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FALL/WINTER 2016
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After five positive years of working with Abingdon Press as our distributor to the trade, Church Publishing Incorporated (CPI) will be ending our strategic partnership with the United Methodist Publishing House on July 31, 2016.

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Beginning August 1, 2016, CPI will again be working direct with customers.

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How will you be affected?

This fall 2016 catalog was purposefully mailed later in the season than usual to minimize confusion. Customers can order any previously published title(s) from Abingdon through July 2016. Beginning August 1, orders for all products—including backlist plus the upcoming fall 2016 new products presented here—should be directed to CPI as described on the back cover. You should not be affected in any other way, and the customer experience will remain seamless. Customers will again deal directly with us, and we intend to offer superior customer service through a world-class fulfillment provider.

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Please note that the upcoming fall 2016 new books presented here can only be ordered after July 31, 2016.

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In volume five, Scott Bader-Saye, Academic Dean and Professor of Christian Ethics and Moral Theology at Seminary of the Southwest, examines the moral life through the lens of the Episcopal Church and its traditions. Beginning with an introduction to ethics in a changing world, Bader-Saye helps the reader move past the idea that we either accept cultural change as a whole or reject it whole, suggesting that we need to make discriminating judgments about where to affirm change and where to resist it. Part I looks at distinctive aspects of the Episcopal ethos, noting that “ethics” comes from “ethos,” and so has to do with habits and enculturation of a particular people. Topics include creation, incarnation, holiness, sacrament, scripture, and “via media.” Part II looks at big moral questions: Who am I? Why am I here? What are good and evil? What are right and wrong? Part III examines how an Episcopal approach might shape a typical day by examining Morning Prayer and Compline as moral formation, in between discussing work, eating, and playing. Each part begins by analyzing cultural assumptions, asking what should be affirmed and what resisted about contemporary context, setting the stage for discussion in subsequent chapters.

SCOTT BADER-SAYE serves as Academic Dean and holds the Helen and Everett H. Jones Chair in Christian Ethics and Moral Theology at Seminary of the Southwest. His teaching and research interests include virtue ethics, economy, ecology, political theology, and Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue. His publications include Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear and Church and Israel After Christendom, as well as contributions to The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics and The Cambridge Companion to the Gospels. He helped found and lead Peacemeal, a missional Episcopal community in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and is active as a teacher and parishioner at St. Julian of Norwich Episcopal Church, a mission in northwest Austin. He graduated from Davidson College before receiving an MDiv from Yale Divinity School and a PhD from Duke University.

Audience: newcomers, younger generation, church leaders, adult formation groups, and seminarians
Crossing Myself
A Story of Spiritual Rebirth
GREG GARRETT

- Revised, edgy, and engaging spiritual autobiography
- An intimate first-person journey through pain and depression to hope
- Prolific, popular author of more than 20 books, including My Church Is Not Dying: Episcopalians in the 21st Century

Originally published by NavPress in 2006, this book captures the author’s efforts to find his way out of a spiral of depression—a tortuous path through mental anguish and suicide attempt(s) into the grace that brought him spiritual rebirth, sanity and a life of service to others.

Newly revised and with updated notes from the author, Crossing Myself will speak to those who have come through depression and those who still struggle with it. It can be appreciated by men and women, adults or teens for its literary style and personal insights of redemptive faith.

“So this edition is, at once, closer to my original text, and subtly changed from it. I’ve rewritten the book for style and clarity. I am a better writer in 2015 than I was in 2005, and I just couldn’t let some sentences lie there as they were when I could make them into something truer and more beautiful.” Greg Garrett

GREG GARRETT, PhD, has written more than 20 books of fiction, nonfiction, memoir, and translation. His latest books include My Church Is Not Dying: Episcopalians in the 21st Century (Morehouse Publishing, 2015). Professor of English at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he has received university-wide teaching honors, he also serves as Writer in Residence at the Seminary of the Southwest (where he earned his MDiv) and preaches at St. David’s Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas. Garrett is also lead writer for portions of the The Voice Bible project from Thomas Nelson, a weekly columnist on faith and culture for Patheos, and Residential Scholar at Gladstone’s Library in Hawarden, Wales. He has appeared on radio and television here and abroad and regularly teaches, preaches, gives readings, and leads workshops and retreats.

Audience: those coping with depression or despair, plus family and friends. Readers who love Anne Lamott, Lauren Winner—and Greg Garrett—will find themselves drawn to this beautiful story of redemption.

Related Titles

My Church Is Not Dying
Episcopalians in the 21st Century
GREG GARRETT

“You can read this book to learn more about a vibrant church that is one of America’s best kept secrets, or you can read it to remember the improbable promise at the heart of Christian faith: that when things fall apart, God uses the breakage to make a new thing. Greg Garrett is one of The Episcopal Church’s most engaging evangelists. If you’re weary of hearing bad news about the church’s demise, here is an alternate vision full of reasonable and buoyant hope.”
—Barbara Brown Taylor
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Fireflies
Finding Light in a Dark World
HEATHER GORDON-YOUNG

“Prepare to read this book with your mouth open, shaking your head at Heather Gordon-Young’s audacious, ever-questioning faith. When I finished her moving last chapter, I had no choice but to see my own faith and ability to love in a different light.”
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Becoming Who I Am
Reflections on Wholeness and Embracing Our Divine Stories
BETH-SARAH WRIGHT

Spiritual reflections, poetry, and the Nicene Creed give new meaning to our real-life circumstances. Encourages us to embrace and tell our whole stories and to discover our divine capacity for true life transformation and joy.
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The Also Life
Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

FOREWORD BY NICHOLAS KNISELY

- Topic of popular interest addressed by a popular author

Playing off the last chapter of her previous book, *The Courage to Grow Old*, well-beloved author Barbara Crafton looks at the world around us: What do we know about creation? What gift is there for us in the “also life” of stars and other organic and non-organic forms of existence? How might that shape the way we see our existence and the God who breathed that life into us? And what might life after death be like?

**BARRABRA CATHORNE CRAFTON** is a popular preacher, retreat leader, and writer. Her articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Reader’s Digest*, *Episcopal Life*, and other publications. She is the author of many books, including *The Courage to Grow Old, Let Every Heart Prepare, Some Things You Just Have to Live With, The Sewing Room, Living Lent*, and *Mary and Her Miracle*. She lives in Metuchen, New Jersey.

**NICHOLAS KNISELY** is the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island. He earned an undergraduate degree in physics and astronomy and did graduate work in cosmology and solid state physics before entering seminary. He taught physics and astronomy for seven years at Lehigh University and is part of the Episcopal Network for Science, Technology & Faith.

Audience: for general readers of all faith traditions, grief groups, fans of Barbara’s earlier works.

By Same Author

**The Courage to Grow Old**
BARBARA CATHORNE CRAFTON

Barbara Crafton at her best—funny, warm, direct, honest, and vulnerable—on aging. “I think growing older is both funny and sad, but mostly it just makes me grateful to be alive and able to reflect.”

Print  |  9780819229106  |  $10.00  |  paper

**The Sewing Room**
*Uncommon Reflections on Life, Love and Work*
BARBARA CATHORNE CRAFTON

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**Finding Time for Serenity**
*Every Woman’s Book of Days*
BARBARA CATHORNE CRAFTON

Restore the balance and bring perspective to daily life with these wise, funny, friendly words from a master storyteller. Drawing on her experiences as wife, grandmother, priest, retreat leader, and spiritual director Crafton is the wise and funny friend every woman needs every day.

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Christ Walk Kids
A 40-Day Spiritual Journey for Tweens and Teens
ANNA FITCH COURIE

• Builds on success of Christ Walk (for adults)—an ecumenical audience
• Promotes healthy, Christian exercise for tweens and teens
• Provides a pathway for youth to healthy, biblically based practices

Developed as a companion to Christ Walk: A 40-Day Spiritual Fitness Program, new Christ Walk Kids is an exciting 40-day journey for youth (ages 11 and up) to explore mind, body, and spiritual health while setting physical goals by committing to walk different routes based on routes in the Bible. Each chapter explores a topic that everyone thinks about but not everyone knows how to address.

Anna Courie opens up a discussion with youth about health topics they think and talk about among themselves, but puts the dialogue in the perspective of spiritual development. Key to the success of this outline is that each day there are topics for youth and parents and/or youth leaders to use as they explore health in a safe environment. Youth are encouraged to participate fully in the Christ Walk program with physical challenges (walking, running, or biking “biblical” routes); mental challenges (deep discussion and thoughtfulness of youth health risks); and spiritual challenges (biblical references and spiritually grounded self-development). Youth and parents are urged to participate together in the Christ Walk program so that the church can address the health of the entire family holistically: mind, body, and spirit.

ANNA FITCH COURIE is a registered nurse by training and has been working in the health care field for the past 18 years. Most recently, she has been a nurse consultant for the US Army Public Health Command on building community coalitions for health. Courie began working directly with churches nine years ago, combining her love of health with spiritual fulfillment. Christ Walk and Christ Walk Kids were born from this partnership. Courie is a wife, mother, military spouse, and layperson. She is an accomplished public speaker and conducts Christ Walk programs at her local churches.

Audience: Christ Walk readers, parents, Christian educators, youth leaders, health enthusiasts (bikers, walkers, hikers), youth groups, camps.

Related Titles

Christ Walk
A 40-Day Spiritual Fitness Program
ANNA FITCH COURIE
“For those of you who are looking for a comprehensive approach to walking, fitness, spirituality, and prayer walking, Christ Walk is for you. This disciplined 40-day program will make a fine Lenten or anytime approach to getting your body, mind, and spirit healthy.” —Sara Lee Macdonald, blogger of Walk with Me on Our Journey
Print | 9780819231697 | $20.00 | paper

The Breath of God
NANCY ROTH
“A book to be recommended highly for individual use, course teaching on prayer, and as a wide-ranging outline for prayer groups.” —Gordon Jeff, Spiritual Directors International
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Cross Words
A Devotional for Youth
DUANA CISNEY
FOREWORD BY JENIFER GAMBER
Cross Words is a daily devotional with a brief reflection followed by a question to ponder, Scripture, prayer, or quote to use as a “daily touchstone” in the coming days, set in a format with open space for writing and drawing.
Print | 9780819232458 | $20.00 | paper
The Book of Comic Prayer
Using Art and Humor to Transform Youth Ministry
HEATHER J. ANNIS

- Post-modern approach to prayer for older children, youth, and young adults
- Deals specifically with the individual and communal aspects of prayer as they relate to the comic art form

The Book of Comic Prayer takes a fresh look at prayer from an unexpected perspective: comic art, humor, and their relevance to today's image-driven youth. Part explanation, part instruction, it explores the role of prayer and faith in mainstream and underground comics, and provides resources for incorporating comics and cartooning into curricula for children and youth. The Appendix includes an illustrated booklet created by one group of young people as a supplement to traditional forms of prayer and offers tips and tricks for creating books of comic prayer.

The church has always used visual arts for prayer, worship, and education, and religious themes and figures still permeate popular culture. Comics, with their larger-than-life stories of villainy, morality, and heroism, have religious undertones ranging from explicit to metaphorical, offering opportunities to explore what post-modern prayer and faith look like and why they matter.

Comics are inexpensive, accessible, and adaptable to church school, youth groups, Bible studies, prayer groups, camps, and VBS. There have been illustrated comic Bibles and religious books, but no single resource dealing with prayer's individual and communal aspects as they relate to the comic art form. This is that book.

HEATHER J. ANNIS is an artist who has worked with young people in various settings for the past 15 years. Currently serving as Director of Children and Youth Ministries at St. John's Episcopal Church in Barrington, Rhode Island, she is responsible for all aspects of programming for kids in preschool through grade 12. She is also the founder of Studio 35 Community Arts Consulting, through which she seeks to engage individuals and groups in the act of art-making. A graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, where she was the recipient of the Roger Hazelton Award for Excellence in Worship, Theology, and the Arts, Heather is passionate about the intersections among art, faith, and community. She is an avid fan and creator of comics, cartoons, and art in many forms.

Audience: Christian educators, youth advisors, camp counselors, interfaith leaders, prayer groups, artists, comics, nerds, seminarians.

Related Titles

Marked
STEVE ROSS

"Any churched adult who has concerns about a teenager who has written off Christianity as boring or irrelevant might want seriously to consider making Marked a gift for them." —Metro Lutheran

Print | 9781596270022 | $20.00 | paper

My Faith, My Life, Revised edition
A Teen’s Guide to the Episcopal Church
JENIFER GAMBER
FOREWORD BY LISA KIMBALL

This revised edition of the best-selling 2006 title now includes end-of-chapter questions for the readers as well as updated material sprinkled throughout to reflect what has occurred in the past 10 years in the church and world.

Print | 9780819229625 | $20.00 | paper

Blinded
The Story of Paul the Apostle
STEVE ROSS

A graphic novel following the apostle Paul from persecutor of the early church, to believer and missionary, to his death in Rome. Theologically sound, Blinded is a potent and accessible story, powerfully illustrated.

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Beating the Boundaries
The Church God is Calling Us to Be
JOHN SPICER

- For established churches needing to adapt to changing times
- Translates learnings from new communities for established congregations—a both/and approach
- On-the-ground observations from within Phyllis Tickle’s “rummage sale”

Using the image of the traditional practice of “beating the bounds” of the parish, this book contrasts the desire to mark boundaries with God’s call to explore boundaries in order to open them. Building on visits to nine Episcopal and Church of England congregations, Spicer explores how they are opening the boundaries between inherited expressions of church and the unique contexts in which they find themselves. He argues that to beat the boundaries around their current expressions of church, congregations should (1) name a missional identity common to both their past expressions of congregational life and the church they hear God calling them to become; (2) identify whom they’re seeking to reach in the community and how they intend to do so; (3) identify what sort of new church expression God is calling them to create; (4) empower a missional leader and plan for governance issues their work may raise; and (5) collaboratively identify how to define success and how to understand what might be seen as failure in terms of common church metrics.

JOHN SPICER is rector of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Before ordination, he worked for a decade as a journalist and editor, including a stint as speechwriter for the governor of Missouri.

Audience: clergy, vestries, other lay leaders. Those interested in how they can adapt to the change they see coming while retaining core identity.

Related Reading

The Agile Church
Spirit-Led Innovation in an Uncertain Age
DWIGHT J. ZSCHEILE
Follow-up to CPI 2012 bestseller People of the Way; Study guide included; The Agile Church answers urgent and practical questions around how churches adapt to a changing culture.
Print | 9780819229779 | $18.00 | paper

People of the Way
Renewing Episcopal Identity
DWIGHT J. ZSCHEILE
“Churches everywhere are reassessing their mission and future in light of diminishing attendance and the reality that they no longer reflect their neighborhood. They need this book.” —Anthony Guillen, Missioner for Latino/a Ministries in The Episcopal Church
Print | 9780819220905 | $18.00 | paper

Radical Welcome
Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation
STEPHANIE SPELLERS
“Practical theological guide for congregations that want to move beyond mere inclusion toward becoming a place where welcoming ‘The Other’ is taken seriously.” —Pathways
Print | 9780898695205 | $18.00 | paper
Ministry Proverbs

Lessons Learned for Leading Congregations

N. GRAHAM STANDISH

- Well-known pastor/writer with growing church, spiritually open theology of presence
- Accessible, short chapters provide spiritual, balanced understanding of church leadership
- Applicable across denominations and demographics
- Great gift for your favorite pastor

Biblical and cultural proverbs have been cherished throughout the ages. One reason for their enduring influence is that they reveal deeper wisdom through easy-to-grasp phrases. They form our lives by offering wisdom we can hold onto and use in life’s most complex situations. In the increasingly complex world of modern ministry, it has become harder for pastors and church leaders to act wisely when the models for ministry keep changing.

Ministry Proverbs is a collection of 60 proverbs that the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish has developed over the years to guide his own ministry. These are proverbs such as, “We are only responsible for our efforts. God is responsible for the results. So be responsible for your part, and let God be responsible for God’s part. Wisdom comes in learning to tell the difference.” Each proverb is followed by 4–6 paragraphs of reflection that take the reader deeper into the ramifications and applications of the proverb. The reflections are intended to help readers to apply the proverbs in their own ministries, and to remember them so that when they face a difficult or uncertain situation, they can tap into the wisdom.

N. GRAHAM STANDISH has been pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, Pennsylvania (www.calvinchurchzelie.org), since January of 1996. He is the author of six books including Becoming a Blessed Church (Alban 2005). Before becoming a pastor, he was a therapist. He has a PhD from Duquesne University in Spiritual Formation. Calvin Presbyterian Church was one of the congregations featured in Diana Butler Bass’s Christianity for the Rest of Us; a member of the congregation actually gave the book its name when talking about the kind of Christianity they practice there.

Audience: mainline pastors, congregational leaders, churches.

Related Titles

A Failure of Nerve
Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix
EDWIN H. FRIEDMAN

“A Failure of Nerve can be placed on the scales with every other book on leadership, without exception, that has been published in the last 10 years, and it would outweigh them all together.” —Anglican Theological Review

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Leaders Who Last
Sustaining Yourself and Your Ministry
MARGARET J. MARCUSON

Author, speaker, and pastor Margaret Marcuson, a student of Edwin Friedman and national consultant and coach to church leaders, introduces “sustainable ministry” for clergy and church leaders, helping them rediscover inner resources for proactive, not reactive, leadership.

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5 Keys for Church Leaders
Building a Strong, Vibrant, and Growing Church
KEVIN MARTIN

Martin’s no-nonsense guide to church leadership and development features the five elements that are key to growing strong congregations.

Print  |  9780898695212  |  $18.00  |  paper
Faith at Home
A Handbook for Cautiously Christian Parents
WENDY CLAIRE BARRIE

- Growing need for resources to help parents engage in faith conversations at home
- Talking points, practices, and resources included

Home (not the congregation) and parents (not clergy, youth ministers, or Sunday School) are the key mechanisms by which religious faith and practice are transmitted intergenerationally. Recent studies indicate that the single most important factor in youth becoming committed and engaged in their religious faith as young adults is that the family talks about religion at home. However, for many parents in the United States, religious language is a foreign language.

Faith at Home will help parents learn this “second language” and introduce it to their children in simple, meaningful, concrete ways. Parents often ask: How do we introduce prayer to our children if we do not necessarily believe prayer changes outcomes? How do we approach reading the Bible with our children when our own relationship with it is mixed or complicated? How do we talk about difficult things and where do we find God in the midst of them? How do we teach our children to make a difference in the world? How do we connect what happens at church to what happens at home? These questions and many more are addressed with talking points, practices, and resources provided for each subject.

WENDY CLAIRE BARRIE has directed programs for children, youth, and families since 1989 in seven Episcopal congregations large and small on both coasts, presently at Trinity Wall Street. A former Vice-President and board member of Forma, a network of Christian formation professionals, she began her career teaching preschool and drama. A storyteller by nature and an actor by training, leading workshops and preaching are two activities she enjoys more than she ever expected. Wendy is also the exhausted mother of an especially curious son. She lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn, New York.

Audience: parents, teachers, clergy.

Related Reading

The Anglican Family Prayer Book
ANNE E. KITCH
A resource for Episcopal families who want to pass on Anglican prayers and traditions to their children and teach faith in everyday settings.
Print | 9780819219404 | $24.00 | hardcover with jacket

Building Faith Brick by Brick
An Imaginative Way to Explore the Bible with Children
EMILY SLICHTER GIVEN
Print | 9781606741924 | $29.95 | paper

What We Do in Church
An Anglican Child’s Activity Book
ANNE E. KITCH
ILLUSTRATED BY DOROTHY THOMPSON PEREZ
A fun activity book for children ages 4–7 that will help them learn about Episcopal worship.
Print | 9780819221056 | $10.00 | paper
GROW: Will you continue in the Apostles’ teaching and fellowship?

Course 5: The Creeds: What is the core of Christian belief in greater depth, as shown through the Nicene and Apostles’ Creeds? These six sessions aim to equip the reader with an understanding of the creeds as priceless resources for living the Christian life and for knowing God better. In Session 1, we look at what it means to say: “I believe” and “We believe” and at the role the creeds play in strengthening our relationship with God. Session 2 explores what it means to understand God as Trinity: one God in three persons. Sessions 3 and 4 take us deeper in our understanding of Jesus and look at the way Christ is fully God and fully human and at the great work of redemption on the cross. Session 5 explores the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and Session 6 at what we believe about the Church.

Course 6: The Eucharist: How do Christians know and worship God? The six sessions of Course 6 reveal reasons why the Eucharist is celebrated as a memorial of Christ’s saving passion and stands at the very heart of Christian worship. Session 1 looks at worship as communion with God. Session 2 explores the Eucharist as the pattern of all Christian worship. Session 3 looks at the intimacy we have with God in Holy Communion and how we are transformed by the encounter. Sessions 4–6 look at worship as a sign and foretaste of heaven, shaping our whole life, and how the whole of life is sacramental.

Course 7: The Bible: What is it, how was it given to us, and how should we read it? These six sessions combine simple prayer, Bible reflection in the lectio divina style, an article by a modern writer, and time for questions and reflection. By the end of the six sessions, it is hoped that participants will have learned how to make reading the Bible a part of everyday life, with the ability to read, pray, and listen to what God might be saying, allowing the words to change each participant.

Course 8: Church & Kingdom: What does it mean to live as a child of the kingdom of God and follow in the way of Christ each day as a member of his church? How does it affect our life at work as well as at home? How does it affect what we do with the gifts we have been given, especially those gifts of time and talents, passions, resources, and money? How is the Christian faith changing us and shaping us so that we become more like Jesus? The importance of prayer, living out our faith, celebrating Sabbath, and reflecting generosity is explored. We look at how faith in the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit shapes and changes all our relationships.
Beyond Business as Usual, Revised edition

Vestry Leadership Development

NEAL O. MICHELL

The revised and expanded edition will include new information, new teaching resources, and perspectives gained in the last eight years, as well as the General Convention resolutions of 2015.

Beyond Business as Usual is full of resources for forming the vestry as a learning community. It deals with the “soft” side of leadership that enables the pastor and vestry together to journey along the leadership path. Each chapter can be read and reviewed at a series of vestry meetings or as part of a vestry retreat, and includes questions for group and individual discussion. The book also contains resources for vestries, based upon different preferred learning styles, for the formation part of the vestry meeting or retreat.

NEAL O. MICHELL is Canon to the Ordinary with the Diocese of Dallas and previously served as Canon for Strategic Development. A former practicing attorney, he has served churches of various sizes in the dioceses of West Texas and in West Tennessee, where he and his wife, Varita, planted a church in Germantown that achieved parish status within nine months of its first Sunday service. He has served as a consultant in congregational development and led vestry retreats and workshops, focusing on vision-casting and leadership development. He holds a DMin in church growth from Fuller Seminary, where his doctoral dissertation was “Contemporary Anglican Worship in a Postmodern Era.” He has also gone on short-term mission trips to Ukraine, South Africa, Mexico, and Honduras. In addition to his books, he has published numerous articles and has served the Episcopal Church at diocesan, provincial and national levels.

Audience: vestry members, church leaders, clergy, seminarians.

Related Reading

Cultivating the Missional Church
New Soil for Growing Vestries and Leaders
RANDOLPH C. FEREBEE

“Cultivating the Missional Church is a resource the reader will return to again and again for guidance. It provides a clear and compelling theological and societal context for why a new way of preparing leaders in the Church is needed if it is to accomplish its mission. The author’s thoughtful integration of scripture, spiritual wisdom, and practical resources promotes a discipline of leadership development and practice that will inspire significant change.” —Katherine Tyler Scott, Managing Partner, Ki ThoughtBridge LLC

Print | 9780819228239 | $16.00 | paper

Back from the Dead
The Book of Congregational Growth
GERALD W. KEUCHER

“Father Jerry Keucher has written a book of meaningful, encouraging, and above all practical advice for church leaders who are serious about turning around a dying parish. In Back from the Dead, Keucher draws on his long experience as both an observer and an orchestrator of such church growth, offering proven principles that will make a difference where faithfully applied.” —The Right Rev. J. Scott Barker, Bishop of Nebraska

Print | 9780819228062 | $18.00 | paper

Reweaving the Sacred
A Practical Guide to Change and Growth for Challenged Congregations
CAROL J. GALLAGHER

Simple, clear exercises and techniques to help leaders and members pinpoint problems and claim and identify gifts and values of their shared history, in order to engage in a ministry of renewal, welcome, and growth.

Print | 9780898695885 | $16.00 | paper
Living into God’s Dream: Dismantling Racism in America
EDITED BY CATHERINE MEEKS, FOREWORD BY JIM WALLIS

• Range of voices: Meeks, Rob Wright, Luther Smith, Diane D’Souza
• A serious invitation to the serious work of developing a new conversation on race
• Foreword by Sojourners’ Jim Wallis
• Study guide included

While the dream of a “Post-Racial” America remains unfulfilled, the struggle against racism continues, with tools both new and old. This book is a report from the front, combining personal stories and theoretical and theological reflection with examples of the work of dismantling racism and methods for creating the much-needed “safe space” for dialogue on race to occur. Its aim is to demonstrate the ways in which a new conversation on race can be forged. The book addresses issues such as reasons for the failure of past efforts to achieve genuine racial reconciliation, the necessity to honor rage and grief in the process of moving to forgiveness and racial healing, and what whites with privilege and blacks without similar privilege must do to move the work of dismantling racism forward.

The authors of this important book engage the question of how dismantling racism in the twenty-first century has to be different from the work of the past and offer ways for that journey to progress.

CATHERINE MEEKS, PhD, is the retired Clara Carter Acree Distinguished Professor of Socio-Cultural Studies at Wesleyan College and serves the Diocese of Atlanta as the Chair of the Beloved Community: Commission for Dismantling Racism. She has long been a strong advocate for social justice, community, and wellness. She is author of several other books, including Standing on Their Shoulders: A Celebration of the Wisdom of African American Women.

Audience: those involved—in The Episcopal Church and beyond—in the hard work of conversations about race.

Related Titles

An American Awakening
From Ground Zero to Katrina The People We Are Free to Be
COURTNEY COWART
Cowart is probably the only American spiritual leader called to a sustained, frontline role in both the 9/11 and Katrina disasters, and this is the first and only memoir of that dual experience.
9781596271012 | $24.00 | hardcover

Race
Changing Society and the Churches
KENNETH LEECH
“Among the most valuable features of the book are his insights into the misperceptions, misrepresentations, and mistakes commonly encountered and sometimes intentionally engaged in our racism. His critiques of politics and religion are thoughtful and incisive.” —The Living Church
9780898694956 | $20.00 | paper

Race and Prayer
Collected Voices, Many Dreams
COMPILED BY MALCOLM BOYD AND CHESTER TALTON
In Race and Prayer, Malcolm Boyd and Chester Talton have collected poems, prayers, and prose that bring the anger and frustration to light, and ultimately, they hope, to a place of reconciliation and healing.
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Post-Traumatic God
How the Church Cares for People Who Have Been to Hell and Back
DAVID W. PETERS

- Our churches include, and sometimes exclude, those with traumatic war or other experiences.
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After traumatic events, many (especially young people) turn away from the Church; Post-Traumatic God presents a path home, providing a way back to a God who can be trusted, loved, and worshipped.

Today, the church is sometimes viewed (even from within) as a place apart, which may create a barrier of understanding for those who have experienced trauma. Post-Traumatic God grew out of Peters' own experience as a chaplain in Iraq and later as an Episcopal priest, and from his subsequent work with an organization he founded, Episcopal Veterans for Peace, which helped him identify the need for this quite-different book to bridge that gap. In it, Peters explores three related themes: history (the early church itself was a post-traumatic community); theology (especially building on Tillich's World War I experiences and the theology he subsequently developed); and ecclesiology (how church can offer community to trauma survivors). Post-Traumatic God equips the church to heal the unseen wounds of the soul.

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Audience: clergy, veterans’ groups, pastoral care professionals and providers, congregational groups in areas with significant military affiliations.

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*Christian-Muslim Vision and Practice*

EDITED BY ROBERT S. HEANEY, ZEYNEB SAYILGAN, AND CLAIRE HAYMES

- Virginia Theological Seminary-based program
- Inspiring stories of interfaith conversation and partnership around the corner and around the world
- Episcopalian and Muslims telling their stories, so you can tell yours

Based on the strong, ongoing work of the Center for Anglican Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary, *Faithful Neighbors* outlines an introduction to the rationale for interfaith work through both theological and practical viewpoints, using stories from real experiences of interfaith cooperation to offer encouragement, inspiration, and practical steps to do the same.

The book has eight chapters in three main sections. Section one provides a Christian and Muslim rationale for engaging with each other. Section two outlines stories of those involved in interfaith work in a series of contexts: academic research, intercultural, pastoral care, youth work, and peace work. The concluding section details recommendations and resources for best practice. *Faithful Neighbors* exhorts both Muslims and Christians to be faithful neighbors drawing on their traditions and real life practice for the sake of life-giving community.

**Robert S. Heaney** is a Priest Scholar who is Assistant Professor of Christian Mission and Director of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies, Virginia Theological Seminary. He holds a PhD in philosophical theology and a DPhil (Oxon) in post-colonial theology.

**Claire Haymes** is Program Coordinator in the Center for Anglican Communion Studies, Virginia Theological Seminary. A professional interpreter and translator for more than two decades, she has cross-cultural insight and editorial rigor. She holds an MA (Oxon) in modern languages and a post-graduate diploma in interpreting and translation (Bath, UK).

**Zeynab Sayilgan** is Fellow for Peace and Reconciliation in the Center for Anglican Communion Studies, Virginia Theological Seminary, and currently doing in doctoral research at Georgetown University on the intersection of Islamic theology and immigration. With BA/MA degrees in Islamic Studies and Law from the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany, and an MA in Islamic studies and Christian-Muslim relations from Hartford Seminary, Zeeyneb writes frequently on Islam and Muslim immigrants in Europe.

**Audience:** particularly aimed at those with little or no interfaith experience as believers, faith leaders, prospective leaders, and members of local faith communities and people in the pews. The assumption is that, as members of faith communities, the audience will have some awareness of major religious and theological categories and concepts.

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Dan Prechtel is a spiritual director, educator, church consultant, retreat leader, and priest in the Episcopal Church who draws on more than 30 years of experience in spiritual guidance. His previous book, Where Two or Three are Gathered: Spiritual Direction for Small Groups, has been widely received for its contributions to the field of spirituality and spiritual guidance. He is founder of Lamb & Lion Spiritual Guidance Ministries and teaches at the Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership (CALL) at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California, and at The Chaplaincy Institute. He has a DMin in Anglican Ministries from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary.

Audience: individuals seeking to deepen their spiritual life, small-group studies, adult, young adult, older youth, spiritual directors/faith-based counselors (including SDI), Christian educators, and clergy.
Fragmented Lives
Finding Faith in an Age of Uncertainty
WILLIAM L. SACHS AND MICHAEL S. BOS

- Describes how one can trust amidst uncertainty, fear, anger
- Explores the meaning behind the move away from religion toward undefined spirituality
- Traces the meaning of moving toward healing and reconciliation

*Fragmented Lives* describes the meaning of faith for people the Church has shown little facility for attracting but whom it would like to reach, people who have entered church doors occasionally but who have little depth of commitment. It is a book for persons exploring the basis of faith, as well as for church leaders looking to understand how their programs and message can align with faith journeys today.

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WILLIAM L. SACHS directs the Center for Interfaith Reconciliation at St. Stephen’s Church, Richmond, Virginia, and has taught in various seminaries. Previously he was Vice President of The Episcopal Church Foundation in New York City.

MICHAEL S. BOS is the Senior Minister at West End Collegiate Church in New York City and President of The Collegiate Churches of New York. He is Moderator of the Board of Trustees of New Brunswick Theological Seminary and formerly served as Executive and Teaching Pastor at one of America’s mega-churches. He lives in New York, New York. They jointly authored *A Church Beyond Belief* (2014).

Audience: seekers, church leaders, clergy, those interested in spiritual renewal.

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LESLIE A. CHOPLIN received her Doctor of Educational Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. For 10 years she served as a Director of Christian Education, sexual misconduct prevention trainer, facilitator, and speaker in Episcopal congregations across the United States. Her passion for creating conversation and safe communities informs her work and writing around the importance of sexuality education. Currently she serves in the PhD program at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work. She lives in Virginia with her two dogs.

JENNY BEAUMONT is a Christian educator, trained facilitator, and teacher currently serving at Christ Episcopal Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. She brings more than 15 years of experience in education and ministry to the dynamic conversation that connects the experience of faith with our sexuality through her “He, She, We and God” seminar. She writes curriculums, trains other facilitators, and leads workshops throughout the nation.

ABBI LONG is the Director of Ministry at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Previously she served for six years as a youth ministry program leader in the United Methodist Church and taught special education for seven years in both elementary and middle school. Her MaEd from the University of Louisville and MDiv degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary combine as a strong foundation for Christian education and curriculum development.

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IAN S. MARKHAM is a British-born priest of The Episcopal Church who was appointed as Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary in August 2007 and serves as Priest Associate at St. Paul’s Church in Alexandria. He has a PhD from the University of Exeter in the U.K., where he focused on Christian ethics. Other degrees include MLitt in philosophy and ethics from the University of Cambridge and BD in theology from the University of London. Before being called to VTS, Markham served as Dean and Professor of Theology and Ethics at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, and at Leeds Metropolitan University, Liverpool Hope University, and University of Exeter in the U.K. He is the author and editor of numerous books.

SAMANTHA R. E. GOTTLICH is a seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary and former Staff Director for the Diocese of West Texas and faculty member at the University of Texas at Austin.

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JOAN VIENNA AND VIRGINIA METOYER

- A thoroughly Catholic, officially approved, honed and proven resource.

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The program includes everything a marriage preparation team needs to facilitate sessions. Activities for couples include personal reflection and journaling, sharing with their partner, and small-group or large-group exercises. Topics include:

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- Dreams, Goals, and Decision Making
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Why a revised edition? Here is the rationale provided by the authors:

The program was originally published in 2002, and although the foundation concepts are still valid, the world has changed dramatically in the past 13 years.

The recent focus of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which includes all bishops from across the United States, has been to make “marriage and family life” a priority, especially in the area of spirituality and prayer. The engaged couple’s evaluations have also been asking that more prayer and reflection be added to the program.

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- Today’s Communication, including the use of technology and the need to address how these changes are affecting the couple’s relationship: texting, Facebook, e-mail, etc.
- Pornography and its influence on today’s relationships, especially in the area of intimacy
- Dual-career couples and setting priorities
- Increase of scripture and moments of prayer

It is also important to incorporate more engaged couple activities, as well as group interaction. The teaching component is critical; however, it has always been the authors’ belief that the more the engaged couples participate, the more “ownership” they take in the process.

Last, but not least, a revised edition provides an opportunity to update the look of the resource, including making the couples’ workbooks contemporary and more appealing.

JOAN VIENNA is the Director of the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and has a Master of Arts degree. Joan and her husband, Tony, are active on both a local and national basis in programs that strengthen family life.

VIRGINIA (CANDY) METOYER is the Marriage Preparation Coordinator, Office of Family Life, for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. She and her husband, Paul, have worked in the ministry of marriage preparation for more than 30 years.

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