

Resources to Help Churches Become Welcoming To All - Providence Presbytery Resource Center, Nov. 2007

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BK N05 1369 C1	<b>HAND IN HAND-HELPING CHILDREN CELEBRATE DIVERSITY. 1997.</b> Help stop prejudice and racism by teaching children to celebrate diversity. This unique course for children grades 3-6 offers a wide array of learning activities. Use this book as a stand-alone course or as a resource book to add a multicultural dimension to your classroom. Can also be adapted for VBS. Music cassette included.	Children Book
KT A04 3785 C1	Arn, Dr. Charles <b>HOW TO REACH THE UNCHURCHED FAMILIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY.</b> Churches of all sizes and denominations have found this model can work for them. It's not a "canned" program requiring mindless replication, but a set of four steps that you personalize based on the people and the profile of your church. In addition to the four DVDs, the kit includes a copy of the actual participant workbook used in their one day seminar so you can follow along. (You have permission to duplicate the workbook pages for others to use in your church as well.) The PowerPoint slides used by the instructor may be downloaded at no charge from the web site. (Church Growth Inc. website)	Adult Kits
KT A04 3784 C1	Arn, Dr. Charles <b>HOW TO ASSIMILATE NEWCOMERS INTO YOUR CHURCH.</b> Building on the insights from a one day seminar your church can take giant steps toward more effectively welcoming visitors and incorporating newcomers into active involvement. Included in this kit are four DVDs and a copy of the workbook used in the actual seminar (both may be duplicated for use in your church). You may also download the PowerPoint slides used in this seminar for no additional charge. (Church Growth Inc. website)	Adult Kits
BK A04 030 C1	Berry, Hugh B. <b>BEING A WELCOMING CONGREGATION. 1996.</b> Designed to help congregations practice hospitality and become truly welcoming congregations. It has training models for Making People Feel Welcome, Greeters in a Welcoming, Hospitable Congregation, Ushers in a Welcoming, Hospitable Congregation, as well as ways to identify areas that need improvement.	Adult Book
BK N09 072 C1	Kutz-Mellem, Sharon <b>DIFFERENT MEMBERS, ONE BODY: WELCOMING THE DIVERSITY OF ABILITIES... 1999.</b> Disability is a continuum on which we all reside, each of us is vulnerable either by circumstance, disease, accident or age. This is a practical, faith-inspired handbook written for churches that take seriously God's call in welcoming all members into the community of faith.	Adult Book
BK A03 3429 C1	Law, Eric H. F. <b>INCLUSION: MAKING ROOM FOR GRACE. 2000.</b> Inclusion, says the author, is a discipline of consciously extending the boundaries of our communities to embrace and affirm people of diverse backgrounds and experiences. In this resource for ministers and church leaders, Law provides models, theories, and strategies that are both practical and theologically sound for moving faith communities toward greater inclusion. (Cokesbury website)	Adult Book

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BK A03 3430 C1	<p>Law, Eric H. F.</p> <p><b>WORD AT THE CROSSINGS. 2004.</b></p> <p>Eric Law believes that we are called to actively seek encounters with people who are different from us and in the crossings of our differences of race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, ability, economic class, and theology, we more clearly see God through Christ the Word. But how do we preach in a community in which people have opposing views? How do we teach in a setting where people come from very different backgrounds? And, how can we make ethical decisions relative to all cultures? These are just a few of the many questions and fears that renowned consultant Eric Law seeks to address. (Cokesbury website)</p>	Adult Book
DV N09 001 C1	<p>Sulyok, Peter A.</p> <p><b>CONNECTING DIVERSITY IN COMMUNITY: RACE, CLASS, GENDER, RELIGION. 2003.</b></p> <p>In this video, you will see congregations and ministries who made a commitment to the challenging task of breaking down barriers and unhealthy divisions in their communities. In their own style, each of these groups focused their attention outward to the people and groups around them, contemplated prayerfully what they heard and saw, and used their faith to make meaningful connections. By the time you and your group have completed the five sessions of the video, you will have covered a vast array of issues and topics, and explored your own congregation and community thoroughly.</p>	Adult DVDs