

## New Resources August 2017

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ADULTS 200.973 Jones, Robert P. ***The End of White Christian America***. New York, Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 2017.

JONES

**Summary:** Robert P. Jones, CEO of the Public Religion Research Institute, spells out the profound political and cultural consequences of a new reality—that America is no longer a majority white Christian nation. For most of our nation’s history, White Christian America (WCA) set the tone for our national policy and shaped American ideals. But especially since the 1990s, WCA has steadily lost influence, following declines within both its mainline and evangelical branches. Today, America is no longer demographically or culturally a majority white, Christian nation. Drawing on more than four decades of polling data, *The End of White Christian America* explains and analyzes the waning vitality of WCA. Robert P. Jones argues that the visceral nature of today’s most heated issues—the vociferous arguments around same-sex marriage and religious and sexual liberty, the rise of the Tea Party following the election of our first black president, and stark disagreements between black and white Americans over the fairness of the criminal justice system—can only be understood against the backdrop of white Christians’ anxieties as America’s racial and religious topography shifts around them. Beyond 2016, the descendants of WCA will lack the political power they once had to set the terms of the nation’s debate over values and morals and to determine election outcomes. Looking ahead, Jones forecasts the ways that they might adjust to find their place in the new America—and the consequences for us all if they don’t. --Simon and Schuster

ADULTS 220 ***Adult Bible Studies Large-Print Student: Covenants With God***. Nashville, COKESBURY Tenn, Cokesbury, 2017.

**Summary:** Fall theme: Covenants With God: Genesis | Exodus | Numbers | 1 Samuel | 2 Samuel | Nehemiah | Jeremiah | Ezekiel | 1 Corinthians | Titus. This fall, lessons in Adult Bible Studies follow the theme, "Covenants With God" and consider the major covenants God made with people on behalf of the earth and the human community. Beginning with Noah, God promised benevolence toward creation. God made similar commitments with Abram, Phinehas, and Ezekiel. Ultimately, the covenant forms the foundation for the coming Messiah and salvation for the world. The student book writer is Rosanne Osborne. The writer for the teacher book is Tim Bryan. Signs of God's Covenants: The four lessons in this unit, drawn from Genesis and Ezekiel, celebrate four signs of God’s covenant. Promising to renew the cycle of seasons, God created the rainbow as a permanent reminder of the covenant with every living thing. Circumcision was the sign of the covenant with Abraham, and the sabbath was the sign of the covenant with Israel at Mount Sinai. The last sign is the Spirit-filled heart. Called Into Covenant With God: This five-lesson unit looks at the images of the reign of the resurrected Christ from the Letter to the Hebrews. These lessons help us understand Jesus as the imprint of God, the owner of a household, the great high priest, a priest forever, and the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. An Everlasting Covenant: The final unit this quarter develops four lessons, drawn from Numbers, 1 Samuel, Jeremiah, Hebrews, and 1 Corinthians. These lessons examine the components of the covenant God made with the priest, Phinehas, and the divine promise to Israel through the prophet Jeremiah. The unconditional divine promises were to maintain a perpetual priesthood, forgive the unfaithful, and establish a new covenant with Israel. God sealed this covenant of pure grace through Christ as

mediator and by writing the Law in the hearts of God's people. Hundreds of thousands of students and teachers use Adult Bible Studies each week in Sunday school classes, mid-week Bible studies, and other small group settings. Bible-based and Christ-focused, it is an approved resource by the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. It is published quarterly. Each week's lesson features: A purpose statement offering focus and direction for the lesson. Printed biblical text from The Common English Bible. Reliable and relevant biblical explanation and application A closing prayer, guiding personal commitment. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 220 **Adult Bible Studies Teacher: Covenants With God.** Nashville, Tenn, COKESBURY Cokesbury, 2017.

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ADULTS Adams, Donald L. **Top 10 United Methodist Beliefs.** Nashville, Abingdon  
230.7 Press, [2016].  
ADAMS

**Summary:** There can be no doubt about what Jesus thought was "the main thing," the Great Commandments to love God with our heart, soul, and mind and to love neighbor as yourself. What were the non-negotiables for the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley? Wesley's first priority was to grow Christian disciples who loved God and neighbor with a holy love that keeps those Commandments. Using John Wesley as guide, Top 10 United Methodist Beliefs describes the 10 most important United Methodist beliefs, so that we are equipped for every good work. It also describes how a

passionate Wesley can still inspire us to travel the road to perfection using these basic beliefs as signposts, not hitching posts, so that we can more fully follow Jesus. But discipleship can be arduous and God's grace is not cheap. We must be prepared to walk and walk and not just talk. The Christian life is action packed with surprises at every turn. "Are you able?" as the old hymn asks. Yes, Lord, we are able through the power and love of God to be accountable to Jesus and each other. Each chapter includes study questions suitable for personal reflection and group conversation. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Before you begin: put on the Wesley lenses -- Belief #1 - scripture is our primary source -- Belief #2 - reason, tradition, and experience help us understand scripture -- Belief #3 - grace is the necessary glue of all discipleship -- Belief #4 -prevenient grace: God takes the initiative -- Belief #5 - repentance: grace awakens us -- Belief #6 - justification: humble faith receives pardon -- Belief #7 - initial sanctification: we find our identity in God's family -- Belief #8 - holy love: discipleship combines heart and life -- Belief #9 - we are better together: Christianity is a social faith -- Belief #10 - entire sanctification: harmonizing holy intentions with real life.

ADULTS            Adams, Donald L. **Top 10 United Methodist Beliefs DVD with Leader**  
230.7                **Guide: A Study.** Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].  
ADAMS

**Summary:** We know that "the main thing" as a Christian is to love God with our heart, soul, and mind and to love our neighbor as our self. Are we as clear on our primary purpose as Methodists? The Top 10 United Methodist Beliefs offers John Wesley's point of view on matters of faith. Using his teachings as guide, the six-session DVD with Leader Guide focuses on topics including grace, repentance, sanctification, and Holy Love. Study questions suitable for personal devotion or group conversation will help participants live out their faith more effectively. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Session One: Introduction--Scriptural Beliefs & Conjunctive Theology (13:21) -  
- Session Two: Scripture Is Our Primary Source and Reason, Tradition, and Experience Help Us Understand Scripture (15:04) -- Session Three: Grace Is the Necessary Glue of All Discipleship and Prevenient Grace (17:50) -- Session Four: Repentance and Justification (15:23) -- Session Five: Initial Sanctification and Holy Love (15:32) -- Session Six: We Are Better Together and Entire Sanctification (13:47)

ADULTS            Willimon, William H. **Fear of the Other DVD: No Fear in Love.** [Nashville,  
241.4                TN], Abingdon Press, 2017.  
WILLIMON

**Summary:** This five-week DVD/video based small group study (DVD and Leader Guide) companion to the book, Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love invites readers to consider the Gospel command to love (and not merely tolerate) those considered to be "Other" or outside mainstream Christian culture. Rooted in the faith of Israel and the Christian story and vision, Willimon – in an onscreen conversation with Delia Catalina Ramirez, brings a non-technical, Wesleyan perspective to bear on what may be the hardest thing for people of faith to do: keeping and loving the Other as Other. Emphasizing the biblical mandate to receive Others in their particularity and difference as gifts and mysteries bearing the grace of God, this study also offers a strong critique of the privileged who all too often rush to language of reconciliation and evade the huge inequalities surrounding

conversations and practices dealing with xenophobia and injustice. Rooted in the New Testament understanding of Gentile outsiders grafted into the covenant community, this study invites readers to an on-the ground faith that hearkens to a soliciting and revealing God – the God who comes to us again and again through so-called outsiders, strangers, immigrants, and those without status. The 5 video conversations between Will Willimon and Delia Ramirez focus on each of the five chapters of Fear of the Other. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Introduction and Episode 1: Saved by the Other (17:48) -- Episode 2: The Other, My Enemy (14:44) -- Episode 3: Learning to Fear Like Christians (14:37) -- Episode 4: Loving the Other in Church (13:23) -- Episode 5: Jesus, the Other (13:39)

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241.4 Nashville, Tennessee, Abingdon Press, 2017.  
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**Content Notes:**

- How to Use This Guide -- Saved by the other -- The other, my enemy -- Learning to fear like Christians -- Loving the other in church -- Jesus, the other.

ADULTS Harnish, James A. ***Make a Difference DVD: Following Your Passion and Finding Your Place to Serve.*** [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, [2017].  
248.4876  
HARNISH

**Summary:** As Christians—United Methodists—we are called to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” It’s a grand mission—so grand, in fact, that it’s sometimes hard to know what we’re supposed to do. How can we help transform the world? Make a Difference draws upon biblical wisdom to provide practical guidance to help disciples connect their passion with the world’s great need. Real stories of how real people found their place to serve will inspire and encourage you to do the same. A book, Leader Guide, and DVD are available for this six-week study. The DVD features six engaging and lively discussions with author Jim Harnish and several special guests including Nick Cunningham, Lindsey Krinks, DJ del Rosario, and Lisa Yebuah. The video study highlights opportunities and outcomes of making a difference in this world. Video segments are approximately 10–12 minutes each and when combined with the six book

chapters, make an ideal six-week group study. All videos sessions are closed captioned.  
--Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- 1. Awakening! (13:15) -- 2. Who Are These People? (12:46) -- 3. Children, Go Where I Send You (11:53) -- 4. Go Together (12:57) -- 5. Into the Crucible of Pain and Hope (12:48) -- 6. From Here to Kingdom Come (14:30)

ADULTS Harnish, James A. ***Make a Difference Leader Guide: Following Your Passion and Finding Your Place to Serve.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 248.4876 [2017].  
HARNISH

**Summary:** In *Make a Difference*, author James A. Harnish helps United Methodists answer the questions "How can I contribute to God's healing work in this world?"; and "How can I find my place to serve and make a difference?" Drawing upon biblical wisdom and real stories of real people who have found their place to serve, he provides practical guidance to help every disciple make a difference as a participant in God's transformation of the world. The Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the six-week study including session plans and discussion questions, as well as multiple format options. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Some Suggestions for Leading This Study -- 1. Awakening! -- 2. Who Are These People? -- 3. Children, Go Where I Send You -- 4. Go Together -- 5. Into the Crucible of Pain and Hope -- 6. From Here to Kingdom Come

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**Content Notes:**

- About the Author & Video Panel -- Introduction -- 1. Awakening! -- 2. Who Are These People? -- 3. Children, Go Where I Send You -- 4. Go Together -- 5. Into the Crucible of Pain and Hope -- 6. From Here to Kingdom Come -- Notes

ADULTS Usher, Jeffrey. ***Be There Dad: The Power of Presence.*** Matthews, North Carolina, Coach Jeff Enterprises, LLC, [2013].  
248.8421  
USHER

**Summary:** Coach Jeff shares the parables of his life for those who seek to become Be There Dads. Be There Dad is a non-profit organization established to enable and encourage dads to be engaged and involved in the lives of their children. Be There Dad is founded on the “power of presence”. The idea says that when dads are present in the lives of their children in a positive way, good things happen.

ADULTS DiAngelo, Robin J. ***What Does It Mean to Be White?: Developing White***  
 305.809 ***Racial Literacy***. New York, Peter Lang, [2016].  
 DIANGELO

**Summary:** What does it mean to be white in a society that proclaims race meaningless, yet is deeply divided by race? In the face of pervasive racial inequality and segregation, most white people cannot answer that question. In the second edition of this seminal text, Robin DiAngelo reveals the factors that make this question so difficult: mis-education about what racism is; ideologies such as individualism and colorblindness; segregation; and the belief that to be complicit in racism is to be an immoral person. These factors contribute to what she terms white racial illiteracy. Speaking as a white person to other white people, DiAngelo clearly and compellingly takes readers through an analysis of white socialization. Weaving research, analysis, stories, images, and familiar examples, she provides the framework needed to develop white racial literacy. She describes how race shapes the lives of white people, explains what makes racism so hard to see, identifies common white racial patterns, and speaks back to popular narratives that work to deny racism. Written as an accessible overview on white identity from an anti-racist framework, *What Does It Mean to Be White?* is an invaluable resource for members of diversity and anti-racism programs and study groups, and students of sociology, psychology, education, and other disciplines. This revised edition features two new chapters, including one on DiAngelo's influential concept of white fragility. Written to be accessible both within and without academia, this revised edition also features discussion questions, an index, and a glossary. --Peter Lang

CHILDREN ***Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose***. Loveland,  
 248.8207 Colorado, Group, 2017.  
 GROUP

**Summary:** Are you ready to spark kids' creativity and transform your church into a place buzzing with excitement? Your Maker Fun Factory Ultimate Starter Kit is packed with everything you need to get started on a VBS experience where kids discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Your starter kit includes: Maker Fun Factory Ultimate Director Go-To Guide®: The ultimate step-by-step resource for planning, recruiting, promoting, training and . . . well, everything a successful director needs. Leader Manuals: The easy-to-use, field-tested guides make it a snap for your station leaders to lead kids through the best VBS experience ever! Imagination Station Sampler: With this complete collection of Imagination Station activities you'll see how each daily Bible point is reinforced through fun, memorable, totally kid-friendly discoveries. Student Materials Sampler: This sampler lets you preview the awesome Bible-teaching resources designed exclusively for today's kids. Music: Your kit includes the Leader Version of the Maker Fun Factory music, featuring the full music CD, instrumental-only tracks, and song lyrics slide show. Clip-Art: An awesome collection of graphic resources, guides, schedules, bulletin inserts and more! Media: Your starter kit includes the Decorating Places DVD, Ultimate Director Go-To Recruiting and Training DVD, KidVid Cinema DVD, and the Sing & Play music DVD. Missions and More: Your ultimate starter kit also includes a missions project sampler plus information on lots of other one-of-a-kind VBS resources. --Group

CHILDREN Berryman, Jerome. ***Godly Play: An Imaginative Approach to Religious***  
 268.01 ***Education***. Minneapolis, Augsburg, 1995.  
 BERRYMAN

**Summary:** A practical yet innovative approach to religious education -- becoming childlike in order to teach children. *Godly Play* invites us to consider spiritual development as a process in which the creative spirit is alive in the education of both

young and old. Berryman awakens us to new ways of seeing ourselves and helps us to discover "our deep identity as Godly creatures." --Augsburg Fortress

CHILDREN Berryman, Jerome. ***Teaching Godly Play: How to Mentor the Spiritual***  
268.432 ***Development of Children***. Denver, CO, Morehouse Education  
BERRYMAN Resources, [2009].

**Summary:** This revised and expanded version of Godly Play founder Jerome Berryman's 1995 handbook is for current and future users of Godly Play. With this revision, the book's original formatting has been redesigned to complement the eight volumes in The Complete Guide to Godly Play series. Illustrations have also been updated, and the text now better reflects the playful spirit of Godly Play. Up-to-date research in childhood development and instruction has also been incorporated in this comprehensive update. --Morehouse Education Resources

YOUTH Robbins, Maggie. ***Enjoy the Silence: A 30 Day Experiment in Listening to***  
242.63 ***God***. El Cajon, CA Grand Rapids, MI, Youth Specialties Zondervan,  
ROBBINS 2005.

**Summary:** People talk about the power of the Bible, but sometimes Scripture just looks like normal words. However, inside these thin, innocent-looking pages is the divine revelation of a God who wants you to hear him. Enjoy the Silence is about the spiritual discipline of Lectio Divina. This ancient practice can help you develop an awareness of God's presence and power found in the Bible. The book's simple exercises take you through the process of reading Scripture, meditating on Scripture, listening to God through Scripture, and responding to Scripture. If you feel like you've been reading the Bible in the shallow end, it's time to start scaling the cliffs and get ready to plunge headlong into the deep experience of God's Word. --Zondervan