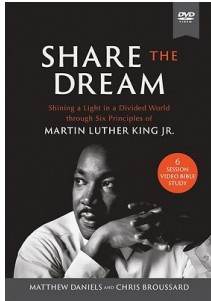


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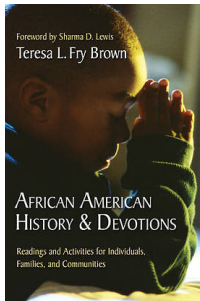
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NC Conference Media Center Resources

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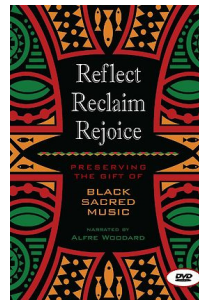
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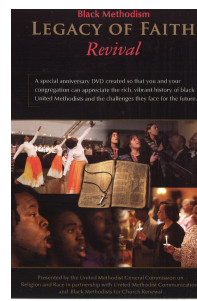
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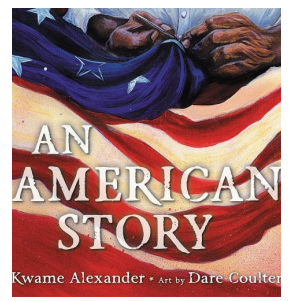
I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist. edited by Rudy Rasmus. Ten Black women and men explore life through the lens of compelling personal religious narratives.



Reflect Reclaim Rejoice: Preserving the Gift of Black Sacred Music (DVD Study) published by Discipleship Ministries. Trace the music's history and see and experience the ways it is being kept alive. Filmed on location in Methodist churches where the oldest living African American music is still sung.



Black Methodism: Legacy of Faith Revival (DVD) by The General Commission on Religion and Race and United Methodist Communications. A special anniversary DVD to help United Methodists celebrate the 40th anniversary of several related and pivotal events in the life and history of the church.



An American Story by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Dare Coulter. A picture book in verse that threads together past and present to explore the legacy of slavery during a classroom lesson.

Upcoming Events

nccumc.org/events

- **Feb 2-4:** Middle School Girls Retreat, Camp Don Lee, Arapahoe, NC
- **Feb 3:** Leading Worship (Online)
- **Feb 3:** Safe Sanctuaries: Basics and Best Practices, Crossroads Church, Fayetteville, NC
- **Feb 9-13 or 23-25:** Confirmation Retreat, Camp Chestnut Ridge, Efland, NC
- **Feb 10:** Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course, Soapstone UMC, Raleigh, NC
- **Feb 17:** United Methodist History (Online)

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

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- **Applications due Feb 16:** Creating New Economies Fund (Resourceful Communities)
- **Applications due Feb 16:** Come to the Table (Rural Advancement Foundation International)
- **Applications due Feb 28:** Josephine Forman Scholarship (General Commission on Archives & History)
- **Applications due Feb 29:** Equipping the Local Church Grant (The Foundation for Evangelism)
- **Applications due Mar 1:** Multiethnic Ministries Grants (General Board of Global Ministries)



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Serve at General Conference

United Methodists from all over the world are traveling to attend General Conference in Charlotte, NC from April 23-May 3, 2024.

You are invited to serve as part of our Welcome Team during General Conference and offer gracious hospitality to our guests. We have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ and create a holy space where spirits can be nurtured. This will foster a welcoming environment and support delegates as they come together in worship, discernment, and holy conferencing on behalf of The United Methodist Church.

Serving at General Conference, you will have the opportunity to participate in the connectional nature of the church, to meet new people, and to live into your commitment to support The UMC with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Visit the website above to express your interest in serving at General Conference.



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<https://nccumc.org/rej/strengthening-black-church>

Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century is a program designed to assist United Methodist churches with predominantly black congregations to become effective in mission and ministry. It does this by linking successful congregational resource centers with congregations that are in search of new ideas and revitalization.

The mission of the Strengthening the Black Church Committee is to assist in the increase in the number of vital black church congregations in the North Carolina Conference and help reverse the membership decline in The United Methodist Church.

The NC Conference SBC21 committee offers a **leadership grant application** and **Black History Month Resources** on its website. The Black History Month Resources include:

- 28-day Prayer Guide
- Ideas and helpful ways to promote Black History



GCORR Black History Month Resources

The General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church also offers resources for Black History Month. This year, their focus is on highlighting "less well-known historical figures." View this and other resources at their online resource hub, <https://www.r2hub.org/>