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### **CHURCH/General**

#### **BK A01 3289 C1 GOSPEL ACCORDING TO AMERICA**

Dark shows us examples from America's rich cultural history—from the writing of Faulkner and Melville to the music of Bob Dylan and R.E.M. to the social witness of Dorothy Day and Will Campbell—to help us understand how we might become our better selves. The end result, he hopes, will be a better understanding that “there is a reality more important, more lasting, and more infinite than the cultures to which we belong,” the reality of the kingdom of God. (Cokesbury website)

### **CHURCH/Presbyterian**

#### **BK A02 3319 CONFSSIONAL STANDARDS OF A CONFESSING CHURCH**

This essay examines the significance of our Book of Confessions, which includes multiple confessional documents, and in particular the Confession of 1967.

#### **BK A02 3309 C1 FASTEST GROWING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES**

While the denomination has lost 679,259 members since 1983, some of our congregations have experiences considerable growth in that period. There are a lot of things that set these congregations apart. Learn more in this helpful resource.

#### **BK A02 3299 C1 PRESERVATION OF THE TRUTH**

This is the second book in a series of books based on the Great Ends of the Church. The Great Ends represent a brief statement of principles found in the Book of Order. The author writes that, "The paramount truth in our world is not a fact, a doctrine, or a private belief. The Truth is a person, Jesus Christ, who is God with us and for us." Study questions for each chapter are included at the end of the book.

### **CHURCH/Pastors**

#### **BK A03 3296 C1 CLERGY, RETIREMENT , AND WHOLENESS: LOOKING FORWARD TO THE THIRD AGE**

Halaas offers sympathetic but pointed guidance for developing and maintaining the six dimensions of wellness physical, emotional, intellectual, social, vocational, and spiritual as we both anticipate and live into our retirement years. Readers will find this book informational, inspirational, and encouraging. (Alban Institute website)

#### **BK A03 3294 C1 HELP! I'M A PASTOR: A GUIDE TO PARISH MINISTRY**

This book is a practical guide for pastoral ministry, offering counsel about a wide range of topics related to a pastor's professional ministry and personal life. Topics include beginning a new ministry, balancing one's personal life and ministry, wrestling with conflict, worrying about church finances, and preaching. This introduction to ministry can function as a textbook as well as an invaluable handbook or desk

reference for pastors in the midst of congregational ministry. (book jacket)

**BK A03 3297 C1 SO YOU'RE ON THE SEARCH COMMITTEE**

So You're on the Search Committee focuses on the experience of pastoral search committees and the unique role that laity in most denominations play in this crucial process. Because a change of pastors is, as Alban Institute founder Loren Mead puts it, a "critical moment of ministry," participation as a member of a search committee is a big investment with tremendous rewards, both for the congregation as well as for the individual. (Alban Institute website)

**CHURCH/Stewardship**

**CD A05 3320 C1 CONFIDENT STEWARD - EVERY MEMBER VISITATION**

This CD provides congregations with a calendar, links to guidance, and downloadable examples of materials for a year-round stewardship program of education, interpretation, and commitment of time, talent, and money. Its strengths are that its face-to-face discussion allows for questions and answers in an interactive way, and it is a great starting place for stewardship education. You would use this program when you have not done such a program in your church in the last three to five years and/or you have a significant increase in giving as your goal.

**CHURCH/Mission & Witness**

**CD A06 3352 C1 MID-EAST SEMINAR**

This is a fifteen minute power point presentation of Providence Presbytery's Mid-East Seminar Trip taken in April of 2005.

**CHURCH/History**

**BK A07 3303 C1 CHURCH HISTORY 101: AN INTRODUCTION FOR PRESBYTERIANS**

William Ramsay presents the story of the growth and development of the Christian church from the New Testament era to the present day. The book, which gives special attention to the experiences of Presbyterians in America, highlights key events and profiles prominent individuals who had an impact on the church's life. This wonderful look at the history that led Presbyterians to America serves as a valuable introduction for new member classes, adult study groups, and all those eager to learn more about church history. (Cokesbury website)

**VT A07 3349 C1 ENIGMA OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS**

This 58 minute program investigates the dead sea scrolls, the controversies, the key players, and what the discoveries have contributed to our understanding of the ancient world and Biblical religion.

**BK A07 3290 C1 REFORMATION FOR ARMCHAIR THEOLOGIANS**

Written by experts but designed for the non-expert, the Armchair series provides accurate, concise, and witty overviews of some of the most profound moments and theologians in Christian history. An essential supplement for first-time encounters with primary texts, a lucid refresher for scholars, and clergy, and an enjoyable read for the theologically curious. This readable, accessible narrative of the Protestant Reformation includes questions for discussion and suggestions for further reading, making this an ideal book for adult group study. (Cokesbury website)

**BK A07 3350 C1 RESPONSES TO 101 QUESTIONS ON THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS**

Questions and answers that people ask today about the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, their contents, their significance, and recent developments about them -- written by an expert who has worked on the scrolls from the beginning. (Cokesbury website)

### **CHURCH/Women's Resources**

#### **BK A09 3338 C1 PRAISE GOD: WORSHIP THROUGH THE YEAR**

Designed to serve as a companion piece to For Everything, A Season, this book is a revised version of the 1979-1980 Bible study for Presbyterian women, the first joint study for women in the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS) and United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA).

### **WORSHIP/Worship-General**

#### **BK B01 3355 C1 HE WAS IN THE WORLD**

This is a collection of 25 meditations for use in public worship. The meditations cover a range of personal, pastoral and biblical themes. Written to be read where people are gathered, they can be used in congregational worship, or with smaller assemblies such as prayer groups, youth fellowships, and housegroups. (book jacket)

#### **BK B01 3356 C1 PRESENT ON EARTH**

This is the third book in a series of worship resources on the life of Jesus. This volume provides prayers, dialogs, meditations and worship ideas covering the three years of Christ's earthly ministry. It is therefore a book about an extraordinary life particularly remembered during what the Church calls Ordinary Time. (book jacket)

#### **BK B01 3293 C1 WORSHIPING LIFE: MEDITATIONS ON THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

In this unique and engaging book of meditations, pastor Lisa Nichols Hickman delves into the life of worship, seeking to reveal its rhythms and order in daily life. There are twenty-one chapters, each a meditation on an element of worship, reflecting on how that particular element plays out not only in a service of worship, but more importantly, in everyday life. (Cokesbury website)

### **WORSHIP/Music Resources**

#### **BK B02 3308 C1 I WILL BE YOUR FRIEND: SONGS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEACEMAKERS**

The goal of this resource is twofold: to help children appreciate the diversity of musical styles and traditions found in the United States today, and to help them experience music-making as an expression of welcome, friendship, caring, and courage - and many other dimensions of life in community. The resource, recommended for grades 2 - 5, includes a 26 song CD and an activity songbook with musical notation for each song, artist and song profiles, classroom activities and resource recommendations. (Teaching Tolerance)

### **WORSHIP/Church Year/Seasons**

KT B04 3326 C1 CHURCH SEASON - VOLUME 2  
KT B04 3327 C1 CHURCH SEASON - VOLUME 3  
KT B04 3328 C1 CHURCH SEASON - VOLUME 4  
KT B04 3329 C1 CHURCH SEASON - VOLUME 5

This notebook is a collection of reproducible resource pages, integrating thematic seasonal ideas with practical "hands-on" techniques readily usable in the life of the local church. Resource pages are organized into Worship, Education, Nurture, and Outreach. They include resources for Advent/Christmas/Epiphany, Lent/Easter; and Pentecost/Ordinary Time.

### **WORSHIP/Advent**

BK B05 3354 C1 CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE

This book contains a wealth of different types of worship resources: litanies, meditations, monologues, poems, prayers, readings, scripts, and symbolic actions. Its prime purpose is to allow the adult world to rediscover the stories of Christ's birth as speaking from and to adult experience, rather than merely gaze from a distance of children re-enacting the Nativity. (book jacket)

BK B05 3351 C1 SETTING THE CHRISTMAS STAGE

Advent brings a rush of activities that often makes the pre-Christmas season lose its spiritual meaning. Setting the Christmas Stage helps readers refocus and thoughtfully consider the characters and places of the season. By examining the Christmas story as a pageant, Indermark provides a dynamic view of how Advent gradually moves the drama forward to the climax of Christmas. (Cokesbury website)

### **WORSHIP/Lent**

BK B06 3302 C1 CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK IN A POST HOLOCOST WORLD

An ongoing issue for clergy as well as Christians in general is how to approach New Testament narratives about the crucifixion of Jesus in relation to Jews, Judaism, and the horrific events of the Holocaust. The events of Holy Week pose particular challenges for clergy and congregations. In this book, the author helps us deal with Holy Week texts in light of our post-Holocost world and provides practical examples of prayers, liturgies, and resource material to help pastors prepare for and lead worship and teach during this important time in the life of a congregation. (book jacket)

### **WORSHIP/Devotional/Meditation**

BK B08 3291 C1 MEDITATING ON THE PSALMS

Distinguished scholar John Eaton has spent a lifetime studying the Psalms. In this book, informed by both his pastoral concerns and his commitment to environmental issues, he offers spiritual insights into 52 of the best-loved Psalms. Each discussion ends with a related prayer. Eaton also provides a concise and helpful introduction to the psalms, explaining the who's and why's of their authorship and discussing the psalms as poetry and song, as well as their use in worship. The Psalms are widely regarded as some of the world's greatest literature. This book makes them accessible to readers of all ages. (Cokesbury website)

### **WORSHIP/Children - Worship**

**BK B09 3300 C1 CELEBRATING GOD'S WORLD IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

A book filled with active, hands-on programs designed for ages three to seven. Each program features a simple Christian message; a Bible verse; a story; a prayer; time to sharing; time for singing; a snack; and a game, craft, or additional activity. The programs are structured to last from thirty-five to forty minutes. An additional activity is included in each program for those who want to extend children's church to a full hour. Supplies and set-up are kept to a minimum and the book's easy-to-use format makes it just right for today's busy teacher. (Cokesbury website)

**WORSHIP/Preaching**

**BK B11 3304 C1 HOMILETIC OF ALL BELIEVERS**

Preaching, says professor and author O. Wesley Allen Jr., should be considered as a form of conversation. The church, after all, is a community of conversation that exists in part to interpret God's purposes for the world and to participate in those purposes. The idea of the sermon as a conversation, then, is not simply a style or form of preaching but an integral expression of the nature and purpose of the church. Allen not only proposes this new concept of preaching but also carefully demonstrates its practical application. This helpful book for clergy and seminary students includes sample sermons. (Cokesbury website)

**EDUCATION/General**

**BK E01 3337 C1 BASICS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

How does one do Christian education successfully? Writing in an accessible style with illustrative stories, Karen Tye articulates questions at the heart of educational ministry: why, where, what, whom, and how. (Cokesbury website)

**EDUCATION/Administration & Planning**

**PP E03 3330 C1 COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARK**

This legal resource manual is provided for Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) governing bodies to give guidance on copyright issues which affect the local church.

**KT E03 3325 C1 EQUAL ACCESS GUIDE FOR MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, LARGE ASSEMBLIES, AND WORSHIP**

This access guide is a comprehensive resource, enabling persons with disabilities to participate in the life of the church.

**BK E03 3324 C1 MODEL EMPLOYEE POLICIES FOR SOUTH CAROLINA**

This manual will help churches in the preparation, revision, and review of their own employee handbooks, personnel manuals or individual employment policies.

**EDUCATION/Teacher Training**

**BK E04 3357 C1 LEADING ADULT LEARNERS**

A handbook for adult Sunday school classes, this book includes reproducible handouts as well as guidelines and training helps. (Cokesbury website)

### **EDUCATION/Creative Activities**

#### **BK E08 3310 C1 FAITH FAMILY STYLE: GENERATIONS GROWING TOGETHER**

This resource presents a new version of an age-old way to nurture faith. Included are practical tips for leading intergenerational ministry and planning events that include all ages, a Vision Points Workshop to guide a discussion among leaders and planners about total ministry with families in mind, and ten complete session plans for fun interactive events that gather all generations to grow in faith together.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY/Children - General**

#### **BK F01 3358 C1 WATER, COME DOWN! THE DAY YOU WERE BAPTIZED**

The sun, the cloud, the wind, the rainfall of God's creation lend their voices to the story of how a child joins the family of God. This book is a great gift for children on the occasion of their baptism.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY/Youth - General**

#### **CD G01 3316 C1 CLOUD OF WITNESSES - BELONGING TO GOD**

#### **CD G01 3315 C1 CLOUD OF WITNESS - MISSION**

These are both audio journals that offer theological reflection on youth ministry. They are journals for anyone concerned with reaching young people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

#### **BK G01 3334 C1 GODBEARING LIFE**

This lively spiritual primer is specifically designed to nurture the spiritual life of the youth leader. The authors rechart a course for youth ministry through the classical spiritual disciplines of the church, identifying the ways that young people are most likely to encounter God. (Cokesbury website)

#### **BK G01 3305 C1 WAY TO LIVE: CHRISTIAN PRACTICES FOR TEENS**

Through teen-friendly language and relevant examples, Way to Live uses stories and ideas that make Christian practice come alive. Practices such as forgiveness, work, play, stuff, justice, prayer, food, and time are discussed as ways to nourish a more meaningful life offered by Jesus Christ. Great for youth ministry and small group study, Way to Live is perfect for individual use too. Find even more stories and conversations plus a Leader's Guide at [www.waytolive.org](http://www.waytolive.org), a web site for youth and youth leaders. (Cokesbury website and book jacket)

#### **KT G01 3333 C1 WAY TO LIVE LEADER'S GUIDE**

This Guide provides chapter-by-chapter suggestions for involving teens in thinking about and taking part in the eighteen Christian practices discussed in the book Way To Live.

### **RECREATION/Recreation - General**

#### **BK J01 3346 C1 50 MORE WAYS TO USE YOUR NOODLE**

This book includes games, problem-solving activities, and water-based activities for both kids and adults. Use the games and activities for team building, energizers, and social events. (book jacket)

### **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT/Spiritual Dev.-General**

BK L01 3307 C1 EXPLORING THE WAY: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY - PARTICIPANT'S BOOK

BK L01 3306 C1 EXPLORING THE WAY: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY - LEADER'S GUIDE

This resource seeks to be both a sample of the Companions in Christ 28-week resource and also a basic informational and experiential introduction to Christian formation spirituality. The resource can accommodate either an hour or an hour and a half setting and can be completed in just 6 weeks. The leader's guide provides all the tools needed for leading groups including weekly outlines with full content for brief opening worship, sharing of insights, information about each practice, time to experience that practice together, and closing worship.

BK L01 3336 C1 PAYING ATTENTION

In this inspiring volume, Gary Peluso-Verdend issues a clarion call to congregational leaders to refocus their church's attention on the core matters of Christian faith, the Word, the example of Christ, and an intentional embrace of theology and spiritual practice to renew the congregation's vision and to center itself again on God's call. With study questions at the end of each chapter and an imagined conversation between people practicing theology in their congregation, Paying Attention provides an invaluable companion in a congregation's journey toward purposeful, attentive faithfulness. (Alban Institute website)

BK L01 3339 C1 PRACTICING YOUR PATH

This book is an invitation to rebalance your life and regain perspective. Practicing Your Path offers seven one-day retreats on the components of classical Christian spirituality: Sabbath, Hospitality, Prayer and Action, Fasting, Giving Back to God, Living Into Your Call, and Accountability. Each chapter includes a structure for a one-day private retreat with flexible options for groups. Includes thoughtful meditations, journaling or discussion questions, guidelines for use of time, creative ideas for art and ritual, and ideas for longer retreats. (Cokesbury website)

BK L01 3298 C1 PRAYING CONGREGATION: THE ART OF TEACHING SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Pastors and others who want to develop their skills as teachers of prayer and spiritual practices will find in this book not only wisdom for themselves but easily accessible lesson plans, so that they can share Vennard's insights with others while infusing the activities with their own spirit and creative ideas. (Alban Institute website)

BK L01 3335 C1 WORKBOOK ON THE BEATITUDES

This eight week study examines the beatitudes. A daily time for reading, reflecting and recording culminates in a weekly review and application to contemporary life. Tough issues such as peace, humility and mourning call forth struggle and prayer from readers and small groups. (Cokesbury website)

### **SOCIAL & ETHICAL CONCERNS/Death/Dying**

PP N03 3332 C1 END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

This report summarizes major findings from the thirteenth survey on end-of-life issues completed by a Presbyterian Panel which included church members, elders, and ordained ministers. The first half of the report uses text and graphics to highlight important and useful findings.

### **SOCIAL & ETHICAL CONCERNS/Hunger, Poverty, Housing**

DV N04 3348 C1

CD N04 3347 C1 DIMES FOR HUNGER PRESENTATION

This is a 13 minute CD about the agencies in Providence Presbytery and the mission projects in Guatemala and Honduras that our Dimes for Hunger money helps support. This presentation is great for a Family Night Supper, Mission Fair, Mid-week Program or Worship Service.

PP N04 3331 C1 HUNGER ISSUES

This report includes a summary of the February 2003 Hunger Issues Survey completed by Research Services of the PC(U.S.A.). The first half of the report uses text and graphics to highlight important and useful findings. An appendix follows with comparative tables that display the percentage distribution of responses to every question for each of the four Panel groups, which included church members, elders, and ordained ministers.

### **SOCIAL & ETHICAL CONCERNS/Peacemaking**

CD N05 3321 C1 STEPS TOWARD PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

Designed to help Presbyterians study the history, nature, and dimensions of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, this CD contains 24 resource sheets, recent actions of the PC(U.S.A.), downloadable photographs of Israelis and Palestinians; Images of Israel and Palestine, a brief PowerPoint Presentation; and WEB links to additional Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) resources.

BK N05 3301 C1 WIDE, WIDE CIRCLE OF DIVINE LOVE: A BIBLICAL CASE FOR RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

The issue of religious pluralism has become a focal point of discussion in our post-9/11 world and in this book Old Testament scholar Eugene March seeks to help us understand this pluralism in the context of current biblical scholarship. March hopes the book will "bring research and experience together to enable the understanding and practice of genuine tolerance founded upon a positive appreciation for God's providential gift of religious pluralism." (Cokesbury website)

### **SOCIAL & ETHICAL CONCERNS/Racial Ethnic**

BK N12 3295 C1 CAN I GET A WITNESS?: READING REVELATION THROUGH AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE

In this provocative study, the author reads the book of Revelation through the lens of African American culture, drawing correspondences between Revelation's context and the long-standing suffering of African Americans. Applying the African American social, political, and religious experience as an interpretive cipher for the book's complicated imagery, he contends that Revelation is essentially a story of suffering and struggle amidst oppressive assimilation and that witnessing was the ethic by which John wished people to live. (book jacket)

BK N12 3353 C1 GETTING TO AMEN: 8 STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING CONFLICT IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH

In this book, the author provides tools - drawn from Christian principles, psychological theory, and research - that will help churches move beyond chaos and confusion to harmony and heartfelt AMENS! Each chapter includes questions and recommendations that help churches manage conflict on specific topics. (book jacket)

### **CURRICULUM/Curriculum-General**

**CD P01 3322 C1 CORNERSTONES: A SIX - YEAR CURRICULUM FOR THE WORKSHOP ROTATION MODEL**

These two CDs show descriptions of the workshops and lessons of Cornerstone's six - year Workshop Rotation Model curriculum. Each story is explored through eleven workshops.

**KT P01 3323 C1 JESSE TREE**

This notebook includes one full unit of 11 complete lessons of Cornerstone's Workshop Rotation Model Sunday School curriculum. 550 lessons are available on a CD with subscription to Cornerstone.

**BK P01 3343 C1 PROFESSING OUR FAITH: A CONFIRMATION CURRICULUM**

This confirmation curriculum presents lessons that teach youth the biblical foundations and theology of the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. Additionally, this curriculum invites young people to explore the meaning of their baptism and their participation at the Lord's Table, and to learn about church polity, stewardship, spiritual practices, worship, and mission. There is a Leader's Guide, a 35 session student book and an 8 session student book. The 35 session study includes sessions for use at Christmas and Easter and it is designed for use during a school year. The 8 session format can be used as a stand-alone confirmation program.

**BK P01 3342 C1 WE BELIEVE - MIX IT UP: FAITH, POLITICS, AND CITIZENSHIP**

This is part of a series of topic-based Bible studies for young adults. The four to six week session discussion guides look at biblical texts that are pertinent to issues that confront young adults in the twenty-first century. This six session study will help participants begin to build a framework for thinking about their role as citizens in a world that is fallen but redeemed.

**CURRICULUM/Electives-Biblical**

**BK P06 3292 C1 GRACE IN A TREE STUMP: OLD TESTAMENT STORIES OF GOD'S LOVE**

This book will help laypeople see that grace has always been part of the character of God, and that the Old Testament demonstrates that fact in a variety of ways. The character of God has not changed, says Kalas. It has always been grace-filled. Eighteen different Old Testament passages are discussed. This book, written accessibly for both laypeople and clergy, is perfect for study classes, personal devotions, or sermon preparation. (book jacket)

**PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS**

**VT S01 3317 C1**

**DV S01 3318 C1 THORNWELL HOME AND SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN**

This is the latest mission interpretation piece from Thornwell Home & School for Children. It can be used in Sunday School classes, church night suppers, with PW and Presbyterian Men's meetings or as part of an officer training event.