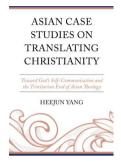
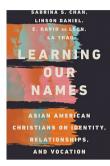


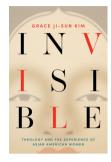
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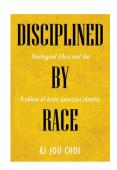
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Asian Case Studies on Translating Christianity: Toward God's Self-Communication and the Trinitarian End of Asian Theology by Heejun Yang. Posits the Triune God as both the starting and ending points of the Christian hermeneutic process and claims that this understanding can be a way for the church to embrace different Christian communities while moving forward in their own unique complexities.

Learning Our Names: Asian American Christians on Identity, Relationships, and Vocation by Sabrina S. Chan, Linson Daniel, E. David de Leon, and La Thao. A team from East Asian, Southeast Asian, and South Asian backgrounds explores what it means to learn our names and be seen by God.

Invisible: Theology and the Experience of Asian American Women by Grace Ji-Sun Kim. Examines encounters with racism, sexism, and xenophobia working toward ending Asian American women's invisibility.

Upcoming Events

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- May 14: Preparing for Racialized Storms (Online)
- May 21: Embracing the Unexpected: Facing the Unknown with Grace and Humor, NC Conference Building, Garner, NC
- May 25: Book Launching Concert: "Asian Case Studies on Translating Christianity," Star UMC, Star, NC
- Jun 1: Day of Discovery for Certified Lay Ministry, NC Conference Building, Garner, NC

Disciplined by Race: Theological Ethics and the Problem of Asian American Identity by Ki Joo Choi. Reveals the critical importance of Asian American experience for contemporary theological debates on race.

Leading Wisdom: Asian and Asian North American Women Leaders edited by Su Yon Pak and Jung Ha Kim. Presents narratives of leadership experiences in the fields of parish ministry, U.S. Army chaplaincy, religious history, Christian denominational work, theology, theological social ethics, clinical spiritual care education in healthcare systems, and more.

Understanding & Relating to Asian American Youth: A Korean-English Bilingual and Intergenerational Conversation Toolkit by Kevin Doi, Jane Hong-Guzman de Leon, and Mike Park. This comprehensive 37-page guide is the perfect handbook for any adult looking for a starting point in conversations with today's Korean American youth.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

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- Applications due May 10: Rural Church Grants (The Duke Endowment)
- Applications due May 28: Reflective Leadership Grants (Leadership Education at Duke Divinity)
- Applications due May 31: Clergy Loan Program (United Methodist Foundation)
- Applications due May 31: Partners in Health and Wholeness Mini-Grants (NC Council of Churches)
- Applications due Jun 15: Child & Family Well-Being Grants (The Duke Endowment)



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Preparing for Racialized Storms with Rev. Dr. Harold Dorrell Briscoe

May 14, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Zoom

This webinar introduces a longer training offered by Dorrell and equips churches with the knowledge and skills to prepare for and respond to racially charged events that inflict trauma on the social fabric of America.



Embracing the Unexpected: Facing the Unknown with Grace and Humor with MaryAnn McKibben Dana

May 21, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, NC Conference Building Join pastor and author MaryAnn McKibben Dana for a spirited exploration of "yes, and..." and other tools for faithful improvisation.



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