

New Resources January 2017

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ADULTS
158.1
MAXWELL

Maxwell, John C. ***Failing Forward : Turning Mistakes Into Stepping-Stones for Success***. Nashville, TN, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2000.

Summary: Are some people born to achieve anything they want while others struggle? Call them lucky, blessed, or possessors of the Midas touch. What is the real reason for their success? Is it family background, wealth, greater opportunities, high morals, an easy childhood? New York Times best-selling author John C. Maxwell has the answer: The difference between average people and achieving people is their perception of and response to failure. Most people are never prepared to deal with failure. Maxwell says that if you are like him, coming out of school, you feared it, misunderstood it, and ran away from it. But Maxwell has learned to make failure his friend, and he can teach you to do the same. "I want to help you learn how to confidently look the prospect of failure in the eye and move forward anyway," says Maxwell. "Because in life, the question is not if you will have problems, but how you are going to deal with them. Stop failing backward and start failing forward!" --Thomas Nelson

ADULTS
179.9
CLOUD

Cloud, Henry. ***Integrity : The Courage to Meet the Demands of Reality***. New York, Collins, 2006.

Summary: Integrity. It is more than simple honesty. It's the key to success. A person with integrity has the -- often rare -- ability to pull everything together, to make it all happen no matter how challenging the circumstances. Drawing on experiences from his work with Fortune 500 companies, nonprofits, and individual leaders, Dr. Henry Cloud, a clinical psychologist and nationally syndicated radio host, shows how our character can keep us from achieving all we want to (or could) be. In *Integrity*, Dr. Cloud explores the six qualities of character that define integrity. He uses stories from well-known business leaders like Michael Dell and sports figures like Tiger Woods to illustrate each of these qualities. He shows us how people with integrity: Are able to connect with others and build trust; Are oriented toward reality; Finish well; Embrace the negative; Are oriented toward increase; Have an understanding of the transcendent. Success is not related to only talent or brains. There are a lot of bright, talented people who are never successful. And the most successful are not only the ones with the most talent. The real factor, Cloud demonstrates, is the makeup of the person. All of us can grow in the kinds of real character that bring about fruitful relationships and achievement of purpose, mission, and goals. Integrity is not something that you either have or don't, but instead is an exciting growth path that all of us can engage in and enjoy. --Harper Collins

ADULTS 230
ESTOCK

Estock, Beth Ann. ***Weird Church: Welcome to the Twenty-First Century***. Cleveland, Ohio, The Pilgrim Press, 2016.

Summary: In the post-Christendom era, the institutional church just isn't what it used to be. But don't give up hope for the future of faith. *Weird Church* offers church leaders a clear vision of what's coming next, so long as they're willing to

live into a few critical shifts. Utilizing Spiral Dynamics as a means of framing the current changes in North American culture, Nixon and Estock give a thrilling forecast of where the church is going as we race toward the mid-century. This book is a wake-up call for those who still think church revitalization is simply a matter of doing better the things that used to come so easily. A must-read for anybody who is designing Christian ministry for the new world that is rapidly emerging around us. --The Pilgrim Press

ADULTS
232.954
CAMPOLO

Campolo, Anthony. ***The Red Letters: The Words of Jesus for Today's World***. Mississauga, Ontario, World Vision Canada, Church Relations Division, 2011.

Summary: Through a series of six video conversations, Tony Campolo and host Colin McCartney discuss the radical but clear teachings of Jesus. Together, Campolo and McCartney confront complacency and assert that the issues Jesus spoke directly about should be the priorities of God's people. --Container

Content Notes:

- What is Red Letter Christianity? (17:00) -- Red Letter Conversations About Materialism (14:00) -- Red Letter Conversations About Compassion (12:00) -- Red Letter Conversations About Politics (8:31) - - Red Letter Conversations About Spirituality (12:04) -- Red Letter Conversations About Joy (12:24)

ADULTS
238.11
HAMILTON

Hamilton, Adam. ***Creed Card Pack: The Apostles' Creed***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: We're used to answers popping up on a screen right in front of us. But when the questions examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life, finding the answers takes more than simply typing a few words and pushing a button. Adam Hamilton believes that powerful answers to many of our complicated questions are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In *Creed*, he explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe, and why it matters, which in turn leads readers to confront and examine their own core beliefs and go beyond reciting the Creed's familiar words. The book is part of a six-week churchwide program for Lent, Easter, and beyond that includes a Leader Guide, DVD, youth and children resources, and a Leader Kit (includes "I Believe" card pack). This handy pack of 25 personal reference cards makes learning or refreshing The Apostle's Creed easy. Designed for the Creed Bible study program by Adam Hamilton, these cards are also ideal for prayer and diary book marks, memorization, bulletin inserts, small group studies, and leaving in doctor's offices and hospitals. The crystal clear, durable lamination makes it perfect for a variety of settings and age groups. --Cokesbury

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Content Notes:

- 1. God (14:54) -- 2. Jesus Christ (14:41) -- 3. The Holy Spirit (13:40) -- 4. The Church and the Communion of Saints (15:41) -- 5. The Forgiveness of Sins (15:42) -- 6. The Resurrection of the Body (14:54) -- Preview 1 (2:15) -- Preview 2 (1:37)

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. God -- 2. Jesus Christ -- 3. The Holy Spirit -- 4. The Church and the Communion of Saints -- 5. The Forgiveness of Sins -- 6. The Resurrection of the Body -- Notes

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Content Notes:

- Introduction: I Believe -- 1. God -- 2. Jesus Christ -- 3. The Holy Spirit -- 4. The Church and the Communion of Saints -- 5. The Forgiveness of Sins -- 6. The Resurrection of the Body -- Appendix: The Creeds of the Church -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Acknowledgments

ADULTS
241.66
BAYLOR

Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics. Waco, Tex, The Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2016.

Summary: At the heart of Christian sexual ethics is not a dour set of rules, but a fetching trait: the virtue of chastity. Our contributors examine how chastity is exemplified in married life and singleness, and why its beauty has become difficult for us to appreciate. Thinking well and Christianly about sex is critical, for it's about the "place bodies have in the life of discipleship and how it is that God intends for us to thrive as men and women," writes Beth Felker Jones. "Christians have always acknowledged two routes for publicly declaring and displaying that God is faithful: celibate singleness and faithful marriage. In both, Christians testify, with their bodies, to the faithfulness and power of God." But singleness is too often ignored. Wesley Hill explores how churches "can provide the good company that their celibate, same-sex attracted believers will need for the long journey." Chastity is "a habit of reverence for oneself and others that enables us to use our sexual powers intelligently in the pursuit of human flourishing and happiness," Matt Fradd notes. It is hard for us to attain and appreciate this virtue, Mary Hulst suggests, when we are "exposed to many lies about dating, singleness, sex, and marriage." She urges us to seek friends and, when led by God, "more than friends" who draw us closer to Jesus and help us to become better for the kingdom of God. Donna Freitas describes what college students face within a hookup culture, and Stacy George examines the different distortions inherent in the ring by spring culture on Christian campuses. --Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University

Content Notes:

- "Radical Faithfulness" / Beth Felker Jones -- "The Long Defeat" / Wesley Hill -- "Chastity as a Virtue" / Matt Fradd -- "A Good Samaritan Response to Hookup Culture" / Donna Freitas -- "Beyond the 'Ring by Spring' Culture" / Stacy Keogh George

ADULTS
242.34
INDERMARK

Indermark, John. ***Way Words : A Daily Itinerary for Lent.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2011.

Summary: Scripturally-based readings to complement your Lenten journey. The Way this most ancient naming of the Church in the Book of Acts reminds Christians we are a people on a journey of faith. But what signposts might guide us on this way? Way Words provides an itinerary of daily readings based on scripture for the journey we make during the season of Lent. Each of its daily

readings, starting with Ash Wednesday and concluding with Easter Sunday, will explore one concise phrase or verse from the Old or New Testament that offers a spiritual guidepost for modern-day disciples on the Way of Jesus Christ. Each of the short forty-seven readings includes a scripture excerpt, followed by a brief prayer or spiritual exercise. This resource is written for personal study and devotional use during Lent. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introductory reading: Ash Wednesday -- Week One: Holy Foundations -- Week Two: Godward Callings -- Week Three: Crucial Decisions -- Week Four: Community Fashionings -- Week Five: Faithful Practices -- Week Six: Enlarging Vistas -- HolyWeek: Saving Mysteries

ADULTS
242.34
PARACLETE

God for Us : Rediscovering the Meaning of Lent and Easter.
Brewster, Massachusetts, Paraclete Press, Inc, 2013.

Summary: Explore the meaning of Lent, its importance in spiritual formation, its significance in the preparation of Easter, and the holy season of Easter itself. Reflections from leading spiritual writers in North America reveal what one theologian has called the "bright sadness" of Lent — that it is not about becoming lost in feelings of brokenness, but about cleansing the palate so that we can taste life more fully. Lent and Easter reveal the God who is for us in all of life — for our liberation, for our healing, for our wholeness. Lent and Easter remind us that even in death there can be found resurrection. *God for Us* provides a rich resource for renewing meaning in a season that is at best neglected or misunderstood. -- Paraclete Press

ADULTS
248.4
BATTERSON

Batterson, Mark. ***Wild Goose Chase : Reclaim the Adventure of Pursuing God.*** Colorado Springs, Colo, Multnomah Books, 2008.

Summary: Celtic Christians had a name for the Holy Spirit—An Geadh-Glas, or 'the Wild Goose.' The name hints at mystery. Much like a wild goose, the Spirit of God cannot be tracked or tamed. An element of danger, an air of unpredictability surround Him. And while the name may sound a little sacrilegious, I cannot think of a better description of what it's like to follow the Spirit through life. I think the Celtic Christians were on to something....Most of us will have no idea where we are going most of the time. And I know that is unsettling. But circumstantial uncertainty also goes by another name: Adventure. --Introduction

Content Notes:

- Yawning angels -- Goose bumps -- Dictatorship of the ordinary -- Eight-foot ceilings -- A rooster's crow -- Sometimes it takes a shipwreck -- Good old-fashioned guts.

ADULTS
248.4
BERLIN

Berlin, Tom. ***Restored DVD: Finding Redemption in Our Mess.***
Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Sometimes our lives are in such disarray we can't envision a way through to redemption. But when we look at the mess through the eyes of Christ, we not only find redemption, we can clearly see spiritual restoration. In *Restored*, author Tom Berlin encourages us to reflect and meditate through our own brokenness, showing us that it is only when we focus on the cross as a place to surrender control that we can leave our mess and find true redemption. This 6-week study uses Scripture, devotional tools, and the writings of Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross, St. Augustine, John Wesley, Evelyn Underhill, and others, and is a perfect Lenten study for youth or adults. In addition to the book, a Leader Guide, DVD, Youth Study Book, and Leader Kit are available as part of the study. The DVD contains six video segments (approximately 5-7 minutes each) featuring the teaching of Tom Berlin for use during group sessions. All video sessions are closed-captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. This Is a Real Mess (5:04) -- 2. Who Left This Mess? (10:20) -- 3. Bless This Mess (7:27) -- 4. No Messing Around (10:13) -- 5. Address This Mess (7:24) -- 6. The Message in the Mess (7:24) -- Preview (1:56)

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. This Is a Real Mess -- 2. Who Left This Mess? -- 3. Bless This Mess -- 4. No Messing Around -- 5. Address This Mess -- 6. The Message in the Mess -- Notes

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ADULTS Campolo, Anthony. **Choose Justice: A Daily Lifestyle**. Mississauga, Ontario, World Vision Canada, 2013.
248.4
CAMPOLO

Summary: We all crave justice. From the time most of us are very young; we sense that the world is off-balance and not as it should be- not as it could be. Most of us are aware that we have a role to play in making our world a more just and equitable place, but we're not sure where to start. In Choose Justice participants will discover that they are not alone on the journey to justice. God loves justice too and longs for His people to follow Him in bringing restoration to our world and to those who have been left on the margins of society. This six-session DVD featuring Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne along with the accompanying Conversation Guide affirms that, with Christ, we can participate in building a better world through the many choices we make every day. Choosing justice on a daily basis- at the mall, at the table, in our celebrations- will change our lives, the lives of those around us and the lives of people we may never meet. Explore Choose Justice as an individual or in a group, and be challenged to make real and lasting changes for living justly in your world. --Red Letter Christians

Content Notes:

- 1. Choose Justice as a Lifestyle (9:15) -- 2. Choose Justice at the Table (8:45) -- 3. Choose Justice at the Party (9:25) -- 4. Choose Justice at the Mall (9:30) -- 5. Choose Justice at the Bank (8:25) -- 6. Choose Justice in Community (9:15)

ADULTS Fuquay, Rob. **Take the Flag DVD: Following God's Signals in the Race of Your Life**. Nashville, Tenn, Upper Room Books, 2016.
248.4
FUQUAY

Summary: The spiritual life is often compared to a race. Pastor Rob Fuquay sees a parallel between the flags used in auto racing and the signals God sends us in our fast-paced lives. The purpose of Take the Flag is not to turn readers into race fans, but to help them become stronger disciples of Jesus Christ by paying attention to the signals God gives us each day. This bold, imaginative, and Scripture-based 7-week study helps you understand God's signals through the world of auto racing. Far-fetched? Not when you consider that the apostle Paul wrote about "the race of life." DVD includes: Segments using auto racing flags to illustrate spiritual themes; Teaching and commentary by Rob Fuquay; Downloadable PDF guides for leaders of children, youth, & adults; Interviews and stories from drivers and auto racing professionals. Quick Flag Stories: Ed

Carpenter, Scott Dixon, Jerry Cook, Larry McReynolds, Conor Daly, Danica Patrick, Austin Dillon, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. Personal Stories: Michael McDowell, Ann Schrader, Chocolate Myers, Cliff Champion, James Hinchcliffe, Nick Terry, Sam Hornish Jr. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. The Green Flag (10:15) -- 2. The Yellow Flag (15:01) -- 3. The Blue Flag (10:51) -- 4. The Red Flag (10:42) -- 5. The Black Flag (14:31) -- 6. The White Flag (12:13) -- 7. The Checkered Flag (12:14) -- Preview (1:51) -- Larry McReynolds Shares About The Upper Room Daily Devotional (0:45)

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Content Notes:

- Introduction: You're in the Driver's Seat -- 1. The Green Flag: Let the Race Begin -- 2. The Yellow Flag: Heeding the Cautions -- 3. The Blue Flag: Moving to the Outside Lane -- 4. The Red Flag: The Importance of the Delay -- 5. The Black Flag: When It's Time to Leave the Race -- 6. The White Flag: Getting in Position for the Final Stretch -- 7. The Checkered Flag: Experiencing Victory -- Acknowledgments -- Notes -- About the Author

ADULTS
248.4
NCCUMC

Every Day Grace Magazine. Garner, N.C, North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, 2016.

Summary: In *Every Day Grace*, discover the stories that unite us in our everyday experiences of life, where in the midst of it all, there is grace. This fourth issue

explores the topic of weather-related disasters. --North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

ADULTS Noble, Perry. ***You Can Do This: Living Out Your Calling***. Suwanee, Ga, Catalyst, 2010.
248.4 NOBLE

Summary: The size of the vision God will give you is directly related to the amount of pain and discomfort you are willing to endure. In this message, Perry Noble explains that the reason we go through pain is so we are able to understand God's provision and rely solely on His power. Drawing from Ezekiel, Noble provides three vital surrenders we must employ in order to walk boldly into the God sized vision for our lives. --Catalyst

Content Notes:

- Message (47:44) -- Further Perspective from Perry Noble (26:09)

ADULTS Wood, Shawn. ***200 Pomegranates and an Audience of One : Creating a Life of Meaning and Influence***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2008.
248.4 WOOD

Summary: 200 Pomegranates empowers and inspires readers to develop their God-given talents and contribute something that makes a difference in the world, be it through construction or counseling, doing people's taxes carefully and ethically, or raising and teaching children. Even if your contribution seems to go unnoticed by others, you can rest assured that God sees and values your work. Readers follow the story of obscure Old Testament figure Hiram of Tyre, an artist putting the finishing touches on Solomon's temple. He honed his craft and contributed something of beauty and excellence, though some of his best work was thirty feet off the ground, where few people would notice its intricacies. Likewise, we have the ability and opportunity to create something of worth, be it for the lasting enjoyment of others or for God's eyes only. --Amazon

ADULTS Ramsey, Dave. ***Life. Money. Hope***. Brentwood, Tenn, The Lampo Group, Inc, 2010.
248.6
RAMSEY

Summary: The Life. Money. Hope. series, shot at LifeChurch.tv in Oklahoma City, is filled with biblical truths and practical application to empower you and your church. This DVD contains audio files for the sermon series, videos for the additional resources, fill-in-the-blank handouts, and sermon outlines. --Container

Content Notes:

- The Basics of Biblical Finance (31:45) -- Breaking the Bondage of Debt (31:37) -- The #1 Myth About Money (35:15) -- Super Saving Lesson (60:06) -- FPU Preview (16:02) -- Love and Money Promo Pieces -- Pastor Testimony Video (8:05)

ADULTS 253 Farr, Bob. ***Ten Prescriptions for a Healthy Church***. Nashville, Tennessee, Abingdon Press, 2015.
FARR

Summary: Ten Prescriptions for a Healthy Church offers prescriptions for the top ten issues seen during church consultations. Bob Farr and Kay Kotan share their expertise from working with churches across the country, detailing the most common concerns and obstacles, and then go straight to the point: What to change, and how, for positive results. They offer a helpful approach to fixing common problems, and strategies to help congregations achieve success in specific areas of ministry. Proven success stories offer practical application, inspiration, and hope. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Mission and vision -- Hospitality -- The worship experience -- Community connection -- Intentional faith development -- Connection process -- Leadership development -- Strategic ministry planning -- Simplified, accountable structure -- Staff evaluation and alignment.

ADULTS 253 PUTMAN Putman, Jim. **Church is a Team Sport : A Championship Strategy for Doing Ministry Together.** Grand Rapids, MI, Baker Books, 2008.

Summary: Church Is a Team Sport shows proven ways to push believers, new and mature, toward growth as both Christians--and leaders. Through this powerful, thought-provoking volume, ministers both in the congregation and on staff will discover how to expand the church one soul at a time. Making disciples is the crux of pastor Jim Putman's message. The plan works. Caring for people, following up on stray sheep, and teaching what it means to love God and obey him. That's how Church Is a Team Sport transforms Christians from Monday-morning quarterbacks into dynamic players. --Baker Books

Content Notes:

- Introduction: The real life story -- From the locker room to the elder board room -- Switching jerseys : a pastor's journey -- Chasing a dream : looking for the winning church -- And the scoreboard says ... : how are we doing? -- Coaching God's championship team -- Mission possible : God's team can and should win -- Winning starts at the top : the need for coaches in the church -- A coach worth following : discovering our God-given purpose -- Developing skilled players -- Good recruiting : outreach events, programs, and weekend services -- Filling out the roster : players are made, not born -- In the huddle : the essential role of small groups -- The championship program : a reproducible strategy for leadership development -- Putting the rookie in : turning players loose -- On the offensive -- Reading from the same playbook : how to align your team for victory -- Church is a team sport : creating a culture of teamwork -- When the going gets tough : getting real with each other -- Focusing on the fundamentals : the importance of uncluttered Christianity -- We are the champions! -- Recruiting new players : our mission as God's team -- The growing coach : learning from mistakes, always improving -- Playing hard without getting hurt : your team and change -- Only the few, only the committed : sticking to the mission no matter what.

ADULTS 253 SLAUGHTER Slaughter, Michael. **Unlearning Church.** Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2008.

Summary: How many things does your church do just because that's the way it's always been done? Does your congregation value tradition over passion and stability over creativity? If so, it's time to unLearn. Leading congregations into a dynamic and prophetic future requires unLearning what you thought you knew about the church, leadership, and life. Pastor Michael Slaughter casts a vision for innovative and authentic congregations, and for the kind of leadership that can bring congregations to greater vitality and impact in today's postmodern culture. Readers will be challenged to gaze boldly beyond franchised church models to a dynamic embodiment of God's unique vision for each leader and each congregation. UnLearning congregations embrace new media and cultural trends, value transformation over information, and create a safe space for the tough and unanswerable questions of life. These are churches that lovingly dare to shoulder spiritual and prophetic leadership in our rapidly changing culture, re-articulating God's ancient purposes to create high-tech, high-touch environments in which people can become radical followers of Jesus Christ. Informed by Slaughter's thirty years of leadership at the innovative and mission-driven Ginghamburg United Methodist Church, UnLearning Church offers readers guidance and insight into setting aside old identities, old expectations, and old ways of "doing church," and inspires readers with examples of congregations already living out their mission to be creative and outwardly-focused communities of faith. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Foreword / by Leonard Sweet -- Introduction -- Unlearning church : casting the vision -- Born to be wild -- From broadcast to narrowcast -- Engaging the whole person -- Thriving in paradox -- A culture of reckless love -- Unlearning leadership : making the vision a reality -- Radical prayer -- Replicating the DNA -- Moving together -- A higher value -- A theology of sweat -- Conclusion: Pressing forward with open arms.

ADULTS 260 McDonald, Evy. ***Living as a Covenant Community***. New York, NY, MCDONALD United Methodist Women, 2016.

Summary: This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God's character and eternal love for us. It will enhance your understanding of how God works with us, in us, and through us. A four-session study guide is included. --United Methodist Women

ADULTS 261 Brueggemann, Walter. ***A January Adventure In Emerging Christianity***. St. Simons Island, Ga, Epworth-by-the-Sea, BRUEGGEMANN 2013.

Summary: Walter Brueggemann speaks on "Obedient Faith Amid an Empire." Gary Dorrien speaks on "Social Ethics for Social Justice, Economy, Theology, and Empire." --Cover

ADULTS Giglio, Louie. ***Indescribable : Encountering the Glory of God in the Beauty of the Universe***. Colorado Springs, CO, U.S.A, David C. 261.55 GIGLIO Cook, 2011.

Summary: This inspiring book brings together devotional insight, scientific thought, and fascinating images of the universe. --Back Cover

ADULTS
262.0017
MILLER

Miller, Craig Kennet. ***TeamWorks: Connecting with Your Community.*** Nashville, Tenn, Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church, 2016.

Summary: Each TeamWorks Guidebook is designed to lead your team through a series of conversations about creating vital ministry in your church. Each TeamWorks Guidebook includes two seminars, four MyWork personal devotions, and TeamWorks tools. You can choose to do one of them or all four. TeamWorks: Connecting with Your Community introduces church leaders to learn how new arrivals in your community seek Homeland. Use the NICHE process introduced in this guidebook to learn about your community. --Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church

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262.0017
MILLER

Miller, Craig Kennet. ***TeamWorks: Futurecasting.*** Nashville, Tenn, Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church, 2016.

Summary: Each TeamWorks Guidebook is designed to lead your team through a series of conversations about creating vital ministry in your church. Each TeamWorks guidebook includes two seminars, four MyWork personal devotions, and TeamWorks tools. You can choose to do one of them or all four. TeamWorks: Futurecasting provides church leaders with powerful planning tools to move their church into the future. Learn how to use the powerful VAP-IT Planning Tool. Use the TeamWorks Church Assessment to plan for the future. --Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church

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MILLER

Miller, Craig Kennet. ***TeamWorks: Spiritual Life of the Leaders.*** Nashville, Tenn, Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church, 2016.

Summary: Each TeamWorks Guidebook is designed to lead your team through a series of conversations about creating vital ministry in your church. Each TeamWorks guidebook includes two seminars, four MyWork personal devotions, and TeamWorks tools. You can choose to do one of them or all four. TeamWorks: Spiritual Life of the Leaders introduces church leaders to two powerful tools for leadership development. Encourage spiritual growth with the Spiritual Life Template and maximize your team's giftedness by discovering your spiritual gifts

through the Spiritual Gifts Assessment. --Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church

ADULTS Kena, Kwasi Issa. ***In Plain View of the Cross: A Lenten Study for Adults***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2001.
263.92 KENA

Summary: Everything of true significance occurs in plain view of the cross . . . We cannot ignore Jesus' personal invitation to us to enter into eternal relationship with him. As we explore the depth of this relationship, we will discover the joy of serving Jesus Christ. This seven-session study, appropriate for both group and individual use, provides one lesson for each week in Lent. Each lesson includes a Scripture reference, a brief reflection, questions for study or discussion, and a focus for the coming week. --Back Cover

ADULTS Rogers, Thomas G. ***Turning Ink Into Blood: Resources for the Public Reading of Scripture***. St. Paul, Minn, Seraphim Communications Inc, 2005.
264.34
ROGERS

Summary: Turning Ink Into Blood is a training resource for those who perform the important task of reading Scripture when God's people gather for worship. It was created in response to a concern that often people are asked to carry out the important job of the lector without any real training. This is neither fair to the reader, nor does it honor or give reverence to the Word. Join Dr. Thomas Rogers, for an in-depth workshop training readers in the congregation to enter into the text in a new way so that the Scriptures might become alive in their reading. Turning Ink Into Blood challenges, teaches and emboldens both the readers and the hearers of the Word in a way that promises a powerful new encounter with the spoken Word. Dr. Walt Wangerin, noted author and speaker, helps understand the role of the lector in worship. Dr. Wangerin colorfully speaks of the lector as invoking the presence of God in the reading of Scripture. A resource presented as a workshop to be used with the supplemental materials in the Resource Manual that will foster insightful, meaningful study for groups, but can be used individually. --Select Learning

ADULTS 266 Dharmaraj, Glory E. ***Theology of Mutuality : A Paradigm for Mission in the Twenty-First Century***. New York, NY, United Methodist Women, 2014.
DHARMARAJ

Summary: The authors narrate what mutuality in Christian mission is like. Using stories, metaphors, and pivotal perspectives, the authors explore how mutuality should be in the forefront of mission engagement during these changing times and shifting landscapes. Offering biblical and theological insights into mutuality in mission, they respond to the why of mutuality. The book is an invitation to commitment to mutuality, fostering of shared gifts, and integrating mission from the margins. This book is an excellent resource for everyone who is interested in mission engagement in this century. --United Methodist Women

ADULTS Johnson, F. Willis. ***Holding Up Your Corner DVD: Video Stories About Race***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2017.
270.089
JOHNSON

Summary: How do you talk about racial prejudice, entrenched poverty and exploitation, segregation, the loss of local education and employment, the ravages of addiction, and more? Holding up Your Corner walks you through a self-directed process of determining what role your church can play in your specific community. You'll learn how to use testimony and other narrative devices, proclamation, guided group conversations, and other tactics in order to own the calling and responsibility we have as Christians. Examples from a wide variety of churches and leaders make this a valuable resource for everyone concerned with racial justice. The DVD includes video clips from clergy and other Christian leaders across the country that will spur dialogue and self-examination. Each presenter shares a personal story related to one of the discussion points in the guided conversation. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Johnson, F. Willis. ***Holding Up Your Corner Participant Book: Guided Conversations About Race***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2017.
270.089
JOHNSON

Summary: Holding Up Your Corner: Guided Conversations About Race is a unique, conversation-based experience that pastors facilitate for their communities. The resource includes everything pastors need to organize, host, and lead the events: a one- or two-day Conversation, hosted by the church, including people from the congregation and the wider community; people from various backgrounds gather for large-group presentations and small-group discussions; includes multiple video Conversation Starters from pastors and others across the US who share their own experiences, fears, and realizations about race; face to face conversations lead to radically new understanding; each community determines the outcomes of their own Conversations, which may include new relationships and ministries in the community. The Promise for Participants: Our lives change when we sit with one another and converse. When we share our own stories and listen to another. Real, honest, vulnerable conversation leads to empathy. It fosters our understanding and sharpens our convictions. It breaks down barriers and builds surprising new relationships. Conversation leads to change. Gather with diverse people from your community for a series of guided conversations that will empower you individually and together to embody God's promises of hope and justice for all. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Johnson, F. Willis. ***Holding Up Your Corner: Talking about Race in Your Community***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2017.
270.089
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ADULTS Schnase, Robert C. ***Seven Levers : Missional Strategies for Conferences***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2014].
287.6

create a budget that fits your income and creates wealth; What finances and romance have to do with one another; What role values play in your financial life; How to retire wealthy in every way; And much, much more. Resonating with Ramsey's down-home, folksy voice, heartwarming case histories, inspiring insights, quotations from the Bible, and exercises, quizzes, and worksheets, *More Than Enough* provides an inspiring wealth-building guide and a life-changing blueprint for a vital family dynamic. --Penguin

ADULTS Cathy, S. Truett. ***It's Easier to Succeed than to Fail***. Nashville, Oliver-Nelson, 1989.
338.7 CATHY

Summary: Truett Cathy has drawn from his personal experiences to write a warm and wonderfully touching guide for living. *It's Easier to Succeed Than to Fail* is a record of how growing up in the hard times of the Depression and World War II formed the basis of his rules for winning. Well-known and respected as a businessman who stands up for his principles and practices his faith daily, Mr. Cathy provides down-to-earth, practical advice for dealing with adversity. He writes of how faith can renew life, how crisis can be opportunity in disguise, and how every problem can have a solution. The phenomenal success of Chick-fil-A is solid evidence that winning is a way of life for Truett Cathy. --Foreword

ADULTS Shander, Karyn. ***Spanish for Christian Service***. Ocala, FL, Special Publications, 2012.
468.1
SHANDER

Summary: To be effective in sharing your faith with the Hispanic population, you must have more than just a working knowledge of your faith and the Bible. You must also know the Spanish language and be able to communicate effectively. Yet, most Christians that travel to Spanish speaking communities, whether abroad or in the United States, aren't equipped with an adequate mastery of Christian terminology to handle this challenge. This book is designed to: • motivate your desire to learn basic and advanced Spanish through a variety of exercises and puzzles • refresh and assist you to become more proficient in Spanish language skills • expand your practical vocabulary to serve with confidence in the Christian realm • increase your ability to build a more powerful ministry, whether it is to evangelize, travel on mission trips or teach Spanish/Sunday school classes • help you to overcome your insecurities of a language barrier and to focus your energies into positive and productive action • increase your influence with other leaders working in the mission field • expand your outreach and establish relationships among those in the Hispanic community • improve your understanding of others' needs through your communication skills to serve them more actively • maximize your ability to share God in creative new ways This workbook is ideal for reference, independent study, mission trips or classes. --Amazon

ADULTS ***Voices of Native American Women***. New York, United Methodist Women, 2010.
970.009 ROY

Summary: This book speaks of the fears, pains, trials and victories woven together by Native American women to build a future grounded in justice. Experience the power of this collection of wisdom from women determined to be heard. --United Methodist Women

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JEAN-PIERRE

Voices of Haitian Women. New York, United Methodist Women, 2012.

Summary: The stories in this booklet are Haitian women's voices. They reflect their testimonies and praises to God, their story as immigrants, their spiritual journeys, poems, and their personal life stories. Even though the stories are different, all of them show the glory of God, and in all of them someone could find strength and comfort to continue her or his own journey. --United Methodist Women

Content Notes:

- Immigrant Stories -- Testimonies -- Journeys of Faith -- Life Stories -- Mixed Stories -- Poems

CHILDREN
238.11
HAMILTON

Hamilton, Adam. **Creed Children's Leader Guide: What Christians Believe and Why.** Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: We're used to answers popping up on a screen right in front of us. But when the questions examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life, finding the answers takes more than simply typing a few words and pushing a button. Adam Hamilton believes that powerful answers to many of our complicated questions are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In *Creed*, he explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe, and why it matters, which in turn leads readers to confront and examine their own core beliefs and go beyond reciting the Creed's familiar words. The book is part of a six-week churchwide program for Lent, Easter, and beyond that includes a Leader Guide, DVD, youth and children resources, and a Leader Kit (includes "I Believe" card pack). The Children's Leader Guide contains session ideas for younger and older children, including games, activities, craft ideas, and reproducible handouts. Children are forming their own faith, and we can help shape it by looking at the beliefs contained in the Apostles' Creed and presenting them in ways children can follow and enjoy. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. God -- 2. Jesus Christ -- 3. The Holy Spirit -- 4. The Church and the Communion of Saints -- 5. The Forgiveness of Sins -- 6. The Resurrection of the Body

CHILDREN
242.62
PIPER

Piper, Sophie. **Prayers for a Better World.** Oxford, England, Lion Children's, 2010.

Summary: Collects prayers of peace and hopefulness for the planet and its people.

CHILDREN
259.22

Lovaglia, Dan. **Relational Children's Ministry : Turning Kid-Influencers into Lifelong Disciple Makers.** Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2016.

LOVAGLIA

Summary: Children's ministry has the power to change the lives of kids and families. Unfortunately, it's not always clear that the work a person does with kids is really making a lasting difference. Ask children's ministry leaders and kid-influencers if they are making the impact on children's lives as they had hoped and most likely the responses will be mixed. And for good reason. Research over the past decade has revealed an alarming lack of long-term growth in the faith community as children progress through student ministries into adulthood. Clearly, something needs to change. Relational Children's Ministry seeks to reverse this trend by equipping children's ministry leaders with practical tools to disrupt the status quo approach to discipleship with children and realign their ministries for greater long-term impact. Ministry leaders will: Learn how to relate intentionally to kids and families by putting five discipleship invitations modeled by Jesus into practice; Explore practical approaches to realign their children's ministry for a new trajectory by hitting three reset buttons to ensure long-term discipleship is embedded; Encounter examples of disruptive disciple-makers in action and learn key principles that can be translated into their own ministry context. Children's ministry leaders will receive practical training to refocus their children's ministry along with time-tested tools to personally recommit to lifelong discipleship. Kid-influencers can become a disciple-making community that redirects the current trajectory for this and future generations. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN Snider, Margaret. ***Joined and Held Together: A Children's Study on***
266.76 ***Missionary Conferences***. New York, United Methodist Women,
MARTINI 2017.

Summary: Children will learn how the missionary conferences connect us to each other and to the history of our church. The four sessions explore our connections and our differences and will encourage children ages 5–12 to see how both strengthen our community and our place within it. --United Methodist Women

YOUTH Hamilton, Adam. ***Creed Youth Study Book: What Christians Believe***
238.11 ***and Why***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2016.
HAMILTON

Summary: We're used to answers popping up on a screen right in front of us. But when the questions examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life, finding the answers takes more than simply typing a few words and pushing a button. Adam Hamilton believes that powerful answers to many of our complicated questions are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In *Creed*, he explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe, and why it matters, which in turn leads readers to confront and examine their own core beliefs and go beyond reciting the Creed's familiar words. The book is part of a six-week churchwide program for Lent, Easter, and beyond that includes a Leader Guide, DVD, youth and children resources, and a Leader Kit (includes "I Believe" card pack). This Youth Study Book takes the ideas presented in Adam Hamilton's book and interprets them for young people grades 6–12. Includes leader helps with discussion questions and can be used with the adult-level DVD. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. God -- 2. Jesus Christ -- 3. The Holy Spirit -- 4. The Church and the Communion of Saints -- 5. The Forgiveness of Sins --

6. The Resurrection of the Body -- Notes

YOUTH
248.4
BERLIN

Berlin, Tom. ***Restored Youth Study Book: Finding Redemption in Our Mess***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Sometimes our lives are in such disarray we can't envision a way through to redemption. But when we look at the mess through the eyes of Christ, we not only find redemption, we can clearly see spiritual restoration. In *Restored*, author Tom Berlin encourages us to reflect and meditate through our own brokenness, showing us that it is only when we focus on the cross as a place to surrender control that we can leave our mess and find true redemption. This 6-week study uses Scripture, devotional tools, and the writings of Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross, St. Augustine, John Wesley, Evelyn Underhill, and others, and is a perfect Lenten study for youth or adults. In addition to the book, a Leader Guide, DVD, Youth Study Book, and Leader Kit are available as part of the study. The Youth Study Book contains everything needed to conduct a six-session study of *Restored*, using current examples that have meaning to young people grades 6-12. Includes leader helps. Includes leader helps and discussion questions that can be used with the adult-level DVD. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. This Is a Real Mess -- 2. Who Left This Mess? -- 3. Bless This Mess -- 4. No Messing Around -- 5. Address This Mess -- 6. The Message in the Mess

YOUTH
259.23
FISCUS

Fiscus, Brad. ***Small(er) Church Youth Ministry: No Staff, No Money, No Problem!***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Your church may be small, but the impact you can have on the faith journey of your young people is huge. Authors Brad Fiscus and Stephanie Caro show you how to start, build, and lead an effective disciple-making youth ministry in Smaller Church Youth Ministry. You'll learn how other churches have created vibrant youth ministries without a lot of money or even a youth minister. Designed for use by individuals or in a team environment, it provides biblical foundation, practical helps, tools, and activities that have been proven to work in churches just like yours. --Cokesbury

YOUTH
266.76
MARTINI

Martini, Kelly C. ***In Mission Together: A Youth Study on Missionary Conferences***. New York, United Methodist Women, 2017.

Summary: The youth study focuses on the three U.S. missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and Red Bird Missionary Conference. It also offers opportunities for youth who are interested in relationship-building and hands-on mission. --United Methodist Women