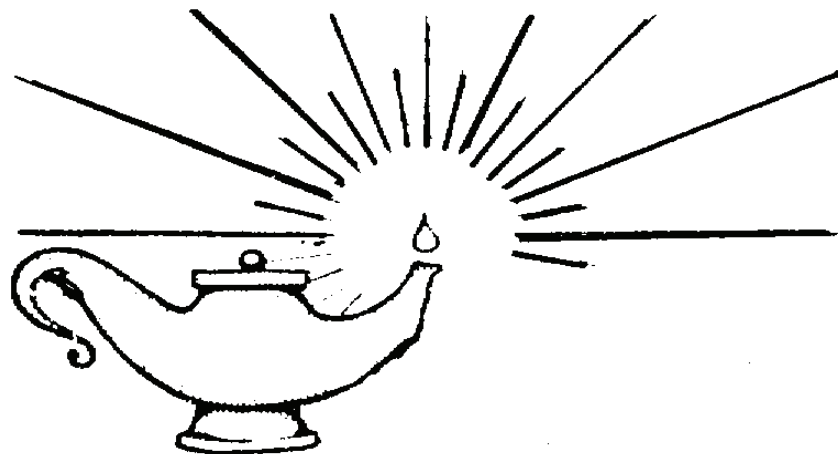


Vermont Conference UCC 2008 Resource Center Catalog



Let It Shine

Resource Center Office—802-728-4999
E-Mail Address: resource.center@vtcucc.org



Resource Center materials are an example of how
your contributions to Basic Support for
Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)
benefits the local church

**The Vermont Conference UCC
36 N. Main St.
Randolph, VT 05060**

www.vtcucc.org

(check out the search engine option for a quick reference)

Printed Resources

Title of Category	Page
ADULT READING	5
ADVENT AND OTHER SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS	9
AIDS RELATED RESOURCES	17
ARTS AND CRAFTS	18
BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES	19
CARE FOR CREATION	24
CHILDREN'S BIBLES AND STUDY AIDS	26
CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM	28
CHURCH LIBRARY	29
CLERGY/CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT	29
CLOWN MINISTRY	33
CONFIRMATION	34
CURRICULUM SAMPLES	35
DEATH AND DYING RELATED RESOURCES	35
ETHICS	37
FAITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES	39
FAMILY RESOURCES	40
HEALING RESOURCES	42
LENTEN RESOURCES	49
MISSION	53
MUSIC RESOURCES	55
OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA)	57
PARTICIPATION RESOURCES	58
PEACE RESOURCES	63
PENTECOST	67
RETREAT RESOURCES	67
SACRAMENTS	67
SEXUALITY	69
SPIRITUALITY	71
STEWARDSHIP	76
STORIES AND STORY TELLING	78
SYMBOLS	85
TEACHER TRAINING	86
THANKSGIVING	88
UCC IDENTITY	88
UPROOTING RACISM	90
VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL	100
WELCOMING AND TRANSFORMING	101
WOMEN'S CONCERNS	102
WORLD RELIGIONS	105
WORSHIP	107
WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN	110
YOUTH MINISTRY	112
BOOK MOBILE (BOX 1)	120
BOOK MOBILE (BOX 2)	121
BOOK MOBILE (BOX 3)	122
BOOK MOBILE (BOX 4)	122
BOOK MOBILE (CLERGY)	123
BOOK MOBILE (WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP)	124
TEACHER TOOLBOX #1	125
TEACHER TOOLBOX #2	126

ADULT READING

A DRESSER OF SYCAMORE TREES: The Finding of a Ministry by Garret Keizer. The prophet Amos, “a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees,” had a parallel and challenging calling as a shepherd of human souls. So too does Keizer, an Episcopalian minister to the community of Island Pond, VT. He is a man who believes that God’s intentions, if seldom apparent, are inevitably compassionate and compelling.

A GRIEF OBSERVED by C.S. Lewis - This is a masterpiece of rediscovered faith which has comforted thousands.

BORG MARCUS - books by:

Conflict, Holiness, Politics in the Teachings of Jesus
Jesus: A New Vision; Spirit, Culture, and the Life of Discipleship
Jesus at 2000
Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time
Reading the Bible Again for the First Time
The God We Never Knew
The Heart of Christianity

BUECHNER FREDERICK - books by:

A Room Called Remember
Now and Then
Listening to Your Life
Peculiar Treasures: A Biblical Who’s Who

CREDO by William Sloane Coffin. Coffin who has long fought for social justice and argued that faith must be at the heart of political and intellectual life offers his inspiring words through brief quotations and excerpts that demonstrate the wit, fire and passion he brings to our world.

DANCING WITH DISABILITIES: OPENING THE CHURCH TO ALL OF GOD’S CHILDREN by Brett Webb-Mitchell. Writing personally and passionately on this compelling subject, the author relates the struggles and triumphs, frustrations and joys, of the children and adults with disabilities whom he has met through his ministry.

FORGING A COMMON FUTURE: Catholic, Judaic, and Protestant Relations for a New Millennium with Bruce Chilton, Andrew Greeley, William Scott Green and Jacob Neusner - This book is a timely call to Jews and Christians alike to honor their distinct traditions while learning to live together.

FORGIVE AND FORGET: HEALING THE HURTS WE DON'T DESERVE by Lewis B. Smedes. This book shows you how to move from hurting and hating to healing and reconciliation. A leader's guide is available.

GIRZONE, JOSEPH P. - **JOSHUAH MODERN DAY PARABLE BOOKS:**

1. Joshua
2. Joshua and the Children
3. Joshua and the Shepherd
4. Joshua in the Holy Land

IN THE AFTERMATH: What September 11 is Teaching Us about Our World, Our Faith, and Ourselves- edited by James Taylor. This is a collection of essays gathering the wisdom of 10 respected writers, politicians, and theologians who reflect on what September 11 is teaching us.

IT'S NOT ABOUT ME: Rescue from the Life We Thought Would Make Us Happy by Max Lucado. The author shows you how to make the shift of a lifetime, how to bump your life off self-center and how to be changed and experience the meaning-charged life you were meant to have.

LISTENING FOR GOD - Vol. 1 - by Paula J. Carlson and Peter S. Hawkins - This is a resource intended to help readers investigate how life and faith merge in surprising ways and places. This book includes 10 selections, brief author profiles, and reflection questions arranged in 8 chapters. Several of the authors included are: Frederick Buechner, Annie Dillard, Alice Walker and Garrison Keillor. A leader's guide is included.

LISTENING FOR GOD - Vol. 2 is formatted like Vol. 1. Several of the authors included are: John Updike, Anne Tyler, Carol Bly and Andre Dubus. A leader's guide is included.

LISTENING FOR GOD - Vol. 3 - Several authors included are: John Cheever, Wendell Berry, and Louise Erdich. A leader's guide is included.

LIVING FAITH WHILE HOLDING DOUBTS - by Martin B. Copenhaver - The author deals with the religious doubt that exists both within and outside of the church.

OPEN SECRETS: A Spiritual Journey Through a Country Church by Richard Lischer. This is the author's story of his early career as a Lutheran minister. It lifts up the mutual ministry between parishioner and pastor.

ORIGINAL BLESSING by Matthew Fox - A primer in Creation Spirituality.

PECK, M. SCOTT M.D. -Books by:

Different Drum (The)—Community making and peace

People of the Lie—The hope for healing human evil

Road Less Traveled (The) - A new psychology of love, traditional values and spiritual growth.

EXPLORING THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED by Alice and Walden Howard - A study guide for small groups based on the classic best seller.

REACHING FOR THE INVISIBLE GOD: What Can We Expect To Find? by Philip Yancey

SMALL CHURCHES ARE THE RIGHT SIZE by David R. Ray - Small churches are the right size for being effective channels of the word of God.

SOLVING THE DAVINCI CODE MYSTERY by Brandon Gilvin. Rather than discrediting or debunking Dan Brown's theories in *The Da Vinci Code*, the author provides a context for understanding the claims made by Brown. Galvin explores scripture, noncanonical gospels, historical traditions, and current thought to help readers discern for themselves the truth about many questions regarding the history and future of Christianity and the church.

SOUL SURVIVOR: How My Faith Survived the Church by Philip Yancey. The author acknowledges that many spiritual seekers find few answers and little solace in the institutional church. He tells of his own struggle to reclaim belief, interwoven with inspiring portraits of notable people from all walks of life, whom Yancey calls his spiritual directors. This book is a tribute to thirteen remarkable individuals, mentors who transformed his life.

STAGES OF FAITH - by James W. Fowler - The author explores the psychology of human development and the quest for meaning.

TAKING BACK MY YESTERDAYS: LESSONS IN FORGIVING AND MOVING FORWARD WITH YOUR LIFE by Linda Hollies - This book successfully combines personal honesty and solid biblical storytelling to teach how to forgive and let go. The author gives new tools for rebuilding a satisfying tomorrow.

THE BEST OF CURRENT COMMENT—1985-2003 by W. Evan Golder. Golder has compiled his best columns in *United Church News* into one volume of pieces that best illustrate the enduring values of the UCC that he has either witnessed himself or observed.

THE BIBLE JESUS READ by Philip Yancey. With his candid signature style, Yancey interacts with the Hebrew Scriptures from the perspective of his own deeply personal journey. He paints a picture of Israel's God- and ours- that fills in the blanks of a solely New Testament vision of the Almighty.

THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION by Charles Foster. This is a practical guide for revisioning and reworking the church's educational program.

THE LITTLE CHURCH THAT COULD: Raising Small Church Esteem by Steven Burt and Hazel Ann Roper. Filled with case studies and practical helps, this guide addresses everything from congregational life cycles to size-related dynamics. (7 copies)

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE: What On Earth Am I Here For? by Rick Warren. This bestseller will help you understand why you are alive and God's amazing plan for you.

THE THINGS I KNOW BEST by Lynne Hinton. This is a novel by the author of *Friendship Cake*.

UNVEILING THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES by Amy Lignitz Harken. In conversation with the Bible and Sue Monk Kidd's novel *The Secret Life of Bees* the author explores women's roles, feminine power, and relationships. The novel expands our concepts of Divine mother, Earthly

mother, sisters, daughters, wives and “queen bee.”

WESTERHOFF, JOHN H. III—Books by

A PILGRIM PEOPLE Learning through the church year.

BRINGING UP CHILDREN IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

BUILDING GOD'S PEOPLE in a materialistic society

LEARNING TO BE FREE for youth and adults.

LIBERATION LETTERS Six letters from a 39 year old magazine editor to some high school friends.

LIVING THE FAITH COMMUNITY The church that makes a difference.

ON THE THRESHOLD OF GOD'S FUTURE

WILL OUR CHILDREN HAVE FAITH? VCR - Refer to A.V. section of catalog.

VALUES FOR TOMORROW'S CHILDREN An alternative future for education in the church.

WHEN ALL YOU'VE EVER WANTED IS NOT ENOUGH The Search for a Life that Matters by Harold Kushner. Kushner addresses a need that is universal and timeless -the wish for a meaningful life.

WHOSE KIDS ARE THEY ANYWAY? by Raymond Roberts. The author makes a liberal's case for teaching religion and morality in public schools by examining the intersection of religion and public education. He shows how proposals for moral education in public schools are shaped by definitions of religion.

WINK, WALTER - books by

NAMING THE POWERS: The Language of Power in the New Testament

UNMASKING THE POWERS: The Invisible Forces that Determine Human Existence

ENGAGING THE POWERS: Discernment and Resistance in a World of Domination

Walter Wink in this trilogy on the principalities and powers, biblically verifies that underneath and within the social, economic, and political crisis we face are spiritual realities which must be confronted.

THE POWERS THAT BE: Theology for a New Millenium by Walter Wink. This book helps us reformulate our ancient religious concepts - such as God and Satan, angels and demons, principalities and powers - in light of what we now know.

WISDOM FROM THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN by Brandon Gilvin & Heather Godsey. This study guide for Mitch Albom's book *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, draws parallels between the characters of the novel and Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, Psalms, Song of Solomon, and Job to explore what we can learn about forgiveness, sacrifice, love, suffering, and our own character.

YANCEY, PHILIP—Books by

REACHING FOR THE INVISIBLE GOD

SOUL SURVIVOR: How My Faith Survived the Church
THE BIBLE JESUS READ
THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW
WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE?

(NOTE) Most books currently published by Pilgrim Press are available from the Resource Center. Please inquire.

ADVENT AND OTHER SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

A CAROL SERVICE by Hurbert J. Richards. The author of this booklet has adapted a service of the traditional Service of Lessons and Carols for use with children.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT-MAKING WORKSHOP - sponsor a workshop for children to make inexpensive presents to give parents and others. Youth can offer their services as baby-sitters or assistants in these workshops. Older people can bake cookies for treats. This provides an ideal time for parents to go Christmas shopping while their children are having fun creating gifts.

ADVENT ARTS AND CRAFTS WITH PRAYERS AND RITUALS FOR FAMILY, SCHOOL AND CHURCH by Jeanne Heiberg- This resource has step-by-step instructions for creating dozens of decorations and gifts for the holiday season, using simple materials.

ADVENT STORIES AND ACTIVITIES: Meeting Jesus through the Jesse Tree by Anne Neuberger. This resource offers 24 ancient stories and symbols (from Creation to the Nativity) to mark the days before Christmas for children of all ages.

AMAZING PEACE: A Christmas Poem by Maya Angelou. Angelou read this poem at the lighting of the National Christmas Tree at the White House on December 1, 2005.

A MIDNIGHT CLEAR: TWELVE FAMILY STORIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON by Katherine Paterson. Written throughout the course of her husband's ministry, these stories have been read aloud by the Rev. John Paterson on Christmas Eve.

ANGELS AND OTHER STRANGERS by Katherine Paterson. The author who resides in Barre, VT is a Newberry Award winning author. This delightful book includes several spirit-filled family Christmas stories.

ANTHEMS

Glad Songs We Bring
Boy—Child of Mary
Cradle Hymn
Lift Up Your Voice

Little Grey Donkey

A RAINBOW OF SEASONS - A leader's resource for living the church year.

ADVENT - A congregational life/intergenerational experience - included are ideas for making Advent calendars, wreaths, banners and a Jesse Tree.

ADVENT ADVENTURES by Jeanne C. Mueller - This resource includes ideas for five learning centers and sixteen creative art projects.

A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS by Alice Chaplin - This book includes worksheets, how-to's, gift ideas, activities for kids and extended families, checklists and more! The reader will discover ways to simplify and several tips for creating a genuine, heartfelt Christmas.

BEHOLD THE STAR is a Christmas anthology of fifteen stories, poems and carols.

CELEBRATE ADVENT: Activities for children and parents by Brethren House Ministries.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS - Filled with recipes, crafts, poetry, games, puzzles, original songs and more.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AS IF IT MATTERS by David Lambert. This resource is a friendly guide to making a more memorable, enjoyable, manageable and worshipful Christmas. There are ideas for choosing gifts, sharing Christmas with others, celebrating long distance and creating memories.

CELEBRATING KWANZAA by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith. This is a photo essay of Audiey, a 13 year-old girl living in Chicago with her parents and 5-year old brother, Max. It shows how they celebrate Kwanzaa, the African American festival which takes place over seven days starting on December 26.

CHILDREN OF CHRISTMAS: STORIES OF THE SEASON by Cynthia Rylant - Here are 6 stories that, in their powerful tenderness, will astonish you.

CHRISMONS - The Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia makes ornaments using designs that are monograms of and symbols for our Lord Jesus Christ. The book shows you how.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - This is a collection of stories, poems, songs and reflections that capture the holy season.

CHRISTMAS COMES ALIVE by Geneva M. Butz is an inspirational journey into the lives of people touched by the events that surround a simple stable scene enacted in a "live" nativity.

CHRISTMAS IN ALL SEASONS by Geneva M. Butz. Here is a unique collection of stories that demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas and how that meaning is kept alive throughout

the year.

CHRISTMAS READER - This is a collection of old and new Christmas stories that express the real spirit of Christmas.

CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE: Worship Resources & Reading for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany: Iona Community Wild Goose Worship Group - Here are litanies, meditations, monologues, poems, prayers, scripts and symbolic action for innovative and highly participatory worship.

COSTUMING THE CHRISTMAS AND EASTER PLAY - All designs are based on the authentic clothing of the period, modified to suit a simplified approach. Included are: drawings, photos, detailed dimensions and many suggestions about props, storage and handling of costumes.

CREATIVE IDEAS FOR ADVENT - Volume I - A wealth of suggestions for special programs, displays, family activities, and more have been collected in this resource.

CREATIVE IDEAS FOR EPIPHANY - Included in this volume are three sections; Worship, Programs and Activities, all offered to manifest that light.

CREATIVE IDEAS FOR THANKSGIVING by Linda S. Davidson - This resource is divided into three sections; Worship, Stories and Plays, and Activities.

DECEMBER by Eve Bunting. Simon and his mother are celebrating Christmas Eve in a cardboard house. They have a tiny tree with a few ornaments. They offer to share the little they have with an old woman who has even less. On this magical night, Simon thinks he might have seen a miracle!

FACES IN THE MANGER - by J. Barrie Shepherd. Shepherd explores how Christ's birth may have affected everyone involved, from Joseph and Mary to King Herod and the animals. The author combines prose and poetry in a thought-provoking manner.

GIFT OF TIME (THE) by Miller & Vander-Veen - Family celebrations and activities for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

GOD IN THE FLESH: A Study Guide in Four Sessions for part one, the Nativity, of the Video - **JESUS OF NAZARETH.**

HANGING OF THE GREENS (THE) - Here's a Christmas Eve chancel celebration that will decorate your sanctuary, too. Music and dialogue for the total liturgy are scripted.

HOLLY, REINDEER AND COLORED LIGHTS by Edna Barth. This is a story of Christmas symbols.

IN THE DAYS OF THE ANGELS by Walter Wangerin, Jr. One of America's favorite Christian storytellers presents stories, essays and original carols for Advent that are full of vivid imagery

and unexpected turns.

JOY TO THE WORLD - by Phyllis Vos Wezeman and Jude Dennis Fournier. This book looks at Christmas celebrations, customs and crafts from many lands for use in church, school and home.

JOYOUS DAYS - A wonderful collection of Advent and Christmas activities for Pre-school - Junior High.

JOY TO THE WORLD: CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD by Saviour Pirotta. From Syria to Russia, Malta to Mexico, a wealth of festive traditions around the globe celebrate the Christmas story.

KNEELING IN BETHLEHEM by Ann Weems - 26 poems that capture the spirit of the joyful celebration - may be used in worship services, read aloud at family gatherings, or used by individuals for quiet reflection.

LET'S GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS by Sandra Anderson - This book is filled with Advent activities for preschool children.

LET'S MAKE A JESSE TREE by Darcy James - This booklet offers step-by-step instructions for making a Jesse Tree Calendar and 25 accompanying Bible readings for family use.

MAKE AND TELL - A Christmas holiday book of family fun and crafts for ages 5-10.

MANGER IS EMPTY (THE) by Walter Wangerin, Jr. - In these autobiographical stories, short fiction and poetry, Wangerin explores our desire for God and shows us God's power to transfigure.

MAY YOUR DAYS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT: CHRISTMAS STORIES BY WOMEN edited by Susan Koppleman. This unique collection of 15 Christmas stories bring together some of the best short fiction written by American women between 1867 and 1985. Several contributing authors include: Louisa May Alcott, Willa Cather, Pearl S. Buck and Dorothy Canfield Fisher.

MUSICALS/PAGEANTS:

A NIGHT FOR DANCING by Hal Hopkin. The story of the night of Jesus' birth is told in music filled with creative simplicity and joy. This is especially delightful using the youngest children as the manger animals. Performance time is 15 minutes. Included is 1 complete score.

A SHEPHERD'S STORY by Hal Hopkin. See the Christmas story through the eyes of the angels and the shepherds. Instrumental scores for cello, flute and handbell are also available.

A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT by Nancy Seale. This is a Scripture-

based program with carols. Cast: 14-30 children (Primary age through High School)
Playing time 20-30 minutes.

AWAY FROM THE MANGER: AN ADVENT MUSICAL by Sally Beske - This musical is a humorous introduction to some folks who didn't go to the manger. The cast includes elementary age children and teens.

BIBLICAL CHRISTMAS PLAYS AND MUSICALS compiled by Rebecca Daniel - The 8 plays, 7 musicals, 17 original Christmas songs, skits and tableaux set in biblical times have been written especially for young performers, 5-13. Reproducible playscripts and musical scores, a special costuming unit, tips for directing and production, and mask and scenery are all included.

CALLING ALL ANGELS by Helen Kemp. This short Christmas chancel drama was conceived as the beginning of a worship service. The story line embraces the annunciation, the season of Advent, and the Christmas event. It is designed for unison choir(s), soloist, and congregation, with piano, organ, and optional percussion. Performance time is 10-15 minutes. Included is a demonstration tape and 10 copies of the score.

LITTLE LAMB - A delightful unison/two-part 20 minute musical, suitable for elementary through middle school. Familiar Christmas hymns are interwoven with 5 speaking parts and an original theme tune. Flute obligato and keyboard score are included.

MARY AND THE DROMEDARY by Geraldine Bailey - A Christmas musical for children.

ONCE UPON A NIGHT! Text by Bill Leach and music by Vicki Hancock. This charming musical can be presented by a choir of grades 1-3, grades 4-6 or grades 1-6. There are some solo parts for adult leaders and options for percussion and guitar. Performance time is 22-25 minutes. Included is a demonstration tape and 10 copies of the score.

STAGECRAFT FOR CHRISTMAS AND EASTER PLAYS - This book gives examples of typical biblical scenes, shows how to build scenery and props with simple tools and explains techniques for painting realistic scenery.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER by Rachel Olson. A large group of children of varying ages and abilities may participate in this song-filled performance - a clever balance of the contemporary and the traditional. Left alone in the house one evening, five toys come to life and argue about which of them is the best present. Meanwhile, some Nativity characters have quietly entered the room. As the Christmas story unfolds, the toys see that God's gift of Jesus is far more significant than the charms they offer. Cast: 30 singers (variable) entire Church School - Playing time 45 minutes.

THE GRUMPY SHEPHERD by Joe Cox. Based on the best-selling book, this musical includes 6 speaking parts, plus unlimited parts for sheep, angels and shepherds.

WITH EVERY CHRISTMAS CARD I MAKE by Benjamin Martin. This Contemporary Drama Service resource is a Christmas celebration featuring Sunday School children of all ages

NIGHT TREE by Eve Bunting - (Ages 4-8) This book retells the traditional Christmas story with whimsical watercolor illustrations, reminding us of the humbleness of the people and the wonder of life.

ONE YELLOW DAFFODIL: A Hanukkah Story by David A. Adler. Many years have passed since Morris Kaplan celebrated Hanukkah as a boy in Poland. He doesn't like to think about the war and what happened in Auschwitz. But one December week his favorite customers, Jonathan and Ilana, invite him to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah at their home. Through the generosity of this loving family, Morris is able once again to embrace the traditional celebration of his childhood and remember.

PREPARE THE WAY: Daily Meditations for Advent and Lent by R. Mark Liebenow. Each daily reading includes scripture, a meditation, and a prayer, as well as suggestions for commemorating a variety of liturgical, historical, and multicultural events and celebrations.

PREPARE YE FOR A NEW ADVENT OF GOD'S LOVE IN OUR WORLD: A Group Process by John and Adrienne Carr. This is designed to be a group process to help examine and celebrate the miracle of Advent. Included are a Leader's Guide and a Participant's Notebook.

PRIVILEGED CONVERSATIONS: DRAMATIC STORIES FOR CHRISTMAS by Richard Olson. This book engages readers in wonder-filled Christmas dramas written for use by individuals, families and groups.

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS - This Christmas packet includes:

1. St. Nicolas - a puppet play
2. How to Organize an Alternative Christmas Community Festival
3. Planning an Alternative Christmas Workshop
4. Guidelines for Alternative Giving

SHINE ON STAR OF BETHLEHEM: A Worship Resource for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany compiled by Geoffrey Duncan. Writers from around the world have joined together to produce this anthology which offers a wide range of worship resources, from simple prayers to complete service outlines. This is the second edition.

SIMPLIFY & CELEBRATE: Embracing the Soul of Christmas - This collection shows how to have a more meaningful, less commercial celebration. Included are meditations on the readings for Advent through Epiphany for both personal and group reflection, sermon preparation, as well as stories and activities for families and church leaders.

THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE OF JONATHAN TOOMEY by Susan Wojciechowski- Jonathan Toomey is the best woodcarver in the valley. He keeps to himself, though and never laughs. One wintry day the widow McDowell comes to ask Jonathan to carve a new crèche set for her son. She would like to have her son watch while he carves. A quiet request leads to a joyful miracle.

THE CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS TREE, Vols. 1 and 2. These books contain full-size, easy-to-use patterns for making ornaments for your Christian Christmas tree.

THE CHRISTMAS GAME - This is a non-competitive, conversation game. You can enjoy playing it in the car, at home, in a church school class or a youth group gathering.

THE CHRISTMAS MENORAHS: How a Town Fought Hate by Janice Cohn. This storybook tells how two children, two families, and a community resolve to stand together against bigotry and acts of hate. This story is based on real events that happened in Billings, Montana in 1993.

THE CLOWN OF GOD - An old story told and illustrated by Tomie dePaola. This is a French legend of the little juggler who offers the gift of his talent. The miracle that occurs is well known.

THE FESTIVALS OF CHRISTMAS - A congregational life/intergenerational experience. Includes the festivals of Advent, the Nativity, the New Year and Epiphany.

THE LEGEND OF THE POINSETTIA retold and illustrated by Tomie de Paola- This book tells the legend of the miracle of the "Flower of the Holy Night."

THE LIGHT WILL SHINE: A Study for Advent by Carol Miller (Kerygma). Designed for 4 to 5 sessions, participants explore suggested scriptures to discover what they say and how they lead through Advent to Christmas and beyond. A Leaders' Guide and Resource Book are included.

THE LITTLE CROOKED CHRISTMAS TREE by Michael Cutting and Ron Broda. This crooked little spruce asks the same two questions of every creature he meets: "What is Christmas? What is a Christmas Tree?" He gets no reply until he shelters a white dove in a storm.

THE MIRACLE OF THE MYRRH by Marci Alborghetti. On Christmas Eve, the grandchildren gather at their grandfather's knee. "What became of the Little Drummer Boy and the gifts of the Wise Men left for the baby Jesus?" they ask. And so the grandfather tells them a story about the grown-up Drummer Boy, his son, and the fate of the frankincense, gold and myrrh.

THE MYSTERY OF HOLY NIGHT by Dietrich Bonhoeffer and edited by Monfred Weber- This book invites the reader to reflect on Christmas with Bonhoeffer, and to experience the authenticity of his interpretation for our time and our lives.

THE NIGHT OF LAS POSADAS by Tomie dePaola. The author's glorious paintings illuminated by the *farolitos* that light the way for the procession capture the spirit of this southwestern Christmas tradition.

THE SACRED SANTA: Religious Dimensions of Consumer Culture by Dell deChant. This book is an inquiry into the religious dimension of postmodern culture. The author argues that the seemingly secular culture expresses profoundly religious beliefs, although each culture has vivid visions of the sacred that differ radically with regard to what the sacred is and what it means to human life and social endeavor.

THE SINGING SHEPHERD by Angela Elwell Hunt- The author introduces Jareb, her unlikely hero who is a timid young shepherd who helps his brothers tend sheep near Bethlehem. Jareb discovers courage in an exciting encounter with the infant Jesus.

THE TWENTY-FOUR DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS by Madeleine L'Engle. The author, a premier storyteller takes the reader back to the time when the Austin children were younger, to a time that many other families will share with delight.

THE UNICORN AT THE MANGER: YEAR LONG STORIES OF THE HOLY NIGHT by Roger L. Robbennolt - This interwoven collection of stories begins with the creation of the new crèche for a special Christmas service. Each animal crafted for the manger scene becomes the inspiration for a story.

THESE TWELVE DAYS: A Family Guide To After-Christmas Celebrations by James and Marina Lachecki. Each chapter features a scripture passage based on lectionary readings, information on the tradition of the day, and ways to enter the story with activities that will engage the heart and mind.

THINGS TO DO FOR CHRISTMAS by Debbie Trafton O'Neal- This is a colorful fun-filled book packed with projects that can be kept and enjoyed or given as gifts to family and friends.

THIS IS THE STAR by Joyce Dunbar- The author embraces the well-loved Nativity story, creating a magnificent lyrical rendition. This book is illuminated by the illustrator's majestic oil paintings.

THREE WISE WOMEN by Mary Hoffman. Three women from different parts of the world - a young woman from the west, a mother with her child from the south, and an old woman from the southeast - meet on a mystical journey as they follow bright paths of starlight to a small stable.

TO CELEBRATE: RESHAPING HOLIDAYS AND RITES OF PASSAGE is a book where people with widely varying backgrounds and perspectives share their celebration experience.

TRACKS IN THE STRAW: TALES SPUN FROM THE MANGER by Ted Loder - The author brings the ancient birth to new life through unexpected animals, people and places. His characters are winsome and wonderful while his tales keep you tuned to your senses, leaving

you more aware of God's faint tracks in the straw.

UNPLUG THE CHRISTMAS MACHINE - by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Stalheli. This is a book that encourages the reader to have the Christmas you've always wanted.

WAITING FOR NOEL: An Advent Story by Ann Dixon. As they light the Advent candles, Noel, a young girl, listens to the story of her birth and how the family waited anxiously for her to be born, just as we wait the birth of the Christ child during Advent.

WAR TOYS AND CHRISTMAS is a 4 page reflection/action piece that examines the effects of giving violent toys to children at Christmas and throughout the year.

WHAT CHILD WAS THIS? by John Horman. This fun retelling of the Christmas story teaches the meaning of the season and looks forward to God's promise fulfilled.

WE WERE THERE: Nativity Story by Eve Bunting. On a winter night long ago, a baby boy was born in a stable with only the animals to witness his arrival. But it wasn't just the cows and donkeys and soft little lambs that were present. Smaller, less loved creatures were there, too. This book offers a unique perspective on the Christmas story.

WHO IS COMING TO OUR HOUSE? by Joseph Slate. This Nativity story's perspective will envelop the youngest listeners. The rolling cadence makes this an ideal read-a-loud.

WHO WAS BORN THIS SPECIAL DAY? by Eve Bunting. On this magical starlight night, each manger animal in turn is asked the question, "Who was born this special day?" before the revelation that it was the child- the Christ child- that was born.

YARDS OF PURPLE: Stories for Advent by Sarah Foulger. This collection of heartfelt and imaginative stories is perfect for sharing aloud with persons of all ages. Questions are included to encourage reflection and discussion.

AIDS RELATED RESOURCES

AFFIRMING PERSONS - SAVING LIVES: AIDS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION EDUCATION - This is a U.C.C. curriculum for all ages. Included are: introductory materials, handouts, teacher support materials and 2 videotapes.

SPREAD THE WORD - TEENS TALK TO TEENS ABOUT AIDS - Refer to A.V. section of catalog.

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT AIDS - Sasha Alyson, editor - Hundreds of people have contributed their talents and resources to produce this book. It is offered as a gift from the publishing community to the millions of Americans whose energy and compassion will win the battle against AIDS.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

52 CRAFTS FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR. Compiled by Donna Scorer - published by Whole People of God.

A CELEBRATION OF BEES by Barbara Juster Esbensen. This book helps children write poetry.

A KID'S CATALOG OF ISRAEL by Chaya M. Burstein - This book will tell you about the land and the people who live in Israel. The reader can try Israeli recipes, do some Israeli crafts and play some Israeli games.

A RAINBOW OF SEASONS by Sharon Lee. A leader's resource for living the church year.

BIBLE STORY CRAFTS and PROJECTS CHILDREN LOVE - Here are edible crafts, wearable crafts, sculpting and modeling crafts and even cooperative projects that will stay in and decorate your classroom. There are 10 Old and 10 New Testament stories presented for elementary age children.

BURLAP AND BUTTERFLIES by Patricia Mathson - 101 religious education activities for Christian holidays for preschool to 3rd grade.

CHRIST FOR ALL PEOPLE: Celebrating a World of Christian Art- edited by Ron O'Grady. This is a comprehensive collection of Christian art from every region of the world. It reveals the remarkable diversity and creativity of contemporary Christian artists.

CRAFTS TO CELEBRATE GOD'S CREATION by Kathy Ross. This book offers 29 easy-to-make craft projects based on Genesis 1.

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES IN CHURCH EDUCATION by Patricia Griggs. This resource authored by a veteran educator provides assistance with a variety of activities.

FROM THY BOUNTY by Mary Reilly and Margaret Welterer. This book includes holiday foods from around the world.

HOLIDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS by Mary Louise Tietjen

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR - This is a game (for 6) designed by The Whole People of God curriculum writers. The object of the game is to learn more about the seasons of the Christian year.

PLANTING SPIRITUAL SEEDS by Judy Gattis Smith - This resource includes 75 nature activities to help children and youth learn about God.

PRIME TIME TOGETHER WITH KIDS: Creative Ideas, Activities, Games, and Projects by Donna Erickson. This book may be used with children of all ages.

THE COMPLETE BANNER HANDBOOK by Janet Litherland - a creative guide for banner design and construction.

THE LITTLE HANDS ART BOOK

BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES

A FEMINIST COMPANION TO: by Amy –Jill Levine with Marianne Blickenstaff

MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

JOHN -VOLUME 1

JOHN– VOLUME 2

PAUL

THE DEUTO-PAULINE EPISTLES

AN INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE LECTIONARY Year A

BAD BOYS OF THE BIBLE: Exploring Men of Questionable Virtue by Barbara Essex. This informative book –written for laypersons– includes seven Bible study units on selected “bad boys” with an overview of biblical texts, context, and reflection questions for using this resource in preaching and teaching: and a bibliography for further study.

BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE: Exploring Women of Questionable Virtue by Barbara J. Essex. Exploring lives filled with betrayal, deception, rejection, jealousy, and exploitation, Essex looks beyond the notoriety to show us women of exceptional courage and independence. This book is designed to be a 12 week study.

MAD MARY: A Bad Girl from Magdala Transformed at His Appearing by Liz Curtis Higgs, popular humorist.

BLESSINGS AND WOES: The Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Plain in the Gospel of Luke by Megan McKenna. Readers learn about Jesus’ teachings through his parables as well as through insightful stories about Zen masters, Jewish rabbis, Japanese gods, Sufi mystics, and stories told by well-known figures such as Thomas Merton and Leo Tolstoy.

DISCIPLES THEN! DISCIPLES NOW! By Phyllis Vos Wezeman and Judith Harris Chase. The exercises and experiences in this book are designed to help participants to discover more about the *Disciples Then!* and to realize that they are *Disciples Now!*

EXPERIMENTS WITH BIBLE STUDY by Hans-Ruedi Weber. The author contends that Bible studies are like science experiments in a laboratory. Weber shares his experience as Director of

Biblical Studies at the World Council of Churches.

INSIGHTS: BIBLE STUDIES FOR GROWING FAITH - This series was developed in response to the Scripture Project of the UCC. It is a series of short-term thematically-based resources for individuals and groups seeking to find meaning and direction for their lives by exploring the scriptures.

- Series 1 = A USER'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE by Lynne Deming
- Series 2 = THE BIBLE AND SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES by Holly Whitcomb
- Series 3 = FACING CHANGE by Leah Matthews
- Series 4 = WOMEN IN THE BIBLE by Barbara Essex
- Series 5 = THE BIBLE AND DECISION MAKING by Stephanie Boughton Haines
- Series 6 = POWERS AND PRINCIPALITIES by Gene Davenport
- Series 7 = JOB by Raymond Whitfield
- Series 8 = FORGIVENESS by Susan Williams Smith
- Series 9 = LIVING IN TIMES OF CRISIS by Raymond Gozzi

INTERPRETATION: A BIBLE COMMENTARY ON TEACHING AND PREACHING is a set of full-length commentaries which assist teachers and preachers in their homiletic and educative tasks. The writers were chosen for their abilities as biblical scholars and their experience as teachers/preachers.

KERYGMA RESOURCES - PREVIEW COPIES - A Leader's Guide and Student Book are included.

BEGINNINGS: The Call of God in Genesis - This 14 part study looks at some of the most familiar stories of the Bible. Discussions on creation and creationism, the rebellion of humankind and the flood bring new perspective to important issues.

BLESSED ARE YOU: The beatitudes of Jesus in scripture and in life - This six-part study examines the Old Testament roots and the contemporary implications of these powerful words.

EXODUS: GATEWAY TO THE BIBLE - Beginning with the stories of Exodus, participants see that the covenantal relationship between God and people that echo throughout the entire Bible.

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL: The Gospel of Luke - There are 14 sessions. This resource is a special study of a special Gospel. Its message involves all peoples. It is inclusive, giving attention to women, to men, to the strong and healthy, the weak and dispossessed. Its relevance for today shines through in terms of faith, spirituality and action.

GREAT THEMES OF THE BIBLE: Knowing God - This 7 part series looks at the questions that God's people carried about their creator which are mirrored in the

Scriptures. They wondered: What is God's true nature? Can we trust God to be loving, fair and just? These and other questions are explored for today.

GREAT THEMES OF THE BIBLE: God is Faithful - This 7 part series explores the covenant relationship between God and people from Abraham through Moses, David, and the Prophets, up to Jesus.

GREAT THEMES OF THE BIBLE: God Saves a People - This 7 part series traces the saving grace of God from the Exodus, the wanderings, the Kingdom's rise and fall, on to God's new act of salvation through Jesus, into the early church.

HALLELUJAH: The Bible and Handel's *MESSIAH* - Scriptural texts in the *Messiah* clarify the message and increase our appreciation of this glorious music. HALLELUJAH has 10 sessions, 4 on Advent and 6 on Lenten texts. Includes musical commentary and 2-CDs.

INTERPRETATION: A Guide to Understanding the Bible Today - This 14 part study is an introduction to tools scholars regularly apply to biblical study. It provides the layperson an opportunity to explore and practice these interpretive skills.

INTO THE WORLD: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES - This 14 part study offers Luke as your guide as the learner relives the events of the early church.

KERYGMA: DISCOVERING THE BIBLE - This 30 part study is a basic introduction to the Bible as a whole. It explores people, events, biblical ideas and places through reading, reflection, discussion and creative expression.

KERYGMA: THE BIBLE AND THEOLOGY - This study includes 4 books, with 6-7 parts each. It explores 8 major doctrines embraced by all Christendom.

KERYGMA THE BIBLE IN DEPTH - A 33 lesson adult Bible study using a thematic approach.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY - six studies on spirituality and the Lord's Prayer.

MEETING GOD IN THE BIBLE - Donald Griggs creates 15 different models to actively engage groups in devotional prayer activities.

PARABLES: STORIES FOR LIFE IN GOD'S WORLD - This 7 part study features Jesus as the master of the parable. The class will discover God's truth for today's dilemmas.

PASSION, PROMISE AND PRAISE: DISCOVERING THE PSALMS - Don Griggs provides a deep and broad exploration of a variety of Psalm types in seven parts.

ROMANS: A Letter for Today - In 14 parts, encounter theology in the making.

Witness Paul wrestling dynamically with enduring issues: justification and grace, sin and salvation, a vision of unity, and the faithfulness of God.

SHALOM - A 16 part study of the biblical concept of peace.

SOWING TEARS, REAPING JOY: THE BIBLE AND BRAHM'S REQUIEM - This is a 7 part study following Brahm's *Requiem* in meditations on death, grief, the brevity of life, and faith for here and hereafter. A CD of the complete *Requiem* may be purchased to accompany the course.

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE: The Gospel of John - This is a 14 session mini course. This resource looks at how John's Gospel offers stunningly beautiful insights into the nature of Jesus and the meaning of faith.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION: VISIONS FOR THE CHURCH IN CRISIS - Dr. James A. Walther, Sr. brings scholarship and insight to this challenging book. There are fourteen parts.

THE COMMANDMENTS: For A Blessed Life - This 7 part series explores the Commandments from their biblical setting through the teachings of Jesus and into our lives today.

YOUR BIBLE! THE STUDY BEGINS - In seven one-hour sessions, participants will explore basic issues, including: What is the Bible? How did it come to be? How was it preserved and handed on? What are the Old and New Testaments about? How shall we study the Bible?

KRAZY KINFOLK: Exploring Dysfunctional Families of the Bible by Barbara Essex. This user-friendly book reviews the stories of selected "dysfunctional" families. Reflection questions are included.

MARK AS STORY: An Introduction to the Narrative of a Gospel by David Roads and Donald Michie - This study opens up the literary mechanism of the Gospel of Mark by developing analogies to techniques in contemporary cinema.

MATTHEW for EVERYONE: Part 1 Chapters 1-15 by Tom Wright. The author's comments on the gospel and what it might mean for us are combined, passage by passage, with his translation of the Bible text. Wright captures the immediacy of Matthew's gospel.

ON THEIR WAY TO WONDERFUL: A Journey with Ruth & Naomi by Linda Hollies. This book is an exploration of multicultural marriage (Ruth & Boaz) as well as diversity and racism in Scripture (Ruth, a Moabite who God allows to enter the forbidden Jewish bloodline). Study questions and space for journaling are included.

PARABLES IN DEPTH (THE) by George E. Drew. This 10 session study covers nine parables. It can be used for ages high school through adult.

PROPHETS, POETS, PRIESTS, AND KINGS by F. Washington Jarvis, III - This is a narrative approach to the Old Testament story.

SCRIPTURE AND IMAGINATION: THE EMPOWERING OF FAITH by Philip Joseph Maher, Jr. - This is the story of small groups of laity who have been seeking once a month for seven years to relate biblical faith and contemporary life experiences in an imaginative way.

STEP BY STEP THROUGH THE BIBLE: Puzzles, Quizzes and Writing Experiences for Teaching Bible Passages by Jean Louise Gustafson & Christine Poziemski. This book is written to help 9-14 year olds.

STORIES JESUS STILL TELLS: The Parables by John Claypool. In this revised edition, the author brings fresh insight to a selection of parables, allowing us to hear Jesus' persuasive voice still speaking to us through stories like the great banquet, the rich fool, and the final judgment.

THE BIBLE. A HISTORY OF THE BIBLE by Christopher De Hamel. Without being evangelical or polemical, the author presents an informative narrative based on documentary evidence.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS by Toni Craven. This book focuses on topics related to spirituality in the psalms and describes the benefits, attitudes, and practices implied in the psalms about those who prayed them and their understandings of the God to whom they prayed.

THE CHALLENGE OF DIVERSITY: The Witness of Paul and the Gospels by David Roads - The author brings out the richness and diversity of the New Testament in such a way as to help the reader understand and welcome the richness and diversity on our churches and culture today.

THE EVERYDAY GUIDE TO THE BIBLE: A Friendly & Informative Guide to the Old and New Testaments by Carol Smith. This book includes book summaries, names and places, etc.

THE GOOD BOOK: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart by Peter Gomes. The author begins with a crash course in biblical literacy and interpretation and moves on to discuss many contemporary issues that are twisted in order to justify anti-Semitism.

THE GOOD BOOK COOKBOOK by Naomi Goodman, Robert Marcus & Susan Woolhandler. This book offers authentic biblical recipes using readily available ingredients with insights into traditions, history, and religious attitudes.

THE GOOD LIFE: Truths That Last in Times of Need by Peter J. Gomes. This author of the bestselling book THE GOOD BOOK champions the recovery of Western moral tradition.

THE MESSAGE by Eugene Peterson. This book brings the original Greek of the New Testament into everyday English.

THE PARABLES IN DEPTH by George Drew. This series is prepared for 10 sessions in adult Bible classes.

THE PENTECOSTAL COMMENTARY ON 1 JOHN, 2 JOHN, 3 JOHN by John Christopher Thomas. The author acknowledges and interacts with alternative interpretations of individuals passages.

THE PENTECOSTAL COMMENTARY ON 1 PETER, 2 PETER AND JUDE by Rebecca Skaggs. The author offers a running exposition on the text and extended comments on matters of special significance for Pentecostals.

THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY: The Consultation on Common Texts—Includes a complete list of lections for Years A, B, and C.

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET - Argus Communications by Mark Link. A look at the Gospels.

THE STORY BIBLE - by Pearl Buck

THE WORD AND YOU: A LECTIONARY-BASED EXPLORATION OF THE BIBLE, edited by Nan Duerling. This is an all-in-one guide for adults or older youth who want to prayerfully study a weekly Bible reading from the Revised Common Lectionary. The sessions run from September to September of lectionary years A, B and C, regardless of the actual calendar year in which it is used.

THESE STONES WILL SHOUT - Argus Communications by Mark Link. A new voice for the Old Testament.

WHAT THE BIBLE IS ALL ABOUT - Adult edition - This book offers valuable background information, underscores the main theme of the Bible and highlights the principal characters.

CARE FOR CREATION

CRAFTS FOR FUN: USING RECYCLED AND EVERYDAY ITEMS by Virginia Rich

EARTHEN VESSELS: AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION MANUAL FOR CHURCHGOERS by Albert Fritsch. - This manual includes chapters entitled: The Churches and Ecology, Churches and Lifestyles, Respecting this Earth, Renewing the Earth is Self-Renewing, Getting others to join and Mobilizing Resources.

EARTH DAY BIRTH DAY by Patti Schnetzler. This is a sing-along, read-along book that honors the animals, the environment, and a universal holiday. To the tune of “The Twelve

Days of Christmas,” appreciate twelve endearing North American species in their habitats.

FOR CREATION'S SAKE edited by D. T. Ressel - This printed resource helps to communicate the connection between justice and ecology from a "preaching" point of view.

GOD CREATED by Mark Bozzuti-Jones. The ancient story of creation comes alive in energetic words and pictures that capture the hearts and imaginations of children and families

HARVEST FOR THE WORLD: A Worship Anthology on Sharing in the Work of Creation compiled by Geoffrey Duncan. Celebratory, reflective, challenging, and humbling, this book affirms the goodness of creation, marvels at the miracle of growth and encourages us all to work for a fairer distribution of the fruits and gifts of the earth.

LIBERATING NATURE: Theology and Economics in a New Order by Paul King & David Woodyard. This book is liberation theology done at the intersection of economy and environment by and for affluent North Americans.

ONCE THERE WAS A TREE by Natalia Romanova -This book comes from Russia and is a book of rare beauty and gentle wisdom.

SEVEN DAYS TO CARE FOR GOD'S WORLD by Dean and Donna Erickson - Seven-year old Rupert shows children what it means to take care of God's good earth.

SEVEN SONGS OF CREATION: Liturgies for Celebrating and Healing Earth by Norman Habel. Each of the seven liturgies begins with a description of the setting, the symbols and imagery associated with the theme; a biblical text and reflection for the preacher or celebrant; and an order for worship that includes prayer and song.

SHARING NATURE WITH CHILDREN by Joseph Cornell - This is the classic parents' and teachers' nature awareness guidebook.

STEWARDSHIP OF ALL LIFE - A YES resource - Youth are offered the opportunity to compare their attitudes toward living on and caring for the earth with biblical examples and situations.

TENDING THE GARDEN: ESSAYS ON THE GOSPEL AND THE EARTH edited by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson. - This book calls the church back to its biblical and theological roots so that it may understand freshly its task of stewardship.

THE DANDELION SEED by Joseph Anthony. By roadside or mountainside, it flowers every month of the year throughout the world, a fitting symbol of life. It's journey is our journey, filled with challenge, wonder and beauty.

THE EARTH STORY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT edited by Norman Habel & Vicky Balabanski. This book is devoted to key New Testament texts from the Gospels, Acts, Ephesians, Hebrews and Revelation. In dialogue with six eco-justice principles, scholars from

four continents seek to attune their ear to the earth.

THE GOOD LIFE: Five Lessons to Nurture Simplicity Within Christian Communities by Christine Battjes. This resource is ideal for a Vacation Church School experience. It is based on the five life standards of voluntary simplicity.

THEOLOGY OF CREATION IN AN EVOLUTIONARY WORLD by Karl Schmitz-Moormann. The author takes as a given that the universe as a whole is in the process of evolution and asks how the Christian interpretation of this universe as God's creation can be understood.

THIS IS THE EARTH THAT GOD MADE by Lynn Downey. Borrowing the build-on style of *The House that Jack Built* the author adds rhyme and unfolds a beautiful tapestry of God's creation.

50 SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE THE EARTH by the Earth.Works Group. This is a practical book with great suggestions for saving our earth designed for youth and adults.

50 THINGS KIDS CAN DO TO SAVE THE EARTH - This 160 page "do-able" activities guidebook can help children project their future by pointing the way with practical, informational and enjoyable projects.

CHILDREN'S BIBLES AND STUDY AIDS

ABINGDON'S REPRODUCIBLE MAPS OF THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENT (16 maps). These maps offer church schools, churches, and homes a fast and economical tool to promote and assist Bible knowledge and proficiency.

A PEOPLE ON THE MOVE: Miriam, Moses, Aaron, & the Exodus of the Hebrew People. This learning resource is designed for all ages and is suitable for many settings.

CHILDREN'S BIBLES

1. Adventure Bible
2. Children's Bible - New Revised Standard Version
3. Good News Bible for Children
4. The Family Story Bible - Ralph Milton
5. The Bible for Beginning Readers - text taken from the International Children's Bible
6. The Children's Illustrated Bible
7. Young Explorer's Bible NIV
8. The Pilgrim Book of Bible Stories by Mark Water

9. The Bible—TNIV Today’s New International Version (recommended for teens)
10. Study Bible: The New Student Bible - NRSV New Revised Standard Version

CHILDREN’S BIBLE HANDBOOK: Answering Questions Children Ask - Genesis to Revelation by Lawrence Richards. This handbook builds faith with character sketches, geography, archaeology, customs and spiritual truths in each unit.

FAMILY TIES: The Adventures of Abraham & Sarah & Their Descendants. This learning resource is designed for all ages and suitable for many settings.

FINDING YOUR WAY THROUGH THE BIBLE by Paul B. and Mary Carolyn Maves - NRSV - This is a self-instruction book for middle and older elementary students.

IMAGES OF GOD by John and Katherine Paterson - The co-authors have conceived a book that explores the rich symbols and stories of the biblical text. The beautiful illustrations and written text help the reader know more about God.

LAWS TO LIVE BY: The Ten Commandments by Judith Chase & Phyllis Vos Wezeman. This resource contains a series of activities based on each of God’s guides for living. Participants explore and experience inviting, informing, and inspiring projects on the Ten Commandments in a learning center approach. There are 12 sessions.

LEARNING THE LORD’S PRAYER by Judith Chase & Phyllis Vos Wezeman. This resource offers a series of program designs focusing on a study of “The Lord’s Prayer.” In each chapter, the prayer that Jesus taught the disciples will be examined phrase by phrase. Activities for use in learning centers will be developed to help participants explore and experience various aspects of each petition.

LET THERE BE LIGHT- Bible stories beautifully illustrated by Jane Ray.

OFFERING THE GOSPEL TO CHILDREN by Gretchen Wolf Pritchard. The author shows how to offer the essence of the gospel imaginatively to children, with practical ideas on children's worship, liturgy, drama, pastoral care, and study of the Bible.

ONE-MINUTE BIBLE STORIES, NEW TESTAMENT - Adapted by Florence Henderson and Shari Lewis. The co-authors retell familiar Bible stories and parables in a succinct one-minute format.

ONE-MINUTE BIBLE STORIES, OLD TESTAMENT - Adapted by Shari Lewis Lewis retells 20 famous stories from the Bible in a simple one-minute format.

OPENING THE BIBLE WITH CHILDREN by Patricia Griggs. The author shows church school teachers how to integrate Bible skills into the church school curriculum.

PEOPLE FROM THE BIBLE by Martin Woodrow and E.P. Sanders - This text contains the absorbing stories of 324 people who witnessed and took part in the epic events of the Bible.

There are 100 superb color paintings.

PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE: Life and Customs by Silvia Gastaldi and Claire Musatti. This reference book offers 50 double-page windows, each opening on a different theme. Through them, children will see many different views of a distant world which will become familiar.

STEP BY STEP THROUGH THE BIBLE by Jean Louise Gustafson and Christine Poziemski - Puzzles, quizzes and writing experiences for teaching important Bible passages to grades 5 - 12.

STEPPING INTO THE BIBLE by Beverly E. Kostich - In each of these 10 Old and New Testament adventures, the reader decides what happens next. No matter which option is chosen, the reader will be swept into a thrilling Bible adventure!

THE BIBLE TIMELINE by Thomas Robinson.

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS AND OTHER BIBLE STORIES retold by Selina Hastings - Selected well-loved stories are retold for children in clear, lively language.

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE: How the World's Best-selling Book Came to Be - Children, youth, and adults will enjoy discovering the long line of faithful people who have remembered, written down, compiled, edited, copied, and translated, so that we might have the Bible as it is today. Some of the fun activities included are: making clay oil lamps, paper scrolls, an Agape Meal, playing Bible Jeopardy, and participating in an archeology dig! There are 5 sessions.

TRANSFORMING BIBLE STUDY WITH CHILDREN: A GUIDE FOR LEARNING TOGETHER by Patricia VanNess. The author's transformational Bible study technique focuses on wonder, imagination, and prayer, rather than on information.

WHAT THE BIBLE IS ALL ABOUT - Young Explorer's edition - This handbook has basic information about each book of the Bible - background, main characters, a map, etc.

CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM

CALL TO CONVERSION (THE) by Jim Wallis - Recovers the gospel for these times.

CHURCH AS EVANGELIST (THE) by George E. Swenzey - Makes evangelism a priority for local congregations.

CHURCH AND DENOMINATIONAL GROWTH: What does (and does not) Cause Growth or Decline edited by David A. Roozen and C. Kirk Hadaway - Over a dozen impartial experts join with the editors to examine the claims about what is happening, what is working, and who is helping to grow denominations and congregations in the USA and Canada.

EVANGELISM IN THE EARLY CHURCH by Michael Green

GROWING PLANS by Lyle E. Schaller - Strategies to increase your church's membership.

HOSPITALITY IN A GROWING CHURCH: A Training Guide for Welcomers, Ushers, and Teachers published by the UCBHM.

MAKING YOUR CHURCH MORE INVITING: A Step-by-Step Guide for In-Church Training by Roy Oswald. This book has 15 sessions that are designed to help clergy and lay leaders guide committees or study groups through a dynamic exploration of their congregation's IQ (invitation quotient).

STRATEGIES FOR CHURCH GROWTH by C. Peter Wayner - Tools for effective mission and evangelism.

THE INVITING CHURCH: A Study of New Member Assimilation by Roy Oswald and Speed Leas. This book includes a self-study design for assessing assimilation processes and analyzing visitors' perceptions.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Booklets offered by the Church and Synagoge Library:

1. Setting Up a Library
2. Selecting Materials
3. Cataloguing Made Easy
4. Getting Books off Shelves
5. Helping Children Through Books
6. Religious Books for Children

CLERGY/CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT

ALBAN INSTITUTE BOOKS

A CHANGE OF PASTORS: And How It Affects Change in the Congregation by Loren Mead

A NEW AND RIGHT SPIRIT: Creating an Authentic Church in a Consumer Culture by Rick Barger

A PRAYING CONGREGATION: The Art of Teaching Spiritual Practice by Jane

Vennard

BE NOT AFRAID: Building Your Church on Faith and Knowledge by Frederic Roberts
CLERGY RETIREMENT, AND WHOLENESS: Looking Forward to the Third Age by

Gwen Wagstrom Halaas

FROM NOMADS TO PILGRIMS: Stories from Practicing Congregations edited by

Diana Butler Bass & Joseph Steward-Sicking

OFFERINGS OF THE HEART: Values and Money in Faith Communities by Rabbi

Shawn Israel Zevit

SO YOU'RE ON THE SEARCH COMMITTEE (Revised edition– 2005) by Bunty

Ketcham & Celia Allison Hahn

TELL IT LIKE IT IS: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony by Lillian Daniel

THE COMPETENT PASTOR: Skills & Self-Knowledge for Serving Well by Ronald

Sisk

THE POSTINDUSTRIAL PROMISE: Vital Religious Community in the 21st Century

by Anthony Healy

THE POWER OF ASSET MAPPING

THE SPIRIT-LED LEADER: Nine Leadership Practices and Soul Principles by Tim

Geoffrion

TRAVELING TOGETHER: A Guide for Disciple-Forming Congregations by Jeffrey

Jones

WWW.CONGREGATIONALRESOURCES.ORG

WHAT'S THEOLOGY GOT TO DO WITH IT? Convictions, Vitality, and the Church

by Anthony Robinson

WHEN GOD SPEAKS THROUGH CHANGE: Preaching in Times of Congregational

Transition by Craig Satterlee

BEHAVIORAL COVENANTS IN CONGREGATIONS: A Handbook for Honoring Differences by Gilbert Rendle. This Alban Institute publication explains how to grow by valuing our differences rather than trying to ignore or blend them. The author describes a method of establishing behavioral covenants that includes leadership instruction, training tools, resources, small group exercises, and plans for meetings and retreats.

BEING CLERGY, STAYING HUMAN: TAKING OUR STAND IN THE RIVER by Dorothy McRae-McMahon - The author suggests a new way to view the clergy role: focus on how it reflects such qualities as vulnerability and courage, forgiveness and healing, weakness and authenticity.

BUILDING KING'S BELOVED COMMUNITY: FOUNDATIONS FOR PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING WITH THE OPPRESSED by Donald Chinula - This book seeks to inspire and suggest a prophetic practice that will broaden and inform the paradigm for pastoral caregiving in responding to the needs of oppressed people in any context - especially where Christianity is practiced.

CALLED TO CARE: A NOTEBOOK FOR LAY CAREGIVERS assists a church in strengthening its caregiving ministries. This notebook for training and organizing caregiving offers information on 52 topics.

CALLING AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE PASTORAL STAFF - This is a supplement to *A Local Church Seeks a Pastor*.

CLERGY EVALUATION - This booklet is available to assist the clergy in being the most effective pastor possible.

COME FOLLOW ME - This resource is designed for laypeople in the UCC. It focuses on following Jesus and participating in the ministry of the laity.

COMMON SENSE ABOUT MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MINISTRY by Donna Schaper- Writing from the particular lens of a woman in ministry, the author sees ministry like a patchwork quilt and preaching as “stitching the quilt” showing people how to come home.

CRITICAL MOMENT OF MINISTRY: A CHANGE OF PASTORS by Loren B. Mead - The author brings together the insights of many years of research by The Alban Institute and other scholars.

FAITH GOES TO WORK: REFLECTIONS FROM THE MARKETPLACE edited by Robert Banks - The writers from many vocations, challenge readers to examine how churches can better equip laity for ministry in the world.

FUTURING YOUR CHURCH: Finding Your Vision and Making it Work by George Thompson. In this book, church leaders explore the congregation’s heritage, its current context, and its theological bearings. From insights gleaned, members can discern what God is currently calling their church to do in this time and place.

HOW TO BUILD A SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR YOUR MINISTRY by Roy Oswald - This book helps the reader learn how to analyze present support systems of family, friends, and colleagues; what works and what doesn’t; and what it takes to start, develop, and sustain a support group.

HOW TO GET ALONG WITH YOUR CHURCH: Creating Cultural Capital for Doing Ministry by George Thompson. By culture, the author means not just racial, ethnic, economic or regional culture, but also a congregation’s way of doing things; its history customs, conventions, and procedures.

IN SUPPORT OF ORDAINED MINISTRY - This series is made up of four separate booklets:

1. Getting Started in Your New Place for Ordained Ministry
2. Maintaining Vitality While Serving in a Parish Ministry
3. When a Pastor Seeks a New Place for Ministry
4. Planning for Retirement

LET’S TALK: HELPING COUPLES, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS COMMUNICATE by Robert Randall - This is a book to help pastoral care-givers respond to the needs of parishioners who find themselves with communication problems.

LOCAL CHURCH EVALUATION - This guide offers suggestions to help a church engage in intentional and periodic evaluation.

ON CALLING AND CARE OF PASTORS by Richard J. Kirk - This brief guide for lay leaders reviews the stresses - and promises inherent in a change of pastoral leadership, with particular focus on the relationship of pastor to congregation and the roles anticipated and played by each.

RUNNING THROUGH THE THISTLES by Roy Oswald - This well-researched and thoughtful study written for pastors enables clergy to gain insight into their termination style and how it affects both their parishioners and themselves.

SAYING GOODBYE: A TIME OF GROWTH FOR CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORS by Edward White. This book skillfully weaves accounts from clergy, laity, and educators of 7 denominations with the author's own insights to create a resource for meaningful and healthy partings.

SMALL, STRONG CONGREGATIONS: Creating Strengths and Health for Your Congregation by Kennon Callahan. This book affirms a growing trend toward deliberately small, strong congregations and offers practical advice for church leaders who wish to strengthen their congregations.

SO YOU'RE ON THE SEARCH COMMITTEE by Bunty Ketcham - Ketcham presents an area map of the total search process, pointing out some of the predictable rough spots and suggesting effective and faithful ways of negotiating them.

STRESS, POWER AND MINISTRY by John Harris - The author explores that extraordinarily complex, tender, creative, frightening relationship between the work of the clergyperson and the life of the layperson- a relationship fraught with conscious and unconscious stresses and projections.

TEMPORARY SHEPHERDS: A HANDBOOK FOR INTERIM MINISTRY edited by Roger Nicholson. Lay leaders of congregations preparing for the interim transition will value the expert guidance provided by over a dozen experienced interim pastors.

THE CHURCH GUIDE TO COPYRIGHT LAW—Third edition by Richard Hammar. This resource offers complete coverage of all important copyright issues for churches and clergy.

THE CALLING OF THE LAITY - Verna Dozier's anthology - The author challenges the laity to accept the authority given to them at baptism. Her anthology offers support to the people of God as they function in their daily lives.

THE DISHONEST CHURCH by Jack Good. This book takes a look at the reasons behind the decline of the mainline churches, and a prescription for a long overdue remedy—honesty!

THE INTERIM PASTOR by Ralph Macy - Clergy, congregations, and executives can benefit

from this fresh look at the interim pastor. The theological, ethical, and strategic issues involved in this dynamic transition time are revealed and analyzed.

THE LEADER'S BOX - This is a leadership development resource for local churches. It contains cards on 154 topics vital to the life of the local church.

THE MALE-FEMALE CHURCH STAFF: CELEBRATING THE GIFTS, CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGES by Anne Marie Nuechterlein and Celia Hahn - The world of male/female relationships is a topic of widespread interest and this book offers a cutting edge approach.

THE PASTOR AS NEWCOMER by Roy M. Oswald - This overview of new pastorate opportunities, perils, and stresses draws on substantial research from several studies on Alban's Pastoral Start-Up Project.

THE PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE - This is a booklet designed to strengthen the local church.

WHO MINISTERS TO MINISTERS?: A STUDY OF SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR CLERGY AND SPOUSES by Barbara Gilbert - The author offers well-documented analysis, sound theological insight, and first hand experience as both support receiver and support giver.

CLOWN MINISTRY

ACTING OUT THE GOSPELS WITH MIMES, PUPPETS, AND CLOWNS by William De Angelis - This rich resource includes a variety of celebrations of seasonal events, gospel themes, and personalities.

CLOWN MIMES FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY by Susie Kelly Toomey includes thematic skits on a variety of Christian ideas.

MIME MINISTRY by Susie Kelly Toomey is an illustrated, easy to follow guidebook for organizing, programming and training a troupe of Christian Mimes.

SCRIPTURE SKITS FOR A TROUPE OF CLOWNS by Janet Litherland - 10 skits - Included are:

1. Forgiveness
2. About the Stumbling Blocks
3. The Lion and the Lamb
4. Tower of Babel
5. God's Armor
6. The Six Woes
7. The Casting of Lots
8. Gideon's Army

9. A Parable
10. Who are the Meek?

CONFIRMATION

AFFIRMING FAITH is based on the U.C.C. Statement of Faith. This resource is designed as a guidebook to assist congregations in teaching 12-14 and 14-16 year old confirmands. A student journal is included along with an introductory video.

BECOMING AND BELONGING: A PRACTICAL DESIGN FOR CONFIRMATION has been developed to revitalize the experience of confirmation for youth as well as those dedicated to nurturing the faith of the church's youth.

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH (UCBHM) - Student's book and leader's guide.

MAKING DISCIPLES - by William Willeman - A new approach to Confirmation - includes a Coordinator's Manual, Mentor's Guide, Confirmand's Journal, and a Mentor's Support Video.

MODELS OF CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION by Robert Browning and Roy Reed. At the heart of this book lies the exciting thesis that Confirmation is a repeatable sacrament which both strengthens and adds to Baptism at various stages in an individual lifecycle.

MY CONFIRMATION a guide for confirmation instruction. (1994)

TO BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING by Martin Copenhaver. The author offers a wonderful introduction to the Christian faith.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH: An Introduction to the Major Traditions by Paul Avis. Traditions presented in this book include Anglican, Baptist and Pentecostal, Lutheran, Methodist, Old Catholic, Reformed, and Roman Catholic. The book brings into focus areas of convergence and divergence within the Christian Churches.

THE DAY I WAS CONFIRMED by Pam Lucas and Hal Harrison. These two beautifully embossed gift books are designed as keepsakes to honor a child's baptism or confirmation. They connect baptism and confirmation to ongoing participation in the life of the church and continued growth in the Christian faith.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION by Peter R. Monkres and R. Kenneth Ostermiller. This is an adult study guide that allows clergy, Christian educators, and lay leaders to discuss and explore how confirmation can open the door to a lifelong ministry of recognizing ways to grow in faith.

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION? (UCBHM)

YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM (UCBHM)

CURRICULUM SAMPLES

The Resource Center has current preview samples of the following curricula:

ANIMAL CRACKERS - Heifer Project International (HPI) curriculum for children.

BIBLE QUEST

SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT

TEACHING PRESCHOOLERS IN THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY by Phoebe Anderson - This is the updated classic for teaching from birth to three in the church.

DEATH AND DYING RELATED RESOURCES

A TASTE OF BLACKBERRIES by Doris Buchanan Smith - This book deals with the response of a young boy to the sudden death of his closest friend.

BADGER'S PARTING GIFTS by Susan Vorley.

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA by Katherine Paterson. A touching children's story of strength and courage that develops after the death of a best friend.

DYING AND DEATH: A Resource for Christian Reflection by Brent Waters. The author addresses the personal and social issues of when and how one should die.

DYING WELL: The Prospect for Growth at the End of Life by Ira Byock, M.D. This book aids you in the death-with-dignity debate and care at the end of life.

GUIDING YOUNG TEENS THROUGH LIFE'S LOSSES: Prayers, Rituals & Activities by Phyllis Vos Wezeman, Jude Dennis Fournier and Kenneth Wezeman. The authors have prepared 16 lessons that offer adults a way to help children cope with loss. The children are encouraged and assisted to acknowledge their loss, to express their feelings, and to attempt to recognize within the experience an opportunity for healing and growth.

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE: Daily Meditations to Help You through the Grieving Process by Raymond Mitsch & Lynn Brookside.

HOW IT FEELS WHEN A PARENT DIES by Jill Krementz. In this insightful book 18 children from 7-16 years old speak openly, honestly, unreservedly, of their experiences and feelings. Their stories are shared so that children experiencing the loss of a parent may know that others have felt the same anguish and guilt, confusion and anger, and that these feelings are normal and even appropriate.

IT MUST HURT A LOT by Doris Sanford. A book about death and learning and growing.

LIFETIMES by Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen - A beautiful way to explain death to children.

LOVE AWAY MY HURT: A CHILD'S BOOK ABOUT DEATH by Amy Ross Mumford and Karen E. Danhauer.

MAKING END OF LIFE DECISIONS—This resource was prepared jointly by the UCC Chaplains in Health Care and CHHSM as a guide for individuals, families and church groups.

PART OF ME DIED, TOO: Stories of Creative Survival Among Bereaved Children and Teenagers by Virginia Lynn Fry. This book tells 11 stories about young people who experienced the loss of family members or friends. The chapters progress from relatively simple deaths, such as the loss of a pet or the anticipated death of an aged grandparent, to more complex death, such as the loss of a sister and mother to AIDS or the death of an abusive father. Guided by a hospice counselor, these young people used writing, drawing, games of safe aggression, farewell projects, rituals at the time of death, and other creative activities to bring their feelings out into the open where they could explore them and begin to feel whole again.

TALKING ABOUT DEATH: A Dialogue between Parent and Child by Earl Grollman. This resource includes a children's read-along, a parents' guide to explaining death and an extensive listing of helpful resources.

THE EMPTY PLACE: A CHILD'S GUIDE THROUGH GRIEF by Roberta Temes, Ph.D This is a story about a boy who struggles with the meaning of death.

THE END - BEGINNING by Margaret Herder - A child's book about life and death.

THE NEXT PLACE by Warren Hanson. This children's book offers an inspirational journey of light and hope to a place where earthly hurts are left behind.

THE TENTH GOOD THING ABOUT BARNEY by Judith Viorst.

WATERBUGS AND DRAGON FLIES by Doris Stickney - Pilgrim Press - Explains death to children.

WHAT'S HEAVEN? by Maria Shriver. Death eventually touches every family. This book is a starting point for parents who must talk about this difficult topic with their children.

WHEN DINOSAURS DIE: A Guide to Understanding Death by Laurie Krasny and Marc Brown. Quiet, respectful, and unthreatening, this book will become a primary-grades standard on the subject.

WHEN SOMEONE DIES by Sharon Greenee - Counselor Sharon Greenee offers help in dealing with the confusion and hurt felt by children and adults alike at the time when someone dies.

WHEN YOUR CHILD DIES: FINDING THE MEANING IN MOURNING by Nancy Comey Stevenson and Cary Higley Stevenson

WHEN SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENS: CHILDREN CAN LEARN TO COPE WITH GRIEF by Marge Reegaard. This book is designed to help children understand and cope with overwhelming feelings from loss and change. Creating art provides a method for expressing feelings.

WIPE THE TEARS: 30 Children's Sermons on Death by Phyllis Vos Wezeman, Anna Liechy, and Kenneth Wezeman. These sermon ideas are targeted for children from kindergarten through upper elementary.

WHOSE DEATH IS IT, ANYWAY? - A - VCR - 55 minutes. Experts on end-of-life decision making - nurses, physicians, social workers and clergy join a studio audience hosted by Dr. Nancy Synderman. The program examines: Patients Legal Rights, Family Conflicts About End-of-Life Decisions, Advance Directives, Palliative (Comfort) Care, and Dying at Home.

WINTER HOLDING SPRING by Crescent Dragonwagon. Sara's mother has died. Somehow, father and daughter struggle through the painful year following the loss. Dragonwagon's gentle, moving words make it clear that grief is part of love, that loneliness is part of communication, and that change is part of continuity.

ETHICS

AIMING TO KILL: The Ethics of Suicide and Euthanasia by Niger Bigger. This book draws on theological and philosophical resources to pioneer an original way through the basic questions raised in the euthanasia and assisted suicide debate.

A NEW PROTESTANT LABOR ETHIC AT WORK by Ken Estey. The author offers an alternative labor ethic striving to transform structural inequalities now central to corporate dominance.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS: An Essential Guide by Robin Lovin. In this outline of Christian ethics, the author strives to balance the questions and issues that form the core study of ethics and life

situations from which the questions arise.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS by Lisa Sowle Cahill and James F. Childress, EDS. This fresh analysis of the “state of the question” in religious ethics charts the course for future study and exploration in the field. Written in honor of James Gustafson, who provides a conclusion, these 22 original essays examine hotly debated controversies on a wide range of topics.

DARING TO SPEAK IN GOD’S NAME: Ethical Prophecy in Ministry by Mary Alice Mulligan & Rufus Burrow. This book challenges pastors to take on the role of “ethical prophet” - one who dares to speak the truth in God’s name in response to critical social issues of our day.

ETHICS AND TECHNOLOGY by John Hart. This is a step-by-step, hands-on process that companies, civic organizations, and watchdog groups can use to assess the benefits and costs of technology. Tools are offered by asking effective questions and making ethical decisions.

FREE SPEECH AND FALSE PROFITS: ETHICS IN THE MEDIA by Ted Schwarz. Freedom of speech and freedom of the press are guaranteed by the First Amendment. Where do we as a society draw the line between tolerance and censorship? Schwarz raises questions about a society’s responsibilities to its citizenry - and ultimately, to the education of its children.

INTERSECTION by James M. Gustafson. The author pursues the fundamental questions of theological ethics: the nature of being human, what distinguishes us from other species, how our self-interest conflicts with our sympathy and concern for others, and the role of religious faith. Gustafson calls scholars, clergy and laypersons alike to engage in these intellectual intersections.

PASTORAL GENETICS: THEOLOGY AND CARE AT THE BEGINNING OF LIFE by Ronald Cole-Turner and Brent Waters. The co-authors trace recent developments in genetics and medical technology, then describe the religious and moral issues that comfort those coping with difficult pregnancies.

SUFFERING PRESENCE: Theological Reflections on Medicine, the Mentally Handicapped, and the Church by Stanley Hauerwas. The author challenges the dominant paradigms of contemporary ethics and views the moral crisis in medicine in a collection of essays.

THE ULTIMATE IMPERATIVE: An Interpretation of Christian Ethics by Ronald Stone. This is the work of a responsible and respected Christian ethicist who offers a helpful reminder that love always has been and always will be at the center of Christian ethics.

WHEN KILLING IS WRONG: Physician-Assisted Suicide and the Courts by Arthur Dyck. This book offers insightful analysis of the moral reasonings employed in the physician-assisted suicide debate, and identifies the harmful consequences that would result by its practice.

FAITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FAITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES are designed to help people of faith work creatively on life transitions. They contain leader's guides with exercises, work pages for participants use, and several books for children.

SET 1

FINDING OURSELVES CHRISTIAN PLANBOOK
ALWAYS GROWING UP
HOW TO MAINTAIN MY IDENTITY IN A CROWD
SEE THE WELFARE OF THE CITY

SET 2

BIRTH, BAPTISM AND PARENTING PLANBOOK
SUPPORTING PARENTS THROUGH GOOD TIMES AND CRISES PARENTING
SKILLS: COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY
A DAY TO REMEMBER: MY BAPTISM BOOK

SET 3

INTIMACY AND COMMITMENT
PEOPLE AND PROMISES - LEADER'S GUIDE
PEOPLE AND PROMISES: AN ANTHOLOGY
NAMELY LOVE
THE DYNAMICS OF INTIMACY AND BEST FRIENDS

SET 4

VOCATION AND CALLING PLANBOOK
GIFTS GIVEN TO US (Children's Resource ages 4-7)
BEING AND DOING (Children's Resource ages 8-12)
GOD, IS THAT YOU CALLING (A Youth Resource)
CALLED TO BE GIFTED AND GIVING (An Adult Resource)

SET 5

TWO HUGS AND TWO KISSES
LOOKING FOR ANSWERS
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US
WE ARE A RESURRECTION PEOPLE
JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS
THE HEALTHY LIFE
FACING DEATH TRIUMPHANTLY

FAMILY RESOURCES

ADELE FABER BOOKS:

HOW TO TALK SO KIDS WILL LISTEN AND LISTEN SO KIDS WILL TALK—
This book is designed to bring adults to the level of children, and children to the level of adults, so that this happy meeting ground can truly make harmony in the home.

LIBERATED PARENTS LIBERATED CHILDREN - Faber and Elaine Mazlish share their own and others' parenting experiences. They speak of the countless ways language can build self-esteem, inspire confidence, and encourage responsibility.

SIBLINGS WITHOUT RIVALRY - How to help your children so that you can live too.

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM: Hopeful Parenting in a Confused World by Johann Christoph Arnold. But what if parenthood is not just a duty, but a privilege, and what if our children can draw us closer to God and each other? Check out this book for some reflections on these questions.

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO PRAYER by Anita E. Keire. This is a complete guide to prayer for everyone - parents and teachers, inquiring adults and especially for the children that learn from them.

CELEBRATE LIFE: RITUALS FOR HOME AND CHURCH by Peter Young. Created to help people bridge the gap between home and church, this book confirms the importance of rituals in both places.

CELEBRATING AT HOME: PRAYERS AND LITURGIES FOR FAMILIES by Deborah Alberswerth Payden and Laura Loving. This book will inspire families to be playful and prayerful together throughout life's many seasons.

CHRISTIAN PARENTING by Betsy & John Smylie. This practical book offers workable suggestions for making prayer, worship, healing, and other aspects of the spiritual journey a part of contemporary family life.

FAMILY IDEAS FOR PRAYER by Jan Hartley - this collection of ideas and suggestions for prayer will help you respond to God's involvement with your family and express your Christian faith together.

FAMILY SURVIVAL: COPING WITH STRESS - Parker Rossman - Tested methods for developing family support networks are explored, building on the work of Hospice, refugee resettlement programs, and programs dealing with troubled adolescents.

FAMILIES VALUED: Parenting and Politics for the Good of All Children by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer. This book is about how a father explores how the needs of children can change

personal and social priorities

GENERATIONS LEARNING TOGETHER - Donald and Patricia Griggs This is a how-to of intergenerational ministries - a gold mine of ideas and programs for family, ministries utilizing biblical themes.

GENERATION TO GENERATION: FAMILY PROCESS IN CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE by Edwin H. Friedman. The author applies the concepts of systemic family therapy, along with his unique experience as a rabbi and practicing therapist, to the emotional life of congregations and their leaders.

GENTLY LEAD by Polly Berrien Berends - How to teach your child about God while finding out for yourself.

GETTING IT TOGETHER: Spiritual Practices for Faith, Family, and Work by Carol Wehrheim. Each chapter begins with a selection from Scripture and concludes with a spiritual discipline. The book includes a leader's guide and is an ideal resource for individual or group study .

GETTING THE LOVE YOU WANT: A Guide for Couples by Harville Hendrix. This book is co-authored by Hendrix's wife Helen Hunt. He is a pastoral counselor who has helped couples attain more loving, supportive, and satisfying relationships.

GROWING TOGETHER is a series of small books planned to assist parents and other caring adults as they nurture children in the Christian faith.

Talking With Your Child About Prayer by Myra Nagel

Talking With Your Child About Feelings by Kathryn Elues Parker

Talking With Your Child About Sexuality by Kenneth Ostermiller

Talking With Your child About the Presence of God by J. Yorke Peeler, Jr.

Talking with Your Child About Worship by Sandra Varel Edwards

Talking with Your Child About AIDS by Barbara Prince

Talking with Your Child About The Bible by Craig Anderson

Talking with Your Child About The Church Year by Roy Albersmith and Deborah Albersmith Payden

Talking with Your Child About Fantasy and Dreams by Ronald W. Baard

LEAVING HOME WITH FAITH by Elizabeth Caldwell. The author explores themes faced by adolescents, their families and their congregations, and seeks to answer such questions as what changes are our adolescents experiencing?, what are the implications of these changes for those who live and work with them?, and what consistencies of family, congregational life, and faith are necessary in order to support them?

MAKING A HOME FOR FAITH: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Your Children by Elizabeth Caldwell. This book assists parents in addressing hard issues and questions related to faith.

PARENTING WITH A PURPOSE - This booklet offers a positive approach for raising confident, caring youth.

PEOPLEMAKING - Virginia Satir - An incredible resource for developing a family cluster and dealing with communication, self-worth, power, and rules. It's filled with thought-provoking exercises as well as exciting concepts.

THE DIVORCE WORKBOOK: A GUIDE FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES by Sally Blakeslee Ives, David Tassler, and Michelle Lash - This workbook came out of a program at the Malletts Bay School in Colchester, Vt. It covers all the major issues surrounding divorce in a gentle and helpful manner.

THE ORDINARY WAY: A FAMILY SPIRITUALITY - Dolores R. Leckey The building blocks of family life can be found in intimacy, equality, authority, prayer, solitude, hospitality, play, study, and stability. This is a thought-provoking volume for an adult study group or a sermon series about the family and spirituality.

THE PARENT'S HANDBOOK by Don Dinkmeyer and Gary McKay - Authors of the STEP program, the authors promote mutual respect between parent and child, cooperation, responsibility and self-reliance.

WHAT KIDS NEED TO SUCCEED - This book introduces assets and shows practical ways everyone can build assets.

WHEN CHILDREN ASK ABOUT GOD by Harold S. Kushner - Author of "When Bad Things Happen to Good People".

WHOLE CHILD/WHOLE PARENT by Polly Berrien Berends. This is a wise, loving and practical book.

(IT TAKES MORE THAN LOVE) Refer to A.V. catalog.

(PARENTING ADOLESCENTS) Refer to A.V. catalog.

HEALING RESOURCES

ADVENTURES OF HEALING - How to understand the biblical truths for wholeness of the body, mind, and spirit, by Pastor Donald Bartow. A rich resource of "100 Adventures" (rather than chapters) written by the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, each adventure being one oversize page in length and covering such major topics as the Bible and healing, the denominations and healing, obstacles to health, the laying on of hands, and introducing a healing service.

A HUNGER FOR HEALING by J. Keith Miller. The Twelve Steps as a classic model for spiritual growth. "Miller offers guidelines and exercises which reveal the importance of the

ongoing process of healing." Harvard Educational Review.

ALL WILL BE WELL: A Gathering of Healing Prayers edited by Lyn Klug. Many different voices are represented in this collection of healing prayers.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE by Martha O. Adams - A call to courage for care givers.

A MINISTRY OF PRAYER by Donald Bartow - How to teach yourself and others to pray.

BELONGING: BONDS OF HEALING AND RECOVERY by Dennis, Sheila and Matthew Linn. This book integrates the 12 Steps and Christianity in a profound way that is practical, readable and will help many people.

COME, HEALING GOD: PRAYER DURING ILLNESS by Joan and Lou Guntzelmann - This book offers suggestions for praying when you feel lost for words or overwhelmed with discomfort, or when you simply desire to know that God is close.

COMPANIONS ON THE WAY: THE ART OF SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE by Morton T. Kelsey.

DANCING IN THE DARK by Randy Hammer. This book is a selection of true short stories that tell how faith helped people through hard times when no one else was there. The stories offer strength, hope and inspiration to face our everyday problems and the challenges in life. The book is good for personal inspiration as well as a source of sermon illustrations.

DANCING WITH DISABILITIES by Brett Webb Mitchell. This book is a collection of personal experiences of the author witnessing how a disability can actually be an example to others to help them grow in their faith. Once people get past the disability and come to know the person, they can learn from the person with the disability. Once this happens then all can work together and grow in their faith. The person with the disability, then, is seen as a person with ability. This book could assist people struggling with disabilities, whether their own or another person's, to find hope, strength and a better understanding of their abilities.

DON'T FORGIVE TOO SOON: EXTENDING THE TWO HANDS THAT HEAL by Dennis Linn, Sheila Fabricant Linn and Matthew Linn. This book offers simple, healing processes for all those who struggle for the freedom to forgive.

EVIL, THE SHADOW SIDE OF REALITY by John A. Sanford. A scholarly investigation of evil from the perspectives of Jungian psychology, mythology, and the Old and New Testaments, with some concluding chapters on the necessity of a "wholeness that comes about through imperfection, not through perfection."

FROGS INTO PRINCES by Richard Bandler and John Grinder - This resource explores neurolinguistic programming.

GETTING WELL AGAIN: A STEP-BY-STEP SELF-HELP GUIDE TO OVERCOMING CANCER FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES by O. Carl Simonton, Stephanie Matthews-Simonton, and James Creighton. These pioneers in mind-body communication stress our participation in the healing process and write concretely on such topics as stress, belief systems, personality, visualization, exercise, and coping with fears.

GIFT OF INNER HEALING (THE) by Ruth Carter Stapleton. A highly readable personal narrative of the healing of memories by a woman who now shares that gift through her ministry.

GOD, DREAMS AND REVELATION by Morton T. Kelsey. Kelsey puts the meaning of dreams into perspective and helps the reader discover the richness of the Christian tradition.

GOOD GOATS: Healing Our Image of God by Dennis Linn, Sheila Linn, and Matthew Linn. Here is a clear and simple picture of the God that Jesus revealed. There is a question and answer section.

HEALING by Francis MacNutt, O.P. A landmark book by one of the first Roman Catholics involved in the charismatic renewal, this text is composed of four sections: the healing ministry (its underlying meaning and importance); faith, hope and charity as they touch upon the healing ministry.

HEALING BODY AND SOUL by John Sanford. Illness comes to all of us at sometime or another. This book discusses the meaning of illness in the Gospels and helps us come to terms with important aspects of the meaning of illness, both for spiritual satisfaction and help with recovery.

HEALING & CHRISTIANITY IN ANCIENT THOUGHT AND MODERN TIMES by Morton T. Kelsey. Kelsey traces the history of healing throughout the centuries - down to its current-day medical model, and shows how Christian healing can be aligned with medicine, psychology, and philosophy.

HEALING THE SHAME THAT BINDS YOU by John Bradshaw. This book breaks new ground in the issues of societal and personal breakdown, offering new ways of recovery vital to all of us.

HEALING GIFT OF THE SPIRIT (THE) by Agnes Sanford.

HEALING JOURNEYS - A healing resource for women.

HEALING LIGHT (THE) by Agnes Sanford.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS by John Sanford

HEALING VISUALIZATIONS CREATING HEALTH THROUGH IMAGERY by Gerald Epstein, M.D. The author, a psychiatrist and pioneer in working dream therapy, provides a new vision of how the mind can help heal the body through the power of "imaginal medicine".

HEALING WOUNDED EMOTIONS OVERCOMING LIFE'S HURTS by Martin H. Padovani. The author shows the reader how to overcome the hurts life has dealt one.

HEALTHY CONNECTIONS: A Compendium of Congregational Ministries in Health, Welfare, and Human Services - This is a resource guide highlighting congregational approaches in addressing health and health care issues faced by individuals and communities

IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN TO ME by Claudia Black, PhD, MSW Children of Alcoholics as Youngsters-Adolescents-Adults. This book is meant to help the reader understand the roles children in alcoholic families adopt, the problems they face in adulthood as a result, and what they can do to break the pattern of destruction.

JESUS AND WOMAN: AN EXCITING DISCOVERY OF WHAT HE OFFERED HER by Lisa Sergio. An interpretation of ten scripture passages depicting Jesus' revolutionary relationships with women, including the woman at the well, Mary and Martha, his mother Mary, Mary of Magdala, the woman caught in adultery, the woman with the hemorrhage.

LIVING WITH CANCER: Meditations on Patience and Love by Melody and Richard Smith. This book is written for those living with cancer: patients, their loved ones, and their caregivers.

MEDICINE AS MINISTRY: REFLECTIONS ON SUFFERING, ETHICS AND HOPE by Margaret E. Mohrmann, M.D. - In this theological reflection on illness, healing and the doctor-patient relationship, pediatrician Mohrmann bridges the sometimes disparate worlds of medicine and faith, of high technology and ultimate concern.

MIXED BLESSINGS by Paula Ripple Comin. In all of our senses and all of life's circumstances there is a potential for pain and for blessing. The author gives thorough but simple understanding of both aspects pointing out that there is growth gleaned for good in negative circumstances. Decisions made help us to become what God has intended for us.

MODERN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES: A CONTEMPORARY READING OF "THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS" by David L. Fleming, S.J. This is a modern rendering of the classic sixteenth-century discipline developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola. It is a highly detailed four-week-long retreat and renewal.

MORE THAN SURVIVORS: GOD'S WAY OF RESTORATION FOR WOMEN by Ruth Sanford. Writing from the perspective of a married woman with children, Sanford shares her experiences about guilt, bitterness, anxiety, depression, discouragement, and fear, and she offers advice about making love real in your home.

MY STORY AND "THE STORY" by Robert McAfee Brown. This is a reprint of Brown's paper delivered at the 1974 annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion on the intersection between the Gospel story and our own life story.

PAIN SEEKING UNDERSTANDING. Edited by Margaret E. Mohrmann and Mark J.

Hanson. Dealing with the suffering and ensuing questions of faith that are prompted by the suffering, the editors give a series of essays on the decision to turn from God or to God. To justify God in the presence of suffering, the part of medicine and technology in the scheme of life's pain, the editors include many works by fellow theologians. To fully understand this work, one might need time to contemplate the complexity of the role faith and science play together in the healing process, of finding some good in suffering.

PARISH NURSING: Promoting Whole Person Health within Faith Communities ed. Phyllis Ann Solari-Twadell and Mary Ann McDermott. This is a handbook on health promotion and care within faith communities.

PATHWAYS THROUGH PAIN by Ann Callender. Ordinary pain, that which is not spectacular, but chronic, wears and tears on the sufferer and that person's faith. The author, through examples of her own pain and its diminutive effects on her life, tries to discern growth beyond it. She gives examples from the paths taken by others -Jesus, St. Paul, St. Teresa, monks and nuns. Through pain, other good is discovered, hidden talents are uncovered, new relationships are formed, and peace and joy result.

POWER TO HEAL (THE) by Francis MacNutt.

PSYCHOLOGY, MEDICINE AND CHRISTIAN HEALING by Morton T. Kelsey. A revised and expanded edition of Healing and Christianity. A comprehensive summary of the ancient arts of healing. A book to live with and use as a means of reflection on how to gain serenity and find healing for one's self and for the world.

PRAYERS by Michel Quoist, International bestseller.

PRAYER THAT HEALS, PRAYING FOR HEALING IN THE FAMILY (THE) by Francis MacNutt. An easy-to-read, straightforward, and practical introduction to praying for healing in the family, a much neglected part of many Christians' lives.

PRAYING OUR GOODBYES by Joyce Rupp. This is a book for anyone who has experienced loss. It is designed to help the reader recognize, ritualize, reflect on and re-orient themselves.

PRAYING WITH ANOTHER FOR HEALING by Dennis & Matthew Linn and Sheila Fabricant Linn. A detailed workbook covering all aspects of healing and including also lesson plans for a healing seminar by three persons who are much in demand as seminar leaders.

PROCESS OF ENGAGEMENT (THE) by Nancy L. Tubesing, D. Tubesing & and William M. Peterson. The fourth monograph in the series on the Wholistic Health Center Project, it focuses on the engagement of people in the process of becoming and staying healthy.

RACHEL'S CRY by Kathleen C. Billman & David Migliere. This book explores why there is a danger that praise without lament can become triumphalism and a danger that lament without praise is hopelessness. The author compares Rachel's life to that of Mary and tells why both are important. The idea that life is all wonderful without tragedy is a false idea. Lament needs

acceptance as does praise to bring a rebirth of hope into people's lives.

ROLE OF FAITH IN THE PROCESS OF HEALING (THE) by Edgar N. Jackson. Teacher and psychologist, Jackson investigates the connections between health and faith, with the thesis that we are to some degree responsible for the good or ill health we experience.

SIMPLE WAYS TO PRAY FOR HEALING by Dennis Linn, Sheila Fabricant Linn and Matthew Linn. This book contains the eight ways to pray for healing that are simple enough for small children, yet profound enough for sophisticated adults.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE OF ST. IGNATIUS (THE) translated by Anthony Mottofa, Ph.D.

THIS GRIEF IS MINE: Personal Journey and Guide Through the Aspects of Grief, Comfort and Healing by Norma Atherton. This VT author openly and freely discusses every aspect of grief through a unique blend of personal tragedy, researched professional opinions, and spiritual insights.

THEOLOGICAL ROOTS OF WHOLISTIC HEALTH by Thomas Droege, R. Underwood, H. Rust, K. Vaux and J. Westberg. The first monograph in the Wholistic Health Care series of five is a compilation of five articles responding to many of the religious questions raised by the Health Care Project.

TO HEAL THE SICK by Charles and Frances Hunter. The founders of the City of Light Christian Center offer a direct, down-to-earth "how to" book, in the belief that others can also become "common, ordinary, everyday miracle workers."

TO TOUCH THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT: A TRUE STORY OF HEALING by Mary Drahos. Drahos relates the story of her own healing from multiple sclerosis and provides a helpful overview of the many available avenues of healing in our culture, some Christian and some not. Includes a chapter on death as the perfect healing.

TRACKS OF A FELLOW STRUGGLER: Living and Growing through Grief by John Claypool. The contents of this book are records of the prophetic utterance of Claypool as he spoke with his congregation of his terror, grief, loss, comfort and consecration in the face of the death of his 10 year old child.

TWELVE STEPS: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY (THE). A working guide for adult children from addictive and other dysfunctional families. Based on biblical teachings. Workbook from Recovery Publication.

TWELVE STEPS TO SPIRITUAL WHOLENESS: A CHRISTIAN PATHWAY by Philip St. Roman. This book presents the "Twelve Steps" as a way to grow, to move toward a "Spiritual Awakening," an awareness of our true self in God.

UCC PARISH NURSE DIRECTORY - This is an alphabetical listing of UCC Parish Nurses by state and conference areas.

UCC PARISH NURSE NETWORK: Linking and Touching the Lives of All - The *Health and Wellness Program* of the UCC provides this manual in order to reclaim the ministry of health and healing within the denomination.

UNDERSTANDING DIFFICULT SCRIPTURES IN A HEALING WAY by Matthew, Sheila and Dennis Linn. The authors have collected several difficult passages in scripture and consulted some of the best scholars to help interpret passages that have been healing for themselves and the retreatants that they work with. The Linns present simple criteria that anyone can use in reading passages so that they come away feeling closer to God, themselves, others, and the universe.

UNDERSTANDING PRAYER: AN EXPLORATION OF THE NATURE, DISCIPLINES, AND GROWTH OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE by Edgar N. Jackson. The subtitle says it all: an excellent, thorough teaching book on prayer as the basic human language and humankind as the praying creature. Topics include the process of prayer, the discipline of prayer, prayer and the dimensions of selfhood, the techniques of prayer, and the fruits of prayerful living.

WHEN SOMEONE DIES by Edgar N. Jackson. Part of the Pocket Counsel Books series, this brief, insightful book deals with such issues as emotional needs, cultural hazards, helpful versus unhelpful beliefs, and it also describes human grief as the natural process that leads to recovery from loss.

WORKBOOK ON CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND IN RECOVERY (THE) by Maxie Dunham. The reason for this workbook is to make us aware, if we're not already, of the crippling, even killing forces that control our lives, to give us hope and resources for fighting battles with our enemies, and to give us direction to move in paths of recovery and wholeness.

WOUNDED HEALER: MINISTRY IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY (THE) by Henry Nouwen. The well-known Christian teacher Nouwen writes on ministering to others out of our own hurts, as we share life together in a world that is largely dislocated, rootless, hopeless, and lonely.

WRESTING WITH LIGHT: Meditations for Caregivers in Word and Image by Robert Merrill Eddy and Kathy Wonson Eddy - This book will strengthen, comfort, and uplift those who give tirelessly of their time so that others can live better lives.

YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS CAN HELP YOUR CHURCH GROW by C. Peter Wagner. A former missionary to Bolivia and a faculty member of Fuller Theological Seminary, Wagner discusses twenty-seven spiritual gifts that may be present among the members of the body, and he then gives five steps to using those gifts for the body's growth.

LENTEN RESOURCES

A LENT AND EASTER PACKET from Alternatives - Includes a 40 day calendar for Lent, a Passover Seder, an Easter Seder and self-examination and recommitment reflections on the Gospel texts.

A PASSAGE THROUGH SACRED HISTORY: LENTEN REFLECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS by Don Skinner - In the seven weeks of Lent, readers will trek from the promise made to Abram and Sarai to the death and resurrection of Jesus, finding the purpose and fulfillment that so often become lost in the madness of modernity.

A RAINBOW OF SEASONS - The activities, projects and worship ideas in this book will help all churches celebrate each season of the church year.

ARCH BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

1. JESUS RIDES INTO JERUSALEM (Matthew 21:1-11)
2. THE BREAD AND THE WINE (John 13:1-38 & I Corinthians 11:23-34)
3. KIRI AND THE FIRST EASTER (Luke 23:18 and 24:11)

A TIME OF HOPE - Family celebrations and activities for Lent and Easter.

ATTUNED TO GOD by Elaine Ward - 40 stories with a Scripture reference and a short prayer.

BEFORE AND AFTER EASTER by Debbie Trafton O'Neal. This book offers a wealth of ideas and activities for observing the days of Lent and for celebrating the season of Easter and the Day of Pentecost.

BEHOLD THE TREE: A Series of Special Services for Lent by Arden and Peter Mead. This series of Lenten services considers a number of significant trees in the Bible. Looking through their branches may give participants an even more perceptive view of the cross of Christ.

BIG THINGS FROM LITTLE THINGS GROW A Lenten program in eight sessions for grades 1-4. Each session can be adapted to last 45-90 minutes and includes scripture passages to memorize, craft projects, games, and delightful puppet shows.

BREAD OF LIFE: LENTEN REFLECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS by Barbara J. Essex. This unique resource highlights the "I am" sayings of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO LENT by Robert Stowe, Donna Schaper, Anne Kinstry & Janet Powers. This collection is practical, yet offers creative ideas to engage congregations. It features antiphonal Scripture readings and hymns, calls to worship, prayers, sermon notes, and original songs. It follows the Revised Common Lectionary Year A.

CALMLY PLOTTING THE RESURRECTION: Lenten Reflections for Individuals and Groups by Donna Schaper. The author provides a daily exercise for the 7 weeks of the Lenten season, including a passage of scripture, a brief reflection, and concluding questions for further consideration or group discussion.

CELEBRATE EASTER - Assorted activities for children ages 6-11.

CHICKEN SUNDAY by Patricia Polacco. Neighborhood children work together to try to help Miss Eula purchase a new hat for Easter. The children are accused of throwing eggs at Mr. Kodinski's shop and must find a way to prove their innocence and earn enough money for the hat at the same time. This is a book about sharing each other's gifts and faith traditions.

COSTUMING THE CHRISTMAS AND EASTER PLAY - All designs are based on the authentic clothing of the period, modified to suit a simplified approach. Included are drawings, photos, detailed dimensions and many suggestions about props, storage and handling of costumes.

CREATIVE IDEAS FOR LENT - Vol. 1 - Planning aid for Lenten activities in your church. It is divided into three sections - All Church, Children, and Youth Activities.

CREATIVE IDEAS FOR LENT - Vol. 2 - Included in this book you will find several plays, worship services, intergenerational events, crafts for children, study program ideas, meditations, puzzles and quizzes, youth programs, and more.

EASTER JOY - A coloring book of Easter symbols for children (ages 5-10). Each page contains an illustration and an explanation for each of the symbols.

EASTER - MAKE AND TELL Family fun and crafts for Easter time.

EASTER IS COMING! Lenten celebrations for the family.

FACES AT THE CROSS by J. Barrie Shepherd. This book is brimming with readings appropriate for congregational or family worship. It provides monologues and poetic verse for Lent and Easter.

FAITH WITHOUT HOSTAGES: The Cross and Resurrection in Our Lives Today by Harriet Harris. The author takes the themes of Lent and Holy Week and makes them relevant to our lives today. Each chapter begins with a biblical story and moves on to consider its significance. Several questions tackled include: What makes you fear and tremble? Where is God in that struggle? Do we need to change how we spend our money, how we acquire our money, the people we wish to impress, the things we aim to do well?

FROM CALVARY TO VICTORY: Lenten Reflections for Individuals and Groups by Susan K. Williams Smith. Using reflections, scripture readings, and study questions, Smith explores the issues of personal suffering and how it relates to the suffering of Jesus at Calvary.

FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER by N. Raymond Day. This Holy Week Lenten study program for adults has six units which study the fascinating characters of Jesus, Judas, the High Priests, Herod, Pilate and Peter.

HOLIDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS. Activities, crafts and stories for children.

HOLY WEEK. A congregational life/intergenerational experience that focuses on six experiences: The March on Jerusalem (a Palm Sunday processional), Common Meal, Uncommon Power (a Shrove Tuesday dinner), Choosing to Serve (a Seder feast and foot washing), Sabbath Sundown, Easter Vigil, Easter Service.

HOSANNA by Sharon Lee - Calendars, crafts, and creative projects.

JESUS WAS, JESUS IS by Charlotte Heeg - This is an Easter play on the nature of Christ. The cast includes 4 men, 4 women and 1 narrator with the age levels being teens to adults.

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS by Myra B. Nagel - This is an engaging adult study book designed to guide readers to a deeper experience of reflection, meditation and prayer during the season of Lent.

KNEELING IN JERUSALEM by Ann Weems - This resource includes 71 poems of inspiration for the Lenten season.

LET THIS CUP PASS FROM ME: Lenten Reflections for Individuals and Groups by Charles Rush. Who is this Jesus? Each chapter includes reflection questions that can be used for individual devotion or group study.

LILIES, RABBITS, AND PAINTED EGGS by Edna Barth - The story of the Easter symbols.

ONE-MINUTE EASTER STORIES - Adapted by Shari Lewis and Lan O'Keen. This book provides timeless tales of the Easter season.

MEDITATIONS ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS by Mother Teresa and Brother Roger - These two witnesses to Christ remind us that, day after day, God asks us "to bring love where the poor are humiliated, joy where the Church is discouraged and reconciliation where human beings are divided".

PARTICIPATION RESOURCES for Lent (Preview copies) from Contemporary Drama Service

A SUNRISE PAGEANT by Rhonda Wray - This is an Easter morning program for children that includes making a grapevine cross that transforms into a blossoming creation. The cast includes 7 children and 7 adults.

THE FIRST EASTER MORNING - Adult reader and elementary children. 15 minutes.

THE SEEDS OF JOY - Elementary level - 15 minutes.

THE MIRACLE OF THE EGGS - Upper elementary - 20 minutes

THE LAST SUPPER - A narrative tableau which characterizes

each disciple while recreating the scene of Leonardo da Vinci's painting - for 12

men - about 12 minutes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - As a voice speaks the prayer, four women interpret the prayer according to their own needs. 10 minutes.

PASSOVER SEDER - Ritual and menu for an observance by Christians.

PRAYING LIKE JESUS by Howard. W. Roberts. "Abba, may this cup pass from me." Facing the agony of the cross, Jesus implored God to release him from the trials that lay ahead. The profound authenticity of this prayer and others guides Roberts to explore the meaning and context of prayers in the life of Jesus. From the wilderness temptations to his Passover meal with his disciples, Jesus' prayer life encourages us to embrace the full range of struggles and triumphs as we learn to pray from his example.

PREPARE THE WAY: Daily Meditations for Advent and Lent by R. Mark Liebenow. Each daily reading includes scripture, a meditation, and a prayer, as well as suggestions for commemorating a variety of liturgical, historical, and multicultural events and celebrations.

RESURRECTION: Interpreting the Easter Gospel by Rowan Williams. The author who is the Archbishop of Canterbury shows readers how the experience of Jesus' resurrection was an experience of forgiveness and of the healing of memories of injury, guilt, or failure. He combines biblical scholarship with references to contemporary literature, philosophy, and social and psychological issues in order to show how the resurrection of Jesus keeps its meaning for us today. This book is good for discussion, exploration, and reflection.

STAGECRAFT FOR CHRISTMAS AND EASTER PLAYS - This book gives examples of typical biblical scenes, shows how to build scenery and props with simple tools and explains techniques for painting realistic scenery.

STAGES ON THE WAY: Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter by the Iona Community Wild Goose Worship Group. The prime purpose of this book is to resource worship which enables people to sense something of the hope, apprehension, and desolation which Jesus' friends felt in Lent and Holy Week, before being ambushed by the wholly unexpected, deep sense of Easter.

TEACHING AND CELEBRATING LENT-EASTER. Includes some questions of concern, children's creative writing activities, family activities, etc.

THE COLT AND THE KING by Marni McGee. Here is a tender account of Palm Sunday, narrated by the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem.

THE GOLGOTHA EARTHQUAKE: THREE WITNESSES by Paul Sevier Minear - In this account of radical impact of the crucifixion of Jesus, Minear examines three critical texts that changed the course of history.

THE LENTEN CANDLES by Paul Dyck. This is a series of Lenten calls to worship using a special candlelighting service with narrators.

THE LENTEN PHARMACY: Daily Healing Therapies by Edward Hays. The author invites the reader to focus on Jesus the Healer. Each daily prescription encourages one to explore life, embrace goodness, and be open to the wholesome spiritual healing Jesus offers.

THE LENTEN SEASON. A congregational life/intergenerational experience that focuses on Shrove Tuesday and Maundy Thursday.

THE STORY OF THE EMPTY EGG - With read-along cassette children discover Easter everyday of the year.

WALK WITH JESUS: Stations of the Cross by Henri Nouwen. This book of meditations, inspired by a series of drawings by Sr. Helen David, represents traditional Stations of the Cross through the passion and suffering of the world's poor.

YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES: A Study Guide in 5 sessions for part two, Christ's ministry, of the video JESUS OF NAZARETH.

(Refer to Holidays and Seasons -Lent in A.V. section for additional resources)

MISSION

A CALL TO HOPE: LIVING AS CHRISTIANS IN A VIOLENT SOCIETY by Vera White - This resource helps us look realistically at the violence in the world, at our own fears, and at God's call to live in shalom. A Leader's Guide is included.

BECAUSE THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO: Readings on Working for Justice and Personal Faith - Selected by Alan Perkins in conjunction with the VT Conference, UCC Department of Mission.

BEING STEWARDS, FOCUS ON OUR MISSION - UCC major resource for developing mission in the church.

CHILDREN'S MAGAZINE: A CALL TO HOPE: LIVING AS CHRISTIANS IN A VIOLENT SOCIETY by Faye Wilson - This resource uses a variety of stories and activities to help children explore violence, their own feelings about violence, and skills for resolving conflict and making peace. A Teacher's guide is included.

GLOBAL SWEATSHOP CURRICULUM PACKET produced by the Campaign for Labor Rights Committee - The material in this packet is presented in a mainstream human rights context. It provides a factual basis for handling the topic of sweatshops. The classroom exercises are designed to encourage students to explore this controversial subject and to draw their own conclusions. It is designed for students from 4th - 12th grades and may be adapted for adults.

HELPING CHILDREN CARE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE by Delia Halverson - This is a practical resource for teachers of K-8 looking for material to supplement their curriculum with

stewardship and mission activities.

HELPING KIDS CARE by Camy Condon and James McGinnis. This resource offers harmony building activities for home, church and school.

HUNGER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN - Brethren House Ministries

HUNGER DECISIONS (CWS) - by Jude Fournier & Phyllis vos Wezeman - This resource offers consciousness raising choices for men and women about the Third World.

HUNGER NO MORE: Decisions 2002. This packet includes 6 sessions for interested children, youth and adults. It presents important hunger and poverty issues for study groups in your congregation.

JOURNEY INTO HOPE by Betty Edson. Our "very own" Betty shares the concerns she carried home from her trip to Central America. Betty responds to the effect our first world lifestyles have on the "two-thirds" world.

KOZOL, JONATHAN - books by:

AMAZING GRACE: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation by Jonathan Kozol. This is a compelling and powerful portrait of the tragic harm so many children suffer in urban America.

ORDINARY RESURRECTIONS: CHILDREN IN THE YEARS OF HOPE. The reader sees life through the eyes of children in New York's South Bronx. It is a book about the little miracles of stubbornly persistent children who are still undefiled by the world and can still view their place within it without cynicism or despair.

MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE - Global Activities for Global Learning - (CWS)

NICKEL AND DIMED: On (Not) Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich. The author entered the world of service work by folding clothes at Wal-Mart, waitressing, washing dishes in a nursing home, and scrubbing floors on her hands and knees. She recounts her experiences and reveals the shameful realities that underlie America's economy.

ON THE HEELS OF FREEDOM: The American Missionary Association's Bold Campaign to Educate Minds, Open Hearts, and Heal the Soul of a Divided Nation by Joyce Hollyday.

PREACHING JUSTICE: ETHNIC AND CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES edited by Christine Marie Smith. This book brings together 8 diverse voices from 8 distinct cultural/ethnic communities, challenging them to articulate the specific concerns, issues, and passions that give rise to a preaching ministry within their own community and beyond.

PROTESTANTS FOR THE COMMON GOOD: Faith and Public Issues Discussion Series - This resource includes 10 booklets and a leader's guide.

TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT GLOBAL AWARENESS by Laura Meagher. This book is a rich treasury of ideas, techniques, and resources for helping people of all ages grow in Christian maturity as global citizens.

THE NEW JOB CONTRACT: ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN AN AGE OF INSECURITY by Barbara Hilbert Andolsen. The author's study is the first feminist analysis to connect religious understandings of economic justice with the issues facing both workers and the wider community.

THE QUIET HAND OF GOD edited by Robert Wuthnow and John Evans. This book explores faith-based activism and the public role of mainline Protestantism.

MUSIC RESOURCES

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN SING - Edited by Sharon Beckstead. This is a music resource for children and for intergenerational events.

ANTHEMS:

GLAD SONGS WE BRING Four Christmas, Palm Sunday and General Anthems—Unison with keyboard by Natalie Sleeth, Sandra Ford, Ronald Nelson & Joe Ridenour (17 copies)

BODY, MIND, SPIRIT, VOICE by Sue Ellen Page—Unison voices with organ and optional flute, triangle and finger cymbals (17 copies)

SET THE SUN DANCING! By Helen Kemp—Unison voices with keyboard and handbells (17 copies)

A SINGING FAITH by Jane Parker Huber. This resource is filled with fresh lyrics written to old hymn tunes.

BRING THE FEAST: SONGS FROM THE RE-IMAGINING COMMUNITY. This is a collection of 49 songs developed by the Re-Imagining Community whose origins are in the 1993 Re-Imagining Conference.

CANTATAS AND MUSICALS FROM CHORISTER'S GUILD:

A TALE OF THREE TREES

ADAM'S APPLE

ELIJAH! MAN OF FIRE

FRANCIS: THE POOR LITTLE MAN OF GOD

IMAGINE GOD

IT'S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT

JUST LIKE YOU & ME

MOSES AND THE FREEDOM FANATICS

OH, JONAH

SO LONG, JOE

THE PUZZLING PARABLES
THE SINGING BISHOP
THE TROUBBABLE OF ZERUBBABEL
WELCOME BACK, BILLY BEST
WISE GUYS
100% CHANCE OF RAIN

CIRCLES OF CARE by Ruth Duck - This is a collection presenting the writer's newest hymns set to music. These texts address issues of healing and reconciliation, presenting new images for praise and celebration. Musical settings include both traditional tunes and new compositions by modern composers.

CREATION CELEBRATION: SONGS OF PRAISE - This is a 24 page songbook for congregations who wish to use music to teach stewardship concepts to children.

FAITH LOOKING FORWARD - This resource includes hymns and songs of Brian Wren with many tunes by Peter Cutts.

HALLE, HALLE: WE SING THE WORLD ROUND—Songs from the World Church for Children, Youth, and Congregations by C. Michael Hawn. This songbook contains 36 selections from Africa, Latin America and Asia (1 Teacher's Edition + 2 Singer's Editions + demo CD).

HYMN STORIES FOR CHILDREN: Special Days and Holidays
HYMN STORIES FOR CHILDREN: Resources for Children's Worship
HYMN STORIES FOR CHILDREN: The Christmas Season by Phyllis Vos Wezeman and Anna L. Liechty. These books provide brief stories from the history of 30 classic hymns as well as learning activities and craft exercises keyed to each hymn's theme.

JOY IN SINGING - A resource written by Jane Parker Huber who has rewritten hymns using inclusive language.

LOVE FROM BELOW by John Bell and Graham Maule - Volume 3 of Wild Goose songs from the Iona Community.

MUSIC FROM TAIZE VOL. 2 Conceived and edited by Brother Robert and composed by Jacques Berthier - This resource includes responses, litanies, acclamations and canons.

PSALMS AND SONGS SONGBOOK - (ages 2-12) Easy-to-learn, and fun to teach, many of the best loved Psalms and songs are here.

PROCLAIM SONGBOOKS 1,2,3 - Each of these three songbooks has 48 pages of carefully selected songs. (1) Nursery Grade 1; (2) Grades 2-4; (3) Grades 5-7

RAINBOW SONGBOOK: Favorite Music for all Ages. Editor Alan Whitmore - published by Wood Lake Books.

REJOICE AND SING PRAISE (ages 6-12) 120 selections of contemporary, traditional and ethnic music. Includes background information on each song, plus instrumental suggestions, and ideas for using the material in choral readings.

REJOICE SONGBOOK - Included are: prayers, songs and hymns for Church School.

SING A NEW SONG: Songs and activities for Young Children, edited by Nylea L. Butler-Moore. This compilation contains a wide range of material from the “classics” to new songs for children, ages 4-6.

SING FOR JOY: Songs and activities for Elementary Children, edited by Nylea L. Butler-Moore. This book contains more than 80 selections of music appropriate for children in grades 1-6.

SING 'N CELEBRATE FOR KIDS - Contains seventy songs for group sing-a-longs with kids.

SING TO GOD - Uses inclusive language.

SONGS AND PRAYERS FROM TAIZÉ - Fifty songs from Taizé make up the main part of this book. Using elements familiar to those who have taken part in worship at Taizé - psalm singing, Bible readings, silence, prayer around the Cross, a prayer of the Resurrection - the first section of the book forms an outline for a prayer service.

SONGS FOR A GOSPEL PEOPLE. This hymnal reflects a worldwide, ecumenical heritage.

TEN TUNES FOR TINY TOTS written and compiled by Phyllis S. Miller and published by Chorister Guild.

WORSHIP AND HYMNODY by Gary Shiplett - This resource includes: 12 ready-to-use hymn services, story materials about hymn writers, seasonal and holiday hymn suggestions, the American hymn tradition and womens contributions to the hymn traditions.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) RESOURCES

CHRISTIANITY, SOCIAL TOLERANCE, AND HOMOSEXUALITY by John Boswell, This book is a study of the history of attitudes toward homosexuality in the Christian West from the beginning of the Christian era to the 14th Century.

CLAIMING THE PROMISE by Mary Jo Osterman. This is an ecumenical Bible study resource on homosexuality. Included are a Leader’s Guide and a Participant’s Book.

COMING OUT THROUGH FIRE: Surviving the Trauma of Homophobia by Leanne McCall

Tigert. From the author's extensive experience as a pastor and therapist, she gives sound, holistic advice to those who are struggling to heal themselves from the external and internal forms of oppression.

COMING OUT WHILE STAYING IN: Struggles and Celebrations of Lesbians, Gays, and Bisexuals in the Church by Leanne McCall Tigert. The author's purpose in writing this book is to provide the reader with a keen understanding of the power and impact of homophobia, and the experience of oppression of lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons within the church.

COMING OUT YOUNG AND FAITHFUL by Leanne McCall Tigert and Timothy Brown. This book includes stories of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning teenagers who describe their experiences in their communities and churches. Included are ministry and advocacy resources that will help individuals and faith communities open doors of affirmation, love and commitment to the needs of GLBT youth and young adults.

CREATING CIVIL UNION: Opening Hearts and Friends by Linda Hollingdale. This photo/essay book invited 90 participants to share how they were personally touched and affected by their experiences during Vermont's civil union process.

CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE is a human sexuality program for ministry and mission in the UCC.

CROSSING OVER: Liberating the Transgendered Christian by Vanessa Sheridan. The author reflects on her experience and the experiences of others in order to describe realities and dispel myths about those who are transgendered. She urges the church to move from "compassionate condemnation" to embrace transgendered individuals into the full life and ministry of the church.

DEFYING THE DARKNESS: Gay Theology in the Darkness by J. Michael Clark - This book raises the question of suffering and the search for meaning in the midst of uncertainty. The author argues that theological authority must reside not only in scripture but also in the lived experience of the community of faith-including those who have been marginalized.

GAY AND GAIA: ETHICS, ECOLOGY, AND THE EROTIC by Daniel T. Spencer. Blending liberationist, environmental, and gay thought and drawing on major theological voices speaking to the environment, Spencer urges us to reject a human-centered worldview in favor of an ecocentric worldview.

GAYS, LESBIANS: Family Values by Elizabeth Say and Mark Kowalewski. This book is an open-hearted illustration of how gays and lesbians have constructed pluralistic family values filled with love, care and humor.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE by Walter Wink. The author, a noted theologian wrote an article for the *Christian Century* magazine that was later published in this booklet form.

IS THE HOMOSEXUAL MY NEIGHBOR? by Letha Scanzoni and Virginia Ramey Mollenkott. This book blends painstaking biblical and theological research with the best psychological and sociological findings. The authors offer guidelines and invite Christians to develop a response to homosexuality that expresses Christ's principles not the prejudices of the world.

MY SON ERIC: Revised and Expanded by Mary Borhek. This is the story of a mother's struggle to accept her gay son and how in the process she discovers herself.

OMNIGENDER: A Trans-religious Approach by Virginia Ramey Mollencott. The author examines the problems inherent in our society's bipolar concept of gender identity.

ON BEING GAY by Brain McNaught. The author and lecturer offers thoughts on family, faith and love.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING: A JOURNEY OF FAITH is a 55 minute video documenting three UCC congregations going through the *Open and Affirming* process. Included are 72 pages of written resources.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING STUDY PACKET with video published by the Massachusetts Conference Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns.

OUR DAUGHTER MARTHA by Marcy Clements Henrikson. This book will help parents, siblings, and friends struggling to accept gay and lesbian loved ones. It will help church communities looking for better ways to serve their gay and lesbian congregants.

PASTOR, I AM GAY by Howard H. Bess. Rev. Bess, an American Baptist minister issues not a polemic but a plea for ministers and church members to become acquainted with gay and lesbian persons and accept the challenge of reconciliation.

PREACH OUT! This booklet published by the UCBHM in 1999 includes "Open and Affirming" sermons preached by UCC pastors.

RECLAIMING THE SACRED: The Bible in Gay and Lesbian Culture edited by Raymond-Jean Frontain. A number of scholars explore how gay and lesbian writers challenge teachings of the Bible that are manipulative and oppressive, and how some tropes and figures constitute the basis of a gay and lesbian spirituality.

RELIGION IS A QUEER THING: A Guide to the Christian Faith for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered People by Elizabeth Stuart and others. This book makes queer theology available and accessible to a general audience and encourages the reader to become part of the ongoing development of this theology.

SCIENCE, SCRIPTURE AND HOMOSEXUALITY by Alice Ogden Bellis and Terry Hufford. This book is the collaborative work of a biblical scholar and a biology professor. They address

scripture passages relating to homosexuality and explain the foundation of genetics and the growing evidence suggesting an organic basis for sexual orientation.

TAKE BACK THE WORD: A Queer Reading of the Bible eds. Robert Goss and Mona West. This readable volume assembles biblical scholars who critically challenge long-held assumptions that the Bible is not for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

THAT WE MAY ALL BE ONE- Published by the UCBHM/AMA in 1999. This booklet includes 30 years of UCC social justice statements on lesbian, gay and bisexual concerns.

THE CIRCLE OF GRACE: EMBRACING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY OF GOD, AFFIRMING THE MINISTRIES OF LESBIAN, GAY, AND BISEXUAL CHRISTIANS - This resource is designed for use with Church and Ministry committees and for congregational study programs. It addresses the issues from the perspective of what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ.

THE GRACE OF COMING HOME: SPIRITUALITY, SEXUALITY AND THE STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE by Melanie Morrison - In a fresh and intensely personal interpretation of Christian theology, Morrison speaks boldly to all those caught in the crossfire of gender wars.

THE MARRIAGE OF LIKENESS: Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe by John Boswell. The author through scholarly research discovered that until the 14th century in Europe, same-sex relationships could be solemnized by the Church. The prayers, services and liturgies for these unions are specific and they are included in the appendices to the book.

WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE HOUSE? by Linda Handel. The author speaks from her own experience as a former spouse in a heterosexual marriage, a mother of two, an out lesbian, and a licensed therapist to explore the full spectrum of life concerns - from lingering childhood issues, dating, and sex to intolerance, abuse, and self-hatred - in a voice that is always direct, open and refreshingly honest.

WHEN LOVE LASTS FOREVER: Male Couples Celebrate Commitment edited by Merle James Yost. This collection of personal stories from men whose partnerships have lasted ten years or more confirm that love and commitment are values that help them face the pressures of family and society and enable them to make decisions with courage and hope.

PARTICIPATION RESOURCES

ACTING OUT THE GOSPELS: 40, Five-minute Plays for Education and Worship by Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND. Children in grades 4-8 will love acting out these plays and as a result will learn more about the teachings of Jesus and his teachings.

ACTING OUT THE GOSPELS WITH MIMES, PUPPETS, AND CLOWNS by William De

Angelis - This rich resource includes a variety of celebrations of seasonal events, gospel themes, and personalities.

ACTING OUT THE MIRACLES AND PARABLES - 52, five minute plays for education and worship. Here are 28 miracle accounts and 24 parables of Jesus in playlet form. They are brief, lively, biblical and can be adapted for any grade level.

BIBLE 20 QUESTIONS - CYA - This fast-paced, fact-based board game has players identify people, places and things from the Bible. Clues are easy enough for beginners, challenge even seasoned Bible readers. For 2-6 players, ages 7 to adult.

BIBLE DOMINOES - C - Each of the 49 dominoes features a Bible story picture plus a Scripture reference to help teach young children about the Bible. For ages 4 and up.

BIBLE GAMES FOR TEAMS AND GROUPS by Judene Leon. This resource is filled with projects and puzzles.

BIBLE Pictionary - The rousing board game that is played like charades, only on paper.

BIBLE STORY SKIT KIT - Includes skits about Samson and Delilah, Naaman and Elisha the Prophet, Ahab and Jezebel, The Good Samaritan and Nero and Paul - for children between the ages of 9 and 12.

CURTISS AND FROGGIE - This series of two character puppet plays for children is designed to "zap" biblical concepts directly into the hearts and minds of children. They can be easily staged in the chancel area as part of a worship service.

GAMES AND GADGETS FOR THE CHURCH SCHOOL by Donna Skinner. The author shares a collection of games, puzzles, and other activities that educate children about the Bible while entertaining them.

GLEANINGS FROM RUTH, NOAH'S NOISES, THE MOSAIC OF MARY AND MARTHA These books are in a series of resources that combines creative techniques and methods such as art, drama, and puppetry to convey the great biblical stories.

GODLY PLAY: An Imaginative Approach to Religious Education by Jerome W. Berryman - This book invites the reader to consider spiritual development as a process in which the creative spirit is alive in education of both young and old.

TEACHING GODLY PLAY: The Sunday Morning Handbook by Jerome W. Berryman - The author, creator of the Montessori-based godly play, shows how children can develop through self-discipline and responsibility. Through this unique approach to learning and classroom management, children and teachers become partners in religious education.

GOD'S PAINTBRUSH CELEBRATION KIT - Inspired by the award-winning children's book *God's Paintbrush* by Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, these children's leaflets help children ages

4-11 discover their religious imagination. Multicultural, multidenominational, and nonsectarian, this resource helps teachers and students study, play, and learn from the same material. There are 5 sessions.

HOLIDAY PLAYS, EASTER, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS by Frank V. Priore - The preface offers good suggestions and the plays are easy to produce. There are discussion questions at the end of each play - for all ages.

IN THE SUMMERTIME: WHAT'S THERE TO DO? by Elaine Ward. This book is full of ideas for summer activities and stories for children.

JOY OF SIGNING (THE) SECOND EDITION by Lottie Riekehof. The author shows how learning the language of signs opens up a whole new avenue of communication.

KIDS CHOICES - C - Situations, dilemmas and questions help 6-12 year olds deal with challenging, real life issues and apply biblical principles to everyday situations, Designed for 3-10 players.

LET'S MOVE by Janet Litherland - Ten liturgical dances for worship services based on scripture.

LIFESTORIES - A fun game of telling tales and sharing smiles with family and friends.

LIVE THE STORY, compiled by Cheryl Perry from *Whole People of God*. This includes short simple plays for churches - for children, youth and adults.

MORE GREAT GAMES FOR 4TH-6TH GRADERS by David Lynn - This book offers creative games to energize your 8-12 year olds.

NEW GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY by Dale LeFevre - New Games cost nothing to play. They require neither athletic ability nor a memory for facts. For parties, business seminars, classrooms, or just at home. Between the kids or parents and children they have proven a natural for drawing a group together.

PUPPETS GO TO CHURCH by Wilma and Earl Perry - In this two-part book the authors give us the "how-to's" of puppetry and 19 complete scripts.

PUPPET-TIME PARABLES - Written for elementary level performances, these puppet plays may also be used by older children for adult audiences. They can be used as in-class teaching tools as well as for performance. Included are: The Prodigal Son, The Talents, The Good Samaritan, The Sower and the Seed and The Lost Sheep.

PUPPETS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS - A collection of joyful puppet plays celebrating: Thanksgiving, Reformation Day, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter. Instructions and patterns for making rod-arm puppets are a part of the kit.

PROMOTION DAY AND RALLY DAY PROGRAMS - compiled by Leila Tremaine Ammerman - A collection of material for the observance of promotion day and rally day.

PUPPETERIA II - A collection of eight puppet sketches.

REACHING FOR RAINBOWS by Ann Weems. Included are 30 readings and 7 complete services of worship that are creative, sensitive and warm.

TEACHING BIBLE STORIES MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH PUPPETS Diagrams and step-by-step instructions for simple to move advanced puppet and prop making, economical puppetry ideas and 12 Bible story-based scripts with stage directions.

TELL ME SOME STORIES ABOUT JESUS by Judy Gattis Smith - These stories magically invite the imagination of a child into the narrative. Included are: The Storm at Sea, Mary and Martha, Jesus Preaches at Nazareth, and Where Jesus Walked.

THE BIG BOOK OF BIBLE GAMES - CYA - This book includes word games, treasure hunts, riddles and more.

THE GAME OF SCATTERGORIES: Bible Edition. This popular board game is for 2-4 players—ages 8 and up. Playing time is 45 minutes.

THE QUEST FOR THE DIVINE STICKY STUFF by Chris and Sue Chapman, Heather Allison and Peter Gregory. This resource includes 20 short plays for youth and young adults - fast moving, witty, entertaining and with a “sting in the tail.”

YOU CAN DO CHRISTIAN PUPPETS by Bea Carlton. This is a beginner's book of puppet craft and playscripts.

(Refer to Lent and Advent Resources for additional possibilities)

PEACE RESOURCES

A CALL TO PEACE: 52 Meditations on the Family Pledge of Nonviolence by James McGinnis. This collection of Scriptures, reflections, and prayers is both deeply spiritual and eminently practical. Each meditation is an invitation to recommit our souls and our bodies to the sacred task of peacemaking.

A JUST PEACE CHURCH - United Church Press - edited by Susan Thistlethwaite. This book is published in the hope that it will help the process of planetary transformation.

ALL ABOUT TEACHING PEACE by Elaine M. Ward - This resource includes chapters that deal with - what we can do as individuals, what we can do as groups, what we can do here and now. There are also stories about peace.

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE by Kathy Bickmore - This is a manual for teaching peacemaking to youth and adults.

A MANUAL ON NONVIOLENCE AND CHILDREN - Friends Peace Committee. This manual is designed to help children and adults establish an atmosphere in which they can resolve their problems and conflicts nonviolently.

CHILDREN'S SONGS FOR A FRIENDLY PLANET compiled by Evelyn Weiss. A wonderful compilation of peace and justice songs for K - 6th grade.

CONSCIENCE AND WAR - Resources for exploring options from the UCBHM.

CREATIVE CONFLICT SOLVING FOR KIDS - Grades 4-9 - Challenges your students to deal creatively and constructively with conflict. This inter-disciplinary resource book includes 40 reproducible student work sheets and an extensive teacher's guide.

FAMILY ADVENTURES TOWARD SHALOM - Created by the Ecumenical Task Force on Christian Education for World Peace. Included are activities to learn the ways of peace.

FAMILY IDEAS FOR BUILDING HOPE AND PEACE by Dorothy Hope - This book is one of a series, each of which aims to help families share faith together.

GANDHI ON NONVIOLENCE: A Selection from the writings of Mahatma Gandhi edited by Thomas Merton.

HOPE SPRINGS FROM GOD - A congregational life/intergenerational experience. This resource includes a series of six events to reflect and act on Christian hope in the face of the nuclear arms race and poverty.

JOURNEY INTO COMPASSION: A Spirituality for the Long Haul by James McGinnis. The author contends that the true experience of God's love in our hearts combines inward reflection with compassionate, caring action on behalf of creation. The spiritual wisdom of Francis of Assisi, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King is woven together with practical applications that range from contemplative prayer and fasting, to acts of peacemaking and service, reconciliation and resistance, and solidarity with the poor and with the earth.

JOURNEYS TO A DREAM. A Doing the Word Resource for younger children about Martin Luther King, Jr. A six week course that includes a teacher's guide and student book.

JUBILEE FAMILIES by James and Kathy McGinnis is a 20 page booklet for living the Pledge of Nonviolence throughout the Christian Jubilee Year; with reflection, prayer, family activities, and action suggestions for the six seasons of the Church Year.

JUST PEACEMAKING: TEN PRACTICES FOR ABOLISHING WAR edited by Glen Stassen. Mapping a course for individuals, grassroots groups, voluntary associations, and religious organizations - this book challenges pacifists to be peacemakers and just war theorists

to spell out the resorts that should be tried before the last.

KIDS CREATING CIRCLES OF PEACE: An Activity Book for Kids (K-5). This is a book of real-life “story starters,” that help kids deal with difficult, challenging and sometimes violent situations.

LEARNING THE SKILLS OF PEACEMAKING by Naomi Drew. This is an activity guide for elementary age children on communicating, cooperating and resolving conflict.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PEACE this is an Agapeland storybook and audio cassette tape designed to build character.

PATHS OF PEACE by Woody Berry - a course for youth based on the conviction that God makes peace with us through Jesus Christ and in turn, makes us peacemakers in our world.

PEACE by Carole MacKenthun and Paulinus Dwyer - This is a Shining Star Christian Activity book with reproducible pages.

PEACE EDUCATION AGE LEVEL GUIDELINES - by Shalom Education.

PEACE FUTURING -This is a study course designed to bring some of the tools of the emerging futuring movement into churches.

PEACE-ING IT TOGETHER - This resource is for grades 5-9 and includes peace and justice activities for youth.

PEACE IS POSSIBLE by Shirley Heckman - A study/action process guide on peacemaking.

PEACEMAKING AND THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH - Prepared by the Covenant Peacemaking Program. This handbook for congregations was written by John Donaghy.

PEACEMAKING CREATIVELY THROUGH THE ARTS by Phyllis Vos Wezemon. This is a handbook of educational activities and experiences for children.

PEACE ON EARTH - Collected and illustrated by Bijou LeTord. This is a book of prayers from around the world.

PICTURE PEACE published by the Support Group of the American Friends Service Committee in Burlington, VT. This resource is a bibliography of children's books about peace, problem-solving and cooperation. It is designed for parents, teachers and librarians.

PLOWSHARES by Sonia Ralston - A contemporary fable on peace and war.

PUPPETS FOR PEACE - Scripts and puppetry techniques by Camy Condon, guidebook by James McGinnis.

SADAKO AND THE THOUSAND PAPER CRANES by Eleanor Coerr - Courage and spirit made Sadako a heroine to children in Japan.

SAYING YES AND SAYING NO by Robert McAfee Brown - On rendering to God and to Caesar.

SEARCHING FOR SHALOM by Ann Weems. This book includes meditations on shalom.

SELF-ESTEEM - A CLASSROOM AFFAIR - VOL. 1 by Michele and Craig Barba. This book suggests 101 ways to help children like themselves.

SELF-ESTEEM - A CLASSROOM AFFAIR - VOL. 2 by Michele and Craig Barba. This book offers additional ways to help children like themselves.

SHALOM, SALAAM, PEACE by Howard I. Bogot. This book is a poem about peace and is written in English, Arabic, and Hebrew. It opens from right to left. Included are quotations from children about peace. A portion of the sales from this book are donated to agencies working towards peace in the Middle East.

STARTING OUT RIGHT by Kathleen McGinns and Barbara Oehlberg - Explores nurturing young children as peacemakers.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES by Ingrid Rogers - This is a youth/adult collection of plays about peace and social justice.

TEACHING PEACE by Ruth Fletcher - Offers skills for living in a global society.

TEACHING TOWARD A FAITHFUL VISION - (Task Force on Christian Education for World Peace) The goal of these resources is to help teachers and parents receive and embrace the Shalom vision in new depth and to develop skills in analyzing ourselves and others to generate Shalom in our classes, families, congregations, communities, nations and world.

THE FRIENDLY CLASSROOM FOR A SMALL PLANET published by the Children's Creative Response to Conflict Program. This is a handbook on creative approaches to living and problem solving for children.

THE PEACE BOOK by Louise Diamond. The author suggests 108 ways to create a more peaceful world.

WHY PEOPLE FIGHT by James Boler - A teacher's book and student project book - this is a Shalom Resource for use with 8-12 year olds.

YOUNG VOICES ESSAYS ON PEACE - Contains the winning essays from over 1,500 student entries on the topic "How Can We Help Build a Peaceful World?"

PENTECOST

A RAINBOW OF SEASONS - Includes a unit on Pentecost.

FINDING OURSELVES CHRISTIAN - (Faith Community Resource - United Church Press)
Offers Pentecost educational activities.

PENTECOST - A congregational life/intergenerational experience - Includes a puppet show and a resource booklet.

RETREATS

BEFRIENDING: A SELF-GUIDED RETREAT FOR BUSY PEOPLE by Joseph A. Payne, O.P. - This is a gentle, practical book inviting us to look at befriending in every area of our lives. Each chapter is rich in scripture and suggestions for exercises and resources designed to increase our awareness of love.

BUILDING A FORT IN THE FAMILY TREE by Scott C. Noon - A relational event for youth groups on retreat.

HOLY GROUND RETREAT - A leader's guide for a weekend retreat on experiencing "holy ground" can help your spiritual renewal efforts.

HOW TO CONDUCT A SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT by Norman Shawchuch, Rueben, P. Job, Robert G. Doherty - Detailed instructions are given for four types of spiritual retreats

THE LOVE FEAST by Robert Stowe - This intergenerational two-day retreat focuses on the Agape feast of the early church and what this type of meal meant to early Christians. Each of the four sessions deals with a different aspect of this celebration and includes related activities.

SACRAMENTS

CELEBRATE COMMUNION - It contains 24 Communion lessons designed to be used in broadly graded classes in 15-20 minute sessions. Also included are 9 innovative Communion services.

CHILDREN AND COMMUNION SERIES - "Children and Communion" gives suggestions for Congregational discussions. "You Are Welcome" has lesson plans that explore the meaning of Communion. "Big in God's Eyes" is a story book that deals with the meaning of communion.

COMMUNION WITH YOUR-CHILD by Bette Anne Crowell - Offers basic information on

Communion for children in the U.C.C.

"DO THIS TO REMEMBER ME" by Rosemary Turner. This is a book for families on the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

FINGERPRINTS ON THE CHALICE by Steven E. Burt. The author has prepared nine contemporary communion meditations.

HOLY COMMUNION: BELONGING AT THE TABLE - A course for Junior High students.

JESUS LOVES ME: THE YOUNG CHILD AND COMMUNION by Donna Popenhausen - Includes excellent information for U.C.C. churches who are struggling with the inclusion of children in communion.

RETHINKING THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN by Elizabeth Frances Caldwell. The author provides models for intentional liturgical and educational transformation, offering a holistic education model that works to integrate education and worship in the lives of church members.

SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE by Jeanne S. Fogle - A colorful child's book about baptism and communion.

SUNDAY DINNER: THE LORD'S SUPPER AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE by William H. Williamson. This book includes an educational introduction by John Westerhoff III.

THE DAY I WAS BAPTIZED by Pam Lucas and Hal Harrison (A keepsake)

THE LORD'S SUPPER - A congregational life/intergenerational experience that explores the Seder meal, the Lord's Supper and the Agape meal.

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE CHILDREN OF GOD - This comprehensive resource was developed by the Massachusetts Conference, U.C.C. for pastors, parents, educators, and deacons. The resource includes:

- Children speaking to children about the meaning of communion (a video)
- Sample communion service for children
- Background articles
- Children and worship materials -Passover Seder booklets
- Booklets for children explaining the sacrament
- Booklets for parents explaining the sacrament
- Communion study sheets

TO REMEMBER ME - Tells the story of the Lord's Supper to children ages 5-8.

TOUCH THE BREAD: 30 SERMONS ON COMMUNION by Phyllis Vos Wezeman, Anna Liechty & Kenneth Wezeman. This book is designed for clergy and lay leaders to use in preaching to children from kindergarten through upper-elementary school. It focuses on

theological themes and biblical passages.

TOUCH THE WATER: 30 SERMONS ON BAPTISM by Phyllis and Kenneth Vos Wezeman, Anna Liechty. The 30 sermons are designed for use with clergy and lay leaders in preaching to children from kindergarten to 5th grade. Each sermon follows a format based on five components: passage, purpose, preparation, presentation and prayer.

WATER, COME DOWN!: The Day You Were Baptized by Walter Wangerin. This storybook relates biblical teaching to the elements of creation in a way parents can teach and children can understand the specialness of baptism.

SEXUALITY

CHANGING BODIES, CHANGING LIVES - by Ruth Bell and other co-authors - A book for teens on sex and relationships.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION - by Planned Parenthood - A curriculum for preschoolers and elementary school children.

CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE is a human sexuality program for ministry and mission in the U.C.C.

DID THE SUN SHINE BEFORE YOU WERE BORN? - by Sol and Judith Gordon - A sex education primer for children ages 3-7.

EMBODIMENT by James B. Nelson - An approach to sexuality and Christian theology.

GOOD HUGS AND BAD HUGS: HOW CAN YOU TELL? - by Angela Carl Designed to train children in sexual abuse prevention.

HE TOLD ME NOT TO TELL - by Jennifer Fay - A parent's guide for talking to your child about sexual assault.

I CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT by Doris Sanford - A child's book about sexual abuse.

IS NOTHING SACRED? WHEN SEX INVADES THE PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP by Marie Fortune - This is a timely case study, designed as a blueprint for churches on preventing - and finding effective solutions for -- sexual misconduct against parishioners by clergy. It is the case study of a church as an institution, as a community of faith and as a family.

IT'S MY BODY - by Lory Freeman - A book to teach young children how to resist uncomfortable touch.

MY VERY OWN BOOK ABOUT ME - by Jo Stowell and Mary Dietzel - This workbook for

children uses a positive approach to build confidence and self-esteem while talking about good and bad touching. Comes with a teacher's guide.

NEVER SAY YES TO A STRANGER - by Susan Newman - Explains what a child must know to stay safe.

NO-NO THE LITTLE SEAL - by Sherri Patterson - A story for very young children that tells about sexual abuse.

O.K. BEARS COLORING BOOK (THE) - by Planned Parenthood - This book is a part of the OK/NOT OK Touches Program designed to help parents and other adults talk about sexual abuse with the children they care about.

PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: A CURRICULUM FOR CHILDREN AGES FIVE THROUGH EIGHT by Kathryn Goering Reid with Marie Fortune - This book takes the message of abuse prevention to a younger audience, helping parents and caregivers deal with the issue of child sexual abuse and teaching prevention techniques in the caring context of a religious education program.

PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: A CURRICULUM FOR CHILDREN AGES NINE THROUGH TWELVE by Kathryn Goering Reid with foreword by Marie Fortune.

PREVENTING SEXUAL ABUSE - by Carol A. Plummer - Activities and strategies for those working with children - K-6 and adolescents - 7-12.

REDUCING THE RISK OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN YOUR CHURCH: A Complete and Practical Guidebook for Prevention and Risk Reduction by Richard Hammar, Steven Klipowicz and James Cobble. This resource addresses the most critical legal and moral problem facing the church today.

SAFE SANCTUARIES: Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse in the Church by Joy Thornburg Melton. This resource provides a step-by-step plan for developing policies and procedures to prevent child abuse. Sample forms are included.

SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTATION: A STUDY FOR TEENAGERS by Marie M. Fortune - One out of every three female children and one out of eleven male children, it is estimated, will be sexually abused before the age of eighteen. Abused children often grow up to abuse others. How can this cycle be broken? Preventive education of young people, together with appropriate counseling for those who have been victimized, can help. This resource is a five session course of study that has been tested with approximately 800 adolescents and over 80 adult leaders and parents.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE: THE UNMENTIONABLE SIN by Marie M. Fortune - Sexual violence has long been an unmentionable sin. The author, Director of the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, courageously examines a subject too long surrounded by silence, a silence she has had the courage to break. Part One examines the social and religious

roots of sexual violence and the consequences of silence. Part Two provides a pastoral perspective, offering information useful to anyone attempting to respond to victim or offender.

TELLING THE TRUTH: PREACHING ABOUT SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE edited by John S. McClure and Nancy J. Ramsay. This book gathers the wisdom of experts from across disciplines and denominations to provide pastors and laity with the theological and ethical grounding from which to teach and preach to both the abused and those who have victimized them.

THE DINAH PROJECT by Monica Coleman. This is a handbook for congregational response to sexual violence.

THE NEW SPEAKING OF SEX: What Your Children Need to Know and When They Need to Know It by Meg Hickling. This book delivers no-nonsense facts in a humorous yet “scientific” manner.

THE SEXUALITY OF JESUS by William E. Phipps. Carefully analyzing such subjects as celibacy, sexuality, and gender in first-century Palestine, Phipps suggests how Jesus’ life and teaching undermined traditional attitudes toward women and the human body - and how the Jesus of the Gospels can inform discussions of gender and sexuality today.

SPIRITUALITY

A SPIRITUAL FORMATION WORKBOOK by James Bryan Smith. Based on five major dimensions of the spiritual life found in the life of Christ and Christian tradition: The Contemplative Tradition, the Holiness Tradition, the Charismatic Tradition, the Social Justice Tradition and the Evangelical Tradition, this workbook program provides all the necessary ingredients to start and keep running a Spiritual Formation Group.

A TREE FULL OF ANGELS: SEEING THE HOLY IN THE ORDINARY by Macrina Wiederkehr. This book which offers new ways to experience God's presence in our daily lives, comes with a leader's guide.

ATTENTIVE TO GOD: Spirituality in the Church Committee by Karen Marie Yust. The author proposes a theology of church committee work and explores ways to maintain a spiritual focus in church committees. Included are devotional resources for use in worship, Christian education, and stewardship.

BARLEY CAKES: Parables for the Twenty-first Century by Cheryl Cavalcante. The author’s parables ground our contemporary spirituality in such timeless images as the Fire-Keeper, the Prodigal Parent, and the One Who Speaks Last.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY by Henri J.M. Nouwen - This book offers 366 original, interlocking meditations to sustain, guide and inspire the reader. It is a yearlong voyage of spiritual discovery.

CAN YOU DRINK THE CUP? by Henri J.M. Nouwen. Using the cup as a metaphor, Nouwen reflects on three images- holding, lifting, and drinking to articulate basics of spiritual life.

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE - THE PATH TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH by Richard Foster - For this newly revised and updated edition, the author expands on the inward Disciplines of prayer and meditation, the outward Discipline of simplicity, and the corporate Discipline of celebration.

COMING OF THE COSMIC CHRIST (THE) by Matthew Fox. This book has been considered to be Fox's most daring, pioneering work yet, stimulating us to the kind of resurrection of values and practice required for planetary salvation.

COMPANIONS IN CHRIST: The Way of Forgiveness by Marjorie Thompson. This is designed to be a small-group experience in spiritual formation. It includes a leader's guide and a Participant's Book.

DANCING IN THE AISLE: Spiritual Lessons We've Learned from Children by Rochelle Melander and Harold Eppley. This is an engaging and captivating collection of true stories about children of all ages. Each chapter concludes with a meditation, scripture reading and questions for reflection.

DOORWAYS TO THE SOUL: 52 WISDOM TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD edited by Elisa Davy Pearmain. The author offers an uplifting story for each week of the year to invite persons of all ages to discover the universal power of "Once upon a time..."

EVERYTHING 'ROUND US IS PRAISE: EXTRAORDINARY PRAYERS FOR ORDINARY DAYS by Joy Cowley. This book is a collection of prayers that embody lively, everyday spirituality.

FEASTING WITH GOD: ADVENTURES IN TABLE SPIRITUALITY by Holly W. Whitcomb. A number of mouthwatering recipes and a full helping of other sensory delights await the reader in this book of gastronomic and spiritual pleasures.

FINDING GOD AT HOME - FAMILY LIFE AS SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE by Ernest Boyer, Jr. Boyer identifies two different approaches to spirituality: "life on the edge" or the spirituality of the desert, and "life at the center" or the spirituality of everyday concerns. He reveals how to join in a dynamic, exhilarating spirituality anyone can practice. A leader's guide is included.

FRESH BREAD AND OTHER GIFTS OF SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT by Joyce Rupp, OSM. This is a handbook for spiritual growth structured for reading and praying the scriptures throughout the year.

GODZONE: A Guide to the Traveler of the Soul by Mike Riddell. This is a book for those who have never quite settled in the world, who follow an inner urge, a voice that calls from the depths, and a desire to explore the territory.

GUERRILLAS OF GRACE - PRAYERS FOR THE BATTLE by Ted Loder. Tough, beautiful, earthy, grace-filled prayers to lighten your heart, challenge your thinking and touch your life.

I'D SAY YES, GOD IF I KNEW WHAT YOU WANTED by Nancy Reeves. Real-life stories from 75 people open up a world of spiritual discernment practices inviting the reader to find one that works.

IMPROBABLE GIFT OF BLESSING: Prayers and Affirmations to Nurture the Spirit by Maren Tirabassi and Joan Jordan Grant - Through theological imagination, scriptural study, and personal experience, this unique prayer resource will inspire the activity of individuals and congregations in the world.

IN SEARCH OF BELIEF by Joan Chittister. Once you read this book, you can never mumble the Creed complacently without thought. Chittister kindles fire in the Creed's dry formulations, setting them ablaze with renewed meanings.

LABYRINTH RESOURCES: Series by Jill Kimberly Hartwell Geoffrion
CHRISTIAN PRAYER AND LABYRINTHS
LIVING THE LABYRINTH
PRAYING THE LABYRINTH
LABYRINTH AND THE SONG OF SONGS
THE LABYRINTH AND THE ENNEAGRAM

MORNINGS WITH THOMAS MERTON: 120 Daily Readings selected by John Blattner. With a word this worldly-man-turned-monk can flip a switch that floods our dark moods with light, changing the way we see everything.

MY HEART IN MY MOUTH: Prayers for Our Lives by Ted Loder. This is a refreshing book of meditations.

OCCASIONS OF PRAYER: Resources for Prayer Living by Lisa Withow. The author has composed prayers for a host of occasions. She divides her prayers into 3 sections- rites of passage (birth, marriage, death), special occasions and adversity.

OUTSIDE THE LINES: Meditations on an Expansive God by Andrea La Sonde Anastos. Divided into four sections: Claiming Your Identity, Cherishing Our Paradoxes, Coloring Outside the Lines, and Incarnate Vocation, this collection of 19 meditations is created to enhance one's spirituality.

PARTNERS IN COVENANT: The Art of Spiritual Companionship by Barbara Sheehan, S.P. This book takes seriously the call to help each other to listen to God's promptings.

PILGRIM PRAYERS SERIES:
FOR CHURCH CHOIRS by Kenneth Johnson

FOR GRANDMOTHERS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN by Linda Hollies
FOR MEALTIME by Alexander Campbell
FOR SINGLE MOTHERS by Michele Howe

PRAY ALL WAYS by Edward Hays. Reflections on a modern mysticism ...where the ordinary contains the extraordinary in a daily communion with the Divine Mystery.

PRAYERS FOR A PLANETARY PILGRIM by Edward Hays - a personal manual for prayer and ritual.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMON GOOD edited by A. Jean Leshner. The author has compiled this collection of readings and prayers in response to a desire to find spiritual resources for facing the powerful forces that threaten and destroy our common well-being in our national and international living together.

PRAYING BY HEART: PRAYERS FOR PERSONAL DEVOTION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP by Kay Bessler Northcutt. Using vivid imagery and dynamic rhythm, the author moves through the seasons of the liturgical year.

SAINT BENEDICT IN THE FREEWAY: A Rule of Life for the 21st Century by Corinne Ware. The author identifies the barriers that keep you from the relationship with God for which you yearn. She identifies key practices and insights which have been helpful to pilgrims through the ages. Ware teaches new ways to pray and helps you create a contemporary "Rule of Life" which is yours alone.

SOUL WEAVING: A Gathering of Women's Prayers edited by Lyn Klug. These rich, strong prayers reflect the needs and experiences of women of all ages. They are gathered from historic and contemporary women of faith from around the world.

THE ARTIST'S WAY: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity by Julia Cameron. This resource is a course in discovering and recovering your creative self.

THE FEMININE MYSTIC: Readings From Early Spiritual Writers edited by Lynne Deming. This book brings together writings by 13 women mystics. It is arranged by themes such as prayer, God, justice, vocation, and visions.

THE PRAYER OF JABEZ: Breaking Through to the Blessed Life by Bruce Wilkinson. Join the this best-selling author to discover how the remarkable prayer of a little-known Bible hero can release God's favor, power and protection.

THE PROMISE OF WINTER: Quickening the Spirit on Ordinary Days and in Fallow Seasons by Martin and Micah Marty - For all who experience the disappointments, frustrations, doubts, and despair that are a part of daily life, this book holds up the presence and promise of God.

THE SACRED GARDEN: Soil for the Growing Soul by Patricia Barrett. Each of the seasonal meditations in this collection is based on a biblical quotation, and includes gardening

instructions as well as food for the soul.

THE SONG OF THE SEED: A MONASTIC WAY OF TENDING THE SOUL by Macrina Wiederkehr. The author leads the reader from the depths of one's spiritual hunger to fountains of refreshment for one's heart and soul.

THE WISDOM OF HILEGARD OF BINGEN - Compiled by Fiona Bowie - Hildegard was one of the most remarkable women of the Middle Ages whose writings, pictures and music are enjoying a renaissance.

WATCH AND PRAY - This 6-week series will provide guidance and practice in some ways of watching and praying.

WAYFARING: A Gospel Journey Into Life by Margaret Silf. This informal, inspiring book teaches readers how to create a personal spiritual retreat through readings, prayer, and their own imaginations.

WHEN THE HEART WAITS by Sue Monk Kidd. This book offers spiritual direction for life's sacred questions. A leader's guide is included.

WHEN WE PRAY: A PRAYER FOR PASTORS AND WORSHIP LEADERS, YEARS A, B & C by Lavon and Bob Baylor - These pastoral prayers for clergy and worship leaders can be used for daily devotion as well as Sunday worship services.

WHO IS MY GOD?: An Innovative Guide to Finding Your Spiritual Identity- Created by the editors at Skylight Paths. This is an entertaining way to think- and rethink- about your own spiritual path, or perhaps even find a new one.

WISDOM'S DAUGHTERS: STORIES OF WOMEN AROUND JESUS by Elizabeth G. Watson - This imaginative resource tells the life of Jesus through the eyes and hearts of 14 women.

WITH SACRED THREADS: Quilting and the Spiritual Life by Susan Towner-Larsen and Barbara Brewer Davis. The authors have found that while people are discovering or rediscovering the art of creating quilts, they are also discovering the connection quilting often has to spirituality and community. In this book, the quilters share meditations and stories of how God has impacted their lives.

WRITING THE SACRED: A Psalm-Inspired Path to Appreciating and Writing Sacred Poetry by Ray McGinnis. This book offers an invitation for the reader to reclaim the depth and meaning of how Psalms can meet us in our humanness.

STEWARDSHIP

A PENNY A DAY by Norma E. Koenig - A children's book on Stewardship.

BECOMING A GIVING CHURCH by Herbert Mather

BEING STEWARDS

FOCUS ON OUR IDENTITY - Defining and implementing holistic stewardship.

FOCUS ON COMMITMENT - Resource for financial campaigns.

BEYOND CONTROL: GIVING AND COMMUNITY AND THE GENEROSITY OF PRAISE- This resource includes two seminary lectures by William Green on the theology and motivation of stewardship understood in terms of “abundance,” praise and generosity beyond gratitude and reciprocity.

CHILDREN & MONEY: A Guide For Parents by Carol Wehrheim.

CONSECRATING STEWARDS: With Focus on a Consecration Sunday by Earl Miller. The primary focus is to help church members understand the call to be stewards of and in all of life, responding to the absolute goodness and gifts of God. A typical result is that a congregation will have more money each year to be a compassionate community, boldly supporting local and global mission in the name of Jesus Christ.

DON'T SHOOT THE HORSE 'TIL YOU KNOW HOW TO DRIVE THE TRACTOR:
Moving From Annual Fund Raising to a Life of Giving by Herbert Mather

FREEDOM OF SIMPLICITY - by Richard Foster

GIVING TOGETHER: A Stewardship Guide for Families by Carol Wehrheim. The author reminds us that stewardship is about much more than money. She clearly illustrates a more holistic understanding of the concept to include careful consideration of the choices we make that show the role Christian discipleship plays in our lives. Including both a participant's section and a leader's guide this book is ideal for a group or family study.

GOD'S GIFTS, MY GIFTS: An Ecumenical Children's Activity Set from UCC Resources. This resource looks at how God's love works in a child's life in exploring generosity and faith. The five activity sheets and stickers involve games, prayers, stories, Bible verses and fun ideas to try.

GROWING UP GENEROUS: Engaging Youth in Giving and Serving by Eugene Roehlkepartain, Elanah Naftali, and Laura Musegades. This book creates a mosaic of what is happening and could happen in American Jewish and Christian congregations to cultivate in young people a deep and lasting commitment to giving and serving. The book is based on a two-year project by the Search Institute.

INSPIRING GENEROSITY—A UCC Resource. This book looks at ways to understand and

approach money and mission realistically, given the changing conditions in congregations in the UCC today. It includes the theological background on the motivation for giving, as well as four programmatic approaches to fundraising in the church.

INVITED TO GIVE THANKS: Stewards in Mission - This booklet offers a 4-week program for raising money in the local church, grounded in mission and emphasizing the growth of church members' commitment to and understanding the work of the church.

LIVING MORE WITH LESS - by Doris Janzen Longacre-- Mennonite suggestions about lifestyle.

MONEY AND YOUR CHURCH - by Manfred Holck, Jr.

OFFERINGS OF THE HEART: Money and Values in Faith Communities Foreword by Rabbi Mordechai Liebling. This book guides the reader towards a values-based approach to money and wealth in congregational life.

ONE MINUTE STEWARDSHIP SERMONS: Communicating the Stewardship Message Every Sunday of the Year by Charles Cloughen, Jr. This collection of messages reflects on the many aspects of stewardship that congregations- both large and small- experience throughout the year. Designed for use at the offertory each Sunday, they may also be incorporated into the sermon or printed in the bulletin.

STEP BY STEP: A Financial Campaign for Your Church by Kermit Braswell.

STEWARD (THE) - A Biblical Symbol Come of Age by Douglas JohnHall

STEWARDSHIP FOR MEMBERSHIP AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES by W. Rowland Koch.

STU BEAR: A Story about Stewardship with Young Children by Lynn Williamson Delgado.

TAKE THE PIZZA AND RUN - by Barbara DeGrote - This book includes four delightful stories about children who are learning to share and care for their own money and possessions.

TEACHING AND PREACHING STEWARDSHIP - ed Nordan Murphy - Essays on Stewardship.

THE ABINGDON GUIDES TO FUNDING MINISTRY VOLS. 1-3 by Donald Joiner and Norma Wimberly - These are innovative sourcebooks for pastors and church leaders.

THE GIVING BOX: Create a Tradition of Giving with Your Children by Fred Rogers. This book offers ways to talk with children about giving and receiving, multicultural folktales with different perspectives and ideas for creating a new family tradition of giving and receiving.

THINKING THEOLOGICALLY ABOUT MONEY by Sarah Arthur. This book has a leader's

guide and a student book. It challenges students to think theologically about personal choices and controversial issues.

TIME TO NEGOTIATE - by Hilbert J. Berger - Guidelines for negotiating a pastor's salary.

STORIES AND STORYTELLING

A CHILD'S BOOK OF BLESSINGS compiled by Sabrina Dearborn. In this collection, the words for expressing and transferring tenderness are gathered from a wide range of countries, cultures and world religions.

A WORLD OF CHILDREN'S STORIES edited by Anne Pellowski. This is a treasure trove of wonderful tales, parables, fables and riddles from around the world.

ARCH BOOKS - Concordia - Story books for children:

1. Adam's Story
2. Cain and Abel
3. The Story of Noah's Ark
4. The Princess and the Baby - the story of Moses
5. Moses and the 10 Plagues
6. The Happiest Search - The Christmas Story
7. He Didn't Mind Getting Wet - a Baptism story
8. The Glory Story - The Easter story
9. O Happy Day - The story of Pentecost

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN by Diane Deming. Stories for use in worship for years A, B, C - Using simple props and keyed to the Revised Common Lectionary, Deming brings scripture and theology into the world and understanding of children.

BECAUSE NOTHING LOOKS LIKE GOD by Lawrence and Karen Kushner. This book lights children's creativity and shows how God is with us everyday, in every way. It is an invitation to children and adults to explore -together- what, where, and how God is in our lives.

BEATRICE'S GOAT by Page McBrier. This is a true story about a nine-year old Ugandan girl that the author met on a Heifer Project International (HPI) trip. Hillary Rodam Clinton provides an afterword.

BENJAMIN'S DOG JOSEPH by Rev. Dr. Daryl Greene. The author is a person with a disability who wrote this book as a way to help children learn about and speak about disabilities.

BIBLE STORIES WITH SONGS & FINGERPLAYS. Compiled by Julie Elliot- published by

Whole People of God.

BROWN BAG SERIES:

BROWN BAG (THE) by Jerry Marshall Jordon

ANOTHER BROWN BAG by Jerry Marshall Jordon - filled with sermons for children.

ONE MORE BROWN BAG by Jerry Marshall Jordon - sermons for children.

FILLING UP THE BROWN BAG by Jerry Marshall Jordon - a childrens sermon how-to book.

GROWING SEEDS OF FAITH: 26 CHILDREN'S SERMONS by Virginia Loewen.

BROTHER WOLF, SISTER SPARROW: Stories About Saints and Animals retold by Eric Kimmel. From Saint Francis to Saint Brigid, this book highlights the relationships of "the beasts of the field" and the birds of the sky with 12 holy men and women who cared for them.

CELEBRATING THE SEASONS WITH CHILDREN by Philip E. Johnson - Conversation ideas based on the Common Lectionary Year B.

MORE CELEBRATING THE SEASONS WITH CHILDREN by Philip E. Johnson - Conversation ideas for year C.

AND MORE CELEBRATING THE SEASONS WITH CHILDREN by Philip E. Johnson - Conversation ideas for year A.

CHARLES DICKENS: The Life of Our Lord (Written for His Children During the Years 1846-1849). In this simple retelling of the life of Christ, adapted from the Gospel of St. Luke, Dickens hoped to teach his young children about religion and faith.

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CHRISTIAN SOUL: 101 Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit by Jack Canfield, Mark Hansen, Patty Aubery and Nancy Mitchell.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY READ: Seeing the Presence of God Through Selected Storybooks By Carolyn and Dawn Pettigrew. The co-authors have selected many beloved children's books and prepared a resource that provides a synopsis of the book, its spiritual themes, a scriptural application, a spiritual reflection, a related activity and a list of materials needed.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS THAT NURTURE THE SPIRIT: Choosing the Best by Louise Margaret Granahan. This is a quality resource that reviews over 450 books meant to support children on their spiritual journey.

COME SIT WITH ME

COME SIT WITH ME AGAIN

COME SIT WITH ME ONCE MORE by Don-Paul Benjamin and Ron Hiner 52 sermons for children from four to eight years old. Each sermon includes activities that underscore the message and engage the children's attention.

DANA DOESN'T LIKE GUNS ANYMORE by Carole Moore-Slater - In a society where gun-related accidents involving children occur too often, where violence saturates TV programs, and

where a variety of toy weapons is available in toy stores, it's time to reeducate ourselves and our children.

dePAOLA, TOMIE - books by:

CHARLIE NEEDS A CLOAK

CLOWN OF GOD

CHRISTOPHER: THE HOLY GIANT

FRANCIS - POOR MAN OF ASSISI

PATRICK: PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS -

DOES GOD HAVE A BIG TOE? by Marc Gellman and Oscar denejo. Delightful stories about stories in the Bible.

ENEMY PIE by Derek Munson. In this funny yet endearing story, one little boy learns an effective recipe for turning a best enemy into a best friend.

FOLLOW THE YEAR by Mala Powers - This resource offers background information on celebrations and holidays for families.

GLEAM AND GLOW by Eve Bunting. Inspired by real events, master storyteller Eve Bunting recounts the harrowing yet hopeful story of a family, a war - and a dazzling discovery.

GOD'S MAILBOX: MORE STORIES ABOUT STORIES IN THE BIBLE by Rabbi Marc Gellman- These 18 midrashim are filled with hope, suspense and a healthy dose of comedy.

HERE COMES THE CAT! by Vladimir Vagin and Frank Asch. This is a marvelous tale of fear that turns to trust.

HOFFMAN, MARY - books by

AMAZING GRACE

PARABLES

MIRACLES

I SEE THE MOON by Kathi Appelt. Based on an old nursery rhyme, a small child is afraid to go to sleep until she sees the gentle moon, the first sign of God's love.

IN JIMMY'S CHAIR by Susan Sargent and Donna Aaron Wirt. Simple and straightforward, this story will foster children's positive attitudes toward their handicapped peers and help young readers recognize the range of their abilities as well as their limitations.

IN OUR IMAGE: GOD'S FIRST CREATURES by Nancy Sohn Swartz. This is a delightful nondenominational, nonsectarian book for ages 4 and up.

JESUS WANTS ME FOR A SUNBEAM by Hans Wilhelm. This children's book illustrates the age-old song "Jesus Wants me for a Sunbeam."

JOSEPH HAD A LITTLE OVERCOAT by Simms Taback. When Joseph's coat got too old and shabby, he made it into a jacket. But what did he make it into after that? And after that?

JUBILEE by Ellen Yeomans. What will heaven be like? The author shares her vision of heaven as a joyful picnic and reunion where family and friends all gather to celebrate.

KITCHEN TABLE WISDOM: Stories That Heal by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D. This remarkable collection of true stories draws on the concept of "kitchen table wisdom" - the human tradition of shared experience that shows us life in all its power and mystery and reminds us that the things we cannot measure may be the things that ultimately sustain and enrich our lives.

LADDER OF ANGELS by Madeleine L'Engle - Stories from the Bible, illustrated by children of the world.

MAMA GOD, PAPA GOD: A Caribbean Tale by Richardo Keens-Douglas. This creation tale shows Mama God and Papa God creating a world filled with love and wonder.

MIYOSHI, SEKIYA - Books by:
THE PROMISED LAND
JACOB'S LADDER
DANIEL AND THE LION
DAVID AND GOLIATH

MOST MINISTERS WEAR SNEAKERS by Nancy Werking Poling. This full-color picture book for children portrays ministers as leaders, listeners, and teachers enjoying an active, involved vocation.

MOTHER TERESA STORY (THE) by Maria Shradly - The author celebrates the life of one of the most admired women of our time. Questions woven throughout the text will challenge young readers to come to grips with a new spiritual dimension.

OLD TURTLE and the Broken Truth by Douglas Wood. Seekers of all ages have been inspired by the stirring message of *Old Turtle*, the beloved wisdom tale of truth. Now Old Turtle returns in a timeless story about love, acceptance, and the nature of truth. Soulfully illustrated by Jon J. Muth's luminous watercolors, this book offers readers of all ages inspiration, hope and a healing vision of peace.

ONE HUNDRED WISDOM STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD by Margaret Silf. This collection springs from many different cultures, yet speaks a universal language. The stories are arranged in sections that focus on different aspects of the human search for truth and meaning.

POT LIKKER: Stories for Teachers and Learners by Larry Grant Coleman and Deborah Peaks Coleman. "Pot likker," a term from the African American community, is the broth remaining

from greens that have been seasoned and boiled. This broth is considered flavorful and precious as it contains the nutrients. This book contains stories gathered from personal experiences of individuals of various ethnicities and backgrounds that are “nutritional” for the spirit.

PRAYERS FROM THE ARK: THE CREATURES' CHOIR by Carmen Bernos DeGasztold. The 27 poems in this book are spoken by Noah's animals.

PREACHER'S BOY by Katherine Paterson. The author brings her trademark humor, warmth, and insight to a small town in Vermont at the turn of the century. It's a tale of love, acceptance and redemption.

PSALM TWENTY-THREE illustrated by Tim Ladwig. The words of the psalm, now thousands of years old, seem more relevant today against a backdrop of the inner city.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS - The Editors of Conari Press (1993). This is an inspirational collection of individuals' stories recounting their first hand experiences with random acts of kindness.

KIDS' RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS - Forward by Rosalynn Carter with the Editors of Conari Press. With heartfelt sincerity, children from around the world responded by flooding the editors with their refreshingly tender stories.

MORE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS - The Editors of Conari Press. A sequel to RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS written with the hope that the concept continues to spread and carry on until the beauty of simple kindness touches - and changes - us all.

SACRED SEASONS: A Journey Through the Church Year by Brett Webb-Mitchell & Diane Archer. This book is designed to teach congregations the rich stories that narrate the wondrous, complex, and symbol-full practices of the special days in the church calendar.

SANFORD, DORIS - books by
DON'T LOOK AT ME
I KNOW THE WORLD'S WORST SECRET
PLEASE COME HOME

SASSO, SANDY EISENBERG - books by
A PRAYER FOR THE EARTH
BUT GOD REMEMBERED: STORIES OF WOMEN FROM CREATION TO THE
PROMISED LAND
FINDING THE FRUITS OF PEACE
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
GOD SAID AMEN

SMALL GIFTS IN GOD'S HANDS by Max Lucado. Join a boy named Elijah for an unforgettable moment on a Galilean hillside, where he comes face to face with Jesus where he

gets to share a small basket of food with the Teacher.

STONE SOUP by Ann McGovern - This classic storybook includes an audio cassette tape.

STORY BIBLE (THE) by Pearl S. Buck - Vol. I the Old Testament - A magnificent retelling of the O.T.

STORY BIBLE (THE) by Pearl S. Buck - Vol. II the New Testament - Retells the greatest story ever told in the language of today.

STORIES FOR SHARING by Charles Arcodia. This book is designed with themes and discussion starters for teacher and speakers.

STORIES JESUS STILL TELLS: The Parables by John Claypool. In this revised edition the author brings insight to a selection of parables, allowing the reader to hear Jesus' calm persuasive voice still speaking to us through stories like the great banquet, the rich fool, and the final judgment.

STORYTELLING: IMAGINATION AND FAITH by William J. Bauch. This is both a book of stories and a book about storytelling. Bauch taps a wellspring of stories from masters of old to anonymous authors of more recent days.

STORYTELLING - IT'S EASY by Ethel Barrett - Offers exercises for better diction, ways to help relax in front of a group and how to put ideas and facts across to listeners.

STRANGER IN THE WOODS by Carl Sams & Jean Stoick. Who is this stranger? Children will love this photographic fantasy created by two wildlife photographers.

TEN AMAZING PEOPLE: And How They Changed the World by Maura Shaw. The 10 amazing people lifted up are: Black Elk, Dorothy Day, Malcolm X, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Janusz Korczak, Mother Teresa, Albert Schweitzer, Thich Nhat Hanh and Desmond Tutu.

THE 11th COMMANDMENT: Wisdom from Our Children by the Children of America. Written and drawn by children of all faiths and all backgrounds, these commandments come from many places, religions, and lifestyles, but all come from the heart. They reveal the way our children hear God's voice in the world around them.

THE ALWAYS PRAYER SHAWL by Sheldon Oberman. A young Russian boy leaves for North America with two special and enduring things - his name, Adam and his prayer shawl, a gift from his grandfather. The shawl remains a part of his life until he gives it to his grandson, Adam.

THE GARDENER by Sarah Stewart. Set in 1935, this is a story of a young country girl who is sent to live with her dour and uncommunicative uncle in a large dark city. Lydia's mission is to get her uncle to smile—just once!

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO HARRY POTTER: Spirituality in Stories of the World's Most Famous Seeker by Connie Neal

WHAT'S A CHRISTIAN TO DO WITH HARRY POTTER by Connie Neal.

THE SNOWY DAY by Ezra Jack Keats. Embark on an adventure with Peter on a snowy day.

THE SOWER'S SEEDS by Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R. This book includes 100 inspiring stories for preaching, teaching and public speaking.

MORE SOWER'S SEEDS by Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R. This book includes more inspiring stories.

SOWER'S SEEDS APLENTY by Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R. This book includes 100 stories of wit, whimsy, and wisdom for life's travelers.

THE STORY OF JESUS by Mark Water and Susie Poole. This is a re-telling of the story of Jesus' life from angels and miracles- shepherds and kings- and invoking the turbulent background of 2000 years ago.

THE STORYTELLER IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION by Jeanette Perkins Brown - Includes material which will inform, inspire and guide those who are interested in the art of storytelling.

THE TALE OF THREE TREES retold by Angela Elwell Hunt. "Once upon a mountaintop, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up ... one wanted to be a treasure chest, one an ocean-going boat, and one a living signpost to God." Their wishes come true - but in a very unexpected way.

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND: Words and Music by Woodie Guthrie. This book invites readers on a journey across country, creating an unforgettable portrait of our diverse land and people.

THROUGH MOON AND STARS AND NIGHT SKIES by Ann Turner. This is a story of adoption and a special kind of love.

WEEMS, ANN - books by

FAMILY FAITH STORIES

PUTTING THE AMAZING BACK IN GRACE

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? by Mack Thomas. This is Charles M. Sheldon's classic *In His Steps* now retold for children. This book helps children learn to live as Jesus lives...by asking this simple question throughout the day: "What would Jesus do?"

WHEN THE WIND STOPS by Charlotte Zolotow. When a little boy asks this question, his mother explains that the wind does not stop, it blows away to make trees dance somewhere else. She tells him that nothing ever ends, it simply begins in another place or in another way.

WHERE DOES GOD LIVE? by Marc Gellman and Thomas Hartman. Questions and answers

for parents and children are explored in this book co-authored by a Rabbi and a Monsignor.

WHITE, WILLIAM R. - books by
SPEAKING IN STORIES
STORIES FOR TELLING
STORIES FOR THE GATHERING: A TREASURY FOR CHRISTIAN
STORYTELLERS
STORIES FOR THE JOURNEY

WHY CAN'T GROWNUPS BELIEVE IN ANGELS? by Marsha Sinetar. Whatever a child's circumstances, gentle conversations about protective angels can remind a youngster that God is loving and that, mysteriously, the world can be a happy, safe place.

WILDSMITH, BRIAN -book by
JOSEPH
SAINT FRANCIS

SYMBOLS

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLISM FLASH CARDS—Published by Choristers Guild.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS HANDBOOK by Dean Moe --This book offers traditional and contemporary symbols patterns along with concise information about symbols we use during the church year.

COMPLETE BANNER HANDBOOK (THE) by Janet Litherland - A creative guide for banner design and construction.

FAITHSHAPES: The Card of Christian Symbols. This is a matching card game for ages 3 and up. 2-4 participants may play.

SYMBOLS OF GOD'S LOVE: Codes and Passwords by Jeanne Fogle. This is a storybook for younger elementary age children.

SYMBOLS OF THE CHURCH edited by Carroll Whittemore - Included in this book are: symbols of the Old and New Testaments, Apostles and Saints, a glossary of ecclesiastical terms, liturgical colors and their uses, etc.

SYMBOL PATTERNS - Ideas for banners, posters, and bulletins boards.

YOUNG READERS BOOK OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLISM - Michael Danes tells the story of Christian Symbols and their relationship to the church and its history and traditions.

TEACHER TRAINING

BASIC SKILLS FOR CHURCH TEACHERS by Donald Griggs. Mr. Griggs demonstrates how volunteer church teachers can successfully build relationships, stimulate creativity, develop Bible skills, utilize audio visual material and nurture student's faith.

BULLETIN BOARDS THAT COMMUNICATE by Sandra Sorlien - Creative ideas for the congregation.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PLANNING HANDBOOK: For the Sunday School and Other Educational Opportunities, edited by Roy H. Ryan. Well-placed charts, worksheets, and discussion guides make this a handy reference when your committee sets out to plan another year.

DEVELOPING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE SMALLER CHURCH by Carolyn C. Brown. Here's a book that shows how to overcome the odds of the small church.

FASHION ME A PEOPLE: Curriculum in the Church by Maria Harris. The author describes "curriculum" as an exciting process embracing the entire course of the church's life.

HEADS OF HEAVEN - FEET OF CLAY by Charles McCollough. This resource includes stories of an adult faith development, methods of adult education, and practical session plans.

HOW TO TRAIN VOLUNTEER TEACHERS by Delia Halverson. The author offers 20, 30 minute workshops showing how to train teachers in an effective way.

LEADING ADULT LEARNERS: A Handbook for All Christian Groups by Delia Halverson. This book provides directions for starting a new class, keeping an existing class strong, or healing an ailing one.

LEARNING WHILE LEADING: Increasing Your Effectiveness in Ministry by Anita Farber-Robertson. The author makes use of several illustrative stories to help clergy assemble a toolbox for building new ways of relating

PLANNING THE CHURCH'S EDUCATIONAL MISSION IN A LOCAL SETTING -This planning guide offered by the UCBHM assists in developing a plan of work for education in a local setting.

PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS FOR TEACHERS by Martha Whitmore Hickman. The author explores teaching as a Christian vocation and discusses specific ways teachers can incorporate prayer, meditation, and reading into their busy schedules.

RESHAPING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Conversations on Contemporary Practice by Maria Harris and Gabriel Moran. The authors challenge the religious education community to risk change. They have incorporated ecumenical and international perspectives into their analysis of

the state of contemporary religious education - and its future.

TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT PRAYER by Judy Gattis Smith - A helpful resource for teachers.

TEACHING TEACHERS TO TEACH by Donald Griggs. Included are activities, crafts, planned worship programs, and teacher workshop information.

TEACHER TRAINING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE by Anne Gilbert. This book contains 20 reproducible worksheets that help develop teaching skills, introduce new techniques, encourage teachers in their personal growth, explore available resources and much more.

THE COURAGE TO TEACH: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life by Parker Palmer. This book is for teachers who refuse to harden their hearts, because they love learners, learning, and the teaching life. Includes a Study Guide.

THE OFFICIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS HANDBOOK by Joanne Owens. Humorous how-to manual lets you laugh while you learn.

TWENTY WAYS OF TEACHING THE BIBLE by Donald Griggs. Each method in this book is illustrated by example and sketches. A step-by-step approach provides related classroom activities.

TRANSLATING THE GOOD NEWS THROUGH TEACHING ACTIVITIES by Donald Griggs. This resource relates the New Testament to youngsters through various teaching activities.

WORSHIP-CENTERED EDUCATION: LECTIONARY-BASED DESIGNS by Carole G. Kelm - A 64 page manual designed to help churches think through and plan worship-centered education.

YOU CAN FIND TEACHERS by Yvonne Stewart. Finding, motivating and keeping teachers - a step-by-step guide for church leaders.

Supplementary Resources for curriculum:

GUIDE FOR MINISTRY WITH YOUNG CHILDREN
GUIDE FOR MINISTRY WITH ELEMENTARY CHILDREN
GUIDE FOR MINISTRY WITH YOUTH
GUIDE FOR MINISTRY WITH ADULTS

* Refer to the "Teacher Tool Boxes" for additional resources

THANKSGIVING

CREATIVE IDEAS FOR THANKSGIVING by Linda Davidson. This resource is divided into three sections: worship— stories and plays—other activities.

GIVING THANKS by Jonathan London. This storybook for children shows how a boy explains how his dad, like his Indian friends, believes that things in nature are a gift and in return something must be given back—a thank you.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS by Gail Martin. This book contains three worship services with the theme of giving thanks.

UCC IDENTITY

ABOUT THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - A scriptographic booklet from the Channing L. Bete Co.

BECOMING THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN VERMONT - 1795-1995 by Rev. John Nutting. This book relates the history of the Vermont Conference.

CONFESSING OUR FAITH: An Interpretation of the Statement of Faith of the UCC by Roger Shinn. This includes the description of the process that led to the adoption of the Statement of Faith by the UCC in 1959 and indicates the ways the statement expresses firm convictions of faith as well as encouraging further discussion.

FREEDOM WITH ORDER: The Doctrine of the Church in the UCC by Robert S. Paul. This book encourages a discussion of the doctrines of the UCC that will faithfully express both the historical traditions and the ecumenical imperatives that formed the denomination.

GATHERED IN THE SPIRIT: BEGINNINGS OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE by Susan Crinker Moran - In celebration of the 350th anniversary of the First Church, this book traces the gathered church from its informal beginnings in England through its transformation into an established church.

HANDBOOK OF DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES (new 8th edition) by Frank S. Mead - This reference book briefly outlines the history, beliefs, and practices of religious groups in America.

HIDDEN HISTORIES IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST by Barbara Brown Zikmund -Volumes 1 and 2.

OUR UNITED CHURCH RESOURCE BOOK FOR OLDER CHILDREN
THAT'S MY CHURCH Leaflets for younger children.

THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE UCC (2002 Edition) Published by the Executive Council of the UCC.

THE LIVING THEOLOGICAL HERITAGE of the United Church of Christ - Barbara Brown Zikmund, series editor. This seven volume series is designed to enable the United Church of Christ to recover its theological past, strengthen contemporary faith and practice, and to claim its heritage.

- Vol. 1 = ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL LEGACIES
- Vol. 2 = REFORMATION ROOTS
- Vol. 3 = COLONIAL AND NATIONAL BEGINNINGS
- Vol. 4 = CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION
- Vol. 5 = OUTREACH AND DIVERSITY
- Vol. 6 = GROWING TOWARD UNITY
- Vol. 7 = UNITED AND UNITING

THEOLOGY AND IDENTITY: Traditions, Movements, and Polity in the UCC eds. Daniel Johnson and Charles Hambrick-Stowe. This collection of essays spans the breadth of the UCC from the perspective of its theological issues and movements.

THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF THE CONGREGATIONAL WAY IN NEW ENGLAND by Richard Taylor. This resource covers six New England states.

THE SHAPING OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST: An Essay in the History of American Christianity by Louis Gunnemann. This is the story of how the UCC took shape in the mid-twentieth century and has grown as a denomination striving to become a multicultural and multiracial church.

SO YOU ARE A CHURCH MEMBER

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST: WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE BELIEVE (Pamphlet)

U.C.C. HISTORY AND PROGRAM

U.C.C. STATEMENT OF FAITH: A HISTORICAL BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE (THE) by Allen O. Miller - A 48-page booklet that describes how, when, and by whom the Statement was developed. Outlines the statement and relates it to the covenant story of the Bible.

UNITED AND UNITING: The Meaning of an Ecclesial Journey by Louis Gunnemann. This book provides historical perspective and a call to recover the original vision for a greater understanding of the denomination.

YOU BELONG - A handbook for church members.

UPROOTING RACISM

A BAND OF ANGELS by Deborah Hopkinson. This storybook was inspired by the Jubilee Singers- the most important black singing group of the century.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN ETHICS by Samuel Roberts. The author considers four sources for an African American Christian ethic: scripture, tradition, human experience, and reason and applies his foundations and meaning in 3 broad areas: human sexuality and family; medicine and bio-ethics; the pursuit of justice in the courts, workplace, and in the voting booth.

AFRICAN AMERICA HERITAGE POSTERS for Children with an Historical Timeline. The posters include: Martin Luther King, Jr., Bishop Leontine Kelly, Booker T. Washington, Madam C.J. Walker, and Benjamin Banneker.

AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN TAPPING POWER AND SPIRITUAL WELLNESS by Stephanie Mitchem. The author explores African American women's religious practices and spirituality from the perspective of healing.

ALEXANDER TWILIGHT: Vermont's African American Pioneer by Michael T. Hahn. Twilight's life story provides a powerful illustration of the injustice and destructiveness of prejudice. Alexander gained respect through what he did, not who he was, and he made significant contributions to his community.

A LOVING HOME: Caring for African American Marriage and Families by Lee Butler. Through stories, examples from personal experience and from experience counseling couples, the author helps black men and women uncover feeling, identify obstacles to honest relating, and build stronger relationships.

AMAZING GRACE by Mary Hoffman. This storybook about Grace tells how her grandmother encourages her to be anything she wants to be - even Peter Pan!

AMERICA'S ORIGINAL SIN: A Study on White Racism published by Sojourners. This 180 page resource is divided into 9 chapters and provides practical suggestions for action, information, national organizations, and books for further study.

AMISTAD: The Slave Uprising Aboard the Spanish Schooner by Helen Kromer. Nearly 160 years ago, a group of kidnapped Africans aboard the Spanish slave ship *La Amistad* revolted and attempted to set sail for home. After being misguided by the ship's navigator to the coast of New England, the charismatic leader Cinque and his companions found themselves embroiled in an international debate. This is an unforgettable story for readers of all ages.

"AND DON'T CALL *ME* A RACIST!": A Treasury of Quotes on the Past, Present, and Future of the Color Line of America selected and arranged by Ella Mazel.

AND EVERYONE SHALL PRAISE by Mark R. Liebenow. Weaves together liturgies, prayers, and hymns. This book is filled with worship resources for churches that seek to minister to a diverse and changing society.

ATONEMENT: THE MILLION MAN MARCH - forward by Michael Eric Dyson. This book captures the spirit of the October 1995 march, through reflections of men who were eyewitnesses to this great day. Included are photos of the event, selected speeches, and a resource list of social organizations around the nation for readers to use as a networking vehicle.

AUNT HARRIET'S UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN THE SKY by Faith Ringgold. Storybook characters, Cassie and Be Be from *Tar Beach* continue their flight in this rich and deeply textured book learning of their great-great-grandparents' long journey from slavery to freedom, guided by the voice of Harriet Tubman.

BECOMING A MULTIRACIAL, MULTICULTURAL CHURCH, (UCC information packet) Felix Carrion, Commission for Racial Justice (OCIS), 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, 44115. (216)736-2173 A compilation of resources provided in response to the 1993 General Synod Resolution: Becoming a Multiracial/Multicultural Church.

BEYOND THE WHITE NOISE: Mission in a Multicultural World by Tom Montgomery-Fate. The author shares insights into how we can replace the old neocolonial concept of mission with co-mission, a mutually liberating model for cross-cultural partnership.

BLACK MEN IN THE IMAGE OF GOD AND BLACK WOMEN IN THE IMAGE OF GOD by Dorothy Winbush. These extraordinary full-color companion volumes present a rich and varied collection of photography, fine art, and sculpture depicting the past, present and future of men and women of African descent.

BLACK PAIN: BEARING THE CONSTANT BURDEN, (PEACE AND FREEDOM), August/September 1997, pg. 11. A good article to stimulate small group discussion about racism in America.

BODACIOUS WOMANIST WISDOM by Linda Hollies. The author takes a look at the "bodaciousness" of women of color through stories of biblical women such as Queen Esther.

BOUNDLESS GRACE by Mary Hoffman. This is the sequel to AMAZING GRACE. In a moving new story, Grace is reunited with the father she barely remembers. He left home when she was very little and now lives in Africa with his new wife and children. The reunion is heartwarming!

BUILDING A NEW COMMUNITY: GOD'S CHILDREN OVERCOMING RACISM. This is a 13 session curriculum for children in grades 4-8. With this material, children will learn that God created each of us as persons of worth. Children will explore stereotypes, prejudice and unfair treatment directed at certain persons.

BUILDING A NEW COMMUNITY: GOD’S PEOPLE OVERCOMING RACISM. This is a 13 session curriculum for adults. The study provides a Christian perspective on issues related to racism in the church and community. It includes Bible study guides and worship resources.

BUILDING KING’S BELOVED COMMUNITY: FOUNDATIONS FOR PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING WITH THE OPPRESSED by Donald Chinula. This book seeks to inspire and suggest a prophetic practice that will broaden and inform the paradigm for pastoral care-giving in responding to the needs of oppressed people in any context.

CHALLENGING RACISM by Jody Miller Shearer. This resource designed for junior highs is a 4 –session Bible study curriculum that examines racial prejudice and challenges students to work at changing systems that oppress people of color.

CROSSING THE RACIAL DIVIDE: America’s Struggle for Justice and Reconciliation published by Sojourners. This is a challenging, hope-filled guide that offers a fresh look at a complex issue.

CULTURAL ETIQUETTE: A Guide for the Well-Intentioned by Amoja Rivers.

DAISY AND THE DOLL by Michael and Angela Shelf Medearis. The authors spin a heartening tale about a moment of self-discovery for a young African American girl who actually lived in 1890’s rural Vermont.

DESMOND TUTU: HOPE AND SUFFERING by Mthobi Mutloatse (compiler). The sermons and speeches vividly reflect the many talents and the spiritual authority of this remarkable man who was the 1984 Nobel Prize winner.

DIA’S STORY CLOTH: The Hmong People’s Journey of Freedom by Dia Cha. The author’s story is shared by many Hmong Americans who made a long journey to freedom. As told through the story cloth stitched by her aunt and uncle, the Hmong people’s search for freedom began long ago in China and continued as they settled in Southeast Asia.

DINNER AT AUNT CONNIE’S HOUSE by Faith Ringgold. This delightful children’s book tells the story of two children who make summer visits to their Aunt Connie’s house which has 12 beautiful portraits of famous African American women hanging in the attic. The children experience a new sense of pride in their heritage.

DISMANTLING RACISM, THE CONTINUING CHALLENGE TO WHITE AMERICA by Joseph Barndt. It has a chapter on white racism and the church. “There’s no clearer vision of racial justice and equality than that which is given in the Bible.”

DREAMING GOD’S DREAM by Kathleen McGinnis. This resource offers many activities for families to celebrate Martin Luther King’s birthday plus activities for honoring other contributions African Americans have made to life in the US.

ENDING RACISM IN THE CHURCH edited by Susan Davies and Sister Paul Teresa

Hennessee. Seventeen essays call church members to recognize the sin of racism. We seldom think of racism as a sin, and need to hear this call to repentance. Each essay is followed by study questions, and there is an appendix, "A Guide to Address Racism."

ENTER THE RIVER: Healing Steps from White Privilege Toward Racial Reconciliation by Jody Miller Shearer. The author explores definitions of prejudice and racism, the different effects of racism on white persons and people of color, affirmative action, and many other issues.

FOLLOW THE DRINKING GOURD by Jeanette Winter. In glowing paintings that evoke an American folk tradition and a simple text inspired by slave narratives, the author tells the story of one brave family who followed the drinking gourd—the Big Dipper—north to liberation.

FULFILLING THE DREAM: Confronting the Challenge of Racism by Ronice Branding. This book challenges us to look at our world through a new lens and then to do something about the racism around us.

GET ON BOARD: The Story of the Underground Railroad by Jim Haskins. From the first African Americans brought to this country in chains, slaves have come up with ingenious ways to escape to freedom. The history of the Underground Railroad is explored in this children's chapter book.

GIFTS OF MANY CULTURES: WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY by Kathy Wonson Eddy and Maren C. Tirabassi. This collection of liturgical resources from the global community includes an anthology of original prayers, poetry, stories and readings for sermons, invocations, calls to worship, confessions, liturgies for Holy Communion and Baptism, guided meditations, songs, drawings and other resources designed around the seasons of the church year.

GOIN' SOMEPLACE SPECIAL by Patricia McKissack. This is a poignant story of growing up in the segregated South that helps lead readers to the doorway of freedom.

HAND IN HAND: Helping Children Celebrate Diversity. This book with many authors aims to help children in grades 3-6 uproot prejudice by exposing them to the beauty of diversity. Each session offers a wide array of learning activities.

HARRIET AND THE PROMISED LAND by Jacob Lawrence. The author captures the power of Harriet Tubman's spirit as she leads her people to liberty in the Promised Land. She courageously returned south 19 times to lead more than 300 slaves to freedom by way of the Underground Railroad.

HARRIET TUBMAN: Antislavery Activist by M.W. Taylor. This children's book is a tribute to Tubman who, risking capture and death at every turn, led more slaves to freedom than anyone else in American history.

HAVING OUR SAY: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years by Sarah L. Delany and A. Elizabeth Delany with Amy Hill Hearth. Two extraordinary women tell their stories of a century of

American history, and of family, love, and living ‘forever.’

HEALING RACISM IN AMERICA by Nathan Rutstein. Described as a prescription for the disease of racism.

HIDDEN IN PLAIN VIEW: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad by Jacqueline Tobin & Raymond Dobard. This book tells the fascinating story of a friendship, a lost tradition, and a discovery of how enslaved people encoded messages within quilt patterns that helped fugitives navigate their escape.

HIDDEN WHOLENESS by Michael Dash, Joanthan Jackson, and Stephen Rasor. The authors challenge readers to experience renewal through activities based in African American spirituality; designed for individuals and groups.

I HAVE A DREAM: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Foreword by Coretta Scott King. This beautifully illustrated book lifts up the famous “dream” speech

IN THE FALL by Jeffrey Lent. This Vermont author has written an epic of three generations of an American family, the secrets that blister at its core, and the transcendent bonds between men and women that fuel their lives over the course of six decades.

IN THE PATH OF VIRTUE: The African American Moral Tradition by Samuel Roberts.

I SING YOUR PRAISE ALL THE DAY by Fritz Pawelzik. This is a collection of psalm-like prayers that bring the reader into direct fellowship with young Africans.

LIKE A SECOND LAYER OF SKIN: 100 Affirmations for Faithful Living by Dorothy Winbush Riley. This book acknowledges the power within each of us to create our own second layer of skin by speaking the life we want into existence.

JOURNEYS TO A DREAM by Kathryn Elmes Parker. This is a six session curriculum produced by the United Church Press. There is a student book and a teacher’s guide.

MARTIN LUTHER KING IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN PREACHING TRADITION by Valentino Lassiter. This book details preaching by slave preachers to present day preachers. It shows how King’s sermons were “cut from the same loaf” as those preachers who preached justice and God’s assurance in the 1600’s.

MARTIN’S BIG WORDS: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, JR. by Doreen Rappaport. The author weaves her words with King’s words into a captivating narrative to tell the story of Dr. King’s life. A chronology and bibliography offer additional resources for exploring the life of this great African American.

MELITTE by Fatima Shaik. This book for young readers is full of period detail and vivid sensory writing. It looks at what it would be like to be a slave.

METHODOLOGIES OF BLACK THEOLOGY by Frederick Ware. This book brings into focus what it means to do black theology and challenges depictions that falsely limit its reach and modalities.

MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE by Marie Bradley. In eloquent words and dramatic, lantern-lit paintings, this book is a tribute to dreaming - and to the young life of Booker T. Washington.

MY MOTHER PRAYED FOR ME: Faith Journaling for African American Women by LaVerne McCain Gill. The author guides African American women through a five-step process that begins with prayer and meditation and ends with writing from the heart.

NAVIGATING THE DEEP RIVER: SPIRITUALITY IN AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES by Archie Smith. After three decades as a pastoral family therapist with African American families and families of other cultures, the author draws on the spiritual and cultural richness of the "river" metaphor to construct an ecological approach to pastoral care which takes seriously American history, democracy, racism, the environment, and life experience within a multi-cultural context.

NO CRYSTAL STAIR by Gloria Wade-Gayles - This is a celebration of black writers and their collective vision of the human condition.

ONE ARYAN NATION UNDER GOD: Exposing the New Racial Extremists by Jerome Walters. The author's research into extremist groups in the US- and the theological ideas undergirding their beliefs- provides an in-depth look at what gives rise to their political and military activities.

ONLY PASSING THROUGH: The Story of Sojourner Truth by Anne Rockwell. Isabella was only nine when she was sold. This young girl grew to be a brave, strong woman who spoke out against the evils of slavery. She transformed herself into one of the most powerful voices of the abolitionist movement—she became the legendary Sojourner Truth!

OSCEOLA: Memories of a Sharecropper's Daughter edited by Alan Govenar. This is a powerful oral history of the legacy of slavery and the past conditions of African Americans in the South.

OUR FUTURES INEXTRICABLY LINKED: A VISION OF PLURALISM by Daniel F. Romero. The cover of this 54 page booklet bears the description, "A Foundation Paper on Pluralism as a Lifelong Issue for Education," which accurately describes its style and purpose. Serious, scholarly and biblically informed, it suggests how to deal with "the gift of pluralism." Pastors and other discussion leaders who seek to lead in ways of faithfulness and justice will find much help here. Morris Pike has prepared a study guide.

PASTORAL LETTER ON CONTEMPORARY RACISM AND THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH by the UCC Commission for Racial Justice. This highly recommended letter, signed by the UCC Conference Ministers in 1991, in sixteen pages gives definitions of racism and outlines steps toward study and action.

PRAISING IN BLACK AND WHITE: UNITY AND DIVERSITY IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP by Brenda Eatman Aghahowa. The author presents an informational, analytical discussion of worship styles by comparing two African American congregations – one mainline, with a formal European style, the other Pentecostal, with a charismatic worship style.

PREACHING JUSTICE: ETHNIC AND CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES by Christine Marie Smith. This book brings together 8 diverse voices from 8 distinct cultural/ethnic communities, challenging them to articulate the specific concerns, issues, and passions that give rise to a preaching ministry within their own community and beyond.

RACE IN THE MIND OF AMERICA by Paul L. Wachtel. Routledge. A view of racism in America and possible remedies written by a white psychiatrist. The author's view is that racism is a complex issue that can only be resolved by the intentional implementation of a broad set of diverse strategies on both a personal and cultural level.

RACE RULES by Michael Eric Dyson. The hidden rules of race that dominate politics, society and cultural life in America are discussed.

RACIAL HARASSMENT IN VERMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS from the Vermont Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, Washington: Eastern Regional Office, US Commission on Civil Rights, 1999. Anyone concerned with its conclusion, that "racial harassment appears pervasive in and around the State's public schools," can find here the evidence as heard by the Committee.

REBELS AGAINST SLAVERY: American Slave Revolts by Patricia and Fredrick McKissack. The Amistad Revolt and other unforgettable moments in history are depicted in this book.

RECONCILIATION: Our Greatest Challenge—Our Only Hope by Curtiss Paul DeYoung. This book provides a blueprint for a biblical, multicultural, multiracial response that will contribute to the *shalom* of the city.

RECONCILIATION: The Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu by Michael Battle - The author analyzes Bishop Tutu's theology of ubuntu - an African concept recognizing that persons and groups form their identities in relation to one another. This model proved successful in opposing the apartheid racism in South Africa, but also offers a Christian paradigm for resisting oppression wherever it appears.

RESOLUTION ON UPROOTING RACISM Vermont Conference/UCC. Vt. UCC Annual Meeting and Resolution by the 1999 General Assembly of Vermont. Vermont Conference Office and VT Conference "Uprooting Racism in Vermont" resource packet.

RESTORING HOPE by Cornel. This analysis of America's racial crisis by the noted Harvard scholar, public figure, and spokesman for African-American intellectuals, is recommended for clergy and other discussion leaders.

RUNAWAY TO FREEDOM: A Story of the Underground Railway by Barbara Smucker. This

children's chapter book is filled with danger and suspense as two young slaves escape their slave quarters and journey to Canada.

SANKOFA: CELEBRATIONS FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH by Grenae D. Dudley and Carlyle Fielding Stewart III. This book offers a framework of African spiritual consciousness, provides a blueprint for various ritual ceremonies, and shares some of these celebrations for use in black churches. It will also inspire meaningful rituals in multicultural contexts.

SAY IT LOUD: Middle-Class Blacks Talk About Racism and What to Do About it by Annie Barnes. The author has gathered stories of 150 black college students from middle-class backgrounds, who tell of their frequent encounters with racism. Following these accounts, she offers simple yet profound ideas for what blacks, whites and others can do to confront and respond to racism in all of its guises.

SEEDS OF RACISM IN THE SOUL OF AMERICA by Paul R. Griffin. The author exposes the racism that was implanted in this nation since its founding and continues to bear bitter fruit to this day.

SOUTH AFRICA'S MOMENT OF TRUTH by Edgar Lockwood. This book addresses truth by letting the reader hear the voices of South African people, while introducing the historical origins of the current situation.

STEAL AWAY... to Freedom by Jennifer Armstrong. This children's chapter book tells the story of two runaways who travel from Virginia to Vermont seeking the promise of a new life.

STRENGTH IN THE STRUGGLE: Leadership Development for Women by Vashti Mc Kenzie. This book was written for women seeking new direction for their personal and professional growth.

SWEET CLARA AND THE FREEDOM QUILT by Deborah Hopkinson. Clara is a seamstress in the Big House. She hears two slaves talking about how they could find the Underground Railroad if only they had a map. In a flash of inspiration, Clara sees how to use the cloth in her scrap bag to sew a map of the land—a freedom quilt!

TEN PRINCIPLES OF BLACK SELF-ESTEEM: LETTERS OF HERITAGE, LESSONS OF HOPE by Hammond E. Oglesby. This collection of essays is recommended reading.

THE AMISTAD SLAVE REVOLT AND AMERICAN ABOLITION by Karen Zeinert. The author who carefully researched the Amistad incident, clarifies the complexities in relation to international relations, economic realities, political and legal maneuverings and human rights.

THE BLACK BONNET by Louella Bryant. The author is a high school English teacher who lives in Burlington, VT. This young readers chapter book takes you on an adventure through Burlington on route to freedom in Canada.

THE BLACK PRESENCE IN THE BIBLE by Walter McCray. The study in this book provides the basis for the radical transformation of ... Black identity from the spiritual ground of its roots in God.

THE CHALLENGE OF DIVERSITY: THE WITNESS OF PAUL AND THE GOSPELS by David Roads. The author brings out the richness and diversity of the New Testament in such a way as to help the reader understand and welcome the richness and diversity of our churches and culture.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT FOR KIDS: A History with 21 Activities by Mary Turck. Hands-on activities include sharing a freedom feast with friends, conducting an attitudes-on-race survey, singing freedom songs, hosting a film festival, learning how to campaign for human rights, and more!

THE COLOR OF FAITH: BUILDING COMMUNITY IN A MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY by Fumitaka Matsuoka. The author provides a theological perspective on racial and ethnic plurality by exploring such issues as alienation across shifting lines; race and injustice; the inter-workings of race, class, and culture; signs of hope amid an enduring culture of opposition.

THE COLOR OF WATER: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother by James McBride.

THE DEBT: What America Owes to Blacks by Randall Robinson. Robinson makes a case for the restoration of the rich history that slavery and segregation severed. Drawing from research and personal experience, he shows that only by reclaiming their lost past can blacks lay a foundation for a viable future. And white Americans can begin making reparations for slavery and the racial discrimination that followed with monetary restitution, educational programs, and the kinds of equal opportunities that will ensure the social and economic success of all citizens.

THE DRINKING GOURD: A Story of the Underground Railroad by F.N. Monjo is written for children who are in grades 2-4 to read. The stars of the Big Dipper have led a runaway slave family to Deacon Fuller's house, a stop on the underground railroad. Will Tommy Fuller be able to hide the runaways from a search party— or will the secret passengers be discovered and their hope for freedom destroyed?

THE KEEPING QUILT by Patricia Polacco. This book celebrates six generations of a delightful Russian family whose story is told through their "keeping quilt."

THE OTHER SIDE by Jacqueline Woodson. This book gives a moving, lyrical narrative told in the hopeful voice of a child confused about a fence someone has built in her yard and the racial tension that divides her world.

THE PEOPLE COULD FLY: American Black Folktales told by Virginia Hamilton. The stories are told with a simple power that will make this a classic collection for all ages.

THE SECRET TO FREEDOM by Marcia Vaughan. Set during the years before the Civil War, this book is a testament to the enduring bond of family and a celebration of the human spirit

during a difficult chapter in America's past. An author's note explains the quilt code, a little known aspect of the Underground Railroad.

THE STORY OF HARRIET TUBMAN: Conductor of the Underground Railroad by Kate McMullan. This remarkable story of a former slave who rescued over 300 slaves as the "conductor" of the Underground Railroad is written for children.

THE STORY OF RUBY BRIDGES by Robert Coles. This is the extraordinary story of the first African American child to attend an all-white elementary school. This six-year old, Ruby Bridges finds herself in the center of a storm of hatred and prejudice. With courage and dignity, she becomes an important part of history and an example for all Americans.

THEY LIKE TO NEVER QUIT PRAISIN' GOD: The Role of Celebration in Preaching by Frank Thomas - Through the lens of African American preaching, the author sheds light on what "good" preaching is and what methods can be employed to achieve it.

THROUGH MY EYES by Ruby Bridges. This is the story of a pivotal event in the civil rights movement as Ruby Bridges saw it unfold around her. Her poignant words, quotations from writers and other adults who observed her recreate an amazing story.

TORCH IN THE NIGHT by Anne Hope. Worship resources from South Africa.

TOWARD THE BELOVED COMMUNITY by Lewis V. Baldwin. The author demonstrates how king's life and legacy played and continues to play a profound role in the liberation of South Africa from apartheid.

TRUMPET IN ZION: Worship Resources, Years A,B,C by Linda Hollies. This resource addresses God in the voice, verbiage and expression of African Americans in worship. Based on the Revised Common Lectionary, these books offers clergy looking for multicultural worship resources an opportunity to utilize the Bible in new and engaging ways.

TWO TICKETS TO FREEDOM: The True Story of Ellen and William Craft—Fugitive Slaves by Florence Freedman. This children's chapter book tells the story of Ellen who poses as a white Southern planter with her husband, William, as her slave as they begin a dangerous journey to freedom.

UNDER THE QUILT OF NIGHT by Deborah Hopkinson. This is a companion book to *SWEET CLARA AND THE FREEDOM QUILT*. The suspense continues in this storybook.

UNTIL WE ARE FREE by John and Patricia DeBeer. This study guide is designed for those who want to take a serious look at this bitter and beautiful country. Study sessions, which correspond to the chapters in Edgar Lockwood's *South Africa's Moment of Truth*

UPROOTING RACISM: Church School Activities compiled by Julie Samara. Julie Samara, a member of First Congregational Church, UCC in Burlington prepared 8 lesson plans that were inspired by activities that children enjoyed at the COTS Family Shelter.

UPROOTING RACISM - HOW WHITE PEOPLE CAN WORK FOR RACIAL JUSTICE by Paul Kivel. This is a basic, important book to be read by all. To quote, “We must begin here, with this denial of our whiteness, because racism keeps people of color in the limelight and makes whiteness invisible.” and “Assume racism is everywhere, everyday.”

WHAT A MORNING: The Christmas Story in Black Spirituals selected and edited by John Langstaff. The collection includes: *My Lord, What a Morning, Mary had a Baby, Go, Tell it On the Mountain, Sister Mary Had But One Child and Behold that Star.*

WHITE AWARENESS: Handbook for Anti-Racism Training by Judith Katz. Instructions, suggestions, recommended readings, lists of materials required, and sources of materials are included.

WHITE PRIVILEGE: UNPACKING THE INVISIBLE KNAPSACK by Peggy McIntosh., *Peace and Freedom*, August/September 1997, pg. 10. A good article to stimulate small group discussion about the specifics of white privilege.

WITNESS by Karen Hesse. Leanora Sutter, Esther Hirsh, Merlin Van Tornhout, Johnny Reeves are among the unforgettable cast inhabiting a small Vermont town in 1924—a town that turns against its own when the Ku Klux Klan moves in. In this story of a community on the brink of disaster, told through the haunting and impassioned voices of its inhabitants, the author takes readers into the hearts and minds of those who bear witness.

WHO’S IN? AND WHO’S OUT? by Steve Clapp. A look at Jonah and Ruth, this resource challenges youth to look honestly at their own prejudices and examine the place of diversity in the family of God. 5 Sessions.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

A HEART FOR MISSIONS - This resource uses a medical motif to help children learn about missions and the importance of helping others. The church is transformed into a learning hospital, in which children assume the role of medical interns and are divided into groups representing different hospitals. Children create craft items designed to be useful to people in nursing homes, hospitals, and other places of care.

MARKETPLACE 29 A.D. - an experiential approach to VCS which takes the participant back in time to 29 A.D.

THE GOOD LIFE - Published by *Alternatives for Simple Living*, this Vacation Church School curriculum provides 5 lessons to nurture simplicity within Christian communities. It is based on the five life standards of voluntary simplicity.

LIFE Lesson #1: Do Justice
LIFE Lesson #2: Cherish the Natural Order
LIFE Lesson #3: Learn from the World Community
LIFE Lesson #4: Nurture People
LIFE Lesson #5: Nonconform Freely

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: A Habitat for Humanity Vacation Bible School - This resource uses a construction metaphor to help children learn about community. The setting is a construction site where participating children assume the role of crew members. The crew members rotate through the various parts of the building site to learn from the Engineers (teachers). The job sites are: **Blueprints** - Bible Activities, **Break Time** - Recreation and Refreshments, **Scales and Measures** - Music, **Hard Hat Area** - Community Crafts and Projects, and **Survey** - Community Stories. There are 5 sessions.

WELCOMING AND TRANSFORMING

ANSWERS TO THE GAY DECEPTION by Marlin Maddoux & Christopher Corbett - A readable book in a question and answer format providing up-to-date information on issues such as the gay movement and life-style and homosexuality being inborn, changeable, destructive, etc.

A STRONG DELUSION: CONFRONTING THE GAY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT by Joe Dallas. This excellent book gives an overview of the pro-gay movement, plus specific answers to pro-gay secular and religious arguments. Written by a former member of the pro-gay church movement.

COMING OUT OF HOMOSEXUALITY by Bob Davies & Lori Rentzel. A practical guide for people struggling with same-sex desires with strategies that work because they have been developed and used by real people. Co-authored by the executive director of Exodus International.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE POLITICS OF TRUTH by Jeffrey A. Satinover. One of the most comprehensive, balanced and incisive treatments on the subject written by a practicing psychiatrist, a former Fellow in Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry at Yale U. and William James Lecturer in Psychology and Religion at Harvard. Satinover provides data that shows that homosexuality is changeable, and offers a model of habit, compulsion and addiction, and hope consistent with scripture.

SAME-SEX PARTNERSHIPS by John Stott. Stott explores whether or not homosexuality is biblical, the AIDS epidemic, and the Christian's call to a godly life.

SOMEONE I LOVE IS GAY by Anita Worthen & Bob Davies. The best book yet on how to encourage and equip parents and friends to respond to a loved one involved in the gay lifestyle.

Worthen is a parent of a gay son and Davies the current director of Exodus International.

STRAIGHT AND NARROW: COMPASSION & CLARITY IN THE HOMOSEXUALITY DEBATE by Thomas E. Schmidt. A highly regarded and readable book on the subject of homosexuality. Too often the charged battle over homosexuality and lesbianism generates slogans and accusations, obscuring the struggling persons in the center of the argument. Schmidt keeps his focus on those struggling and covers the main points of the current debate in an empathetic manner and from a thoughtful Christian perspective.

THE JOURNAL OF HUMAN SEXUALITY George A. Rekers, editor. A resource providing a general introduction to the gay movement as it relates to history, biology and public policy by number of experts. Includes articles on "The Gay Gene," "Gay Theology," "Kinsey and the Homosexual Revolution," "The Gay Suicide Myth," "How America Went Gay," "Gay Marriage," and "Responding to Pro-Gay Theology."

WOMEN'S CONCERNS

A HISTORY OF WOMEN IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP by Susan White. The author uncovers a rich heritage of stories of women and worship.

BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE: And What We Can Learn From Them by Liz Curtis Higgs. This book is for all women—from Former Bad Girls who need to be reminded we're truly forgiven to Veteran Good Girls who long to understand those still searching for answers.

BEYOND GOD THE FATHER - TOWARD A PHILOSOPHY OF WOMEN'S LIBERATION by Mary Daly

CHRISTIANITY, PATRIARCHY, AND ABUSE: A FEMINIST CRITIQUE edited by Joanne C. Brown and Carole R. Bohn - Are patriarchy and the Christian faith so inextricably linked that the very theology that should be challenging violence, suffering and sacrifice instead glorifies and sacralizes them? Is it possible to be feminist and retain some attachment to the Christian tradition? The contributors to this volume address these questions from the perspectives of theology, history, ethics, and pastoral psychology.

CRIS OF THE SPIRIT ed. by Marilyn Sewell. With more than 300 poems and prose pieces by modern writers such as Maya Angelou, Annie Dillard, and Alice Walker and earlier writers such as Hildegard of Bingen and Margaret Fuller, this book celebrates women's spirituality in its many forms and is dedicated, above all, to the sacredness of the ordinary, to embodied life. The writings collected in this anthology represent a healing vision of the sacred that emerges from the particular consciousness of women - a vision that is life-giving and partakes of the world of earth and flesh.

GLOBAL GARDENING edited by Gini King. - Included are poems, prayers and reflections for

the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women, 1988-1998.

GREEN PARADISE LOST - Elizabeth Dodson Gray

IN A DIFFERENT VOICE - PSYCHOLOGICAL THEORY AND WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT by Carol Gilligan

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE IN THE CHURCH by Nancy A. Hardesty - A good introduction to questions about language used today.

IN GOOD COMPANY: A WOMAN'S JOURNAL FOR SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS - This resource features journal space for each day of the year with a short quotation from feminist theologian or someone with wisdom to share with other women.

JESUS ACCORDING TO A WOMAN by Rachel Conrad Wahlberg

JESUS AND THE FREED WOMAN by Rachel Conrad Wahlberg

LIFT EVERY VOICE: CONSTRUCTING CHRISTIAN THEOLOGIES FROM THE UNDERSIDE ed. by Susan Thistlethwaite and Mary Engel. Voices of liberation from around the world. An indispensable resource for anyone concerned with the cutting edge of Christian theology today. A breakthrough for the study of liberation and feminist theologies. A rich and fascinating collection, reflecting a great diversity of personal and social contexts.

LOVING CHANGES: A JOURNAL FOR MOTHERS IN TIMES OF TRANSITION by Lynne Deming and Kathleen Ackey. Filled with moving artwork and quotations by and about mothers, this journal contains nine months worth of space for mothers or mothers-to-be to write and reflect on their experiences, emotions, daily life, aspirations, or passing thoughts.

MEDITATIONS FOR WOMEN WHO DO TOO MUCH by Anne Wilson Schaef. Included are daily meditations to help women break the cycle of doing too much - for workaholics, rushaholics, and careaholics.

MIRYAM OF JUDAH - WITNESS IN TRUTH AND TRADITION - Ann Johnson

MORE THAN WORDS by Janet Schoffran and Pat Kozak - Prayer and ritual for inclusive communities.

MOTHER GOOSE MEETS A WOMAN CALLED WISDOM by Linda Hollies. This is a short course in the art of self-determination.

NO LONGER A SECRET by Aruna Gnanadason. Violence against women occurs in every country, age group and part of society, but its extent has long been hidden by the power of the forces in which it is rooted. Beyond the heart-rending stories of victims and causes, this book points to signs of hope as women and men in the church and elsewhere are beginning to struggle courageously against all forms of violence against women. The book ends with some

pointed questions about the church's role in dealing with this issue, as well as an extensive bibliography of books, articles and church statements from around the world.

NO LONGER STRANGERS (WCC) A resource for women and worship.

OUR PASSION FOR JUSTICE: IMAGES OF POWER, SEXUALITY AND LIBERATION by Carter Heyward. This is a collection of the author's essays, sermons, lectures, and liturgical poetry.

RITUALIZING WOMEN by Lesley Northup. The author extends the analysis of feminist rituals by searching out distinct but common patterns of ritual and worship among women in Christian, Jewish, neo-pagan, feminist, and traditional contexts.

SEXISM AND GOD TALK - TOWARD A FEMINIST THEOLOGY - Rosemary Radford

STANDING AGAIN AT SINAI: JUDAISM FROM A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE by Judith Plaskow. Written by a professor of religious studies at Manhattan College and cofounder and coeditor of the JOURNAL OF FEMINIST STUDIES IN RELIGION, this is a dynamic, feminist re-evaluation of the role of women in Judaism.

THE DANCE OF ANGER: A WOMAN'S GUIDE TO CHANGING THE PATTERNS OF INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS by Harriet Goldhor Lerner, Ph.D. This book is a careful and compassionate exploration of women's anger.

THE FIVE BOOKS OF MIRIAM: A Woman's Commentary on the Torah by Ellen Frankel. Weaving together Jewish lore, the voices of Jewish foremothers, Yiddish fable, midrash, and stories of her own imagining, the author created an exploration into what Torah means to women.

THE JOURNEY IS HOME - Nelle Morton

THE POWER WE CELEBRATE edited by Musimbi R.A. Kanyoro and Wendy Robins. This includes women's stories of faith and power and is a contribution to the WCC's Ecumenical Decade in Solidarity with Women.

VASHTI'S VICTORY: And Other Biblical Women Resisting Injustice by Laverne McCain Gill. The author examines 6 biblical stories of women who rebelled against oppression in order to have God's work made manifest in the world.

WEAVING THE VISIONS: PATTERNS IN FEMINIST SPIRITUALITY by Judith Plaskow and Carol Christ. In this sequel to WOMAN SPIRIT RISING, the authors have selected key writings in feminist spirituality, focusing on constructive elements in the feminist approach to religion in North America and the great diversity of women's experience.

WE BELONG TOGETHER: Churches in Solidarity with Women by Sarah Cunningham - This book includes well-chosen essays recounting some mileposts already passed and introduces

well-known and new companions and refreshes the spirit with God's promise of community where all are cherished.

WHAT LANGUAGE SHALL I BORROW? GOD-TALK IN WORSHIP: A MALE RESPONSE TO FEMINIST THEOLOGY by Brian Wren. Written by the prolific hymn writer, this is a book of tremendous value to liturgists, theologians, members of the newly forming men's liberation movement, clergy and policymakers, and anyone interested in the issue of inclusive God-Language, including those who are curious about why it matters in the first place.

WISDOM'S DAUGHTERS: STORIES OF WOMEN AROUND JESUS by Elizabeth Watson. The author tells the life of Jesus through real and imagined accounts of Mary Magdalene, Elizabeth, Martha, Mary the Mother, and ten others, shedding new light on the Gospel stories.

WHO WILL ROLL THE STONE AWAY? by Mercy Oduyoye. This book responds to the Ecumenical Decade of the Church in Solidarity with Women.

WOMEN IN JAIL AND PRISON: A TRAINING MANUAL FOR VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES published by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

WOMANWORD: A FEMINIST LECTIONARY PSALTER - by Miriam Terese Winter.

WEB: WOMEN EMPOWERED AND BLESSED - from the Coordinating Center of Women of the U.C.C. - designed to help women develop their gifts, strengthen their faith and empower others. Includes step-by-step instructions for guiding a group.

WOMEN AND WORSHIP - A GUIDE TO NONSEXIST HYMNS, PRAYERS AND LITURGIES - Sharon Neuffer Emswiler and Thomas Neuffer Emswiler

WOMEN IN THE WORLD: ENDING DISCRIMINATION is a resource for the U.C.C. on the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against women.

WOMANSPRIT RISING: A FEMINIST READER IN RELIGION edited by Carol Christ and Judith Plaskow. This is the classic anthology on feminist spirituality.

WOMEN'S REALITY - AN EMERGING FEMALE SYSTEM IN A WHITE MALE SOCIETY - Anne Wilson Schaefer

WORLD RELIGIONS

A HISTORY OF GOD: The 4,000 Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam by Karen Armstrong. The author, one of Britain's foremost commentators on religious affairs, traces the history of how men and women have perceived and experienced God, from the time of Abraham to the present.

DIVINE MADNESS: The World Religions Game. This game provides youth and adults with an entertaining means of promoting interfaith and intercultural learning. Roll the die, correctly answer a question, and be the first to score 100 winning points!

HOW TO BE A PERFECT STRANGER: A Guide to Etiquette in Other People's Religious Ceremonies Vols. 1+2 edited by Arthur J. Magida and Stuart Matlins - These easy-to-read guidebooks helps the well-meaning guest to feel comfortable, participate to the fullest extent possible, and avoid violating anyone's religious principles.

ISLAM: A Short History by Karen Armstrong. The book begins with the flight of Muhammad from Medina in the 7th century and concludes with an assessment of Islam today and its challenges.

RAMADAN by Suhaib Hamid Ghazi. A boy and his family participate in the fasting month of Ramadan. This book blends fiction and information making it accessible for a wide range of readers.

SACRED PLACES by Philemon Sturges. People of every religion have built places where they gather to worship, meditate, celebrate, and hope. These are sacred places, powerful, mystical and magical. They are places inspired by faith. The faiths represented in this book with a lyrical text and great "paper relief" are Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim.

THE BATTLE FOR GOD by Karen Armstrong. The author addresses the question of why fundamentalism has emerged as an overwhelming force in every major world religion. She focuses on three fundamentalist movements: Protestant fundamentalism in America, Jewish fundamentalism in Israel, and Islamic fundamentalism in Egypt and Iran.

THE GLOBAL SPIRIT LIBRARY by Robert Van De Weyer - These books present short readings for each day of the year. They offer a glimpse into traditions, beliefs and perspectives of religions from around the world.

366 READINGS IN CHRISTIANITY

366 READINGS IN ISLAM

366 READINGS IN HINDUISM

366 READINGS IN BUDDHISM

366 READINGS IN JUDAISM

366 READINGS IN TAOISM AND CONFUCIANISM

THE PILGRIM LIBRARY OF WORLD RELIGIONS- Jacob Neusner, series ed. This series addresses how five world religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam - approach a theme or critical issue.

DEATH AND THE AFTERLIFE

GOD

SACRED TEXTS AND AUTHORITY

WOMEN AND FAMILIES

THE QUEST FOR PARADISE: Visions of Heaven and Eternity in the World's Myths and Religions by John Ashton and Tom Whyte. The co-authors offer a look at how we have thought of and envisioned heaven and the afterlife, from the ancient cultures of Egypt, Greece, and Rome, to Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims, as well as indigenous peoples of the Americas, Australia, and Africa.

THE STORY OF CHRISTIANITY: 2000 Years of Faith by Michael Collins and Matthew Price. This book is the result of a unique collaboration between a Catholic and a Protestant author who explore everything from the many Christian denominations to where the Christian church is headed today.

THE USBORNE BOOK OF WORLD RELIGIONS by Susan Meredith. This children's book examines the beliefs, history and customs of all of the major world religions. Beautiful illustrations and photographs of religious works of art, festivals, maps, and time charts provide a useful context.

WORSHIP

AN INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE LECTIONARY READING - For years A, B, & C

ALTERNATIVE CELEBRATIONS CATALOGUE - This 4th edition offers life-supporting ways to celebrate Christmas, weddings, funerals, birthdays and other events ... leading toward a lifestyle of voluntary simplicity for human justice and world peace.

BOOK OF WORSHIP - This U.C.C. book includes prayers, services, and articles on worship, the lectionary, and the church year.

BREAD OF ANGELS by Barbara Brown Taylor - This collection of sermons offers meditations on the life of faith and the author's rueful accounts of the cost of discipleship. She offers fresh perspectives on the familiar stories of scripture and the sometimes perplexing sayings of Jesus.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Resources for Worship - Edited by Ruth Duck

EVERFLOWING STREAMS Songs for Worship - Edited by Ruth Duck and Michael Bausch

FLAMES OF THE SPIRIT Resources for Worship - Edited by Ruth Duck

FRESH WINDS OF THE SPIRIT - Lavon Bayler

GIFTS OF MANY CULTURES: WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY by Maren C. Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy - This collection of liturgical resources from the global community includes an anthology of original prayers, poetry, stories and readings for sermons, invocations, calls to worship, confessions, liturgies for Holy

Communion and Baptism, guided meditations, songs, drawings and other resources designed around the seasons of the church year.

HENRI'S MANTLE: 100 Meditations on Nouwen's Legacy by Chris Glaser. The author offers these meditations on Henri Nouwen's words and life in the hopes that his ministry will continue to proliferate

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE HYMNS based on the Pilgrim Hymnal.

JOY IN SINGING - Jane Parker Huber has revitalized hymns with her creativity.

LISTENING TO THE SPIRIT by John Bright. Prayers for all occasions.

NEW CENTURY HYMNAL:

DISCOVERING THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL - This is a discussion guide for Church Musicians, Pastors, and Congregations.

NEW CENTURY PSALTER - This psalter provides worshiping communities and individuals with 150 psalms in inclusive language.

THE NEW CENTURY BOOK OF CAROLS - Traditional Carols in Inclusive Language.

THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL - This UCC hymnal contains more than 600 hymns. It offers many new traditions to bring freshness and clarity to older texts. Arrangements and harmonization are carefully selected for congregational singing.

THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL COMPANION: A Guide to the Hymns. This is a reference on the creation, language, and hymns of *The New Century Hymnal*. It presents hymn profiles by Robert Anderson, who offers four background notes on each hymn.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL by Arthur Clyde. This booklet explores the history of language changes in hymns and the rationale, and addresses the categories of language revision in the New Century Hymnal.

PRAY ALL WAYS by Edward Hays - Reflections on a modern mysticism where the ordinary contains the extraordinary in a daily communion with the Divine Mystery.

PRAYERS FOR THE DOMESTIC CHURCH - A HANDBOOK FOR WORSHIP IN THE HOME by Edward Hays. Many of the prayers in this handbook have been written for the traditional home with ritual roles for the mother and father of the home. These and other aspects may easily be adjusted to fit your life, helping to transform your "home" into a domestic church.

PRAYERS FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY: RESOURCES FOR THE LITURGICAL

YEAR by Don Skinner - Designed to correspond with the liturgical year, this book introduces each entry by discussing the historic forms of prayer and how they complement the structure of worship. Visionary rather than merely practical, this worship resource touches, heals and inspires in unique and innovative ways.

PRESENT ON EARTH: Resources on the Life of Jesus by the Wild Goose Worship Group- Associated with the Iona Community. This volume provides prayers, dialogs, meditations and worship ideas covering the three years of Christ's earthly ministry.

PSALMS ANEW IN INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE - Nancy Screck & Maureen Leach

RAIKU, ORIGAMI AND MORE by Judith May Newton and Nayumi Tabucki -This book includes worship and study resources from Japan.

TAUGHT BY LOVE: Worship Resources for Year A by Lavon Baylor

LED BY LOVE: Worship Resources for Year B by Lavon Baylor

GATHERED BY LOVE: Worship Resources for Year C by Lavon Baylor

TO DANCE WITH GOD - FAMILY RITUAL AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION by Gertrude Mueller Nelson. Nelson covers the history, psychology and spirituality of ritual in general and Christian ritual in particular.

TOUCH HOLINESS - RESOURCES FOR WORSHIP edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi. This resource is a theologically sound, scripturally based, graceful, and a contemporary inclusive language worship resource.

WEDDING ALTERNATIVE - A guide to planning out-of-the-ordinary celebrations. The packet includes:

1. Outward Signs of Inner values: What matters for your wedding?
2. Create your own ceremony: Beyond "Here Comes the Bride"
3. Planning for food, flowers and festivities
4. Wedding Timeline/Checklist
5. Budget Worksheet

WHEN WE PRAY: A PRAYER JOURNAL FOR PASTORS AND WORSHIP LEADER'S YEAR A by Bob and Lavon Baylor - This book presents readers with opportunities for personal devotion as well as public worship.

WHY NOT CELEBRATE by Sara Wenger Shenk. This wonderful collection of celebrations is especially useful for families, small groups and retreats.

WOMEN'S PRAYER SERVICES edited by Then Gjerding and Katherine Kinnamon - From all over the globe, sisters of various faiths and daughters of many cultures share their visions and their dreams to engender a new voice for prayer and worship.

WORD, WATER, WINE AND BREAD: How Worship Has Changed Over the Years by William Willimon. The author traces history of worship and our rich heritage as it reveals the story of how God has been and continues to be with us.

WORSHIP-CENTERED EDUCATION: LECTIONARY-BASED DESIGNS by Carole G. Keiza - A 64 page manual designed to help churches think through and plan worship-centered education.

WORSHIP COMES ALIVE by Martie McMane - published by UCBHM. This is a resource book for music and the arts.

WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN

A CHILD'S BOOK OF CELTIC PRAYERS written and compiled by Joyce Denham. Ancient Celtic Christians believed that God was present in the smallest activities of their lives, and in all creation, and so they talked with God throughout the day about everything they did. This book offers some of their prayers and new ones inspired by them.

CHILDREN BELONG IN WORSHIP by W. Alan Smith - A guide to the children's sermon.

CHILDREN IN THE WORSHIPING COMMUNITY by David Ng and Virginia Thomas - A resourceful book inviting congregations to understand, to learn and to include children in the total life of the church.

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD by Mary Batchelor. This book has been designed for practical use at home and in church. Prayers are grouped under 40 simple themes.

ENGAGING IN TRANSCENDENCE: THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY AND COVENANT WITH YOUNG CHILDREN by Barbara Kines and William Myers. This book offers an imaginative and exciting vision of how people of the church can build a loving and educational relationship with children that reflects God's covenant with the community of the faithful.

FORBID THEM NOT: INVOLVING CHILDREN IN SUNDAY WORSHIP- YEARS A,B,C- by Carolyn Brown- A three volume series based on the texts of the Revised Common Lectionary, *Forbid Them Not* offers specific suggestions for prayers, hymns, litanies, sermon illustrations, and ways to present Scripture so that children - as well as older worshippers- can hear the message.

GATEWAYS TO WORSHIP: A YEAR OF WORSHIP EXPERIENCES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN by Carolyn C. Brown. 52 easy programs to help you introduce young children to worship, the sacraments, and the church year.

GIVE ME GRACE: A Child's Daybook of Prayers by Cynthia Rylant.

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS Vol. II - by Gaynell Bordes Cronin - Prayer celebration with children.

IN EVERY GRAIN OF SAND: A Child's Book of Prayers and Praise collected by Reeve Lindbergh. The author has gathered together treasured words from many cultures and faiths, 77 poems and prayers in all.

LET ALL THE PEOPLE - EXPERIENCES IN CORPORATE WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN by Agnes Junkin Peery. This treasury of worship experiences is based on a three-year cycle with supplement.

LET'S SAY GRACE: Mealtime Prayers for Family Occasions Throughout the Year by Robert Hamma.

MORAL LIFE OF CHILDREN (THE) by Robert Coles. This book, illustrated by children's drawings, shows how children struggle with moral questions. They reveal themselves in their reactions to movies and stories in their conversation, their family lives and their anxieties about themselves and the world they live in.

MY FIRST HYMNAL by Karyn Henley. This book includes 75 favorite Bible Songs and what they mean.

PRAY AND PLAY by Patricia Mathson. This resource includes 28 prayer services and activities for children K through 6th grades.

PRAYING - A BOOK FOR CHILDREN by Nancy Roth. This book is not just about prayer through words, but about all the things that prayer can be: noticing, thinking, working, playing and making decisions.

SEEN AND HEARD by Ron Buckland, John Lane and David Merritt - This book offers new possibilities for children in the church.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF CHILDREN (THE) by Robert Coles. The author delivers the true essence of spirituality as found in our children.

THE GENTLE DARK by Alyson Huntly. These gentle poems and prayers celebrate and uphold an image of God whose love sustains and embraces us all.

YOUNG CHILDREN AND WORSHIP by Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman. The authors describe how to set up rooms where through storytelling, art and other specifically designed activities children can enter more deeply into the life of faith.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP by Jim Benton - A guide for preparing first graders and their parents for corporate worship.

YOUTH MINISTRY

52 DEVOTIONS TO FEED YOUR FIRE: Soul Tending for Youth Workers edited by Drew Dyson. This book is designed to be a conversation partner for the youth worker's faith journey.

110 TIPS, TIME SAVERS AND TRICKS OF THE TRADE compiled by the Youth Specialties Seminar Team. The "words of wisdom" in this book reflect many years of experience and a keen understanding of what it takes to effectively minister to today's youth

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH (JED) This course deals with the ethical dilemmas of killing, terminal illnesses, the grief process, and Christian hope and faith amid the pervasive presence of death in our lives.

ACT IN FAITH: LIVING THE WORD THROUGH DRAMA (JED) This course gives basic instruction on how to produce a play, guidance for intentional learning as the play is developed, and as a delightful interpretation of the parables.

BEYOND LEAF RAKING - Leaning to Serve/Serving to Learn by Peter L. Benson and Eugene C. Roehlkepartain. Thoroughly grounded in Search Institute's extensive research, *Beyond Leaf Raking* presents a rationale for youth service, shows how to integrate service learning into youth ministry, and features stories and illustrations from congregations. The book includes practical checklists, worksheets, surveys, guidelines for congregations, and a formal evaluation tool for measuring the impact of service on youth.

BLESSING NEW VOICES: Prayers of Young People and Worship Resources for Youth Ministry by Maren Tirabassi. The author joins voices with more than 160 young writers (between the ages of 12 and 21) in an exciting medley of worship resources and prayers covering topics such as anorexia, new relationships, teenage motherhood, suicide, remarriage of a parent, and others.

BUILDING ASSETS IN CONGREGATIONS: A Practical Guide for Helping Youth Grow Up Healthy by Eugene Roehlkepartain. This resource published by the Search Institute combines solid theory about healthy youth development with practical strategies and approaches. There is a companion video *A Foundation for Success* included.

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE TEENAGE SOUL: 101 Stories of Life, Love and Learning by Jack Canfield, Marl Hansen & Kimberly Kirberger—Vols 1,2,3.

COMPASSIONATE KIDS: Practical Ways to Involve Your Students in Mission and Service by Jim Hancock. This book includes dozens of practical ideas and resources.

CONFLICT: Small Group Resource for Older Youth by Larry Beman. This book guides senior

highs to examine conflict realistically and address it constructively. The emphasis is on respect.

CREATIVE BIBLE LESSONS ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST by Doug Fields. This book includes 12 complete lessons, each filled with active learning techniques, that help your students learn about Jesus' life in a creative, powerful way.

CREATIVE GAMING 2 - Provides over 100 games which can help young people grow and learn while enjoying non-competitive recreation.

CREATIVE WORSHIP IN YOUTH MINISTRY by Dennis Benson - A how-to manual, plus an array of ready-to-use worship designs for youth groups, retreats, camps and youth Sundays.

DAUGHTERS ARISE!: A Christian Retreat Resource for Girls Approaching Womanhood by Donna Humphreys, Gloria Koll and Sally Windecker. Includes a journal.

DAYBOOK FOR NEW VOICES: A Calendar of Reflections and Prayers by and for Youth edited by Maren & Maria Tirabassi. This book encourages listening to youth voices beyond the ordinary "special" days and contains two thoughtfully chosen biblical reflections per month. Journaling space is available.

DEEPENING YOUTH SPIRITUALITY: The Youth Worker's Guide by Walt Marcum. This book provides youth workers with tools, activities, experiences, and support to encourage spiritual formation in youth.

DREAMS ALIVE: PRAYERS BY TEENAGERS edited by Carl Koch. Contributed by teenagers from Maine to Hawaii, the 148 prayers in this book touch on issues and feelings at the heart of teenage life.

DREAMS ALIVE (MORE) edited by Carl Koch. This book includes prayers by teenagers.

DRUGS AND DEPRESSION by Beth Wilkinson. This book provides basic information on drugs and depression and the relationship between the two, that today's teens can't afford to be without.

E-MAIL FROM GOD FOR TEENS by Claire Cloninger & Curt Cloninger. Packed with guidance and assurance, every e-mail will help you face the real issues of life. Even when life isn't perfect, God still loves you and wants to help.

EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY: 48 Evocative Photographs for Inspiring Reaction and Reflection by Mark Oestreicher. This creative resource includes a Leader's Guide with 18 different uses for personal meditation or group discussion.

EVERY STEP OF THE WAY: Stories by Teenagers ed. Michael Wilt. These stories make inspiring reading and serve as good discussion starters.

FAITH TALK by Sandra Messick. We come to our faith with deep questions- about the meaning of life, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit. Using 6 basic questions this course offers an overview of what we believe as Christians.

FAITH SHAPING: Youth and the Experience of Faith by Stephen Jones - (Revised) - This is a profound treatment of growth in faith in adolescence with a wealth of practical suggestions that are backed up by theological and psychological understandings.

FRIENDS: Stories by Teenagers 2 edited by Carl Koch. Teenagers were asked to write stories about friends. Their stories make inspiring reading, serve as excellent discussion starters, and will find a welcome spot for prayer services.

GOD OF MY HEART: A Prayer Book for Youth edited by Connie Wlaschin Ruhlman. The book spans the church year and is a collection of original prayers written by Christian High School students for teenagers.

GREAT FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR YOUTH GROUPS by David and Kathy Lynn. This resource includes over 150 money-makers that really work. Included are:

- 6 quick and easy ways to make \$1,000
- Money-making social events
- Ecologically and environmentally sound fund-raisers
- Creative auctions, pledge-a-thons, and publishing projects

GREAT IDEAS FOR SMALL YOUTH GROUPS by Wayne Rice. The author highlights the positive attributes and advantages of smallness while providing help in overcoming the problems of being small. The book includes an "ideas" section containing hundreds of programming ideas.

GREAT PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY IDEAS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY by Les Christie. This book contains innovative ideas including how to use mailers, announcements, posters, newsletters, plus a strategy for teaching the kids in your group to reach out to the community.

GREAT RETREATS FOR YOUTH GROUPS edited by Chris Cannon. This resource includes 12 complete faith-building weekends. Helpful information on providing goals, preparing a "What to Bring" checklist, and a schedule are included.

GREATEST SKITS ON EARTH by Wayne Rice and Mike Yaconelli. Included in this resource are short, one-act skits, slapstick skits and sight gags, "famous interviews", the classics, stunts, audience participation skits, "groaners," quickies, and one-liners.

GUIDING YOUNG TEENS THROUGH LIFE'S LOSSES: Prayers, Rituals, & Activities by Phyllis Vos Wezeman, Jude Dennis Fournier, and Kenneth R Wezeman. Each of the 15 prayer services is developed around a clear, creative ready-to-use format and is intended to be used with young teens in faith formation sessions.

GUIDED MEDITATION FOR YOUTH ON PERSONAL THEMES by Jane Arsenault. This

book contains guided meditations on the themes of new life, discipleship, self-esteem and secrets.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES- HEALTHY YOUTH BOOKLET - This booklet paints a comprehensive picture of the asset-building framework and its implications for communities.

HELPING YOUTH PRAY: How the Connect Youth with God by Greg McKinnon

HIGH SCHOOL TALKSHEETS by David Lynn - 50 creative discussions for youth groups.

HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR YOUTH GROUPS by Wayne Rice & Mike Yaconelli. There are ideas for parties, socials, special events, youth meetings, special programs, church school and they are not limited to one particular age group.

HOT ILLUSTRATIONS FOR YOUTH TALKS: 100 Attention-Getting Stories, Parables and Anecdotes by Wayne Rice. These illustrations cover the spectrum- some will make you laugh, some will make you cry, and all will make you think.

HUMAN VARIETY IS BEAUTIFUL: HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND YOU - (JED) by Tricia J. Culverhouse - Produced for use by junior high youth groups in Sunday evening, through-the-week meetings, in retreats and lock-ins in summer or holiday camps and conferences.

I KNOW THINGS NOW: Stories by Teenagers 1 edited by Carl Koch - Each story shows how young people display the strength and vision required to draw good out of bad situations.

IDEAS FOR SOCIAL ACTION by Anthony Campolo - A handbook on mission and service for Christian young people.

INCREDIBLE IDEAS FOR YOUTH GROUPS by Wayne Rice and Mike Yaconelli. This resource is filled with a variety of possibilities for youth ministry.

IT'S NOT FAIR: A Handbook on World Development for Youth Groups produced on behalf of the youth departments of Christian Aid, CAFOD and SCIAF. This resource blends role plays, simulation games, quizzes, ideas for working change and much more. It is designed especially for groups interested in issues of global injustice and Third World development.

JUNIOR HIGH GAME NIGHTS by Don McCollam and Keith Betts. This resource includes wild and crazy outreach events for junior high ministry.

JUNIOR HIGH TALKSHEETS by David Lynn - Talksheets are ready-to-use questionnaires that can be used as discussion starters. They raise questions that make junior high students think and talk.

MESSY SPIRITUALITY: God's Annoying Love for Imperfect People by Michael Yaconelli. The author dares to suggest that imperfection, unfinishedness, and messiness are, in fact, the

earmarks of true Christianity.

MORE TALKSHEETS FOR HIGH SCHOOL by David Lynn. The author has developed 50 all new creative discussions for high school youth groups.

MORE TALKSHEETS FOR JUNIOR HIGH by David Lynn. Included are 50 all new creative discussions for Junior High youth groups.

NAMELY LOVE (A youth resource from the Faith Community Resources) The goal of the curriculum is to open the experience of youth to the wholeness of intimacy, of love, as it is informed and enriched by one's relationship with God.

OPTION PLAYS by Chap Clark, Duffy Robbins and Mike Yaconelli. This book includes 60 different scenarios - real life dilemmas that force your kids to consider their options and work through the consequences of their choices. Issues included are: AIDS, suicide, cheating, salvation, drugs, etc.

PARENT MINISTRY TALKSHEETS by David Lynn. These discussion tools are designed to be used at parents' meetings, at parent-teen meetings in small groups, or for parents to take home to their own kids.

PATHS OF PEACE - by Woody Berry - (JED) - A six week study that includes sessions on God's kind of peace, violence in society, the meaning of reconciliation, love and justice, world peace and peacemaking as a way of life.

PLAY IT by Wayne Rice & Mike Yaconelli - If you have been looking for the ultimate game book, this is it. Over 400 games are categorized for easy reference: indoor games, outdoor games, large groups, small groups, mixers, relays, games for the pool, the snow, camps and retreats, living rooms and more.

QUICK QUESTIONS: This series of little books offer great discussion starters for youth group meetings.

WOULD YOU RATHER...?

UNFINISHED SENTENCES

WHAT IF...?

QUICKSILVER YEARS (THE) by Peter Benson, Dorothy Williams, Arthur Johnson - A comprehensive study of young adolescents' values, behaviors, worries, and enthusiasms.

REEL TO REAL: Making the Most of Movies with Youth. This is a series that includes some of the most popular movies of the day.

ROAD TRIP by Michael Selleck. This handbook contains information for a variety of trips, like camping, canoeing, biking, choir touring, rafting and mission trips. Sample forms for budgets, parental consent, medical releases are included.

ROLL-A-ROLL is a game which utilizes role playing to help your kids increase their understanding of complex issues, develop their communication skills, and discover how their faith relates to the real world.

SAVING THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION: New Ways to Reach the Kids You Care About in These Uncertain Times by Dawson McAllister. This book helps adults understand "Millennials" - what makes them tick and what ticks them off when it comes to school, church, and home.

SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION: A STUDY FOR TEENAGERS by Marie M. Fortune - JED - A five session course of study.

SHE SAID YES: The Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bernall by Misty Bernall. The author is the mother of Cassie who was killed in the Columbine H.S. rampage by her schoolmates. Once a rage-filled young woman who walked a path similar to that of her killers, Cassie found a way out of her personal snares and through her faith and a family's love, chose to embrace life with courage and conviction.

SIMULATION GAMES by Pat Baker. This book includes a variety of different games for youth.

SUPER SKETCHES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY by Debra Poling and Sharon Sherbondy. This resource includes 30 indepth topical dramas that bring God's truth to life.

TAPPING THE POTENTIAL - This book aids a congregation in discovering its role in building assets in youth.

TEACHING THE BIBLE CREATIVELY: HOW TO AWAKEN YOUR KIDS TO SCRIPTURE by Bill McNabb and Steven Mobry. This book covers a wide range of topics, including how to motivate kids to study scripture, how to teach so kids will remember, how to make the Bible relevant to today's youth culture, and more.

TEENAGE PREGNANCY: THE KIDS NEXT DOOR (JED) Here is a realistic program of sex education for older adolescents struggling with Christian decisions about their sexuality. It can be used with a youth group alone or in conjunction with a parallel parents' group.

TENSION GETTERS by David Lynn & Mike Yaconelli. A "tension getter" is a short story, real-life situation which forces young people to make difficult choices between conflicting values. This book contains 77 activities dealing with topics like abortion, cheating, cliques, drinking, drugs, sexuality, suicide, world hunger and divorce. This book includes instructions for use and scriptural references.

THE GODBEARING LIFE: The Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry by Kendra Creasy Dean and Ron Foster. This book draws the focus away from our preoccupation with techniques and paradigms, uncovering our attempts to use our ministry to hide from intimacy with God and pointing us to the passionate embrace of Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DR. SEUSS by James Kemp. The author finds parallels between the actions of cats in hats, Grinches, Snitches, Sneetches, and other “creachas” and lessons found in Scripture. Each reflection begins with an insightful biblical passage and features lines from the original Dr. Seuss book.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE SIMPSONS: The Spiritual Life of the World’s Most Animated Family by Mark Pinsky. How did *The Simpsons*, one of the most popular television shows in history, go from being attacked by many religious leaders for its lack of family values to being called one of the most theologically relevant programs in prime time? Pinsky explores whether the show is subversive or supportive of faith. There is a Leader’s Guide for Group Study included.

THE KING AND THE BEAST - This is a student New Testament. It is written in the language of today. It has hundreds of articles and features that deal with the tough stuff kids face each day.

THEOLOGICAL THEMES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY by William Myers - A book on ministry for, about, and with youth, based in the local congregation. The seasons of the church year are a framework for the theological themes of such a ministry.

THE SEARCH FOR INTIMACY (JED) This course explores the understanding of sexuality in the faith context.

THE UPROOTED GAME—This game published by PC(USA) provides help in understanding some of the realities faced by refugees.

TO MOVE IN FAITH: LIVING THE WORD THROUGH DANCE (JED) Young people love to dance to the music of their generation, and this course builds on that love by translating the creative, self-expressive nature of dance into the realm of sacred music and worship.

WAY TO LIVE: Christian Practices for Teens edited by Dorothy Bass & Don Richter. Eighteen teens and eighteen adults tackle that question. Their different points of view and personal stories make living a Christian life real.

WHAT TEENS NEED TO SUCCESS - This book gives hundreds of suggestions teens themselves can use to build their own assets at home, at school, in the community, in their congregation, with friends and with youth organizations.

WITH HEART AND MIND AND SOUL; A Guide to Prayer for College Students and Young Adults by Helen Neinast and Thomas Ettinger

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR YOUTH GROUPS: 12 Complete Thematic and Seasonal Services for Youth Groups by Jim Marian. This book includes musical, dramatic, and other options that fit your students’ flavor of worship—at church, on retreats, for special occasions.

YOU GIVE ME THE SUN: Biblical Prayers by Teenagers edited by Carl Koch. Teenagers prayerfully voice their deepest concerns and joys in this book. Each prayer is rooted in a short passage from the Bible.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN CONGREGATIONS - This concept paper explores the potential for congregations to play a major role in helping youth grow up healthy and competent.

YOUTH MINISTRY THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE - This book highlights 30 key areas of congregational life that are important for nurturing faith in youth.

YOUTH MINISTRIES: THINKING BIG WITH SMALL GROUPS by Carolyn C. Brown - Answers the needs of churches that minister to only four or five teenagers.

YOUTH PLAN WORSHIP by Betty Jane & J. Martin Bailey - Designed to help young people, their teachers, and their advisors understand the meaning of worship and plan better worship services.

YOUTH SPIRIT: Vol. 1 & 2 - Program Ideas for Church Groups by the publishers of the *Whole People of God*. This resource collects the best youth group activities from over 10 years of the curriculum's existence.

YOUTH TALK: This Christian curriculum is designed to look and read like a magazine. Youthtalk helps youth explore real issues from a Christian perspective. (Leader's Guide Included)

