

New Resources May 2016

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ADULTS 222.8 Davis, Talbot. **Solve: Finding God's Solutions in a World of Problems.**

DAVIS Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Nehemiah was not exactly handed a piece of cake. He had to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem after his people returned from exile...that's all. Talk about a problem solver! Nehemiah chose not to dwell on his complicated task and the many dilemmas that came with it. Instead, he sought God's solutions, following God's lead and trusting God's purpose. In this five-week study, author Talbot Davis shows us how our problems, as individuals and as a society, are not unlike Nehemiah's. You will see how you can follow in his footsteps, building up your life and the world around you. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and discussion, a practical focus for the week, a closing prayer, and daily Scripture passages to guide personal reading throughout the week. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 231 Warlick, Harold C. **You Can't Keep a Good God Down: Messages of Hope and Inspiration from a University Chapel.** High Point, NC: High Point

WARLICK

University Press, 2007.

Summary: These messages of hope and inspiration were preached in the Chapel of High Point University.

ADULTS 241.64 **Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics.** Waco, Tex: The

241.64

BAYLOR

Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2016.

Summary: We live in a violent society that is spawning a culture of violence. Our contributors examine some salient patterns of violence and our prurient voyeurism of them. They propose better responses to them for congregations. William Cavanaugh explores the idea that religions are peculiarly prone to instigating violence and concludes, this "myth is a dangerous ideological justification for the dominance of secular social orders, which can and do inspire violence." Mark Heim shows how Christ's crucifixion plays a key role in exposing one of the most violent ways humans deal with communal problems--the scapegoating sacrifice--and rejects it. Some may think no act of violence is prohibited if the consequences are good enough. To resist this lure, Candace Vogler commends Christian courage that faces the future by trusting in God. Daniel Train critiques 'no-garbage-in' isolation from and 'all-things-are-lawful' consumption of violence in news, sports, and pop culture. Keith G. Meador, William C. Cantrell, and Jason Nieuwsma address the moral injury of soldiers, Al Miles gives advice on responding to domestic abuse, and Walt Draughon recounts building bridges in a community traumatized by racial violence. --Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University

Content Notes:

- "Religion, Violence, Nonsense, and Power," / William T. Cavanaugh -- "The End of Scapegoating," / S. Mark Heim -- "Reflections on Christian Courage," / Candace Vogler -- "Recovering from Moral Injury," / Keith G. Meador, William C. Cantrell, and Jason Nieuwsma -- "Consuming Violence: Voyeurism versus Vision," / Daniel Train

ADULTS Berlin, Tom. **Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More.**

241.68

BERLIN

Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Our possessions can create unbearable weight and affect our ability to serve and thrive. How do we defy gravity and find freedom? In this 4-week small group study and stewardship campaign, pastor and author Tom Berlin explores what is required to sustain a vibrant life, what we need versus what we want, and what we can do to avoid being pulled into the orbit of materialism. The Leader Kit includes the book, leader guide, DVD, program tools flash drive, The Generous Church pastor's guide, plus one family card

pack. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Generosity Moment - Al (8:47) -- 2. Generosity Moment - Catherine and Navin (7:36) -- 3. Generosity Moment - Tony (8:52) -- 4. Generosity Moment - Jordan (7:27) -- Bonus: Generosity Moment - Pam (7:59)

ADULTS 248.6 Schnase, Robert C. **Practicing Extravagant Generosity : Daily Readings on the Grace of Giving** . Abingdon Press : Nashville, 2011.

SCHNASE

Summary: An indispensable part of the Extravagant Generosity stewardship program, this volume, by Bishop Schnase, opens the Scriptures to show the joy and grace of giving. Designed to provide daily Bible readings for the four weeks of the program, it leads the reader to explore such questions as "Why do we give," "Who benefits most from our giving," and "Where does true contentment come from?" By reading and following this guide to the spiritual discipline of stewardship, church members will experience afresh the joy of serving God with their time, talents, and gifts. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Welcome -- Week one -- Week two -- Week three -- Week four.

ADULTS 253 Folmsbee, Chris. **Gladhearted Disciples : Equipping Your Congregation with Generous and Enduring Faith** . Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2015.

FOLMSBEE

Summary: Even a small shift in daily actions can move us closer to a more beautiful life. As pastors and leaders, we need a way to articulate and teach this critical aspect of the Christian life so that it resonates with members of our congregation and helps them understand what it means to act like a disciple and not merely sound like one. Gladhearted Disciples includes small, tangible things we can do to integrate faith into a 30-day set of practices that will make us authentic witnesses in the real world. Can be used for personal, spiritual development or to foster Christian formation and maturity within the context of small groups. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 253 Schnase, Robert C. **Just Say Yes! Participant Guide: Unleashing People for Ministry**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, [2016].

SCHNASE

Summary: In Just Say Yes! Robert Schnase shows church leaders how to unleash people for fruitful ministry. He teaches leaders to spot their own nay-saying, and gives specific instructions for reversing the culture of 'No' that has become so prevalent in many churches. Step by step, Schnase shows readers—pastors, other church leaders, and congregants—how to make significant change in their attitude and actions, to become a permission-giving church. This set of resources is the next step in the author's effort to reshape church leaders across the mainline denomination. Just Say Yes! Becoming a Permission-Giving Church give church leaders what they need in order to begin implementing the principles in the original book. It starts with a group study experience for church leaders, facilitated by a senior leader (typically the pastor). The study can be done in as little as 3 hours or, if groups watch all the videos and do all the optional exercises and activities, up to 6 hours total. The sessions can be used as a single-day retreat or broken up into 3 or 6 separate sessions. They can be stand-alone sessions, or incorporated into meetings for staff and lay leaders. The Leader Guide includes instructions and guidance for leaders in planning, hosting, debriefing and following up after the experience. Using this resource, plus the included customizable PowerPoint slides and the video Stories of Permission, a pastor or other key leader can effectively facilitate an extraordinary group experience resulting in transformation for the congregation. The Participant Guide is a complete workbook and devotion guide for church leaders—staff and laity—who participate in the Permission-Giving group experience. These will typically be church councils, staff teams, committee chairs, ministry team leaders, and the like. The Guide includes prompts to reinforce the material shared in the videos

and by the facilitator, questions for reflection and discussion, and specific action steps for becoming permission-giving leaders in the church. It includes plenty of room for writing and note taking during the group experience. It also includes a 7-day Devotional, which the participant can complete either during or after the group experience. The group experience includes 6 inspiring and compelling videos from real church settings. Several additional video clips are also available, for groups wanting to spend more time exploring ideas together. A printed 4-Week Devotional is also available, and can be used by individual church members autonomously, or (ideally) used by every member as a personal study guide accompanying the 4-Week Sermon & Worship series. The material is flexible and accessible for all adult readers, and can be done in one sitting or spread throughout the week. This study consists of a Leader Guide, Participant Guide, DVD, a Devotional Guide and free Customizable Downloadable Resources. The DVD has 8 video stories showing the Permission-Giving Church in action, 3 brief videos essays demonstrating the essentials of a permission-giving church and 1 video promo for inviting participation in the Just Say Yes! experience. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 253 SLAUGHTER Slaughter, Michael. **The Passionate Church : Ignite Your Church and Change the World** . Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: It's good to talk about ministry. It's better to do it, and do it passionately. In 2008, the United Methodist Church lifted up "Four Areas of Focus" for ministry, and churches have responded. But at Ginghamburg Church, in the rust-belt town of Tipp City, Ohio, the church has been doing exciting and effective ministry in those four areas for 35 years and more. This work has spread throughout the U.S. and the world. Engaging in Ministry with the Poor, Improving Global Health, Developing Principled Christian Leaders, Creating New and Renewed Congregations. The work has led to a host of creative ministries and organic growth...because they were meeting the needs of their community and their world as the hands and feet of Christ. The book comes with a built-in facilitator guide to encourage pastor peer groups and other leadership groups interested in deepening the discussion. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Welcome to the passionate church -- Developing principled Christian leaders
- Engaging in ministry with the poor -- Creating new and renewed congregations -- Improving global health

ADULTS 253.7 CUNNINGHAM Cunningham, Nick. **One DVD: A Small Group Journey Toward Life-Changing Community**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Life is better shared...especially in a Christ-centered community. Although One is a small-group study written to cover an eight-week session, its larger purpose is for participants of the group to embrace meaningful relationships with their fellow Christ followers and to continuing to meet together, lifting each other up, pushing each other forward, and sending each other out—indefinitely. One Journal is an interactive tool that helps small group members take the first step by answering questions that call for individual responses and with prompts for creative interaction. Group activities based on the weekly lesson are designed to further build the community. In addition to the Journal, a Leader Guide and DVD are also available. The One DVD contains an introduction and four video sessions approximately 10–15 minutes each. DVD is closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. One Life -- 2. One Mind -- 3 One Heart -- 4. One Way

ADULTS 253.7 CUNNINGHAM Cunningham, Nick. **One Leader Guide: A Small Group Journey Toward Life-Changing Community**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. One Life -- 2. One Mind -- 3 One Heart -- 4. One Way -- 5. Pushing One Another Forward -- 6. Lifting One Another Up -- 7. Sending One Another Out -- 8. Ground Rules and Life Stories

ADULTS 253.7 Cunningham, Nick. **One: A Small Group Journey Toward Life-Changing CUNNINGHAM Community**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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ADULTS 253.7 Smith, James Bryan. **A Spiritual Formation Workbook: Small-Group SMITH Resources for Nurturing Christian Growth**. San Francisco, Calif: HarperSanFrancisco, [1999].

Summary: This beginning workbook for Renovaré Spiritual Formation Groups features guidelines for starting a group, study plans for the first nine sessions, and a questionnaire that helps map the way ahead. Based upon six major dimensions of the spiritual life found in the life of Christ and Christian tradition: Contemplative: The Prayer-Filled Life; Holiness: The Virtuous Life ; Charismatic: The Spirit-Empowered Life; Social Justice: The Compassionate Life; Evangelical: The Word-Centered Life; and Incarnational: The Sacramental Life, this workbook program provides all the necessary ingredients to start and maintain a Spiritual Formation Group. This revised and updated edition includes a new chapter. --Renovare

ADULTS 254 Bradshaw, Anita L. **Change and Conflict in Your Congregation (Even if BRADSHAW You Hate Both) : How to Implement Conscious Choices, Manage Emotions, and Build a Thriving Christian Community** . Woodstock, Vermont, : SkyLight Paths/Christian Journeys Publishing, [2015].

Summary: Change and conflict are often feared in churches—but they don't need to be. When we learn to see these difficulties as normal, healthy parts of being a community, it is much easier to navigate them with a minimum of anxiety and bad behavior. We are able to let go of our fears and face change and conflict as catalysts for moving forward in the mission of showing God's love and justice to the world. In fact, there is no way to move forward in mission without change and conflict. This warmhearted guidebook will help your church navigate change and channel conflict into deeper understanding and a stronger sense of community. Lay leaders, pastors and church staff will be empowered by creative, easy-to-implement strategies to: Establish appropriate congregational behavior and communication, Practice nonanxious

leadership in the midst of upheaval, Foster productive community discussion and discernment, Manage a community's tendency to polarize disagreements, Encourage imaginative thinking and creative responses to difficult situations, Replace a congregation's discouraging self-image with an empowering vision for ministry. --Christian Journeys

Content Notes:

- Conflict and change: unwelcome in churches -- A new way to see change and conflict -- Understanding and managing the process of change -- Working with and thriving through conflict -- Why do we love extremes? Developing imagination and managing polarities -- Changing the stories we tell ourselves.

ADULTS 254.5 Farr, Bob. **Get Their Name Coordinator's Guide: Growing Your Church by Building New Relationships.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: You want to share your faith with others, but doing so makes you uneasy; you don't want to come off as pushy. In *Get Their Name*, readers learned how to talk about spiritual beliefs in a way that feels natural and completely genuine. Now, in addition to the book, a new set of resources—including a Participant's Workbook, a Coordinator's Guide, and a DVD with sermon videos and graphics—gives you everything you need to facilitate a churchwide *Get Their Name* experience in your congregation. Join churches across the country and learn how to take the next step with this new faith-sharing approach. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 254.5 Farr, Bob. **Get Their Name DVD: Growing Your Church by Building New Relationships.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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Content Notes:

- 1. *Get Their Name* Promotional Video (1:10) -- 2. Week One: Do You Know Your Own Story? (2:59) -- 3. Week Two: The Person Behind The Need (2:47) -- 4. Week Three: Being An Everyday Christian (2:43) -- 5. Week Four: Are You Prepared? (4:50)

ADULTS 254.5 Farr, Bob. **Get Their Name Participant Workbook: Growing Your Church by Building New Relationships.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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ADULTS 254.5 Farr, Bob. **Get Their Name: Growing Your Church by Building New Relationships.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2013.

Summary: As a church leader, you are (probably) targeting the wrong people with your 'evangelism' efforts. You are operating a model that no longer works, because it is too passive, too polite, and focused in the wrong direction. You are not making new disciples, not adding significantly to Christ's transformation of the world. And you—or at least your congregation--

are (probably) unaware of this fact. There is hope, and you will find it in these pages. Farr, Kotan and Anderson reveal the ways most churches unwittingly misdirect their reach into the community. The authors show in practical terms how to change the habits of leaders and entire congregations, so that invitation is natural, constant, systemic, genuine, and easy. Get Their Name clearly demonstrates how your church can change, and equips your people to share their faith in a way that is effective, biblical, and transformational. -- Cokesbury

ADULTS 262 Asbury, Francis. **The Causes, Evils, and Cures of Heart and Church**
ASBURY **Divisions** . Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Francis Asbury said he was "feeling the pain of a partial separation in spirit and practice from some who were as my brethren and sons in the gospel," He "saw so clearly the evil consequences of a division, and how good and pleasant a thing it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity." So he began to abridge and edit two works written in the 1600s during the English Civil War. Asbury's 1792 result, *The Causes, Evils & Cures of Heart & Church Divisions*, was one of the earliest publications sold to Methodist congregations and leaders by John Dickins, the first book steward of what is now the United Methodist Publishing House. The book was recommended in the Book of Discipline during the 19th century and repackaged in a new edition by the Methodist Book Concern in 1849 after Methodists split, north from south, over the battle to end slavery. Decisions about what to include or omit were made while abridging and reissuing a work in 2016 that is based in sources from 1653 and 1670, when the dialect of Elizabethan English was spoken. We no longer speak this dialect, so the following principles guide the translation of archaic English in this further abridgment of Francis Asbury's selections. First, scripture quotations are converted to the Common English Bible, which also influences the vocabulary and syntax of the text where biblical allusions are employed. Second, with occasional exceptions, the text is now gender inclusive. Third, archaic words and idioms are replaced with functional or dynamic equivalents in present-day English. For example, few readers would know that a "jade," who plays "jedish tricks," is a worn-out old horse who is ill tempered. As another example, the word livery is replaced with "attire." The structure and flow of the abridgment by Bishop Asbury is preserved, with the headings adjusted to fit with the selected excerpts as well as the translation principles. This book compiled by Francis Asbury continues to resonate with readers as a classic for painfully clear reasons: it shows how we love ourselves and our ideas far more than we love our neighbors or our adversaries. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 262 Asbury, Francis. **The Causes, Evils, and Cures of Heart and Church**
ASBURY **Divisions Study Edition**. Nashville, Tennessee : Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Francis Asbury (1745-1816) was born in England and brought Methodism to North America during forty-five years of ministry. Methodists grew in number from six hundred when Asbury started to over two hundred thousand people in the movement by the time of his death. As he worked with total dedication to reform the nation and spread scriptural, personal, and social holiness throughout the land, he preached, petitioned to abolish slavery, and promoted Sunday schools to teach children reading and mathematics. As a key founder of the American Methodist movement, Asbury observed that it took only a few years for division to emerge among the most passionate and zealous followers of the Wesleyan way. So he repurposed and abridged two earlier works to create *The Causes, Evils and Cures of Heart and Church Divisions*. This book was recommended for study to early Methodists as a spiritual cure for the human tendency to love self and ideas more than we love others: our colleagues, our neighbors, and our enemies. The study questions found throughout this book are suitable for cultivating spiritual formation within individuals and among a community. As you read about these causes and evils that divide our hearts from each other, nearly every

individual will recognize the need for personal improvement in thoughts, words, and deeds. Includes study questions for group study. Six sessions. -- Cokesbury

ADULTS 264
REDMAN Redman, Robb. **The Great Worship Awakening : Singing a New Song in the Postmodern Church** . San Francisco, CA : Jossey-Bass, 2002.

Summary: In this helpful (and much-needed) book, author Robb Redman-pastor, consultant, and educator-offers a unique insider's explanation of the ins and outs of Christian worship trends. The book explores the four major developments that comprise what he calls the "worship awakening": the seeker service movement, the "praise and worship" movement, the Christian worship music industry, and the liturgical renewal movement. Redman explains that these trends offer important examples and lessons for established churches. The Great Worship Awakening also includes helpful guidance for congregations who are considering making changes to their current worship style. --Jossey Bass

Content Notes:

- The seeker service : evangelism and worship -- The praise and worship movement -- The contemporary worship music industry -- The liturgical renewal movement -- Ethnicity, culture, and the worship awakening -- How generations view worship -- The postmodern worldview -- Popular culture and the worship awakening -- A theology of the worship awakening -- Sources and strategies for worship innovation.

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BARBER Barber, William J. **The Third Reconstruction : Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement** . Boston : Beacon Press, [2016].

Summary: In the summer of 2013, Moral Mondays gained national attention as tens of thousands of citizens protested the extreme makeover of North Carolina's state government and over a thousand people were arrested in the largest mass civil disobedience movement since the lunch counter sit-ins of 1960. Every Monday for 13 weeks, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber led a revival meeting on the state house lawn that brought together educators and the unemployed, civil rights and labor activists, young and old, documented and undocumented, gay and straight, black, white and brown. News reporters asked what had happened in state politics to elicit such a spontaneous outcry. But most coverage missed the seven years of coalition building and organizing work that led up to Moral Mondays and held forth a vision for America that would sustain the movement far beyond a mass mobilization in one state. A New Reconstruction is Rev. Barber's memoir of the Forward Together Moral Movement, which began seven years before Moral Mondays and extends far beyond the mass mobilizations of 2013. Drawing on decades of experience in the Southern freedom struggle, Rev. Barber explains how Moral Mondays were not simply a reaction to corporately sponsored extremism that aims to re-make America through state legislatures. Moral Mondays were, instead, a tactical escalation in the Forward Together Moral Movement to draw attention to the anti-democratic forces bent on serving special interests to the detriment of the common good. --Provided by publisher

Content Notes:

- PROLOGUE: Go Home -- CHAPTER 1: Son of a Preacher Man -- CHAPTER 2: My First Fight -- CHAPTER 3: Learning to Stand Together -- CHAPTER 4: From Banquets to Battle -- CHAPTER 5: Resistance Is Your Confirmation -- CHAPTER 6: Many a Conflict, Many a Doubt -- CHAPTER 7: The Darkness Before the Dawn -- CHAPTER 8: A Moral Movement for the Nation -- CHAPTER 9: America's Third Reconstruction -- APPENDIX FOR ORGANIZERS: Fourteen Steps Forward Together -- AFTERWORD BY JONATHAN WILSON-HARTGROVE -- ACKNOWLEDGMENTS -- NOTES -- INDEX

ADULTS 287.6 Bickerton, Thomas J. **What Are We Fighting For? A Six-Week Devotional**

BICKERTON **Journey: Coming Together Around What Matters Most.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: With all the issues facing The United Methodist Church today, there are plenty of theories and opinions about what we should do. Frankly, many of us are weary of the relentless bickering associated with all the rhetoric. What are we fighting for? This question not only points us to the futility of our disunity but also compels us to consider what we are fighting for—what deserves our greatest intensity and effort as we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton offers a way to move beyond all the discord to a hope-filled future by exploring how we can come together around what matters most so that the gospel of Jesus Christ becomes a vibrant part of our lives and witness. He says that fights, feuds, and uncertainties can distract us, leaving us ineffective and mired in mediocrity and decline; but focusing on what matters most causes our ministries to flourish and the church to become a relevant and vital presence in the community and world. With a warm and practical approach, he leads us on a journey of discernment, inviting us to explore: the spiritual problem at the heart of the issues we're facing, three foundational reminders, guidelines for determining the essentials necessary to make disciples, a motto for working together in the midst of disagreement, and thoughts about the ultimate essential, love. This companion volume to *What Are We Fighting For?* functions beautifully on its own or as part of a group study. It offers six weeks of devotions on what matters most as we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Includes Scriptures, reflections, personal stories and insights, daily challenges, and prayers. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Getting to the Heart of the Matter -- 2. Three Reminders for the Journey -- 3. Discerning What Matters Most -- 4. Filling in the Blank with Essentials -- 5. Paddling in the Same Canoe -- 6. Finishing with Love -- Notes

ADULTS 287.6 Bickerton, Thomas J. **What Are We Fighting For? DVD: Coming Together Around What Matters Most.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: United Methodists need a breath of fresh air. Don't worry. This is not another book full of theories and opinions about what we should do concerning all the issues facing our denomination—quite the opposite. In *What Are We Fighting For?* author Thomas J. Bickerton offers a way to move beyond all the discord to a hope-filled future by exploring how we can come together around what matters most so that the gospel of Jesus Christ becomes a vibrant part of our lives and witness. The book may be used as a standalone devotional or as part of a six-week adult or churchwide study enhanced with a DVD featuring compelling video segments with Bishop Bickerton and a Leader Guide that includes flexible format options for use with any size group. The small-group DVD features 10–15 minute videos to be used with each session. Each session is closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Getting to the Heart of the Matter (11:47) -- 2. Three Reminders for the Journey (12:23) -- 3. Discerning What Matters Most (11:57) -- 4. Filling in the Blank with Essentials (12:36) -- 5. Paddling in the Same Canoe (14:24) -- 6. Finishing with Love (14:00) -- Bonus: A Fun Look Behind the Scenes (0:44) -- Promo (1:28)

ADULTS 287.6 Bickerton, Thomas J. **What Are We Fighting For? Leader Guide: Coming Together Around What Matters Most.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. Getting to the Heart of the Matter -- 2. Three Reminders for the Journey -- 3. Discerning What Matters Most -- 4. Filling in the Blank with Essentials -- 5. Paddling in the Same Canoe -- 6. Finishing with Love -- Handouts

ADULTS 287.6 Bickerton, Thomas J. **What Are We Fighting For?: Coming Together**

BICKERTON **Around What Matters Most.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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Content Notes:

- Introduction: What Matters Most -- 1. Getting to the Heart of the Matter -- 2. Three Reminders for the Journey -- 3. Discerning What Matters Most -- 4. Filling in the Blank with Essentials -- 5. Paddling in the Same Canoe -- 6. Finishing with Love -- Epilogue -- Notes -- Acknowledgments

ADULTS 287.6 Teykl, Terry. **Pray the Price : United Methodists United in Prayer.** Muncie, Ind. : Prayer Point Press, 1997.

Summary: Is God through with mainline churches, or could specific, intentional prayer and radical dependence on God stir revival in the sleeping giants? There are discussion questions at the end of each chapter. --Prayer Point Press

ADULTS 305.800973 Wallis, Jim. **America's Original Sin : Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America** . Grand Rapids : Brazos Press, [2016].

WALLIS

Summary: America's problem with race has deep roots, with the country's foundation tied to the near extermination of one race of people and the enslavement of another. Racism is truly our nation's original sin. "It's time we right this unacceptable wrong," says bestselling author and leading Christian activist Jim Wallis. Fifty years ago, Wallis was driven away from his faith by a white church that considered dealing with racism to be taboo. His participation in the civil rights movement brought him back when he discovered a faith that commands racial justice. Yet as recent tragedies confirm, we continue to suffer from the legacy of racism. The old patterns of white privilege are colliding with the changing demographics of a diverse nation. The church has been slow to respond, and Sunday morning is still the most segregated hour of the week. In *America's Original Sin*, Wallis offers a prophetic and deeply personal call to action in overcoming the racism so ingrained in American society. He speaks candidly to Christians--particularly white Christians--urging them to cross a new bridge toward racial justice and healing. Whenever divided cultures and gridlocked power structures fail to end systemic sin, faith communities can help lead the way to grassroots change. Probing yet positive, biblically rooted yet highly practical, this book shows people of faith how they can work together to overcome the embedded

racism in America, galvanizing a movement to cross the bridge to a multiracial church and a new America. --Brazos Press

Content Notes:

- You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free -- Race is a story -- The parables of Ferguson and Baltimore -- The original sin and its legacy -- Repentance means more than just saying you're sorry -- Dying to whiteness -- A segregated church or a beloved community? -- From warriors to guardians - - The new Jim Crow and restorative justice -- Welcoming the stranger -- Crossing the bridge to a new America.

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MILLIKEN

Milliken, Bill. **The Last Dropout : Stop the Epidemic!** . Carlsbad, Calif. : Hay House, 2007.

Summary: Did you know that we're battling an epidemic? Almost one-third of all high-school students fail to graduate with their class; among minorities, the dropout rate is almost 50 percent. Dropouts are more likely than their peers to be unemployed, live in poverty, have poor health, depend upon social services, and go to jail. The combined loss of income and revenue to the American economy from a single year's dropouts is about \$192 billion. *From *The Silent Epidemic* (Bridgeland, Dilulio, and Morrison, 2006). But there is a solution to the dropout crisis that is proven, effective, replicable, and sustainable! Communities In Schools (CIS) reaches more than one million at-risk students and their families annually in more than 3,000 American schools. These kids would fall far below the national average for every measure of student success. Yet 98 percent of CIS-tracked students stayed in school. Why? What makes the difference? *The Last Dropout* offers nine key principles that Communities In Schools has tested over three decades. Interwoven are the dramatic life stories of CIS founder Bill Milliken and his colleagues, a journey that began in the turbulent 1960s as youth workers with a spiritual mission struggled to turn around the lives of dropouts and addicts. It traces the evolution of the CIS movement from a handful of groundbreaking "street academies" to a national network of hundreds of local affiliates. *The Last Dropout* also features stories about how CIS leaders have adopted these principles in their own communities, with stunning results! Forward by President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter. --Hay House

ADULTS
973.931
JAMISON

In Our Son's Name: A Documentary Film By Gayla Jamison. Atlanta, Ga: Lightfoot Films, Inc, [2016].

Summary: "In Our Son's Name" is an intimate portrait of Phyllis and Orlando Rodríguez, whose son, Greg, dies with thousands of others in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The bereaved parents choose reconciliation and nonviolence over vengeance and begin a transformative journey that both confirms and challenges their convictions. They speak out against war in Iraq and Afghanistan, publicly oppose the death penalty of avowed 9/11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui and befriend his mother. As their search for meaning evolves they speak out against anti-Muslim actions and find peace in working with prison inmates. Their marriage strengthens, and they reach a deeper understanding of their rebellious son, who had just begun to find his way when his life was cut short. The film mixes in-depth interviews with on-location footage and striking archival photographs and video to create a deeply personal story that invites us to re-consider conventional concepts of justice and healing. --Lightfoot Films

CHILDREN
268.432
RITTER

Ritter, Christopher Miles. **Seven Things John Wesley Expected Us to Do for Kids.** Nashville, Tenn: Cokesbury, 2016.

Summary: An encouraging gift book that reinforces the Wesleyan DNA of being passionate and purposeful in ministry with children. It uses John Wesley's instructions to Methodist preachers found in the "Large Minutes" as an outline of what he expected Methodists to do for kids. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Teach Them Intentionally-- Know Them Personally-- Pray for Them Intentionally-- Mentor Families Meaningfully -- Challenge Ourselves Continually -- Shape Our Ministries Appropriately -- Care for Them Practically

YOUTH
268.43
WILLIMON

Willimon, William H. **Making Disciples Mentor Support Video**. Inver Grove Heights, Minn: Logos Productions, 1996.

Summary: Making Disciples pairs confirmands with adult mentors and guides them through a variety of learning experiences that will strengthen the student's understanding of the faith while connecting him or her with the community of believers in a personal way. To undergird the need for mentor support, this DVD has been prepared to accompany this course. It provides an introduction to each session as well as helpful information about the challenges and questions mentors and students will likely bring to each session topic. A reminder is given in each session to view the DVD. We recommend a DVD for each mentor to help with preparation for each session. DVD's can be reused by mentors in following years. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Preparation and Getting Acquainted -- 2. God -- 3. Jesus -- 4. Holy Spirit -- 5. Worship -- 6. The Bible -- 7. Saints and Gifts -- 8. Ministry -- 9. Baptism - 10. Spiritual Life -- 11. Death and Resurrection -- 12. Life in the Church -- 13. The Faith Journey Continues

YOUTH 287 **re:form Traditions Anti-Workbook: Methodist**. Minneapolis, Minn:
SPARKHOUSE Sparkhouse, 2011.

Summary: The re:form Traditions Anti-Workbook provides individual and group activities to help youth engage the tough faith questions presented in the re:form session videos. This highly interactive workbook includes 24 pages of vivid illustrations and offers multiple types of engagement activities including drawing, interviews, photo reports, scrapbooking, Web searches, and an occasional thumb war. --Sparkhouse

Content Notes:

- 1. Did the Methodist church really start because of some holier-than-thou teenagers? -- 2. What the heck is prevenient grace and do I have to learn geometry to be a Methodist? -- 3. If a Methodist sings out of tune, does that mean they're not perfect? -- 4. What actually happens when Methodists are on a mission?

YOUTH 287 **re:form Traditions DVD: Methodist**. Minneapolis, Minn: Sparkhouse, 2011.
SPARKHOUSE

Summary: With the re:form Traditions session video, youth encounter questions from their faith tradition through creative, provocative humor, illustrations and animation. Each question is presented in simple terms to encourage exploration and discovery. The re:form Traditions DVD is a single disc that includes 4 session videos. Each video is between 7-9 minutes in length. --Sparkhouse

Content Notes:

- 1. Did the Methodist church really start because of some holier-than-thou teenagers? -- 2. What the heck is prevenient grace and do I have to learn geometry to be a Methodist? -- 3. If a Methodist sings out of tune, does that mean they're not perfect? -- 4. What actually happens when Methodists are on a mission?