

# Resources Report

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| (BK1528) Worship in the Shape of Scripture<br>Taking a cue from recent homiletical scholarship that suggests that Scripture texts should inform sermon form, F. Russell Mitman reflects on ways this principle may be applied to liturgics. The author guides us through the practical steps of moving from lectionary to liturgy, focusing on a text, structuring the worship service, writing vital liturgy, planning in advance for shared leadership, and actually leading worship. As Mitman describes this movement, he addresses issues that many congregations face: -- how to make both sermon and liturgy work together to form a unified "Word event" -- how to "do liturgy" rather than have a feeling of performance/entertainment in the worship service -- how to successfully introduce change in the form of congregational worship.<br>Age: YAS 176 Pages   | 1             | F. Russell Mitman and Fore | Pilgrim Press          | 2005          |
| (BK1529) Exile or Embrace?: Congregations Discerning Their Respo<br>A helpful guide for pastors and congregations asking the question: How will we as a congregation be in covenant with our gay members? Mahan Siler is a retired senior pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina and has been a consultant to six congregations who have entered into the dialogue of congregational response to gays and lesbians within their churches.<br><br>Contents: Section I : The Pullen story : a pastoral journal -- The alarm of AIDS-- The power of story -- Public reactions -- Continuing education -- Pullen going public -- The gathering storm -- Backing into a whirlwind -- The eye of the storm -- The hurricane's backside -- The storm subsiding -- The parting of ways -- Section II : Leading the process -- Readiness --Anticipating the stages -- Leadership -- Creating a plan -- Implementing the plan -- Section III : Study guide -- Session 1 : gathering and clarifying your purpose -- Session 2 : readiness -- Session 3 : anticipating the stages-- Session 4 : leadership -- Session 5 : creating a plan (part 1) -- Session 6 : creating a plan (part 2) -- Session 7 : implementing the plan -- Session 8 : concluding the study.<br>Age: YAS 192 Pages | 1             | Mahan Siler                | Pilgrim Press          | 2005          |
| (BK1530) Health and Wellness: What your faith community can do<br>McNamara, who has spent much of her life working with her father, Rev. Granger Westberg, the founder of the Parish Nurse Ministry Movement, presents a step-by-step process of how to start a health ministry within a faith community and gives an in-depth look at the history of religion and medicine from a Christian as well as a non-Christian perspective.<br><br>Contents: Faith communities and health -- From suffering to strength -- Valuing gifts -- A brief history of medicine and the Christian tradition -- The health cabinet -- Models for health ministry.<br>Age: YAS 96 Pages  | 1             | Jill Westberg McNamara     | Pilgrim Press          | 2006          |
| (BK1531) A clergy guide to child abuse and neglect<br>Cynthia Crosson-Tower offers clergy a much-needed, clearly presented how-to guide to help clergy recognize child abuse and neglect situations, do effective crisis intervention, and understand how child protection agencies operate and the important role they play in the helping and healing process for both individuals and congregations.<br>Age: YAS 256 Pages   | 1             | Cynthia Crosson-Tower      | Pilgrim Press          | 2006          |
| (BK1532) Class leaders : Recovering a tradition, leader's guide<br>This course will explore the origins of the office of class leader in the Wesleyan Methodist tradition. It examines the need for recovering the lay pastoral ministry of the class leader for the twenty-first century church. Participants will see how the ministry of Certified Lay Servants intersects with that of the class leader.<br>Age: YAS 78 Pages   | 1             | Steven W. Manskar          | Discipleship Resources | 2013          |

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| (BK1533) Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist<br>"Commissioned by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for use in United Methodist doctrine/polity/history courses." This in-depth analysis of the connection between United Methodist polity and theology addresses ways in which historical developments have shaped--and continue to shape--the organization of the church. This revised edition incorporates the actions of The United Methodist General Conference, 2004. The book discusses continuing reforms of the church's plan for baptism and church membership, as well as the emergence of deacon's orders and other changes to ordained ministry procedures. The text is now cross-referenced to the Book of Discipline, 2004, including the revised order of disciplinary chapters and paragraph numbering. Denominational statistics are updated, along with references to recent works on The United Methodist Church and American religious life.<br>Age: YAS 361 Pages | 1             | Thomas E Frank        | Abingdon Press         | 2006          |
| (BK1534) Counseling persons with addictions & compulsions : A ha<br>Contents: Part I: Introduction: Addictions, clergy, and faith -- Part II: Casestudies. Alcohol ; Cocaine ; Compulsive buying ; Computers--excessiveInternet use ; Ecstasy--MDMA ; Excessive exercise ; Gambling ; Heroin ;Inhalants ; Marijuana ; Methamphetamine ; Over-the-counter drug abuse ;Overeating ; Prescription drug dependence/abuse ; Steroids ; Tobacco ;Workaholism -- Summary and conclusions.<br>Age: YAS 239 Pages  | 1             | Andrew J. Weaver      | Pilgrim Press          | 2007          |
| (BK1535) Leading worship : A lay servant ministries advanced cour<br>This advanced course in Lay Servant Ministries focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group, class, organization, or the congregation in worship. The course is grounded in the classic patterns of Christian worship and the practices of leading worship. Participants will come to understand more about Christian worship in order to lead worship with more confidence. They will practice leading worship in a variety of formats throughout the course.<br>Age: YAS 63 Pages   | 1             | Taylor Burton-Edwards | Discipleship Resources | 2013          |
| (BK1536) Planning worship : A lay servant ministries advanced cou<br>This advanced course in Lay Servant Ministries builds on the course Leading Worship, and it is grounded in the principles and practices of worship planning.<br>Age: YAS 80 Pages  | 1             | Taylor Burton-Edwards | Discipleship Resources | 2013          |

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| (BK1537) Finding our way : Love and law in the United Methodist | 1 | Rueben P. Job | Abingdon Press | 2014 |
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Questions and conflict about homosexual practice and the church abound. We encounter media reports of same-gender unions and clergy trials. This leads to talk in congregations and district preacher's meetings, in the hallways at district, conference and general church gatherings, and in the deliberations of the Council of Bishops where we hear prayers, questions, and an outpouring of conviction or anguish.

We observe The United Methodist Church grappling with issues of importance that divide and confound us. We hunger for our church to engage hard questions and decisions in a spirit of generosity, gracefulness, and mutual respect.

This book could change the nature of the conversation. It encourages frank and constructive dialogue that will help us conference together and open ourselves to God's guidance. We seek faithful, fair, just, and loving resolution to issues that challenge our faith community.

Finding Our Way: Love and Law in The United Methodist Church is authored by several United Methodist bishops. These writers enunciate and clarify pathways that represent faithful, responsible, and constructive ways forward through the current controversies. Each bishop articulates a prescription for moving through current conflict about homosexual practice, same-gender unions, qualifications for ordination, and maintaining the "good standing" of elders. Go to [www.ministrymatters.com/FindingOurWay](http://www.ministrymatters.com/FindingOurWay) to read the introduction and to comment.

Contents:

Frame: An introduction about the guiding vision and theological framework as we seek together to be faithful to God and to our covenants. By Rueben P. Job, retired, from the Iowa Area, and by Neil M. Alexander, who is publisher for The United Methodist Church.

Part One: Options

Enforce (follow the Book of Discipline): The Discipline interprets scripture and contains the rule of law for UM congregations and elders. When sacred promises are violated, leaders must uphold the spirit and letter of the law and follow the process defined by the Discipline. By Gregory V. Palmer, who serves the Ohio West Area.

Emend (work to change the Book of Discipline): The General Conference legislative process must be engaged to emend the Book of Discipline—or not. This is the responsible and thoroughly United Methodist way of moving through disputes and reaching consensus. By Hope Morgan Ward, who serves the Raleigh Area.

Disobey (biblical obedience): Scripture and the sanctity of love are a higher authority than the Book of Discipline. Therefore, the current impasse must be broken by loving acts of conscientious fidelity to higher principles. By Melvin G. Talbert, retired, from the San Francisco Area.

Disarm (suspending conflict between personal and social holiness): In many kinds of conflicts, in marriage and in war, the conflicted parties drop their weapons or grievances, agree to a cease fire, and search for a peaceful way to resolve their disagreement. By Kenneth H. Carter Jr., who serves the Florida Area.

Part Two: Responses

Order (supporting our covenant): Our sacred trust depends on keeping our promises. By J. Michael Lowry, who serves the Forth Worth Area

Unity (dwelling in God's church as a family of Christ followers): When two elephants fight, the grass suffers. By John K. Yambasu, who serves the Sierra Leone Area.

Diversity (coexisting with differences). By Rosemarie Wenner, who serves the Germany Area and is current president of the Council of Bishops.

Part Three: Steps

Trust God (discernment): Immerse ourselves in an intense process of prayerful discernment. This approach pleads for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and asks all to open themselves without condition or pre-judgment to the insight and inspiration that comes through deep prayer and listening. By Rueben P. Job, retired, from the Iowa Area.

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| (BK1538) That They May Be One? The Episcopal United Methodist | 1 | C. Franklin Brookhart, Greg Seabury Books |  | 2014 |
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The Episcopal Church and United Methodist Church are developing an official relationship, working toward mutual recognition of ministry and Eucharistic presidency.

Bishops Brookhart and Palmer, in addition to being leaders in their respective denominations, are close personal friends, bringing a deeper level of connection to this developing relationship. Here, they curate an intriguing collection of essays by a variety of gifted writers, who uncover and chart the historical, theological, ecclesiological, and practical aspects of a more intentional shared ministry.

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| (DVD1430) The Trouble with the Truth: Balancing Truth and Grace | 1 | Rob Renfroe | Abingdon Press | 2014 |
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There's a lot of talk today about "culture wars," but these external conflicts are only a symptom of a deeper problem: there is trouble with the truth. Beneath our differences about the values that should define our culture is a real disagreement about what is true. Those who hold to the traditional beliefs of the Christian faith find themselves at odds with a culture that no longer believes there are universal spiritual or moral truths that apply to everyone. And they grieve that the confusion about what is true is just as strong in the church.

The Trouble with the Truth explores the truth—why it's in trouble, what the culture tells us about it, and why the church is so confused about it. In an engaging and compelling style, Rob Renfroe reminds us that the Christian life requires commitment to both truth and grace. Like a tightrope walker with a balance bar, we must learn to balance compassion for people and passion for truth, combining them in equal measure just as Jesus did. Readers will examine the essentials about truth and grace, understand the differences between a cultural worldview and a scriptural worldview, and discover how to be instruments of real influence and transformation in our time by following Jesus's example.

The DVD contains six video segments of approximately 10-15 minutes each for use during the group sessions. Sessions include:

Full of Grace and Truth

Why Grace Is Essential and Truth Matters

Why Our Culture Values Compassion Over Truth: Understanding Three Worldviews

Comparing the Cultural Worldview to a Scriptural Worldview

The New Absolutes

What Does Love Require?

All video sessions are closed captioned. A leader's guide and the study the book is based on are included.

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| (KIT143) The Daniel Plan Church Campaign Kit | 1 | Rick Warren, Daniel Amen, Zondervan |  | 2013 |
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This six-week preaching series and church campaign from Rick Warren, Dr. Daniel Amen and Dr. Mark Hyman is an innovative approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle that is both transformational and sustainable because it is about abundant choices, not diet deprivation. With assistance from medical and fitness experts, Pastor Rick Warren and thousands of people from his congregation started on a journey to transform their own lives. It started with God's prescription for their health, and it's called The Daniel Plan. The Daniel Plan teaches simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into your current lifestyle. The campaign is centered on five essentials that will guarantee your success: faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends. Each area affects the others and can't succeed solo. So are you ready to revolutionize your health once and for all? The Daniel Plan Church Campaign Kit is a great way to encourage everyone in your church toward a healthy lifestyle, explore biblical principles for health, and unite your congregation around a single purpose. This Kit includes all of the materials needed for a six-week church campaign: The Daniel Plan book, The Daniel Plan Study Guide, The Daniel Plan DVD-ROM containing six small-group video sessions, sermon outlines, and all the materials needed to launch and sustain a whole church campaign.

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| (KIT144) Treasure: A Stewardship Program on Faith and Money<br>Whether you are in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to your values, your faith, and the health of your relationships. It's no wonder that in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus presented a radical message about our "treasure" and our hearts.<br>In this four-week stewardship program and church-wide study, Jacob Armstrong uses Matthew 6 to reexamine how we look at our finances and possessions, through the counter-cultural teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.<br><br>Sessions include:<br>Week 1: Where Is Your Treasure? Matthew 6:19-23<br>Week 2: The Problem with Two Masters Matthew 6:24<br>Week 3: How to Give Matthew 6:1-6<br>Week 4: Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing Matthew 6:25-35<br><br>This kit includes one each of the Daily Readings, the DVD, and the Program Guide and Flash Drive.<br>Age: YAS 3 | 1             | Jacob Armstrong | Abingdon Press   | 2014          |