

# Resources Report

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(BK1405) Dare to Dream: Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement Are your goals for the New Year too small? Are you living the "just get by" plan? Or is there a greater "God dream" for you that, if lived to the fullest, could permeate and inform every move you make?  Dare to Dream is a startling and inspiring new program by popular author and pastor Mike Slaughter that draws on the Bible and a lifetime of ministry to help us discern God's dream for us and learn to live it out, prayerfully and enthusiastically. Participants will learn how to develop a life mission statement that helps them fully commit to a God-directed lifestyle.  Chapters include: Dare to Dream – Wake up to God's dream inside you. Discover Your Identity – You were created with a purpose. Your Burning Bush – Be aware of those illuminating God moments in your life. Lose Your Big Buts – Allow God's strength to be displayed in your weakness. What's in Your Hand – Identify and utilize the ordinary gifts God has given you. God's Dream – Discover a dream for your life far greater than your own. Age: YAS 129 Pages	1	Mike Slaughter	Abingdon Press	2013
(BK1406) Worshiping with United Methodists: A Guide for Pastors Revised and updated, this popular book shows pastors and worship leaders the basics of United Methodist worship.  In this straightforward and updated commentary, Hoyt Hickman explains the basic pattern of United Methodist worship within the broader context of Christian worship. Drawing upon five basic principles, the author explains the formative nature of worship and how it can revitalize persons' lives. These principles are: God's Word is primary; active congregational participation is crucial; spontaneity and order are both important; worship should be relevant and inclusive; and worship is communion. This revision will highlight the African-American contribution to UM worship, discuss at greater length what the various worship styles mean for us today, say more about the formative nature of worship, and include updated resources including the Abingdon Worship Annual, the Abingdon Preaching Annual, and WorshipConnection.  Explains basic resources for planning and leading worship. Gives the basic pattern of UM worship and its origins. Gives practical suggestions how to renew and revitalize worship. Helps pastors be effective leaders in planning and revitalizing worship. Helps pastors understand and communicate the uniqueness of UM worship. Helps pastors lead their congregation into a deeper and richer experience of God through worship.  Contents: Getting started -- What is Christian worship? -- The basic pattern of worship and its origins -- The basic pattern as a United Methodist heritage-- Entrance -- Proclamation and response -- Thanksgiving and Communion -- Sending forth -- Into the twenty-first century. Age: YAS 135 Pages	1	Hoyt L. Hickman	Abingdon Press	2007
(BK1407) Instant Small Group: 52 Sessions for Anytime, Anywhere This no-preparation-required teaching resource provides a year's worth of engaging, transforming, and easy-to-lead discussion guides for adult small groups. All 52 studies are "open and go" for those who, for whatever reason, don't have the time or energy to prepare. They can be used by anyone in the group--not just the leader--and are perfect for road trips, retreats, coffeehouse conversations, or even as personal devotionals. Bonus callouts with discussion-specific teaching tips, brief Bible background information, and add-on ideas are included, as well as an appendix titled "20 Tips for Dynamic Discussions." Age: YAS 201 Pages	1	Mike Nappa	Baker Books	2011

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(BK1408) A Year with John Wesley and Our Methodist Values Do we act, live and breathe our faith? What do United Methodists believe? Do people notice a difference in the way United Methodists practice faith in the Church and world? A Year with John Wesley and Our Methodist Values is an engaging and provocative study of the practices of discipleship that are of "the Methodist way." Brief scholarly reflections on Wesleyan themes are followed by short essays making recurring Wesley tenets timely and relevant to today's world. Covering an aspect of distinctly Wesleyan theology a month, the collection of essays contained in this book provide an in-depth yet easily approachable 12-month survey of the Methodist tradition for clergy and laity alike. Age: YAS 61 Pages	1	Michael J. Coyner, et al.	Discipleship Resources	2008
(BK1409) From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermo "Let me tell you a story." Since childhood, those introductory words capture our attention like few others. Sharing our faith story can be just as captivating and influential. Yet even the most experienced public speaker may need help preparing a sermon that's both engaging and compelling. Franks and Carroll will help you develop such a sermon. The parts of this helpful experiential guide for novice and already certified lay speakers include: 1. types of sermons, from exegetical to topical to those for children 2. finding the story and using the hymnal 3. reading the Bible aloud 4. communicating on paper and moving beyond it 5. presentation and practice. Each of the sections is designed for two-hour sessions. Part of the Learning & Leading Series, which is a course that helps participants to prepare sermons by providing plans and worksheets, stressing good oral communication, offering suggestions on incorporating stories, and providing time for prayer, study and revision. Appropriate for use in a variety of settings, including Lay Speaking Advanced Courses, Ministerial Course of Study, colleges and seminaries. Instructor's Guide also available. Age: YAS 26 Pages	1	Tony Franks, David Carroll	Discipleship Resources	2007
(BK1410) Living into Community: Cultivating Practices that Sustain Every church, every organization, has experienced them: betrayal, deception, grumbling, envy, exclusion. They make life together difficult and prevent congregations from developing the skills, virtues, and practices they need to nurture sturdy and life-giving communities.  In Living into Community, Christine Pohl looks at four specific Christian practices — gratitude, promise-keeping, truth-telling, and hospitality — that can counteract these destructive forces and help churches and individuals build and sustain vibrant communities. Drawing on concrete congregational experiences and interacting with the biblical, historical, and moral traditions, Pohl thoughtfully discusses each practice, including its possible complications and deformations, and points to how these essential practices can be better cultivated within congregations and families. Age: YAS 213 Pages	1	Christine D. Pohl	W.B. Eerdmans Pub. Co.	2012
(BK1411) The Christian as Minister: An Exploration Into the Meani An introduction and explanation of the different types of ministry available for people considering God's call to ministry in The United Methodist Church. Age: YAS 102 Pages	1	Meg Lassiat, ed.	General Board of Higher E	2013
(BK1412) The Way to Heaven: The Gospel According to John Wesl FROM THE PUBLISHER: Is There a Way to Heaven? The great evangelist John Wesley believed there is, and he developed his theology to help people make the journey from sin to salvation. In Wesley's "order of salvation," God's grace is the keynote from start to finish. The Way to Heaven is a twentieth-anniversary revision of John Wesley's Message for Today. Dr. Steve Harper presents Wesley's writings and the ideas of Wesley scholars in language that is clear and accessible but never simplistic. Written in the spirit of Wesley, here are "plain words for plain people." The heart of this book is a thoughtful and inspiring look at Wesley's theology of grace and its power to transform. Included are two new chapters. "Vision and Means" explores Wesley's mission and methods, and "To Serve the Present Age" considers the impact and relevance of his message today. In addition, an updated reading list facilitates further study, and questions at the end of each chapter stimulate personal reflection and small group discussion. Ideal as a textbook or for personal study and reflection, this book will advance your knowledge and piety as you travel "the way to heaven." Age: YAS 160 Pages	1	J. Steven Harper	Zondervan Publishing	2005

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(BK1413) He Set His face to Jerusalem: A Lenten Study for Adults	1	Richard B. Wilke	Abingdon Press	2013
<p>In this Lenten study, Richard Wilke explores Jesus' commitment to go to Jerusalem. The Gospel of Luke says, "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). Wilke looks at Jesus' journey to Jerusalem in order to help us reflect on how we "set our faces" in life. He reminds us in the introduction, "As followers of Jesus, we are called to reflect on and pray about where we set our faces day by day. Where do we set our faces in our relationships with God and with our neighbor? Where do we set our faces with our ethical choices? Where do we set our faces when we see those who are poor and oppressed?" We might also ask other questions. What are our goals as people of faith? What are we resolute or determined about in our lives? As we set our faces to Jerusalem and to the ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus, what difference does it make? What does Jesus' determination say to us about our commitments and about our need to grow in love of God and neighbor?</p> <p>He Set His Face to Jerusalem includes seven chapters, one for each week in Lent and one for Holy Week and Easter. Each session includes a Scripture reference, a personal reading, questions for reflection, a closing prayer, and a focus for the week. The book is excellent for small group and individual use.</p> <p>Age: YAS 122 Pages</p>				
(DVD1339) Charting Christmas	1	Gary Wilkinson	Gary Wilkinson Productio	2012
<p>Why do we celebrate Christmas on December 25? How did Saint Nicholas become Santa Claus? Why do we have Christmas trees? Charting Christmas provides answers to these questions and many more as it explores the history of Christmas.</p> <p>Filmed on location in the Holy Land and the United Kingdom, this documentary traces the origins of Christmas traditions beginning with the biblical prophecies concerning the Messiah and the New Testament accounts of His birth. See how Christmas celebrations evolved through the ages and were influenced by notable figures and entities including Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Boniface, Charles Dickens, and even the Coca-Cola Corporation. Included are interviews with biblical scholars and historians, such as author and Bible teacher Lance Lambert and Canon Jim Rosenthal, Founder of the St. Nicholas Society. Their commentaries illuminate the origins of Christmas and tell us why we celebrate Christmas as we do today.</p> <p>Age: HYAS 41 mins</p>				
(DVD1340) Merry Christmas?	1	Mark Jeske	Time of Grace Ministry	
<p>For many, Christmas is a time of excitement and joy as loving families share in the festive traditions of the season. But for others, the Christmas holidays are only a reminder of what is missing in life. Merry Christmas? tells the stories of three such people. Sherry was abused as a child and sank into a life of prostitution, crime, and drug use. For her, Christmas was always the time when she hit rock bottom. As a young girl, Mirasel was orphaned after a natural disaster struck her native Philippines. She spent years without the love and support of a family. Vinny, an aspiring rock musician was on the road to fame and fortune until his wife died tragically and he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, events that shattered him and derailed his hopes and dreams. Yet, through the struggles and pain these three individuals have found the grace to cope with their losses and move ahead in faith. Pastor Mark Jeske of the Time of Grace television program hosts this Christmas special and brings perspective to these stories as he unveils how the Christmas story speaks to hurting people.</p> <p>Age: YAS 27 mins</p>				
(DVD1341) Dare to Dream: Creating a God-Sized Mission Statemen	1	Mike Slaughter	Abingdon Press	2013
<p>Dare to Dream is a startling and inspiring new program by popular United Methodist author and pastor Mike Slaughter that draws on the Bible and a lifetime of ministry to help us discern God's dream for us and learn to live it out, prayerfully and enthusiastically. This DVD contains six-weekly teaching sessions in which Slaughter guides participants in developing a life mission statement to help them fully commit to a God-directed lifestyle. Includes DVD, leader's guide, and one copy of the participant book.</p> <p>Age: YAS 50 mins</p>				
(DVD1342) Dare to Dream: Youth Study	1	Mike Slaughter, Nick Cunni	Abingdon Press	2013
<p>Dare to Dream is a startling and inspiring new program by popular author and pastor Mike Slaughter that draws on the Bible and a lifetime of ministry to help us discern God's dream for us and learn to live it out, prayerfully and enthusiastically. This DVD contains six-weekly teaching session guiding teens in developing a life mission statement to help them fully commit to a God-directed lifestyle.</p> <p>Age: MH 55 mins</p>				

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(DVD1343) Pastor & Parish: A Learning Resource for Staff/Pastor-P Combining videos, workbook content, guided discussion and complementary readings, Pastor & Parish is a six-session series for United Methodist staff-parish relations committees that ties the committee's responsibilities back to their spiritual beginnings.  The Pastor & Parish program features the following materials:  Video Series (DVD) – Beautifully filmed segments feature theologically-framed commentary by the Rev. Ed Moore, a United Methodist pastor and former district superintendent now serving as educational programs director of the Duke Clergy Health Initiative. Each session also includes perspectives from United Methodist clergy and SPRC members, offering rich insights into how the ideas presented in the series take shape in the local church.  Participant Workbook – Serving as a companion piece to the DVD, the workbook includes questions designed to elicit individual reflection and candid discussion. Using this resource as a guide, your committee members will explore the ways in which they can increase their effectiveness and further the work of the church.  Facilitator Guide – This step-by-step manual prepares your SPRC Chair or another member of your congregation to lead your committee through the program, offering tips for fostering effective discussions.  Complementary Readings – Access articles, books and websites to help your group delve more deeply into the topics introduced in Pastor & Parish.  When you complete Pastor & Parish, your SPRC will have formed important bonds, discovered new language for working with one another, and created a covenant to guide its work as a ministry of the church.  Previews are available at: <a href="http://divinity.duke.edu/initiatives-centers/clergy-health-initiative/pastor-parish">http://divinity.duke.edu/initiatives-centers/clergy-health-initiative/pastor-parish</a> Age: YAS 59 mins	1	Duke Clergy Health Initiativ	Duke Divinity School	2013
(DVD1344) An Invitation to Christmas In An Invitation to Christmas, Andy Stanley uses a few colorful characters to remind us from whom Jesus came and to explain the importance of their roles in the Christmas story. DVD includes a one-part message, along with a special bonus reading of the Christmas story. Bonus Music CD Tracklist: Do You Hear? by James David Carter, All Creation Sing (Joy to the World) by Seth Condrey, Everything Changed by Eddie Kirkland, and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas by Chinua Hawk. Age: YAS 0 mins	1	Andy Stanley	North Point Ministries	2010
(DVD1345) Becoming A Contagious Christian This Willow Creek Resources six-session evangelism course for churches and groups of all sizes is designed to equip believers for effective evangelism by showing them how they can share the gospel in a natural and powerful way while being the person God made them to be. The kit includes 1 leader's guide, 1 participant's guide, and 2 DVDs. Age: YAS 360 mins	1	Bill Hybels, Lee Strobel, Ma	Zondervan Publishing	2007
(DVD1346) Growing Through Grief While we can't avoid grief, we can learn ways to heal and grow from our grief wounds when they occur. Dr. Howard Clinebell shows how we can experience this healing. The series is designed to help hurting and grieving people find personal healing and learn how to reach out more effectively to other victims of grief. It features scenes from the sessions of an actual grief group under Dr. Clinebell's direction. Session titles are: • The Five Tasks of Grief Work • Healing Guilt • Fear and Anger • Growth from Divorce • Infections of the Grief Wound • Saying "Goodbye" to our Losses. A free leader's guide is posted on the Study Guides link at <a href="http://www.ecufilm.org">www.ecufilm.org</a> . Age: YAS 180 mins	1	Howard Clinebell	Ecufilm	

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(DVD1347) <b>Confronting Death: A Christian Approach to the End of</b> Coming from his own experiences of living with life-threatening cancer for the last two plus years, Walter Wangerin speaks directly from the heart in this poignant and instructional DVD. He speaks about how cancer has changed his life and how his faith has sustained and prepared him to face death itself.  But <b>Confronting Death</b> is not for the Christian idealist; it is for every Christian, as we learn how to be different from the world: by learning to look forward to the world to come without dismissing our responsibilities here and now.  This compelling teaching explains how Christ is victorious over death. Excellent for Sunday school classes, study groups, equipping caregivers who do visitation ministry, hospice, and working with those who are grieving or having to face death.  Drawing from his own recent experience with cancer, Wangerin explores:  · Discovering serious illness · Caring for the one who is not sick · How do we handle the pain · Confronting the dying itself Age: AS 57 mins	1	Walter Wangerin, Jr.	Paraclete Press	2008
(DVD1348) <b>Exploring the Sacred in Death and Dying</b> Does the end of life bring nothing but pain, disappointment and loss? Not according to Ron Del Bene and his friends and family. In story after story, they tell about special moments along the way. Ron calls these "holy moments" and gives pointers about how we can identify and savor such moments in our own experience. Viewers learn how to talk to a dying person and those in grief; how to say goodbye and take up unfinished business with those who die unexpectedly; how to be present to the dying and the grieving and how to trust our own best instincts. Session titles are: • Saying Goodbye • Living through Grief • Telling the Stories • Recognizing the Sacred • Communicating • One Family's Story. Free guides are available for each title under the Free Study Guide section at <a href="http://www.ecufilm.org">www.ecufilm.org</a> . Age: YAS 160 mins	1	Ron DelBene	UMCom	2008
(DVD1349) <b>Bullying: What Every Adult Needs to Know</b> As long as there have been schools, there have been bullies teasing, threatening, punching, and kicking their peers. But we know today that bullying has serious consequences for both the victims and the bullies, ranging from low self-esteem to suicide. Young people need guidance from the adults in their lives to deal with bullying in a healthy way. <b>Bullying: What Every Adult Needs to Know</b> gives adults the tools they need to prevent and stop bullying among young people. Age: YAS 30 mins	1	Charity Spatzeck-Olsen	Paraclete Press	2003
(DVD1350) <b>A Cry for Help: How to Help a Friend Who is Depressed</b> In the wake of a suicide, family members and friends wonder what they could have done to help, how they could have prevented this tragedy. Made for a teen audience, <b>A Cry for Help</b> educates young people to recognize the signs of depression and suicide in their peers. Featuring Sue Eastgard, President of The American Association of Suicidology, and groups of teens, this video talks about how to intervene and get help when a friend is contemplating suicide. <b>A Cry for Help</b> prepares young people to listen and care in one of the most challenging situations they might ever face: stopping a friend from taking his or her own life. Age: MH 22 mins	1	Sue Eastgard	Paraclete Press	2005
(DVD1351) <b>At Death's Door: Facing the Terminal Illness of a Loved</b> At <b>Death's Door</b> will help you acknowledge your emotions as you walk through terminal illness of someone you love, and will guide you in living fully with your loved one through the last months, weeks, or days of your time together. Age: YAS 35 mins	1	Charity Spatzeck-Olsen	Paraclete Press	2005

(DVD1352) Raising Children of Divorce: Practical Help for Parents	1	Philip M. Stahl	Paraclete Press	2004
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The divorce of one's parents is a traumatic event in a child's life. The biggest concern for almost all divorcing parents is how their children will be hurt by the breakup and what they should do to help their children. To parents and adults who work with children, Raising Children of Divorce will give concrete ways to help children through divorce. Hosted by Dr. Philip Stahl, this video is an invaluable resource in walking children through one of the most difficult times they will ever face. In this video, you will find helpful information and insights on: - Telling Your Child about Your Divorce - Recognizing Levels of Conflict - Developmental Needs of Children Through the Years after a Divorce - Helping Your Child Lead a Healthy Life after a Divorce Featuring: Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D. - Author of Parenting after Divorce: A Guide to Resolving Conflicts and Meeting Your Children's Needs - Psychologist specializing in high-conflict divorce - Divorced father

Age: YA 35 mins

(DVD1353) Great Courses: Great Figures of the New Testament	1	Amy-Jill Levine	The Teaching Company	2002
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Improve your biblical literacy and re-encounter the New Testament as a great repository of literary genius. This is the promise of Professor Amy-Jill Levine's vivid portraits of the cast of characters in the New Testament. While most of the figures treated are real, historical people, at least two (the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan) are fictional protagonists in stories told by Jesus within Luke's Gospel. 24 sessions.

Age: YAS 720 mins

(DVD1354) Great Courses: The History of the Bible: The Making of	1	Bart D. Ehrman	The Teaching Company	2005
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The New Testament stands unchallenged, in the words of Professor Bart D. Ehrman, not only as the "bestseller of all time," but also as the most important "book—or collection of books—in the history of Western civilization." Yet how many of us, Christian or otherwise, are as knowledgeable about the New Testament as we would like to be? Even many who consider themselves Christian find themselves asking some—perhaps even all—of the questions so often posed by those who are not.

What different kinds of books are in the New Testament? When, how, and why were they written? What do they teach? Who actually wrote them? How were they passed forward through history? And, perhaps most important of all, why and how did some books, and not others, come to be collected into what Christians came to consider the canon of scripture that would define their belief for all time?

In The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon, Professor Ehrman offers a fast-moving yet thorough introduction to these and other key issues in the development of Christianity. 12 sessions. Includes course guidebook.

Age: YAS 360 mins