across the state hosted by the North Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It includes over 7,500 items that you can view from this website. This website would be most helpful to your church historian or those who are doing genealogical research.

Search Tips: You can do a keyword search or browse by location or type of item. There are many different types of items including photographs, government records, newspapers, scrapbooks, and more. A keyword search for "Methodist" returned over 600 results. Most of these results were newspapers and photographs. The search results can be narrowed by format, contributing institution, and subject.

Examples of Items: Mostly pictures of churches and groups of people, newspaper articles

Economic Development Information System

This website would be most helpful if you are planting a new church or planning outreach in your community. You can search buildings and sites, community demographics, business data, and maps of North Carolina.

Search Tips: The Community Demographics module offers information on education, employment, housing, income, population, quality of life, taxes, commercial, and consumer expenditures by county, region, or the state. The Business Data module offers top employers, businesses, and labor and occupation statistics by county. The Maps module is powered by the icons at the top left of the page that have pre-customized layers and search options.

English Poetry

This database is similar to the African-American and American Poetry collections but is focused on British poetry "from the 8th century to the early 20th." It includes "over 160,000 poems by more than 1,250 British poets."^v This database includes a lot of Methodist history in poetry.

Search Tips: Click on Search. Try searching for keywords such as God, Jesus, Christian, Methodist, worship, church, etc. You can also search by the names of the poets including "Wesley, John" and "Wesley, Charles". These searches returned over 6,700 results. You can narrow this search by keywords or first lines in the poems.

Examples of Titles: *Grieve Not the Holy Spirit, Hymn 319, On Clemens Alexandrinus's Description of a Perfect Christian* all attributed to the Wesley brothers

ERIC

This database is a collection of journal articles on education. It could be most helpful to the Christian educators in your church.

Search Tips: There is a keyword and advanced search. A keyword search for "Christian education" (without quotes) returned over 3,000 results. These results can be narrowed by articles that have full text available (recommended), source type, subject, and publication. For example, this search can be narrowed by the subjects "Christianity," "Religious Education," "Church Related Colleges," and more.

Examples of Titles: *Gender and Christian Education in Nigeria, Christian Higher Education in Europe: A Historical Analysis, The Anglican-Methodist Covenant: Differences in the Belief Patterns of Anglican Clergy and Methodist Ministers*

Faber Poetry Library

This database is similar to the African-American, American, and English Poetry collections but only includes poetry published by Faber in the twentieth century. It is useful if you are in need of more contemporary poetry than the other poetry databases offer. This database contains 140 volumes by 50 poets.

Search Tips: Click on Search. Try searching for keywords such as God, Jesus, Christian, Methodist, worship, praise, hymn, faith, spirit, etc. You can also search by the names of the poets.

Examples of Titles: *Strugnell's Christian Songs* by Wendy Cope, *Jesus and His Mother* by Thom Gunn, *A Child's Prayer* by Siegfried Sassoon

Funk and Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia

In spite of Wikipedia, scholar-authored encyclopedias do still exist, and they are required sources if you want a guaranteed factual introduction a topic, especially one that can be cited in a professional context. Funk and Wagnalls fulfills this need.

Search Tips: There is a keyword search and an advanced search that search the full text of the articles. The results display the titles of encyclopedia entries. A search for "Methodist" returned 53 encyclopedia entries for churches, people, universities, denominations, and more. An interesting feature will read the entry aloud using different accents of the English language. The entries can be translated into many other languages as well.

Examples of Titles: United Methodist Church, Francis Asbury, Norman Vincent Peale, Circuit Rider

Gale Virtual Reference Library

This database includes digitized versions of many different reference books. There is a helpful list of how-to guides and recommended titles at <http://www.gale.cengage.com/gvrl/find.htm>.

Search Tips: There are basic, advanced, and subject searches available if you are looking for a specific topic. Otherwise, you can browse available reference books by subject on the basic search page. The Religion category provides four books, but the other categories could be helpful as well, e.g. Arts, Biography, History, Multicultural Studies, Nation and World, Social Science.

Examples of Titles: *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, *Encyclopedia of Religion*, *Encyclopedia of Science and Religion*, *World Religions Reference Library*

Health Source – Consumer Edition

This is a database of mostly scholarly articles related to health issues. There are some articles of interest to churches on the healing power of faith, pastoral care, and many articles that could provide some information on health issues that members in your congregation may be facing.

Search Tips: The basic and advanced searches allow you to search by keywords. You may try searching for specific health issues or general words of interest such as faith, healing, pastoral care, spirituality, church, etc. Narrow your results by full text to only see the articles available online.

Examples of Titles: *The Healing Power of Prayer*, *Pastoral Care*, *Spirituality in the Hospital*

Healthfinder

This is a government-sponsored website full of health information. It has a number of helpful features including myhealthfinder, a health encyclopedia, and a services locator.

Search Tips: The myhealthfinder allows you to get specific health information for yourself or someone else based on age, sex, and health issue. The health encyclopedia is an A-Z listing of over 1,600 health topics. You can also search for local health-related services. There is a Quick Guide to Healthy Living full

of information that could be useful in a church program on this topic. At the top right of the home page is a red tab with advice on how to use the site.

Examples of Titles: Nutrition and Fitness, Diabetes, For Parents, Public Health and Safety, For Older Adults, Find a Health Organization

Heritage Quest

This collection of databases is a major source for genealogical and historical research. Users can search census records, family and local history books, genealogy and local history articles, records from the Revolutionary War, Freedman's Bank, and memorials, petitions, and private relief actions of the U.S. Congress.

Search Tips: Each database must be searched separately. The Census searches records from 1790-1930 by the person's name. The Books can be searched by people, places, and publication titles in over 28,000 books. PERSI searches by people, places, and periodical titles. The Revolutionary War records are searched by a person's name, state and/or military service. Freedman's Bank (1865-1874) was founded to serve African Americans and can be searched by the person's name or bank location. The U.S. Serial Set searches by people, places, keywords, and dates.

Image Search

This link searches the Academic Search Premier database for images. These images may be under copyright, so be sure to cite the source if you are using them in education or research. It is not recommended that you use the images for publications such as church bulletins, flyers, or the church's website.

Search Tips: This link is a little misleading. The results of a keyword or advanced search display as the titles of journal articles with images associated with them. Once you get to the search results, you may want to click on the Related Images link on the right side of the page or choose to search the Image Collection by clicking on Images at the very top of the page. Both will lead you to a list of images with their descriptions that match your search. There are a wide variety of images. A search for "Methodist" produced 144 image results ranging from historical people to university football teams. For example, some of these results are returned only because a news event took place at a Methodist church.

Examples of Titles: *Portrait of British-born religious leader Francis Asbury, circa 1810: Richard Allen, Chartist Leader-English politician and writer Thomas Cooper*

Literary Reference Center

"*Literary Reference Center* is a full-text database that combines information from major respected reference works, books, literary journals as well as original content from EBSCO Publishing. *Literary Reference Center* contains full text for more than 31,000 plot summaries, synopses and work overviews, nearly 100,000 articles/essays of literary criticism, more than 159,000 author biographies (including more than 22,000 in-depth bios), 450 literary journals, more than 632,000 book reviews, more than

69,000 classic and contemporary poems, more than 18,000 classic and contemporary short stories, more than 5,600 author interviews, more than 8,200 classic texts and much more."^{vi}

Search Tips: Try entering a keyword or author's name into the search box. A search for "Methodist" returned 541 results. These results can then be narrowed by publication or a subject such as "Methodists". You can also use the tabs at the top of the results to choose biographies, literary criticism, reviews, plot summaries, interviews, reference books, full text classics, periodicals, poems, images, and short stories. Alternatively, you can browse authors by name, country, culture, genre, and movement, or you can browse works by title, genre, and locale. The parentheses shown at the end of each search result indicate the type of entry. This website also offers a Literary-Historical Timeline, an Encyclopedia of Literature, and a Research Guide.

Examples of Titles: *Methodism* by Edna B. Quinn, *The Methodist Church, the Democratic Party, and the St. Louis Cardinals* by Robert Drake, *The Methodist Connection: New Variants of Some Phillis Wheatley Poems* by Mukhtar Ali Isani (Poetry Review)

MasterFILE Premier

This database is similar to Academic Search Premier, but it includes more popular magazines and journals as well as education resources.

Search Tips: This database has a very advanced search engine offering options for searching by publication, full-text only, publication date, and more. However, you may find the keyword search at the top of the page the easiest to use. A keyword search for "Methodist" returned 8,166 results. Your results can be further limited using the qualifiers and sorters on the side and top of the results page, respectively. Limiting by subject or publication could be particularly helpful.

Examples of Titles: *What makes a Methodist?*, *John Wesley and America*, *Southern Methodists and Social Reform 1900-1940*

Mayo Clinic

This is a link to the Mayo Clinic's website. It has information that is very similar to Consumer Health Complete and Healthfinder. The information of most interest is under the Health Information link at the top of the page. The Healthy Living section here is larger than what is offered on Healthfinder.

Search Tips: First, click on the Health Information link at the top of the page. You can search or browse the A-Z lists of Diseases and Conditions, Drugs and Supplements, and Tests and Procedures to acquire information that may be helpful in pastoral care and counseling. The Healthy Living section offers detailed information on many topics including multimedia resources, links to recommended websites, and expert answers.

Examples of Titles: Adult health, Healthy aging, Caregivers, Consumer health, Nutrition and healthy eating, Stress management

MedLine Plus

This database follows in line with Consumer Health Complete, Healthfinder, and the Mayo Clinic but with some special features of its own. MedLine is a top resource for medical students, but this version of the database is formatted for use by consumers. It is a service of the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health.

Search Tips: The Health Topics tab provides an A-Z list for over 800 health issues. In addition to the A-Z list, the topics can be browsed by body location/system, types of conditions, diagnosis and therapy, demographic groups, and health and wellness. There is a separate tab for information on drugs and supplements. The final main tab is titled Videos & Cool Tools. This section may be most helpful if planning a health and wellness program. It includes interactive tutorials, anatomy videos, surgery videos, calculators, quizzes, and games. It also includes special sections on understanding medical words, evaluating health information, podcasts, and senior health videos. MedLine Plus also offers a keyword search of the entire website, a medical dictionary search, and health news.

Examples of Titles: Developmental Milestones, Teen Sexual Behavior Calculator, Interactive Safety Quizzes, Split Brain Experiments, Stress-O-Meter, Test Your Knowledge about Kids' Health

Merck Manual Home Edition

This health database is "based on the world's most widely used textbook of medicine—The Merck Manual—but written in everyday language by 300 outstanding contributors." It "explains disorders, who is likely to get them, their symptoms, how they're diagnosed, how they might be prevented, and how they can be treated; also provides information about prognosis."^{vii} This manual is available free online and also as an iPhone app.

Search Tips: There is a basic keyword search, as well as an A-Z index and a list of sections. Additional resources are available including anatomical drawings, multimedia, pronunciations, links, weights and measures, medical tests, and drug information.

MyiLibrary

"MyiLibrary is an electronic platform that offers library users access to some of the most topical and current e-books available today. Users can access a wide range of research, reference and reading materials online from any location. Users can search across many e-books or conduct searches within a particular e-book."^{viii} Try viewing the demo or click on help if you have questions. Sign up for an account to save your searches and notes. Chapters, sections, and pages can be printed but not entire books.

Search Tips: The Quick Search offers full-text searching of all the e-books in the collection, as well as searching of keywords, titles, ISBNs, authors, and publishers. There is also an advanced search with more limiting capabilities. If you don't have something specific in mind, you might want to start by browsing by subject, but don't be misled. Although nothing is listed under the subject Christianity, a full-text search for "Christianity" returned 98 results. If you choose to browse all e-books, you will see that the entire collection includes 379 e-books. These can be refined by the subject showing that the

majority of the e-books are related to language, literature, social sciences, and history. Click on "see all refined by subject" to view the number of titles in each category. There are many e-books in here of interest to historians, genealogists, and the general reader.

Examples of Titles: *Grammar of New Testament Greek, Choral Repertoire, Understanding Historic Building Conservation, Christian Art: A Very Short Introduction, Discover America: North Carolina*

MyiLibrary eAudio Books

This database is MyiLibrary's collection of downloadable audio books. These audio books are checked-out to you for a specified period of time after which they are automatically returned. See the Help link for lots of information on transferring audio books to other digital players and how to use the service.

Search Tips: If you click on View All Audio Books, you will see 1,361 titles. These can be sorted by popularity, title, author, publication date, and patron rating. You could also choose to Browse All Fiction or All Non-Fiction. Use the advanced search to browse all audio books in a subject category, although many of the subjects have zero results. There is some Christian fiction and classic Christian works.

Examples of Titles: *Blood Done Sign My Name, St. Patrick of Ireland, The Vicar of Wakefield, The Divine Comedy*

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

This website is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and defines CAM as "a group of diverse medical and health care systems, practices, and products that are not generally considered part of conventional medicine."^{ix} The website may be helpful in discussing alternative treatments in pastoral care or health and wellness programs.

Search Tips: There is an A-Z topic list, an overview if CAM, general information about choosing CAM, and an A-Z list of herbs and supplements. There is also a keyword search of the entire website at the top of the page.

Examples of Titles: Acupuncture, Aromatherapy, Homeopathy, Magnets, Meditation, Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction, Spirituality, PTSD, Reiki, Senior Health, Yoga

National Institute of Mental Health

Much like the other health websites, this one also provides a list of health topics, but they are all related to mental health and provide much more information about this topic than the other databases available here.

Search Tips: Click on Health Info Home at the top to see a short list of mental health issues, search for information by age or gender, and see links to treatment options. A section of particular interest to pastoral care is "Coping with Traumatic Events." A section on statistics is also provided.

Examples of Titles: Anxiety Disorders, Depression, Prevention, Psychotherapies, Older Adults

NC Health Info

This website is similar to the other health websites but with information specific to North Carolinians. Along with health topics, the site also provides a directory of local health services including pastoral counselors.

Search Tips: Health topics are arranged into the following categories: Diseases & Conditions, Health Care, Medications, Mental Health, Military Health, People, Public Health & Wellness, and Treatments & Procedures. There is a long list of health topics that can be used to search the local directory. The directory can also be searched by county or city.

Examples of Titles: Heart Disease, Substance Abuse, Deployment, Veteran Health Care Benefits, Teens' Health, Healthy Living, Alternative Medicine

NC LIVE Video Collection

"The NC LIVE Video Collection is a collection of more than 250 high quality documentary and educational video programs produced for the Public Broadcasting Corporation. Chosen by North Carolina librarians for use in supporting education and for general interest, the collection includes programming covering the sciences, US and world history, biography, current events, and the arts, as well as a variety of other subjects. In addition, several educational series for children are included."^x

Search Tips: The videos can be browsed by an A-Z title list, series titles, subject categories, and a list of those videos with closed-captioning. There is also a search box at the top of the page. The collection includes a few titles that are also owned by the Conference Media Center.

Examples of Titles: *Class Divided, Not for Ourselves Alone, Holy Warriors, Kingdom of David: The Saga of the Israelites, Faith and Doubt at Ground Zero, Battle for the Holy Land, Roman Empire in the First Century*

NCpedia

This website is North Carolina's online encyclopedia. "The NCpedia project is coordinated and managed by the Government and Heritage Library at the State Library of North Carolina, part of the NC Department of Cultural Resources."^{xi}

Search Tips: There is a search box on the right side of the page, or an A-Z list can be browsed. Topics at the top of the page can help you get started. The Religion category under Culture has several entries including United Methodist Church. The information is mostly statistics and links. Other topics of interest may include biographies, geography, and history.

Examples of Titles: United Methodist Church, Overview of Religion in NC, Religious Life in Antebellum NC, Lumbee Indians, American Indian Churches in NC, Terry Sanford, Thomas Jordan Jarvis

NetLibrary

"NetLibrary provides access to your library's eContent collection. eContent is the digital version of books, journals, and database content."^{xii}

Search Tips: Click on eBooks in box on the right side of the page to browse the collection of 24,600 eBooks. These results can be limited by language and publication year. They can also be sorted by title, author, and date listed. The basic and advanced searches do not appear to be functioning at this time. This could be because of the banner on the home page showing that the collection will be moving to EBSCOhost that hosts many of NC LIVE's other databases. Clicking on the banner reveals a collection of 5,644 eBooks that can be searched in basic and advanced searches at the top of the page. A Search for "Methodist" returned 83 eBooks that can be read online. You can create an account to save favorite books and write notes.

Examples of Titles: *The Genesis of Methodism, The Journal of John Wesley, Methodism and the Southern Mind 1770-1810, The Way of the Cross Leads Home: The Domestication of American Methodism*

Newspaper Source Plus

This database searches newspapers from around the world including local newspapers. Use this resource for historical, genealogical, and current topics research of news articles and features such as wedding announcements and obituaries.

Search Tips: There is a basic and advanced search. A search for "Methodist "North Carolina"" returned 665 results in publications such as *The News & Observer, The New York Times, The Fayetteville Observer*, etc. The search results can be limited by publication date, source types, subjects, and publications.

Examples of Titles: *Methodists help in the Sudan, Haiti, Area Methodist churches get ready for pastor switches, Church to celebrate 230th Anniversary, Mapping the Methodists*

NIH Senior Health

"This easy-to-use website features basic health and wellness information for older adults from the National Institutes of Health."^{xiii}

Search Tips: Designed for older adults, the text on this website can be increased in size, changed color, and be read aloud using the features at the top of the page. The information is organized in an A-Z list and by category. The site also offers exercise stories and health videos. The Trainer's Toolkit would be of use if you are planning a health program for older adults.

Examples of Health Video Titles: *Caring for Someone with Alzheimer's, Eating Well As You Get Older, Hearing Loss, Life After Cancer, Sleep and Aging, Talking with Your Doctor*

North American Women's Letters and Diaries

"*North American Women's Letters and Diaries* includes the immediate experiences of 1,325 women and 150,000 pages of diaries and letters. . . . The collection also includes biographies and an extensive annotated bibliography of the sources in the database."^{xiv}

Search Tips: Using the links at the top of the page, this collection can be browsed by authors, sources, years, places, events, and display in a showcase format. The simple and advanced options under Search are recommended. A simple search for "Methodist" returned 839 occurrences in the entire collection. The majority of these are from the 19th century, although there are interesting occurrences in the eighteenth century when the Wesley brothers first arrived in America.

North Carolina Community Newspapers

Duke University presents a comprehensive list of all community newspapers in North Carolina. The list includes links to the websites of the newspapers and the archival dates available on the newspaper's website. Availability varies widely.

Search Tips: These are links to newspaper websites where individual papers can be viewed or searched. A comprehensive search of all community newspapers is not available. The Newspaper Source Plus database allows full-text searching of major newspapers in North Carolina.

North Carolina Public Health

This website is for the Public Health division of the NC Department of Health and Human Services. It is less user-friendly than the other health databases available through NC LIVE, but it does feature information targeted to the state. Many of the links lead to the websites of offices within the division of Public Health such as Minority Health and Health Statistics. These sub-pages feature bold and colorful backgrounds and links, and many of the pages are not uniform in design causing the need for reorientation on each site.

Search Tips: Public Health News may be of interest to keep up with current, local, health-related news. For more general information, look under "Find Info on" to better understand what information is featured on each sub-page. There are a few videos available on the home page, but it does not seem that there are more videos beyond these.

Examples of Links: Chronic Disease and Injury, Communicable Diseases, Oral Health, Vital Records

North Carolina State Government Publications Collection

"The North Carolina State Government Publications Collection has both current and historical publications produced by the departments, commissions, offices, boards, courts, educational institutions, and legislative bodies that make up state government. Search, download, print, and read brochures and pamphlets, reports (annual, biennial, technical, statistical, etc.), serial publications (newsletters, checklists, magazines, etc.), handbooks, and studies on a variety of subjects such as

Education, Wildlife & natural resources, Laws/legal, Business, Health, Crime, and Agriculture. Spanish language publications and podcasts have recently been added to the collection. Currently there are over 3,000 digital publications and it is growing every month."^{xv}

Search Tips: The tabs at the top of the page provide full-text search options, or you can browse by state agency. Combining these options allows full-text searching within the publications of a particular agency. Browsing by agency is recommended if you do not have a specific search in mind. The search results can be further limited by location, format, and subject. A search for "Methodist" returned 235 items.

Examples of Titles: *Prominent People of North Carolina, Busy North Carolina Women, Oliver Holmes Family Bible Records, Methodist Orphanage Christmas Scenes*

Novelist Plus

Novelist is a reader's advisory service that links books together through recommendations based on subject, style, etc. Think of it as a book discovery tool. It could be helpful to any book clubs hosted by your church or to your own personal reading list. The site includes descriptions, reviews, and read-alikes for the books listed including fiction and non-fiction. Additional features include book discussion guides, feature articles, and lists of award winners.

Search Tips: Recommended Reads lists are available according to age of the audience and genre by clicking on the links on left side of the page. For example, under Historical Fiction is a list for Biblical Fiction. There are additional lists under the category Spirituality and Religion on the Non-Fiction tab. The basic and advanced searches at the top of the page can be used for more specific topics. A search for "Methodist" returned listings for 286 books. The recommended reads may not be exactly what you are looking for, so undertake a careful reading of the records that are recommended.

Examples of Titles: *United Methodist Beliefs: An Introduction, The Ramparts of Heaven, A Gentle Calling, John Wesley, The Irresistible Revolution*

OAlster

This database searches multiple databases of digital resources. Click on the Databases tab to view the list of databases that will be searched. You can also limit which databases you would like to search. These databases include digital resources such as journal articles, eBooks, government publications, conference proceedings, almanacs, and dissertations.

Search Tips: Basic, advanced and expert searches are provided. There are many thousands of records in all of these databases, so you will need a specific search topic. A search only using the keyword "Methodist" returned 18,366 results. Results can be limited by books, articles, journal articles, and reference resources. These limiters are really just selecting specific databases to search. You can create an account to save searches and particular records.

Examples of Titles: Minutes of Annual Conferences, Historical Papers of Annual Conferences, Personal Papers

PsycINFO

This database searches psychological, medical, and educational journals and magazines.

Search Tips: There are basic and advanced search options. Results can be limited by full-text article available, publication date, source type, age, subject, gender, and publication. A search for "Methodist" returned over 2,000 results. Other searches of interest could be faith, Christianity, church, pastoral care, etc.

Examples of Titles: *Transformational leadership in the United Methodist Church, Equipping parents to nurture their children in Christian discipleship, A study of the cross-cultural/racial ministry of a Korean immigrant pastor in the United Methodist Church*

PubMed

"PubMed comprises more than 20 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Citations may include links to full-text content from PubMed Central and publisher web sites."^{xvi}

Search Tips: A Quick Start Guide and FAQs are available, but the basic and advanced search options are rather straightforward. The advanced search helps you build a customized search that is very useful in limiting results. For example, a search for "Methodist" in Title produces more relevant results of interest to Methodist clergy and lay leaders. However, many of the results are only citations. Click on the Free Full Text link on the right side of the page to view results that link to the full text of the article.

Examples of Titles: *Explaining rural/non-rural disparities in physical health-related quality of life: a study of United Methodist clergy in North Carolina, A Theoretical Model of the Holistic Health of United Methodist Clergy, The Rev. John Wesley's extractions from Dr Tissot: a Methodist imprimatur.*

Science Reference Center

This database searches scientific publications including journals and magazines.

Search Tips: Basic and advanced searches are available. Search results can be limited by publication date, source type, subject, and publication. Try searching for general keywords such as Christianity, church, faith, pastoral care, etc.

Examples of Titles: *Where psychology and theology meet, Who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls, The green face of God, The origins of faith, Archaeology of Jesus*

The Serials Directory

A business directory of serial publications. This is not a full-text searchable database of articles. It is a searchable directory of publications similar to a phone book. It gives subjects, descriptions, dates, prices, contact information, and more for each serial publication listed.

Search Tips: Basic and advanced searches are available. A search for "Methodist" returned 110 serial publications. Many of these are conference newspapers and publications of The United Methodist Church.

Examples of Titles: *North Carolina Christian Advocate, United Methodist Reporter, Methodist History, Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*

Simply Map

This program allows you to create customized maps which may be helpful when considering outreach strategies in your community or when starting new church plants. The variables available for the map include census data, consumer expenditure, business counts, market segments, quality of life, consumer price index, retail sales, sales potential, historical census, life stages, and MRI consumer survey. Many of these variables are designed for businesses and would be of little use to the church.

Search Tips: Begin by setting up an account so that you can save your maps. Alternatively, you can use a temporary account, but your work will not be saved. Launching the map wizard is highly recommended to learn how the maps are created and what variables are available. Locations can be chosen based on state, county, city, zip code, census tract, and census block group. Comparison maps are one of the special features available in this powerful program. This program will also create spreadsheets of data, not just maps.

State Center for Health Statistics

Not sure what health program your congregation needs? Looking to reach out to your community by providing relevant health information? This website from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services provides many interesting options for viewing health data about your community.

Search Tips: Click on Health Data in the menu on the left side of the page. Here you can find vital statistics, cancer data, minority health data, health data by county, a health atlas, and a query system for births, birth defects, deaths, population, and pregnancies. Additionally, this site provides reports on survey results for the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Child Health Assessment and Monitoring Program, and the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System. These reports, along with the county data search, may be especially helpful in determining health information needs in your community. In addition, this site houses many publications by this office that are coded according to the amount of technical information included. These publications are best browsed by topic.

Examples of Publication Topics: Abortions and Pregnancies, Alcohol and Smoking, Community Health, Divorces and Marriages, Minorities, Older Adults, Teens

State Data Center

This website provides a combination of data available through Simply Map and the State Center for Health Statistics given in different formats with additional data. "The State Data Center is a consortium of agencies cooperating with the US Bureau of the Census to provide the public with data about the state and its component geographic areas."^{xvii}

Search Tips: Requests for data can be submitted to the State Library or you can use the tools on the website yourself. LINC provides over 1300 data items from the 1960s through 2030 projections. Click on Data Websites by Topic to browse lists that may be of interest to your research.

Examples of Data Websites By Topic: Elderly, Immigration, Veterans, Mental Health, Social Services, Juvenile Justice, Police Calls, NC Report Card

State Demographics

This website provides much of the same data as the State Data Center but focused on socioeconomic data. It is maintained by the Office of State Budget and Management.

Search Tips: This website also includes links to LINC, census data, and population data. In addition, there are state summaries based on census data, comparisons with other states, and statistical publications.

TOPICsearch

This database gives information on current hot topics prepared for middle and high school readers. This information could be helpful when teaching youth or adults about Christian perspectives on hot button issues.

Search Tips: Under Limit your results, browse the Topics in the box. The Current Events box is useful as well. Under Lexile Reading Level, choose middle or high school. Basic and advanced keyword searches are also available. Search results can be limited by publication, date, source type, and cover stories. One of the Topics is Religion and it returned 351 results.

Examples of Topics: Abortion Rights, Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Environment, Family, Health Care, Human Rights, Immigration, National Debate Archives, Race & Society, Religion, Right to Die, Terrorism, Women's Issues, World News

Twentieth Century African-American Poetry

This database is similar to the other Poetry collections but is focused on contemporary poetry by African Americans. It includes "almost 9,000 poems by 62 of the most important African American poets of the last century."^{xviii}

Search Tips: Click on Search. Try searching for keywords such as God, Jesus, Christian, Methodist, worship, praise, hymn, faith, spirit, etc. You can also search by the names of the poets.

Examples of Titles: *Hymn for the Slain in Battle* by William Stanley Braithwaite, *My Mother is a God Fearing Woman* by Cornelius Eady, *The South* by Langston Hughes

Twentieth Century American Poetry

This database is similar to the other Poetry collections but is focused on contemporary American poetry. It includes "50,000 poems by over 300 poets."^{xix}

Search Tips: Click on Search. Try searching for keywords such as God, Jesus, Christian, Methodist, worship, praise, hymn, faith, spirit, etc. You can also search by the names of the poets.

Examples of Titles: *At the Smithville Methodist Church* by Stephen Dunn, *Rogation Sunday* by William Carlos Williams, *Jesus to His Disciples* by Edna St. Vincent Millay

Twentieth Century English Poetry

This database is similar to the other Poetry collections but is focused on contemporary British poetry. It includes "more than 600 volumes of poetry by 283 poets."^{xx}

Search Tips: Click on Search. Try searching for keywords such as God, Jesus, Christian, Methodist, worship, praise, hymn, faith, spirit, etc. You can also search by the names of the poets.

Examples of Titles: *Ash-Wednesday* by T.S. Eliot, *Homage to George Whitefield* by Donald Davie, *The Methodists* by C.H. Sisson

Wall Street Journal

Search the archives of *The Wall Street Journal* back to 1984.

Search Tips: A basic search box is provided or you can choose advanced search. Check the full-text box to search for the full text of articles. A search for "Methodist" returned over 1,400 results, but many of these are referring to Methodist hospitals or universities. The results can be narrowed by document type, keyword, subject, classification, company/organization, location, person, language, document feature, and date.

Examples of Titles: *Methodists Fill Pews with TV Campaign*, *How a Methodist Learned to Court Catholics*, *Religion: God Goes Online*, *The Medium Shouldn't Distract from the Gospel*

Women's Health

This website provides similar information to the other health websites, but it is focused on women's health. The website is sponsored by the National Women's Health Information Center. The information would be of use to women's groups especially for health-related programs.

Search Tips: The front page of this site may seem a bit overwhelming at first. The top box explains the Affordable Care Act, but most of the information falls under "Inside womenshealth.gov" and "Features." Click on Health Topics for fact sheets and special collections on a variety of women's health issues. Our

Publications offers a list of publications that can be printed and distributed to a group. [Girlshealth.gov](http://girlshealth.gov) is a link to health information for teenage girls. Campaigns & Activities lists national programs that your church women's group could join as outreach within and outside of the church. The link to statistics provides helpful information about your community and the prevalence of women's health issues. Health Tools provides calculators and online tests for personal use.

Examples of Titles: Body Image, Emergency Preparedness, Healthy Aging, Preventive Health, Violence Against Women, BodyWorks – A Toolkit for Healthy Girls and Strong Women, Text4Baby, The Heart Truth, Cost of Smoking Cigarettes, Child Care Provider Checklist, How to Read a Food Label

WorldCat

This database searches thousands of libraries all over the world. It is helpful if you are trying to request a book through interlibrary loan at your library or if you want to know the availability of a title in libraries around the world.

Search Tips: It is important to narrow your search as much as possible because you are searching millions of records of books published from the beginning of book publishing. WorldCat searches public libraries but also archives, special libraries, museums, publishers, distributors, and more. Your search results can be further narrowed by audience, content, and format. When you click on a title, it will list the libraries holding that title and provide options to search your local library's catalog or request through interlibrary loan. Some extra features may include tables of contents, reviews or excerpts.

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