

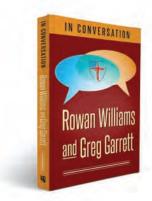
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New Releases from Church Publishing





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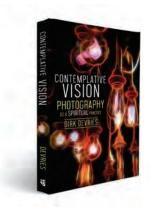


New book in the In Conversation series

In Conversation: Rowan Williams and Greg Garrett

Rowan Williams and Greg Garrett share an interest in things of faith, the written word (especially plays, poetry, and fiction), and a good conversation.

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Spirituality for children and adults

Contemplative Vision Candle Walk See pages 6 and 7.



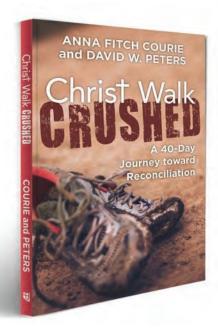
Faithful Celebrations series

In each volume of *Faithful Celebrations* you will discover plenty of activities to learn more about the season, holiday, or special day for church settings, at home, camp, or anywhere in between. This abundance of ideas also equips families to celebrate the seasons at home.

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April 17, 2019

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Rights: World

Christ Walk Crushed

A 40-Day Journey toward Reconciliation

Anna Fitch Courie and David W. Peters

- Applies popular Christ Walk approach as a path to reconciliation and healing
- Combines physical and spiritual avenues in a holistic program that anyone can use

"Walk it off," that much-used advice of coaches, turns out to work in the spiritual realm, too. Take a walk with Anna and David as they explore reconciliation and healing using the best-selling framework found in Christ Walk: A 40 Day Spiritual Fitness Program.

Through their own experiences with moral injury, illness, and trauma, the authors have found that sometimes the best way to deal with stressful experiences is by moving their feet. Over the course of forty days, readers will experience God in each stage of the healing process in tandem with a biblically inspired journey.

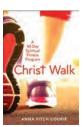
People often turn to the church in search of healing, and research supports the use of active programs as adjunct approaches to wellness. Integrating physical activity with insights into reconciliation and faith, readers may find overall improvements in mind, body, and spirit. While walking may not fix every problem, it can provide an opportunity to experience God as a necessary part of mental, physical, and spiritual growth. In times of trauma, loss, moral injury, abuse, fatique, rejection, isolation, and pain from illness, war, and stress, accessible holistic practices such as the ones in this book can improve quality of life and health.

ANNA FITCH COURIE is an Army wife, nurse, and the author of two previous Christ Walk books and The Adventures of Cancer Girl who finds her calling where health and spirituality intersect. A consultant on building community coalitions on health, she is a graduate of Clemson University, the University of Wyoming, and Education for Ministry (EfM).

DAVID W. PETERS served as a Marine and Army Chaplain in Iraq, and his experience includes youth ministry, hospital and military chaplaincy, and parish ministry. A graduate of Biblical Theological Seminary, Erskine Theological Seminary, and the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, David is currently an Army Reserve instructor at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, and associate rector at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Austin, Texas.

Audience: Chaplains, veteran fellowships, support groups, Christ Walk groups, Gold Star Mothers

Related Reading



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Christ Walk

A 40-Day Spiritual Fitness Program

Anna Fitch Courie

What is better than feeding your soul while developing healthy practices for your body and mind? Christ Walk outlines a forty-day program for individuals and groups to focus on improving physical health while engaging in spiritual and mental reflection and growth.

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Post-Traumatic God



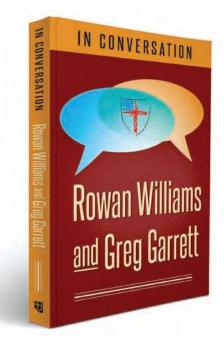
How the Church Cares for People Who Have Been to Hell and Back

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.









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May 17, 2019

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Rights: World

In Conversation

Rowan Williams and Greg Garrett

- Second volume of the In Conversation series
- Insights into the art of listening from former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams and author Greg Garrett

How is God speaking into our lives today? How do Christians discern what they're being called to do? How do literature and culture intersect with the Scriptures and our tradition? And what might the work of the artist teach us about both spiritual practice and the vocational tasks of preaching and teaching? Be a fly on the wall and listen in as dear friends—one who happens to be the past Archbishop of Canterbury, the other, "one of the Episcopal Church's most engaging evangelists" (Barbara Brown Taylor)—discuss their longtime passions and shared interests. In this new volume of the "In Conversation series," Rowan Williams and Greg Garrett talk about friendship, the Church, the gift of great novels, the importance of Shakespeare, the art of writing poetry and fiction, the preaching event, engaging popular culture, the relationship between faith and politics, the practice of prayer, and the necessity of sacred community, modeling for us in the process both the vanishing art of conversation and an active engagement with faith, culture, and real life.

Rowan Williams and Greg Garrett share an interest in things of faith, the written word (especially plays, poetry, and fiction), and a good conversation. In this volume, the next in the *In Conversation* series, they take on all three, especially through the lens of listening.

ROWAN WILLIAMS was educated in Wales, Cambridge, and Oxford. Acknowledged internationally as an outstanding theological writer, teacher, and pastor, as archbishop of Canterbury, he led the diocese of Canterbury, the Church of England, and the Anglican Communion worldwide for ten years. He is now Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge.

GREG GARRETT, PHD, has written more than twenty books of fiction, nonfiction, memoir, and translation, including *My Church Is Not Dying: Episcopalians in the 21st Century.* Professor of English at Baylor University and Theologian in Residence at the American Cathedral in Paris, he has appeared internationally on radio and television and regularly preaches, gives readings, and leads workshops and retreats.

Audience: Members of the Episcopal Church, church leaders, clergy

Related Reading



In Conversation

Michael Curry and Barbara Harris Edited by Fredrica Harris Thompsett

"These two friends agree that God is sovereign, Jesus is reliable, the Spirit is able, and the church is flawed. Grit and grace forged by pain and joy is their gift to the church. That, and lots of laughter. Get ready to be inspired."

-The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Diocese of Atlanta

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Hallelujah, Anyhow!

A Memoir

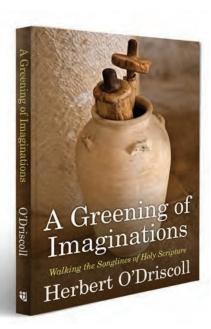
Barbara Harris With Kelly Brown Douglas

Hallelujah, Anyhow! is the long-awaited memoir of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris, the first woman bishop in the Anglican Communion. The book offers previously untold stories and glimpses into Bishop Harris' childhood and young adult years in her native Philadelphia, as well as her experiences as priest and bishop, both active and actively retired.

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paper | 5 x 7 | 136 pages February 17, 2019

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Rights: World

A Greening of Imaginations

Walking the Songlines of Holy Scripture

Herbert O'Driscoll

- New book from renowned Anglican storyteller and preacher
- Puts reader into the heart of the biblical world
- Chapters can be used for personal devotion or as discussion-starters for groups

How do the scriptures speak to us today? Where do our stories mirror biblical stories? Herbert O'Driscoll, beloved Anglican preacher, storyteller, author, and hymn writer, invites us to imagine what the "back story" of our favorite scriptures might have been.

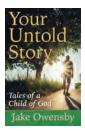
By doing Christian midrash—telling the stories within the Story—Dr. O'Driscoll has filled in the gaps by creating new homilies and parables based on the text. Some are narratives, such as Jesus wondering about his cousin John as a twenty-something activist, and Mary's thoughts as she knelt at the foot of the cross. Others ask you to imagine a bundle of letters from early Christians that "might have been written if we could only find them," like Philemon's response to Paul's request on behalf of a runaway slave, or a letter from a student-aged Judas Iscariot written to his parents expressing his excitement about a rabbi whose teaching he finds fascinating.

Each of the twenty-eight short chapters offers a glimpse of the thoughts and emotions of individuals found in the Christian Testament, bringing alive the sights, sounds, and smells of the Holy Land.

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL is one of the most highly regarded preachers in the Anglican Church. A native of Ireland, educated at Trinity College, Dr. O'Driscoll has been urban Cathedral Dean in Vancouver, British Columbia, and Warden of the College of Preachers, Washington National Cathedral. A hymn writer and author of numerous books on Bible interpretation and the spiritual life, many of which reflect his own Celtic spirituality, he continues to write from active retirement in Victoria, British Columbia, where he and his wife, Paula, live.

Audience: O'Driscoll fans, bible study groups, preachers/homilists

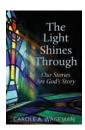
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Your Untold Story
Tales of a Child of God
Jake Owensby

"Bishop Owensby is one of the finest thinkers and writers on today's scene, religious or secular. I read everything he publishes, and I learn something, think deeply, and am moved every time I do. This book is no different. You'll learn, think, be moved, and live a bit differently."

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The Light Shines Through Our Stories Are God's Story

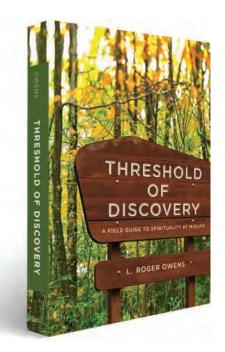
Carole A. Wageman

"Wageman offers productive connection exercises and pondering questions that enable the reader to dig deep into our biblical ancestors. Similar to an actor fleshing out a character, this practice helps us better understand those who came before us and identify ourselves in their stories."

—Jamie Martin-Currie, Missioner for Christian Formation in the Diocese of Texas and President of Forma 9780819233400 | \$18.95 | paper







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Rights: World

Threshold of Discovery

A Field Guide to Spirituality in Midlife

L. Roger Owens

- Thoughtful exploration of midlife spirituality through the prism of nature walks
- Study questions for each section

Roger Owens, facing a "dark night of the soul" as he turned forty and entered midlife, was encouraged by his spiritual director to think of it instead as a "threshold of discovery." Rather than go on a grand adventure like walking the Appalachian Trail or the Camino de Santiago, he decided to mark his fortieth year by taking forty walks in a nearby nature preserve. With patience and attention, he explored the concerns rising within him: the inevitability of death, his boredom with life, and the reality of his changing faith, changing images of God, and changing sense of self. The result is forty short chapters that weave together insightful stories of his walks with accessible history and practices of Christian spirituality and the lives of saints.

This field guide to the spirituality of midlife facilitates readers' personal journeys through questions of faith, purpose, and relationships. It is not solely a memoir, but a work of wisdom literature that uses engaging first-person narratives to explore universal themes and spiritual inquiry. Wise and imaginative, and with study questions for each section, *Threshold of Discovery* is the companion guide for a thoughtful Christian journey.

L. ROGER OWENS is associate professor of Christian spirituality and ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Before his academic career, he was the pastor of Methodist congregations in North Carolina. He is the author of three previous books, and a regular writer for Duke University's *Faith and Leadership* and *Christian Century*.

Audience: Thoughtful Christians seeking deeper faith in middle age; fans of Richard Rohr and Kathleen Norris

Related Reading



Restreaming

Thriving in the Currents of Retirement

William S. Craddock, Jr.

Working with the metaphor of a kayak paddling in a new, downstream current of retirement, prominent wellness expert Bill Craddock offers an array of provocative reflections as a way to invite the reader to envision new opportunities, new relationships, and new ways of being.

All proceeds from *Restreaming* will be donated to the St. Vincent's Centre for Handicapped Children in Haiti. 9780898690033 | \$9.95 | paper



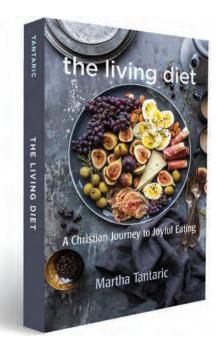
The Courage to Grow Old Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

Here is 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."

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April 17, 2019

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Rights: World

The Living Diet

A Christian Journey to Joyful Eating

Martha Tatarnic

- A Christian approach to food and diet
- Combines personal, communal, and theological perspectives on eating and body image

Food: can't live with it or without it. We are bombarded with messages that the secret to health and weight loss can be unlocked with the right product or magic discipline, but we are getting neither thinner nor happier. Reports suggest that we are losing our battle with obesity, while the anxiety people experience in relationship with food increases. We are taught that bodies are fundamentally a problem to be solved, or worse, a war to be won, while a misguided worldview suggests that our food choices are of concern to us alone; an individual act of pleasure or consequences.

Few resources speak to our food problem from a distinctly Christian perspective. Drawing on a rich assemblage of personal and collected stories grounded in the teachings of Jesus, *The Living Diet* offers a joyful alternative to the desperation and dissatisfaction that have become cultural norms for both eating and body image, inviting us to consider our choices in the context of community.

MARTHA TATARNIC loves talking religion and politics with friends, eating (and baking) cake, running half marathons, and playing bridge and French Horn. Always looking for new music, new challenges, and new connections in an ancient word, her greatest blessing is to parent two wise, creative children with her husband, Dan. She has served as priest and pastor with congregations across Ontario, each teaching her something of why Jesus chose food to build community and reveal the love of God. She blogs at https://medium.com/@mtatarnic.

Audience: Christians seeking new perspectives on health and diet; pastors and counselors who address wellness

Related Reading



Food & Faith

Justice, Joy, and Daily Bread

Michael Schut

A collection of reflections by Wendell Berry, Elizabeth Johnson, and others helps readers process the moral, spiritual, and economic implications of eating. Includes an eight-week study guide for groups or individuals.

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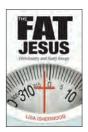
Keeping the Feast

Metaphors for the Meal

Milton Brasher-Cunningham

This is a book about what nourishes us: food, faith, family and friends, and how all of those elements are essential ingredients of Communion—in fact how every meal of our lives holds an invitation to the Sacred Meal.

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The Fat Jesus

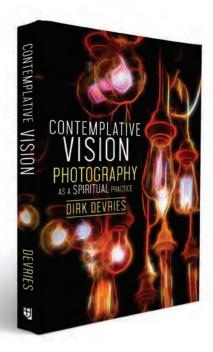
Christianity and Body Image

Lisa Isherwood

The Fat Jesus is a fascinating study of the complex ways that food, women, and religion interconnect, and a proposed theology of embrace and expansion that emphasizes the fullness of our incarnation.

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Rights: World

Contemplative Vision

Photography as a Spiritual Practice

Dirk deVries

- Your cell phone camera can be a window to wonder and God
- Includes practical guidance, reflection questions, activities, and examples
- Can be used by youth or adult groups or for individual spiritual practice

There's more to life than selfies! With the advent of digital photography and the widespread use of camera-equipped smart phones, we have all become photographers. Can the same technology that makes the upload of selfies and endless posting to Instagram and Facebook also function as a tool for quiet contemplation, connection, and deeper meaning?

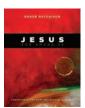
Indeed yes: the practice of contemplative photography invites people of faith to set aside distractions of contemporary life to view the world through the eyes of the divine and uncover the extraordinary in the ordinary. Reflection questions, suggested activities, invitations to journal and create a volume of discovery, and original photographs taken by the author are accompanied by inspirational quotes and passages from scripture.

Providing practical guidance for photography as a means of meditation and reflection and a form of prayer, readers will be encouraged to be seekers, open and present, ready to be refreshed, renewed, and delighted.

DIRK DE VRIES is a former youth pastor, Christian education director, curriculum developer, writer, and editor. A photographer, he leads workshops involving spirituality and photography, and his photos are featured on book covers, curricular resources, and calendars and sold through www.PhotosByDirk.com. He is also author of the blog The 60-Second Sabbath and attends St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver. He and his husband Tim are the proud parents of two cats, Romeo and Willy.

Audience: Spiritually-minded photographers, those interested in spiritual practice, photo clubs, adult formation, youth formation

Related Reading



Jesus *God Among Us*

Roger Hutchison Foreword by Michael B. Curry

Roger Hutchison, popular author, illustrator, speaker, and presenter, shares the life of Christ in word and image, from biblical times as well as today.

"Hutchison takes a moving piece of personal artwork and breaks it down into pieces to serve as the lenses through which to view various biblical stories of Jesus."

-From the Foreword by The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

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The Painting Table

A Journal of Loss and Joy

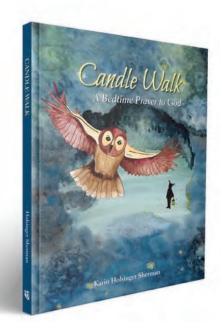
Roger Hutchison

For many, life happens around the kitchen table, but in this case, we gather at *The Painting Table* as the reader is invited to draw pictures, record memories, and celebrate living through the creation of something new.

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hardcover | 8.5 x 11 | 40 pages 23 color illustrations

February 17, 2019

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Rights: World

Candle Walk

A Bedtime Prayer to God

Karin Holsinger Sherman, Author and Illustrator

- A child's introduction to Compline
- Share the beauty of nature and bedtime prayer with a special child

In this bedtime book, join in a candlelit wander through the woods, listening attentively to the river, trees, stars, and moths singing verses from scripture. This beautifully illustrated picture book invites families to enter into a calm, contemplative quieting-down based on a centuries-old practice of evening prayer from the Christian liturgical tradition. Like the beloved Office of Compline, the book helps children "complete" their day and prepare for sleep, fulfilling a hunger for a bedtime prayer that is not simply intercessory, but offers an opportunity to practice listening and contemplation. Appropriate for toddlers and school-children alike, *Candle Walk* is a wonderful way to prepare children for sleep, assured of the nearness of God.

KARIN HOLSINGER SHERMAN holds a Master's in Christian Spirituality from the Franciscan School of Theology/Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley and a Certificate from the Cambridgeshire Course in Spiritual Direction. She has worked in environmental education and advocacy and children's ministry. Her love of those, writing, art, and the monastic liturgy of the hours, especially the Anglican tradition of Compline, inspired this book. She has published an academic work, "A Question of Being," and is currently employed in her most important work as mother of two young children.

Audience: Families with young children, religious schools and educators, hospitals



Related Reading



Let Us Pray

A Little Kid's Guide to the Eucharist

Jennie Turrell

This engaging book will help children, ages two to eight, follow the liturgy and participate in ways that are appropriate for them—beautiful full-color images!

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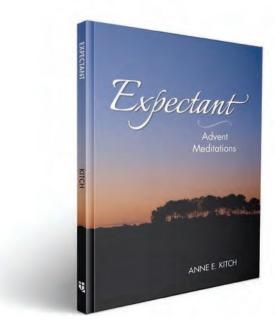
Today Is a Baptism Day Anna V. Ostenso Moore Illustrated by Peter Drueger

This book is ideal book to read with children to wonder and learn about baptism, with illustrations that reflect the diversity of God's people. Grounded in the Episcopal liturgical tradition, it is an accessible and inviting introduction to baptism for children and families of many Christian traditions.

9781640650992 | \$17.95 | hardcover







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paper | 5 x 7 | 64 pages

June 17, 2019

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Rights: World

Expectant

Advent Meditations

Anne E. Kitch

- Author of What We Do in Advent: An Anglican Kid's Activity Book looks at Advent through adult eyes
- Meditations for each day of Advent
- Keyed to Daily Lectionary psalms

We don't like to wait, but the season of Advent is all about waiting—a time of expectation, when Christians have traditionally devoted themselves to practices of prayer and study.

This book offers a short meditation for each of the thirty days of the season, from the First Sunday of Advent through Christmas Day. In the spirit of expectancy, each meditation focuses on seeking and seeing God in the everyday of our ordinary lives, based on a psalm that corresponds to the daily office for the season of Advent.

Expectant: Advent Meditations is the perfect seasonal practice companion for spiritual seekers as well as devoted Christians, and ideal for church groups and congregations wishing to hand out a fresh and contemporary Advent resource to members.

ANNE E. KITCH is a priest, educator, writer, and speaker whose work is grounded in the conviction that God's grace arrives in the everyday. Kitch currently serves as the canon to the ordinary for the Diocese of Bethlehem in northeastern Pennsylvania. The author of *The Anglican Family Prayer Book, Taking the Plunge: Baptism and Parenting, Preparing for Baptism in the Episcopal Church*, and the popular *What We Do in Church* series for children, she publishes daily online meditations at sacredstumbling.blogspot.com.

Audience: Adults celebrating Advent, church groups, worship leaders, spiritual seekers

Sample meditation

Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

In the morning Lord, you hear my voice; early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

Psalm 5:3

I slip my thumbnail under the flap to gently pry open today's door on my Advent calendar. It is a retro design, recalling the calendars of my childhood. A winter scene with forest creatures looking over a snow-covered village and a star shining on one particular spot in the distance. Each door reveals a tiny scene of preparation or anticipation of the celebration to come—all enhanced by a light sprinkling of glitter.

I had to hunt to find the right numbered door this morning, and in doing so remembered this as part of the ritual from my youth. How searching for the day's door carried mystery and delight. How could something so obvious and certain be hidden in plain sight?

In my journey toward Jesus, each day is a door opening to revelation, offering opportunities for the recognition of joy, divine presence, and redemption. Day by day I am reminded that revelations of the holy are hidden in plain sight. Some searching, a bit of attentiveness, a modicum of intention opens the way and the heart to sacred love.

Related Reading



What Are We Waiting For?

Re-Imagining Advent for Time to Come

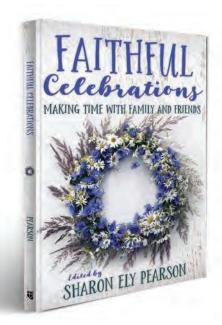
William H. Petersen

"Bill Petersen makes a compelling case for re-imagining Advent. Readers will benefit from his wisdom as a scholar and priest, and congregations will find ample resources for an Advent season that helps them anticipate the fullness of the reign of God."

—Ruth Meyers, Dean of Academic Affairs and Hodges-Haynes Professor of Liturgics, Church Divinity School of the Pacific 9780898690378 | \$16.95 | paper







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April 17, 2019

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Rights: World

Faithful Celebrations

Making Time with Family and Friends

Sharon Ely Pearson

- Add meaning to family celebrations and create new ones
- Multiple resources for church, home, and community celebrations
- Multi-generational

Holidays and family events are times for celebration, learning, rituals, food, and fun. This edition of *Faithful Celebrations* focuses on the months of May, June, and July, when secular holidays inspire us to gather to celebrate God's creation, our freedom, and our families.

Key ideas, activities, materials, background information, music, art, recipes, and prayer resources are all included for small, intimate, or large multi-generational groups, as many festivities bring several generations together at church, at home, and in our communities. Celebrate occasions like International Women's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Summer Solstice, and July 4th in thoughtful, inclusive, and innovative ways.

SHARON ELY PEARSON is a Christian educator, editor, and author with thirty-five years of experience in Christian formation on the local, judicatory, and church-wide level. Among her books are *The Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education*, *3rd edition*; *Call on Me: A Prayer Book for Young People*; *The Episcopal Christian Educator's Handbook*; and *Signed, Sealed, Delivered: Theologies of Confirmation for the 21st Century.* A graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, a wife, mother, world traveler, and lifelong Episcopalian, you can follow her at www.rowsofsharon.com.

Audience: Christian educators, youth ministers, camps, schools, parents

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Epiphany



Faithful Celebrations, Advent *Making Time for God from Advent through*

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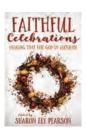


Faithful Celebrations, Mardi Gras

Making Time for God from Mardi Gras through Pentecost

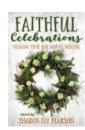
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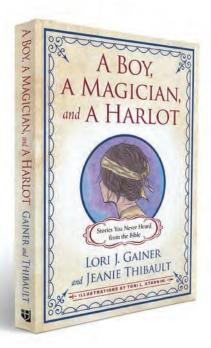
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Rights: World

A Boy, a Magician, and a Harlot

Stories You Never Heard from the Bible

Lori J. Gainer and Jeanie Thibault Illustrated by Toni L. Starniri

- Invites the reader behind the scenes of Bible stories
- Opens new perspectives for individuals, study groups, and sermon writers

What was the reaction of the head waiter at the wedding at Cana when he realized the wine had run out? What gave the man the idea to lower his paralyzed friend through the roof to see Jesus? What were the young men who accompanied Abraham and Isaac on the journey to the mountain thinking?

Much of scripture is comprised of individuals who are unnamed but have important roles to play in biblical stories. This illustrated book offers first person accounts of twenty-one Bible stories (Old Testament, New Testament, and apocrypha) from the perspectives of bystanders or "supporting" characters, giving us an opportunity to imagine: How would we react? What would we say or do given similar circumstances today?

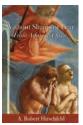
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LORI J. GAINER started leading youth groups and teaching Bible studies while she was in college and has been active in youth ministry and teaching in-depth Bible studies the entirety of her adult life. She has an Mdiv from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and lives in Austin, Texas.

JEANIE THIBAULT teaching experience at all grade levels, spanning forty-five years. She graduated from Pacific Oaks University with a degree in child psychology and attended Fuller Theological Seminary. A certified religion teacher, she taught in parochial schools and was also a Teaching Fellow with the Nevada State Writing Project in Las Vegas, Nevada. She is retired and lives in Washington State.

Audience: Youth and adult congregational groups, clergy

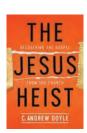
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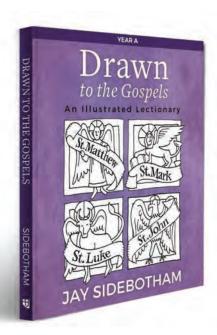
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JAY SIDEBOTHAM serves as Director of RenewalWorks, a ministry of Forward Movement. A graduate of Union Seminary and ordained in 1990, he has served in parishes in New York, Washington, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and Illinois. Throughout his ministry, he has had a deep commitment to making the Bible accessible to people of all ages, and cartoons have been one of his primary methods for connecting with readers.

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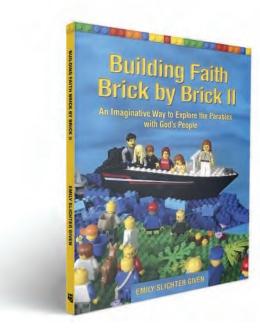
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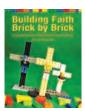
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EMILY SLICHTER GIVEN serves as the Director of Parish Participation at Saint Thomas Church Whitemarsh in Philadelphia. She has a deep love for sharing the story of God with young people—in as many different ways as possible—and has worked on both the congregational and diocesan levels for close to twenty years. Her experience ranges from missions to mega churches. A mixed media artist and storyteller, she lives with her two daughters, Mckenzie and Scout, and a corgi-shepherd mix named Sherman.

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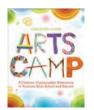
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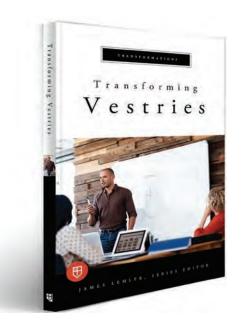
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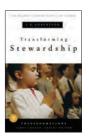
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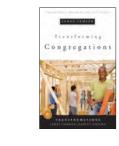
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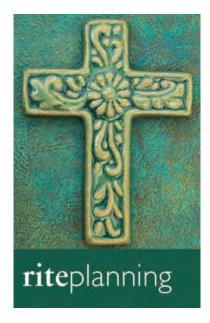
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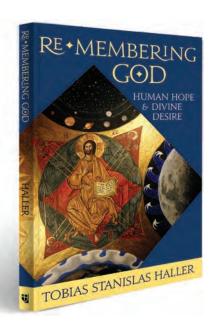
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TOBIAS STANISLAS HALLER, BSG, has written Reasonable and Holy, Planning an Episcopal Wedding, What About Sex? from the Little Books of Guidance series, and the best-selling revision of The Episcopal Handbook. He has been a deputy to General Convention for several sessions, and served in leadership across the church. He is also a member of the Society of Catholic Priests, a regular reviewer for the Anglican Theological Review, and served for three years as its Religion and Culture Book Review editor.

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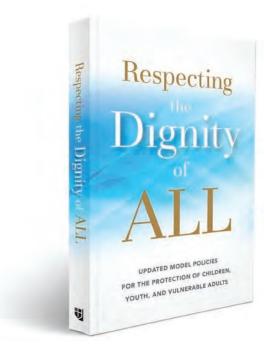
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Robin Hammeal-Urban, Carole Cole Flanagan, Julia McCray-Goldsmith, Judith Andrews, Cookie Cantwell, Eric Travis

- Timely and important guidance for churches
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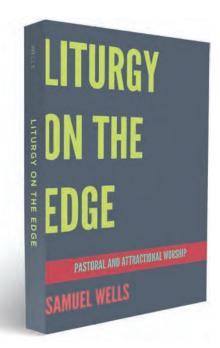
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SAMUEL WELLS is vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, and the author of many acclaimed books including *How Then Shall We Live* and *What Episcopalians Believe*. Prior to returning to the United Kingdom, Wells served as dean of the chapel and research professor of Christian ethics at Duke University.

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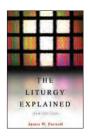
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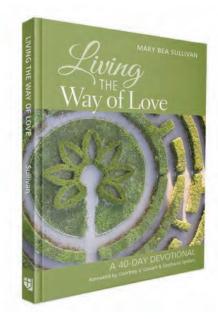
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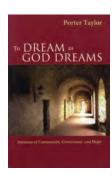
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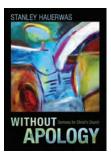
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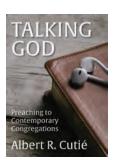
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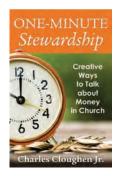


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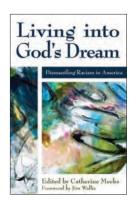
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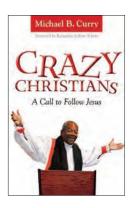
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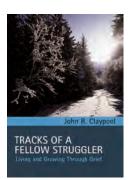
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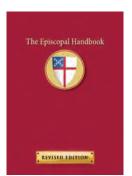


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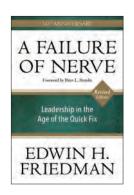
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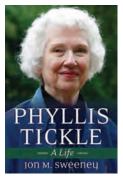
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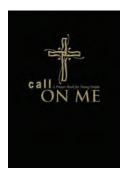
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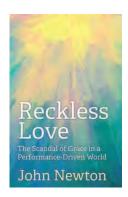
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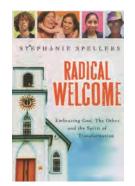






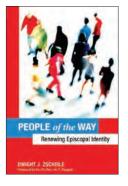
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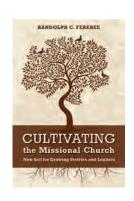
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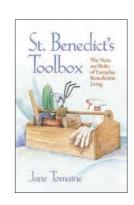
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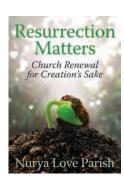


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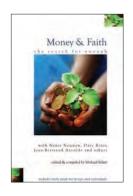
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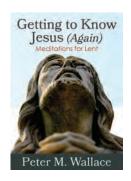


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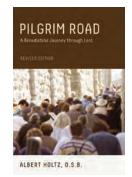






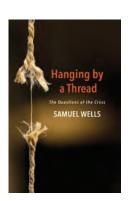
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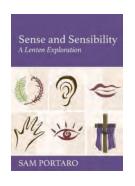


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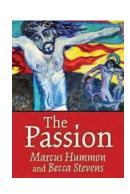


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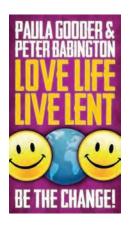
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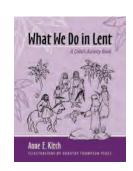
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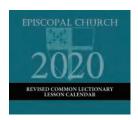


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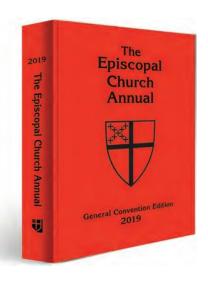
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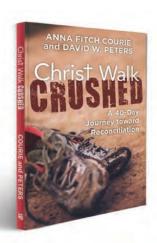






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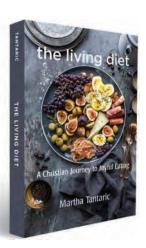
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