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- ADULTS 202
KONECKY ***Library of World Religions.*** Old Saybrook, Conn: Konecky & Konecky, [2007?].
Summary: In this six-volume slipcased set primary tenets and selections from texts of the world's major religions-Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, Catholicism and Protestantism- are presented with commentary by authors who are authorities in their field. Each volume is 256 pages in a hardcover, 5 x 8 binding. --Amazon
Content Notes:
- Buddhism / Edited by Richard A. Gard -- Catholicism / Edited by George Brantl -- Hinduism / Edited by Louis Renou -- Islam / Edited by John A. Williams -- Judaism / Edited by Alan Unterman -- Protestantism / Edited by J. Leslie Dunstan
- ADULTS 234
LOMENICK Lomenick, Brad. ***The Catalyst Leader : 8 Essentials for Becoming a Change Maker.*** Nashville : Thomas Nelson, [2013].
Summary: It's time for a new generation of leaders to rise up and take charge. The Catalyst Leader is the ultimate guide to get there. After thirteen years of gathering, influencing, and inspiring hundreds of thousands of young leaders through cutting-edge experiential events, conferences, and resources, Brad Lomenick understands leadership and the next generation. The Catalyst Leader provides practical help for all leaders at any stage of their leadership journey, ultimately defining what it means to be a Catalyst in this generation, and inspiring us all to be true change makers wherever we lead. The question isn't how do we lead now; it's how do we lead well. This is the new generation of leaders' handbook for influence. Practical. Inspiring. Timely. Defining. Get ready for your own leadership to be taken to a new level. -- Publisher.
Content Notes:
- Called: find your uniqueness -- Authentic: unleash the real you -- Passionate: live in pursuit of God -- Capable: make excellence nonnegotiable - - Courageous: prepare to jump -- Principled: anchor in your convictions -- Hopeful: build toward a better tomorrow -- Collaborative: draw power from partners -- Conclusion: moving forward, looking back -- Young influencers list: fifty change makers on the rise -- Appendix: "Today's Christian Leaders" study, in partnership with Barna Research Group.
- ADULTS 242
KIRBY Kirby, Wallace H. ***Programs and Promises: Reflections on the Beatitudes.*** Lima, Ohio: The C.S.S. Publishing Company, Inc, 1980.
Summary: Eight sermons which look at the ancient beatitude as a program for dealing with the values of the world, and as a promise, blessing to come, which haunts us with its hope. Each sermon prompts the question: Where do I stand with this beatitude? --Back Cover
- Laycock, Evelyn Meadows. ***Echoes of Faith : Devotions on the Psalms We Sing.*** Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, 2003.
Summary: Echoes of Faith encourages you to delve deeper in your study of the psalms, pausing along the way at several "resting places." --Back cover
- ADULTS
242.5
LAYCOCK
- ADULTS
248.4
CARTER Carter, William J. ***Peanut Butter Theology: And Other Excerpts from Carter's Corner.*** Johnson City, Tenn: The Overmountain Press, 1990.
Summary: A collection of articles from the popular "Carter's Corner" in the Holston United Methodist newspaper.
- ADULTS

- 248.4
CHANDLER Chandler, Matt. ***Dwell in Him: Empowered Through Intimacy***. [Place of publication not identified]: Catalyst, 2012.
Summary: Direct from the Catalyst stage, Matt Chandler shows us that we have been called to lead by the power of the Holy Spirit - and that power flows most sufficiently through our union with Christ. Matt points us to three key struggles that often rob us of our union with Jesus Christ and shows us how a reliance on the power of the Spirit will create vitality in our lives, an energy and persevering force for our mission, and a sustaining joy regardless of our circumstances. --Container
Content Notes:
• Dwell in Him (46:05) -- Additional Perspectives (23:36)
- ADULTS Daniel, M. Francis. ***Stories of the Seasons: Reflections of Faith***. Kearney, Neb: Morris Publishing, 2007.
248.4 DANIEL
Summary: This book is a collection of stories and poems, experiences and observations, with which most people can identify. Francis Daniel has shared a piece of himself through these pages. You are invited to "overhear" Stories of the Seasons and allow them to become Reflections of Faith. --Back Cover
- ADULTS Nouwen, Henri J. M. ***Reaching Out : The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life***. Garden City, N.Y. : Doubleday, 1975.
248.4 NOUWEN
Summary: With the clarity and depth characteristic of the classics, this spiritual bestseller lays out a perceptive and insightful plan for living a spiritual life and achieving the ultimate goal of that life -- union with God. Nouwen views our spiritual "ascent" as evolving in three movements. The first, from loneliness to solitude, focuses on the spiritual life as it relates to the experience of our own selves. The second, from hostility to hospitality, deals with our spiritual life as a life for others. The final movement, from illusion to prayer, offers penetrating thoughts on the most mysterious relationship of all: our relationship to God. Throughout, Nouwen emphasizes that the more we understand (and not simply deny) our inner struggles, the more fully we will be able to embrace a prayerful and genuine life that is also open to others' needs. Reaching Out is a rich book to be read, reread, pondered, and shared with others. "It does not offers answers or solutions," Nouwen cautions, "but is written in the conviction that the quest for an authentic Christian spirituality is worth the effort and the pain, since in the midst of this quest we can find signs offering hope, courage, and confidence." --Amazon
- ADULTS Ponder, Reginald W. ***Sermons for Family Life: Notes for the Christian Mission***. Rocky Mount, N.C: 1986.
248.4 PONDER
Summary: Four sermons on family life by NC Conference Pastor Reginald Ponder when he was pastor at First United Methodist Church in Rocky Mount, N.C.
Content Notes:
• I. The Christian Family -- II. The Mystery of Marriage -- III. Hurdles of Marital Happiness -- IV. Christian Marriage in an Adulterous Generation
- ADULTS Stanley, Andy. ***Choosing to Cheat : Who Wins When Family and Work Collide?***. Nashville, Tenn. : Thomas Nelson, 2002.
248.4 STANLEY
Summary: Work. Family. Church. Hobbies. Physical fitness. Housekeeping. Socializing. Fitting everything in is a delicate balancing act where something-or someone-is inevitably overlooked. The problem, writes author Andy Stanley, is not a lack of discipline or time management-it's simply lack of time. With only 24 hours in each day, we sometimes need to "rob Peter to pay Paul." We have to choose to cheat. --Amazon

ADULTS

- 248.6
RAMSEY Ramsey, Dave. ***Life. Money. Legacy: A Five-Sermon Series***. Brentwood, Tenn: Lampo Licensing, 2013.
Summary: In the Life. Money. Legacy. series, Dave Ramsey presents a biblical view of money in five entertaining, practical messages. Recorded live at Gateway Church, each 30-minute sermon teaches viewers how to handle their personal finances God's ways and how to build a lasting legacy that will transform generations to come. --Container
Content Notes:
- Wealth, Wisdom and the World (30:30) -- Breaking the Chains of Debt (33:15) -- The #1 Myth about Money (30:37) -- Pride, Poverty, Gratitude (31:48) -- A Biblical Framework for Wealth (32:10)
- ADULTS
252.051
BUECHNER Buechner, Frederick. ***The Magnificent Defeat***. New York: Seabury Press, [1966].
- ADULTS 253
RICHEY Richey, Russell E. ***Extension Ministers : Mr. Wesley's True Heirs***. Nashville, TN : United Methodist Church, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, 2008.
Summary: Eminent United Methodist historian Russell Richey skillfully analyzes the evolving marginalization of "extension ministers"-United Methodist clergypersons serving the denomination in ministry settings beyond the local parish. Drawing on denominational history, theological argument, and practical experience, Richey offers trenchant insights for reintegrating this vital ministry into the United Methodist connectional covenant today. --Back cover
- ADULTS
261.8
CAMPOLO Campolo, Anthony. ***Everybody Wants to Change the World***. Ventura, Calif. : Regal Books, 2006.
Summary: All over the world — and in your community — people are lonely, hungry, sick, struggling to make ends meet, bitter, imprisoned, dying. Do you feel powerless to make a difference? You don't have to be helpless! In the pages of this book, you'll find numerous practical ideas for compassionately responding to the needs of others. Jesus calls us to creatively and courageously share the good news by loving our neighbor. It's time to begin! -
-Back Cover
Content Notes:
- Poverty: caring for the poor -- Evangelism: proclaiming the good news -- The environment: tending God's creation -- Prisoners: befriending the outcast -- The oppressed: upholding the downtrodden -- The elderly: honoring the wise -- The sick and disabled: serving the afflicted -- Immigrants: helping those new to our land -- The world: caring for the people of all nations -- Take action: ideas for healthy activism -- A final project: make poverty history.
- ADULTS
262.1
GROESCHEL Groeschel, Craig. ***Leadership Essentials: A Video Teaching Collection***. [Place of publication not identified]: Catalyst, 2011.
Summary: If this generation is to mature into our call to lead, we must build our foundation on essentials--those qualities that are inherent and indispensable to defining leadership. Essential qualities such as courage, humility, teachability, and transference. These essential qualities are gained through experience, relationship with our peers, and the example of those who have gone before us. In this collection of leadership lessons, Craig Groeschel candidly applies his own experiences in life with God, ministry, and relationship to provide us with a solid foundation on which to build our leadership. --Container
Content Notes:
- Disc 1: Finding It When You've Lost It (40:32) -- Further Perspectives with Craig Groeschel (17:36) -- Teams Who Have IT with Bobby Gruenewald

and Sam Roberts (21:47) -- Disc 2: I Was Taught...And I Thought (34:22) -- Further Perspectives with Craig Groeschel (15:56) -- Disc 3: Generational Tensions (33:45) -- A Roundtable Discussion About Generational Tensions (20:24)

ADULTS
262.1476
CRAIN

Crain, Margaret Ann. ***A Deacon's Heart : The New United Methodist Diaconate***. Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, 2001.

Summary: In volume offers insight and guidance regarding this new ministerial order both to those who are called into the diaconate, and those among whom they will minister. The book begins by locating the office of deacon within the larger United Methodist understanding the ministry of all God's people and of ordained ministers. Drawing on the stories of those whom God has called and ordained to the ministry of deacon, the authors portray the crucial link between the worship of the church and service to the world that is central to the office of deacon. The book concludes with answers to common questions asked by deacons and the churches in which their ministry takes place: Who pays for insurance? What about pensions? What responsibilities do deacons have to the congregations that hire them, and what to the conferences of which they are members? --Cokesbury

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262.1476
CRAIN

Crain, Margaret Ann. ***The United Methodist Deacon : Ordained to Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice***. Nashville : Abingdon Press, [2014].

Summary: The United Methodist order of deacon represents the ever-evolving understanding of ordained ministry. But because of the continual changes, there is confusion about the call, roll, identity, and tasks of deacons. With vivid examples, this book gives a clear understanding of the order of deacon, beginning with a discussion of how its unique call sets apart persons for ordained ministry. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- A Deacon Is Called and Sent -- A Deacon Is Connectional -- A Deacon Is Missional -- A Deacon Is Examined and Equipped -- The Meaning of Ordination -- A Deacon Is Appointed -- Deacons Lead the Church -- Epilogue: A Snapshot of Deacons and Their Ministry

ADULTS 266
RUSSINGER

Practitioners. Ventura, Calif. : Regal Books, 2005.

Summary: "Practitioners: Voices Within the Emerging Church" features challenging essays that tackle "how we do church" from a number of innovative thinkers and practitioners, including Doug Pagitt, Dan Kimball, Pete Greig, David Ruis, Craig Detweiler, Spencer Burke, Joyce Heron, Tim Garrety and Anna Pelky. Foreword by Erwin McManus. --Amazon

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270.089
GCORR

Vital Conversations on Race, Culture, and Justice: Videos and Study Guide. Washington, D.C: General Commission on Religion and Race, The United Methodist Church, 2016.

Summary: The General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church (GCORR) presents Vital Conversations, featuring thought leaders, pastors, theologians, activists, authors, and scholars who share their stories, insights, and expertise on issues related to faith, culture, and fighting oppression in the church and world today. Vital Conversations are a direct connection between the three areas of GCORR's Ministry Model – institutional equity, vital conversations, and intercultural competency – and the lived experiences of people around the world. Through these studies, you are invited to engage in relevant and real conversations. Each guidebook includes a DVD of videos that accompanies the study guide. This a great resource for small group or individuals seeking to begin a dialogue, face our misconceptions and fears, and move deliberately to spiritual, community, and social transformation. --General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church

Content Notes:

- Series 1: Racism and the U.S. Church: 1. Introduction / Erin Hawkins (1:02) -- 2. Deconstructing White Privilege / Dr. Robin DiAngelo (19:58) -- 3. Building the Beloved Community / Dr. Miguel de la Torre (14:19) -- 4. Ongoing Acts of Repentance / The Reverend Chebon Kernell (11:19) -- 5. Meaningful Conversations on Race / Dr. David Anderson Hooker (17:19) -- 6. Continued Struggles in Race Relations / Dr. Phillip Klinkner (9:38) -- 7. Intersections of Oppression and Experiences in Ferguson, Missouri / Dr. Pamela Lightsey (12:07) -- 8. Tearing Down Fences in Baltimore / Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi (12:03) -- Series 2: Race, Culture, Tribe, and the Global Church: 1. Introduction / Erin Hawkins (0:40) -- 2. (Session 8) How Asian Churches Are Merging Faith and Culture / Dr. Albert Park, California (12:28) -- 3. (Session 7) Muslim-Christian Relations in Nigeria and How Church Leaders Are Addressing Interfaith Issues / Dr. Joseph Maren Sampson, Nigeria (11:29) -- 4. (Session 3) Younger, More Diverse People in Mission / Joy Eva Bohol, Philippines (14:00) -- 5. (Session 2) Addressing Tribal Conflict and Moving Toward Reconciliation / Dr. Lisa Faulkner, Northern Ireland (10:32) -- 6. (Session 6) Environmental Justice in Brazil / Dr. Nancy Cardoso Pereira, Brazil (15:16) -- 7. (Session 1) Why the Church Should Care About Sexual and Reproductive Health / Munyararadzi Samantha Mukanganise, Zimbabwe (12:00) -- 8. (Session 5) Welcoming the Stranger: Refugees in the German Church / The Reverend Stephan von Twardowski, Germany (11:45) -- 9. (Session 4) Mission Workers in the Twenty-First-Century Church / Thomas Kemper, Global Ministries (14:58) -- Alternate Language: 1. Dr. Nancy Cordoso: Portuguese (14:20) -- 2. Rev. Stephan von Twardowski: German (13:30)

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270.089
HANSEN

Hansen, David Phillips. ***Native Americans, the Mainline Church, and the Quest for Interracial Justice***. St. Louis, Mo: Chalice Press, 2016.

Summary: The Native American drive for self-governance is the most important civil rights struggle of our time — a struggle too often covered up. In *Native Americans, The Mainline Church, and the Quest for Interracial Justice*, David Phillips Hansen discusses the church's role in helping America heal its bleeding wounds of systemic oppression. While many believe the United States is a melting pot for all cultures, Hansen asserts the longest war in human history is the one Anglo-Christians have waged on Native Americans. Using faith as a weapon against the darkness of injustice, this book will change the way you view how we must solve the pressing problems of racism, poverty, environmental degradation, and violence, and it will remind you that faith can be the leaven of justice. --Chalice Press

ADULTS
277.3083
BARNA

Barna, George. ***Revolution***. Wheaton, Ill. : Tyndale House Publishers, 2005.

Summary: This groundbreaking book shows that a revolution is already taking place within the church—one that will affect every believer in America. Committed, born-again Christians are exiting the established church in massive numbers. Why are they leaving? Where are they going? And what does this mean for the future of the church? Drawing upon extensive data, renowned researcher and author George Barna predicts how this revolution will affect the organized church, how Christ's body of believers should react, and how individuals who are considering leaving (or those who have already left) can respond. For leaders working for positive change in the church, and for believers struggling to find a spiritual community and worship experience that resonates . . . get ready, because a revolution is here. --Tyndale

Content Notes:

- David and Michael -- The revolutionary age -- What does God expect? -- How is the local church doing? -- Spiritual transitions in the making -- God is active today -- A new way of doing church -- Jesus the revolutionary -- American Christians as revolutionaries -- How the revolution shapes the revolutionary -- The marks of a revolutionary -- Why the revolution matters -- What the critics will say -- This revolution's for you!

ADULTS Greenleaf, Robert K. ***The Servant as Leader***. Indianapolis, Ind: The Robert K.
303.3 Greenleaf Center, 1991.

GREENLEAF

ADULTS Brown, Bernard L. ***Lessons Learned on the Way Down: A Perspective on***
303.34 ***Christian Leadership in a Secular World***. Lilburn, Ga: United Writers Press,
BROWN Inc, 2010.

ADULTS ***The Anatomy of Peace : Resolving the Heart of Conflict*** . San Francisco,
303.69 CA : Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2008.

ARBINGER

Summary: Like Leadership and Self-Deception, The Arbinger Institute's first book, *The Anatomy of Peace* has become a worldwide phenomenon—not because of a media blitz, movie tie-in, or celebrity endorsement, but because readers have enthusiastically recommended it to colleagues, relatives, and friends. *The Anatomy of Peace* asks, What if conflicts at home, conflicts at work, and conflicts in the world stem from the same root cause? What if we systematically misunderstand that cause? And what if, as a result, we unwittingly perpetuate the very problems we think we are trying to solve? Through an intriguing story we learn how and why we contribute to the divisions and problems we blame on others and the surprising way that these problems can be solved. Yusuf al-Falah, an Arab, and Avi Rozen, a Jew, each lost his father at the hands of the other's ethnic cousins. *The Anatomy of Peace* is the story of how they came together, how they help warring parents and children come together, and how we too can find our way out of the struggles that weigh us down. --Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc.

Content Notes:

- pt. 1. The heart of peace -- pt. 2. From peace to war -- pt. 3. From war to peace -- pt. 4. Spreading peace.

ADULTS Tolan, Sandy. ***The Lemon Tree : An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the***
956.94050922 ***Middle East*** . New York : Bloomsbury Pub. , 2007.

TOLAN

Summary: In 1967, Bashir Khairi, a twenty-five-year-old Palestinian, journeyed to Israel with the goal of seeing the beloved stone house with the lemon tree behind it that he and his family had fled nineteen years earlier. To his surprise, when he found the house he was greeted by Dalia Eshkenazi Landau, a nineteen-year-old Israeli college student, whose family left fled Europe for Israel following the Holocaust. On the stoop of their shared home, Dalia and Bashir began a rare friendship, forged in the aftermath of war and tested over the next half century in ways that neither could imagine on that summer day in 1967. Sandy Tolan brings the Israeli-Palestinian conflict down to its most human level, demonstrating that even amid the bleakest political realities there exist stories of hope and transformation. --Bloomsbury

Content Notes:

- - First words --
 - Author's note --
 - A note on spelling and pronunciation --
 - Bell --
 - House --
 - Rescue --
 - Expulsion --
 - Emigration --
 - Refuge --
 - Arrival --
 - War --
 - Encounter --
 - Explosion --
 - Deportation --

- o Hope --
- o Homeland --
- o The lemon tree --
- o Acknowledgements --
- o Bibliography --
- o Source notes --
- o Index.

CHILDREN
248.4
BENFIELD

Benfield, Jack M. *W.M. and his Mysterious Tales*. Lima, Ohio: Fairway Press, 1984.

Summary: This fascinating book was written to be used by ministers, Sunday School teachers, and parents with children...or to be read by the children themselves. It is a different approach to teaching the values of life. Each chapter has a moral or point to make which can be easily discussed with children. --Back cover

YOUTH
230.76
COKESBURY

Confirm Director Guide: Your Faith / Your Commitment / God's Call. Nashville, Tenn: Cokesbury, 2016.

Summary: Too often confirmation has been downgraded to the role of a checkpoint along the faith journey. The Confirm family of resources reclaims confirmation as the first step on a journey that leads to a mature, adult faith. Confirm treats confirmation as more than a decision. Instead, it is the beginning of a conversation about what it means to be a Christian: living out your faith, your commitment, and God's call. Confirm is an easy-to-follow and fully customizable confirmation program that can be used in any church setting and with a wide variety of schedules. You have the option to schedule your lesson choices and the tools to organize your own confirmation program over the course of a school year, a 3-year span, or in any other way that meets your needs without having to purchase additional customizable content. With flexible and easy-to-understand materials, Confirm provides students with the basic beliefs of a theologically sound, United Methodist faith while engaging them in creative and thought-provoking activities to help them internalize what they've learned. Confirm also embraces the importance of community in the journey of faith development, and provides materials to encourage cooperation with parents and mentors in the confirmation process and beyond. This helpful guide provides direction for creating an effective discipleship path for teens using confirmation at your church. Complete with detailed instructions, you will learn how to integrate Confirm with the church's youth ministry program and other ministries throughout the church. In addition, you will be provided tools for creating specific confirmation assessments and reasonable expectations for youth, pastor, parents, and confirmation leaders. --Cokesbury

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Confirm DVD: Your Faith / Your Commitment / God's Call. Nashville, Tenn: Cokesbury, 2016.

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internalize what they've learned. Confirm also embraces the importance of community in the journey of faith development, and provides materials to encourage cooperation with parents and mentors in the confirmation process and beyond. The Confirm DVD has two styles of video: YouTube-style & Whiteboard sketch-style: The unit overview videos introduce teens to the theme they'll be exploring through the lessons in each unit. These YouTube-style videos are fun, fast-paced, and engaging. Hosted by our friends at Blimey Cow. They run around 2 - 3 minutes each and are closed captioned. The selected lessons in each unit will utilize whiteboard sketch-style videos for deeper learning and reflection. Whiteboard sketch-style videos have been recognized as a powerful learning tool. They are fun, and make it easy to follow along. The videos run around 2 - 3 minutes each, and are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

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Confirm Mentor Guide: Your Faith / Your Commitment / God's Call.

Nashville, Tenn: Cokesbury, 2016.

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Confirm Parent Guide: Your Faith / Your Commitment / God's Call.

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and beyond. The Parent Guide provides an overview of confirmation and helps the parent and family establish their role in the process. The guide includes discussion starters, activities and devotional suggestions for use at home. As teens prepare to take the vows of confirmation, they need to be surrounded by mature Christian adults who can love, guide, and nurture them. This love and nurturing begins at home, with the youth's parent or guardian. -- Cokesbury

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Confirm Student Guide: Your Faith / Your Commitment / God's Call.

Nashville, Tenn: Cokesbury, 2016.

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Confirm Teaching Plans: Your Faith / Your Commitment / God's Call.

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