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Prayers for Faithful Families-Traci Smith 2020-02-11 Prayers for Faithful Families equips busy parents with simple prayers, written in ordinary language, for a wide variety of occasions. From everyday moments like mealtime and bedtime to milestones such as the first day of school, the death of a pet, or welcoming a new baby, this unique prayer book is an invaluable resource for creating meaningful faith connections at home throughout the highs and lows of family life. Straightforward and flexible, Prayers for Faithful Families helps parents turn ordinary and extraordinary moments into opportunities to teach children that God is with them through all of life’s joys and challenges. Tips for praying in creative ways and for creating sacred space at home are included.

Prayer-Marilyn Kiebasa 2002 Prayer: Celebrating and Reflecting with Girls provides ideas for community prayer services and suggestions for enriching girls’ personal prayer lives. Twenty-three experiences rich in symbol and ritual are designed to put the hearts and minds of adolescent girls in touch with the sacred. Themes include discernment, nature, wisdom, friendship, peace, brokenness, heritage, life’s burdens, and saying yes to God.

The Teenage Prayer Experiment-Miranda Threlfall-Homes 2015-04-16 Interactive and experiential journal introducing prayer practices to teenagers Space for teenagers to record their own thoughts on the practice and to read what other people have said Ideal confirmation gift Fresh, contemporary design This book is based on a blog run by Revd Miranda Threlfall-Holmes and her teenage son, Noah, www.TeenagePrayerExperiment.blogspot.co.uk. Miranda and Noah developed the blog and book as they could find nothing on the market to introduce teenagers to different ways of praying. Each chapter of the book introduces a prayer practice, e.g using labyrinths, Lego Bible modelling, prayer beads, prayer walking. It also includes comments by teenagers who have tried it out and space for the young person to record their own thoughts.

Cairn-Space-N. Thomas Johnson-Medland 2011-01-01 This volume deals with the varied forms of shame reflected in biblical, theological, psychological and anthropological sources. Although traditional theology and church practice concentrate on providing forgiveness for shameful behavior, recent scholarship has discovered the crucial relevance of social shame evoked by mental status, adversity, slavery, abuse, illness, grief and defeat. Anthropologists, sociologists, and psychologists have discovered that unresolved social shame is related to racial and social prejudice, to bullying, crime, genocide, narcissism, post-traumatic stress and other forms of toxic behavior. Eleven leaders in this research participated in a conference on The Shame Factor, sponsored by St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE in October 2010. Their essays explore the impact and the transformation of shame in a variety of arenas, comprising in this volume a unique and innovative resource for contemporary religion, therapy, ethics, and social analysis.

Sacred Space-Dan Kimball 2010-01-05 In a culture where teenagers are growing up inundated with images, experiences, and media that moves and changes at the speed of light, it’s no wonder many of them learn better when they’re doing something-not only listening to someone talk to them. So rather than stand up front and only use words to teach about Jesus calling the disciples to be ‘fishers of men,o why not provide an experience that incorporates the idea of fishing? Using simple things like an inflatable boat and goldfish crackers can turn the ‘old story into something new that your students think of every time they snack on a goldfish cracker or see a boat. It turns the lesson into an experience. Sacred Space provides dozens of ideas to help students engage in scripture and apply the lesson to their own lives. Whether you’re looking to teach a biblical theme, the life of Christ, or a gospel passage, or even when celebrating holidays, you’ll find step-by-step instructions to create the space and experience necessary to draw your students into the story. Through art, listening, writing, and multi-sensory prayer stations, your students will experience God’s Word in a whole new way. This is more than a toolbox for your ministry-it’s a holistic way to approach teaching and communicating God’s Word. Authors Dan Kimball and Lilly Lewin bring their years of experience developing these kinds of experiences in youth group settings and churches. In addition to worship experiences on the life of Christ, you’ll find ideas for teaching on: The life of David Women of the Bible The Sermon on the Mount Justice The Gospel of Luke Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter And more Use these ideas in your typical gathering to enhance the teaching and musical worship, or develop these experiences into a special event, or a new, unique service without singing or teaching. Inside you’ll find everything you need (except the actual supplies!) to create experiences that can transform the way your students encounter God, and help them engage in and learn from the Bible in more meaningful ways.

Praying with Children-Gwen Costello 2007 Praying with Children is an invaluable, pocket-sized

Celebrating the Lectionary for Primary Grades 2012-2013: Supplemental Lectionary-Based Resource-

Celebrating the Lectionary® for Primary Grades 2015-2016: Celebrating the Lectionary for Primary Grades provides 15-minute Lectionary-based catechetical sessions. It includes a CD-ROM with reproducible send-home pages for each Sunday and Holyday of Obligation that families can use to live the message of the Lectionary and celebrate the seasons of the liturgical year.

Ministry Resources for Prayer and Worship-Thomas East 2004 As youth grow in faith, they learn to pray always and to pray in all ways.Ministry Resources for Prayer and Worshipis designed for those who work with and walk with youth in this journey of discipleship.The manual includes three sessions for teaching youth to pray and practice praying in different forms. The manual includes eleven communal prayer services that can be used on a variety of occasions throughout the year. Also contained in the manual are strategies and resources for helping youth communities develop patterns of prayer and for including youth in preparing prayers and liturgies. Each manual in the Total Youth Ministry series includes a CD containing its electronic version, customizable handouts, and theme-related links. CD System Requirements Intel® Pentium II® processor Microsoft® Windows 98 Second Edition, Windows Millennium Edition, Windows NT® 4.0 with Service Pack 6, Windows 2000 with Service Pack 2, Windows XP Professional or Home Edition, Windows XP Tablet PC Edition 64MB of RAM (128 MB recommended) 800 x 600 or higher screen resolution Adobe Reader 6.0 60MB of available hard-disk space (for installation of Adobe Reader 6.0) Multi-read CD-ROM drive Internet Explorer 5.01 or 5.5 or Explorer 6.0 or 6.1

Your Altar-Sandra Kynes 2007-01 A reminder of the Divine, a space for spiritual encounter, or a focal point for meditation—the altar is a powerful tool for people of all faiths. Sandra Kynes demonstrates how to create personal altars and empower these sacred spaces according to your needs. Discover how to harness energies to manifest change, make decisions, receive wisdom, find balance, explore your soul, and grow spiritually. Kynes’s unique approach provides nine overall matrices—each one corresponding to the number of objects placed on the altar—and the numerological significance of each. You’ll also find suggested meditations and a wealth of helpful information—spanning chakras, colors, days of the week, elements, gemstones, gods/goddesses, runes, and more—for choosing appropriate symbols and objects that reflect your needs.

Creating Space-Verna J. Kirkness 2013-09-27 Verna J. Kirkness grew up on the Fisher River Indian reserve in Manitoba. Her childhood dream to be a teacher set her on a lifelong journey in education as a teacher, counselor, consultant, and professor. Her simple quest to teach “in a Native way” revolutionized Canadian education policy and practice. Kirkness broke new ground at every turn. As the first cross-cultural consultant for the Manitoba Department of Education Curriculum Branch she made Cree and Ojibway the languages of instruction in several Manitoba schools. In the early 1970s she became the first Education Director for the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood (now the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs) and then Education Director for the National Indian Brotherhood (now the Assembly of First Nations). She played a pivotal role in developing the education sections of Wabung: Our Tomorrows, which transformed Manitoba education, and the landmark 1972 national policy of Indian Control of Indian Education. These two major works have shaped First Nations education in Canada for more than 40 years. In the 1980s she became an assistant professor at the University of British Columbia where she was appointed Director of the Native Teacher Education Program, founded the Ts’Kel Graduate Program, and was a driving force behind the creation of the First Nations House of Learning. Honoured by community and country, Kirkness is a visionary who has inspired, and been inspired by, generations of students. Like a long conversation between friends, Creating Space reveals the challenges and misgivings, the burning questions, the successes and failures that have shaped the life of this extraordinary woman and the history of Aboriginal education in Canada.

Celebrating the Lectionary for Intermediate Grades 2011-2012-Sr. Ann Therese Chaput 2011-03-04

Operation World-Jason Mandryk 2010-10-15 The definitive guide to global prayer has been updated and revised to cover the entire populated world. Whether you are an intercessor praying behind the scenes or a missionary abroad, Operation World gives you the information you need to play a vital role in fulfilling the Great Commission. (Copublished with Global Mapping International.)

Imaginative Prayer for Youth Ministry-Jeanne Oestreicher 2009-08-30 How often have you struggled to help your students really grasp God’s love? How often have you been frustrated by their Sunday school answers when you try to draw them into the depths of God’s story? You’re not alone. Many students (and even youth workers brave enough to admit it) are experiencing emptiness, lack of passion, and a growing inability to hear from God.But there is hope. Just use your imagination...God created our imaginations. Why not harness them to encounter our creative God in brand new ways? Try it right now: Picture yourself in a boat with Jesus as the seas grow rough, as the water crashes over the bow. Notice what’s going on...notice your emotions at this critical moment. What is your sense of Jesus’ presence in the midst of the storm?The latter is just one example of the many guided exercises within the pages of Imaginative Prayer for Youth Ministry. You’ll find tools that can help you use imaginative prayer as a means of experiencing the God who is continually reaching out to us. Invite your students to open their imaginations (and their five senses) to God’s spirit and allow God to move and speak directly to them through the 50 imaginative prayer exercises inside. They come complete with instructions, environment suggestions, and optional debrief questions—there’s even a topical/Scripture reference index so you can find just the right exercises to suit your needs. If you want to introduce your students to the God who loves them (in a way that allows them to truly experience that love), imaginative prayer is an effective means to do so—you and your students will never be the same.

Creating Judaism-Michael L. Satlow 2006-12-19 How can we define “Judaism,” and what are the common threads uniting ancient rabbis, Maimonides, the authors of the Zohar, and modern secular Jews in Israel? Michael L. Satlow offers a fresh perspective on Judaism that recognizes both its similarities and its immense diversity. Presenting snapshots of Judaism from around the globe and throughout history, Satlow explores the links between vastly different communities and their Jewish traditions. He studies the geonim, rabbinical scholars who lived in Iraq from the ninth to twelfth centuries; the intellectual flourishing of Jews in medieval Spain; how the Hasidim of nineteenth-century Eastern Europe confronted modernity; and the post-World War I development of distinct American and Israeli Jewish identities. Satlow pays close attention to how communities define themselves, their relationship to biblical and rabbinic texts, and their ritual practices. His fascinating portraits reveal the amazingly creative ways Jews have adapted over time to social and political challenges and continue to remain a “Jewish family.”

Blessings for the Fast Paced and Cyberspaced-William Fitzgerald 2000 The increasingly frenetic pace of our cyberworld compels us to cultivate a spirituality of technology, and that spirituality needs to place us squarely on a blessing path. This book helps us hold an awareness that whatever direction we take, whether on the information highway or a busy freeway, we carry a blessing with us.Blessings for the Fast Paced and Cyberspaced has built-in opportunities to reflect on and savor our varied blessings. It invites us and enables us to slow down enough to be nourished by the holy dark, and by the wisdom of the Celtic, Native American and Jewish berakah blessing paths, even by Feng Shui and the findings of modern physics. It helps us see ourselves as pilgrims walking on sacred ground in the midst of our busyness and to pray on the way to deadlines.

For Praying Out Loud-L. Annie Foerster 2003 “Sixteenth-century clergyman Francis David said, ‘There have always been many opinions about faith and salvation. You need not think alike to love alike.’ At interfaith or secular gatherings, a widely diverse population needs to share a common language of love, respect, justice, peace, and hope. When our faith differences are acknowledged and supported, we are more likely to find ourselves united.” - from the Introduction For interfaith gatherings, collection of nearly 80 prayers. Prayers are grouped for easy reference, including Ordinations and Installations; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Events; Dedications; Unity and Diversity; Peace and Justice; Gratitude and Remembrance. Focus is on what people of all faiths can share Practical advice on prayer making is presented in 3 opening chapters on how to address the holy, creating sacred space with prayer, and how to close prayers. Though prayer itself is universal, many traditional prayers are not accessible to people of all faiths. Occasions of public prayer, often occurring at secular events, are most successful when they welcome all that are present. A fitting prayer must invoke a sense of the holy and provide a common ground of belonging for everyone. In this inspiring collection, Annie Foerster presents a wealth of useful guidance on crafting universal prayers, along with an abundant sampling of beautiful prayers of all kinds, for adaptation or for use as they are. Beneficial for clergy, lay ministers, anyone participating in interfaith worship and readers who want to write prayers of their own.

Too Busy Not to Pray Study Guide-Bill Hybels 2013-05-08 The urgent need for prayer in today’s broken world is clear, but busyness still keeps many of us from finding time to pray. So Bill Hybels offers us his practical, time-tested ideas on slowing down to pray. In this four-session video Bible study (DVD/digital video sold separately) based on Hybels’s classic book on prayer, Too Busy Not to Pray calls both young and old to make prayer a priority, broadening the vision for what our eternal, powerful God does when his people slow down to pray. In Too Busy Not to Pray, you and your small group will learn: The importance of a consistent time and place for prayer How to organize prayers according to tried-and-true frameworks How to hear the Spirit’s promptings To love prayer time Hybels helps you slow down, listen to God, and learn how to respond. As a result, you will grow closer to God and experience the benefits of spending time with him. Sessions include: Why Pray? (15:00) Our Part of the Deal (20:00) When Prayer Feels Hard (19:00) People of Prayer (20:00) Designed for use with the Too Busy Not to Pray Video Study (sold separately).

Spirit Heals-Meredith L. Young-Sowers 2007-01 Spirit Heals is a wide-ranging manifesto on how women heal and how they can incorporate aspects of spirit, emotion, mind, and body in their healing journey. Author Meredith Young-Sowers explores a wide range of resources, external and internal: doctors, nutrition, chemo, radiation, massage, acupuncture, surgery, energy work, meditation, visualization. She explains how focused participation to rekindle kindness and passion can occur simultaneously with any other treatment to enhance healing. She introduces the concepts of “spiritual DNA” and “spiritual genes” that let readers see they are not “destined” to be sick and can be proactive in achieving health. Particular sections include “Ask Yourself,” which helps readers reform their thoughts; “Attitude Shifts,” which contains affirmations and reminders of the healing thoughts and actions; and “Activities,” which guides readers step by step through changes. Based in part on her extensive workshop teachings, Spirit Heals is an informed, loving reminder that good health is something every woman should — and can — have.

Youth Ministry Strategies-Michael Theisen 2000-09-16 Sixty-five field-tested, creative activities complement the Horizons core curriculum and minicourses. Ideas for community-building activities and games, prayer experiences and rituals, liturgical celebrations, and service projects center around six thematic sections. Engage your youth to make Christ’s teachings relevant and fun!

The Other Journal: Prayer-The Other Journal 2013-04-25 Nothing embodies the mystery of faith quite like prayer. Although sometimes an elusive practice that may baffle and confuse, prayer is not otherworldly, for it is in prayer, in talking and listening to our infinite, loving creator, that we truly find our way in this world. In the twenty-first issue of The Other Journal, contributors consider the transformative mystery of prayer in all its questions and practicalities. They carefully think through intercessory prayer and prayerful political theology and what it means to commune with God and one another. They dance, laugh, and pray like fools. The issue features essays and reviews by Emmanuel Katongole, Erin Lane, Timothy McGee, L. Roger Owens, Andrew Prevot, Carl Raschke, and Lauren Smelser White; interviews by Kate Rae Davis, Ashleigh Elser, Jen Grabarczyk, and SueJeanne Koh with Sarah Coakley, Peter Ochs, Dominique Ovalle, and Richard Twiss; and fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry by Mary M. Brown, Kate Rae Davis, Denise Frame Harlan, Katie Manning, Tania Moore, Jillena Rose, Nicholas Samaras, and Robert Vander Lugt.

Emerging Worship-Dan Kimball 2009-07-27 Churches are aging. Even among megachurches with their modern technology and huge number of members, whole generations are now missing. In order to reach the 18-35 year olds, churches need to incorporate alternative worship services into their ministries that meet the unique needs of the emerging generations.In a conversational, narrative style, author Dan Kimball guides church leaders on how to create alternative services from start to finish. Using anecdotes from his own experience at Graceland, Kimball presents six creative models, providing real-life examples of each type. Emerging Worship covers key topics including • Developing a prayer team • Evaluating the local mission field and context • Determining leaders and a vision-based team • Understanding why youth pastors are usually the ideal staff to start a new service• Recognizing the difference in values between emerging worship and the rest of the church• Asking critical questions beforehand

Together for a Season: All-age seasonal resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter-Gill Ambrose 2007-03-05 A practical companion through the Church’s year for all those planning and leading all-age worship. It offers an array of creative material designed to bring to life the seasonal liturgy of Lent, Holy Week and Easter, including Pentecost.

All About Smudging-Margaret Ann Lembo 2011-11-08 Time for a spiritual housecleaning? “Smudging” is a ceremonial cleansing of people, places, or objects—a way to replace negative vibes with love, kindness, compassion, and true happiness. In this easy-to-read text, Margaret Ann Lembo shows you how to clear out negative energy and invite spiritual purification into your life. Starting with how to recognize the influence of negative energy, you will discover common herbs and oils, techniques for creating smokeless smudges, and a preparation ritual for a smudging ceremony. Also included are bonus chapters of Margaret Ann Lembo’s book Chakra Awakening: Transform Your Reality Using Crystals, Color, Aromatherapy & the Power of Positive Thought.

Creating a Life with God-Daniel Woelert 2003 As children our prayers consisted of “Now I lay me down to sleep...” or “God is good. God is great...” As we mature, we discover that our prayers are not scripted for us. So how do we learn to pray in a more grown-up way? Creating a Life with God offers us the opportunity to learn and adopt 12 prayer practices. Some of these prayer practices include the general practice of peace and quiet, Lectio Divina, the Jesus prayer, creativity, journaling, and more. The first chapter uses the Desert Mothers and Fathers to focus on the general practices of solitude and silence. The second chapter describes the practice of Lectio Divina. The next five chapters describe prayer practices that focus on the use of the mind to come to know God. Chapters 8 and 9 seek to move us out of our minds and into our created bodies. The last three chapters take us beyond our individual selves to show us how the world and our lives can become part of our prayer life. Along with these prayer practices are historical figures to guide us. Some of these are Julian of Norwich, The Pilgrim (who described the Jesus Prayer), and Ignatius of Loyola. In addition to these helpful guides, Woelert offers an appendix for step-by-step instructions for practicing each prayer practice either individually or with a group.

The Daniel Prayer-Anne Graham Lotz 2016-05-10 Many people today find that their prayers don’t “work.” And like a broken cell phone, DVD player, or TV remote, they throw prayer out as unnecessary “clutter” in their busy lives. Anne Graham Lotz has found that while prayer does work, sometimes the “pray-ers” don’t. So she has turned to the prophet Daniel for help. The Daniel Prayer is born deep within your soul, erupts through your heart, and pours out on your lips, words created by and infused with the Spirit of God quivering with spiritual electricity. It’s really not an everyday type of prayer. It’s a prayer birthed under pressure. Heartache. Grief. Desperation. It can be triggered by a sudden revelation of hope. An answer to prayer, a promise freshly received, a miracle that lies just over the horizon. Join Anne in a thrilling discovery of prayer that really works. This book will help you pray effectively for your nation, for your families, and for yourself.

Pray Tell-Jules Harlow 2003 A women’s commentary on the content and meaning of prayer in Judaism. \$20,000 initial Ad/PR budget, 12-city National Tour.

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World-Joanna Weaver 2009-07-01 With nearly a million copies sold, Joanna Weaver’s popular book shows women how to blend intimacy with Jesus and service for Him. An invitation for every woman who feels she isn’t godly enough... isn’t loving enough... isn’t doing enough. The life of a woman today isn’t really all that different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord’s feet... but the daily demands of a busy world just won’t leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve him... yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy. Then comes Jesus, right into the midst of your busy Mary/Martha life-and he extends the same invitation he issued long ago to the two sisters of Bethany. Tenderly he invites you to choose “the better part”-a joyful life of “living-room” intimacy with him that flows naturally into “kitchen service” for him. How can you make that choice? With her fresh approach to the familiar Bible story and its creative, practical strategies, Joanna shows how all of us -Marys and Marthas alike- can draw closer to our Lord, deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy. This book includes a twelve-week Bible study. Also look for the ten-week DVD study pack companion product to this book, which includes three DVDs and a separate, revised and expanded study guide.

Healing Presence-JoEllen Goertz Koerner, RN, PhD, FAAN 2011-03-23 Praise for the Previous Edition: "...represents an act of passion for the profession...The work’s value comes from its integration of scientific, creative, and spiritual philosophies as a core context for the complex nurse-patient interaction involved in the promotion of a healing environment...Recommended." —Choice At the center of professional nursing lies the “authentic presence” of the nurse – the intention and commitment that brings us to the profession, and unfolds as we develop as nurses. In this new edition, JoEllen Koerner explores the intersection of scientific, creative, and spiritual ways of knowing that inform and inspire this “healing presence” in caregiver and patient. Revised, updated, and refocused, the book integrates traditional nursing practice with cutting-edge alternative and integrative medicine. The author expands our awareness of Allopathic and alternative ways of healing as rooted in Native Healing practices. The book also explores new models for transpersonal caring through the lens of philosophy, spirituality, and complexity science. It is a profoundly important resource for nurse educators, students, and practitioners. Key features: Presents the Nursing Triad model: nurse as scientist, artist, and healing presence Examines the bioenergetic body-the “five bodies” that comprise our being and infuse our becoming Discusses the physiology and philosophy behind healing presence Analyzes the healing process between nurse and patient, from embracing suffering to transcending polarities and enhancing capacity

Shinto Norito-Ann Llewellyn Evans 2007-02-26 This book presents, for the first time, a collection of ancient Japanese Shinto prayers in a format where English speaking readers can both understand the deep meaning of the translated text and can also pronounce the original Japanese words. Shinto is an ancient spiritual tradition, primarily practiced in Japan, which is now spreading its traditions to the western world. Its primordial rituals and traditions touch a deep chord within one’s spiritual self. Shinto’s focus on divinity of all beings and of all creation, on living with gratitude and humility, and on purification and lustration of one’s self and environment will bring light and joy to any reader. The purpose of prayer and ritual as practiced in the Shinto tradition, is to reinsert ourselves into a divine state of being, not as a new position, but as an acknowledgement and reinforcement of what already exists. Ritual restores sensitive awareness to our relationship to the universe. Through purification and removal of impurities and blockages, we return to our innate internal brightness and cultivate a demeanor of gratitude and joy. Shinto rituals and prayers were created by ancient man over 2,000 years ago in a time when mankind was more intuitive about his relationship to this world. Because of this, the rites are archetypal and invoke deep emotion within the participants. This book of prayers will introduce the western reader to the deep spirituality of Shinto, providing explanation of the spiritual tradition and practice and providing a collection of 22 prayers for use in personal meditation and devotions. Order a perfect bound version of Shinto Norito

How Do You Pray?-Celeste Yacoboni 2014-06-23 As we evolve, so do our prayers; as our prayers evolve, so do we. This is the evolution of illumination, the collective voice of the soul of the world. How Do You Pray? was born from a vision in which Celeste Yacoboni was told to ask the world, “How Do You Pray?” She reached out to leading spiritual, shamanic, scientific teachers, guides, and activists and asked for their response. Culled from those responses is an original and deeply personal collection of essays. Talking intimately and candidly about how they pray, these personalities encourage the reader to contemplate the intention of prayer in their own life. This collection speaks to the reader’s heart and asks What is your soul’s expression? How do you dance in ecstasy, bare your soul to the divine? Bow in gratitude? Merge with nature? Cry out for guidance? How do you pray? This groundbreaking and moving book gathers responses from leaders of diverse spiritual and religious traditions ranging from Buddhism to Islam to Christianity, as well as those who do not claim one or any particular walk of faith. Contributors include Brother David Steindl-Rast, Matthew Fox, James O’Dea, Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee, Tessa Bielecki, Lama Surya Das, Hank Wesselman, Father Bede Griffiths, Byron Katie, Joan Halifax, Normandi Ellis, Andrew Harvey, Dan Millman, Kristena Prater, Nicki Scully, Mirabai Starr, and more. This book is a beautiful gift package with matte laminate cover and red ribbon.

Against the Tide, Towards the Kingdom-Jenny Duckworth 2011-07-01 Against the Tide, Towards the Kingdom is the story of the Urban Vision community in New Zealand. This book recounts the story of a group of young Christian adults who over the last fifteen years have relocated to the colorful ends of their city to share life with those who are struggling, homeless, sick, poor, neglected, or otherwise marginalized. The community has grown over time to seven neighborhoods where on any given day you may find “Urban Visionites” growing vegetables amidst the concrete, teaching English to refugees, offering alternative education programs to out of school teenagers, fostering children, doing church with the homeless, offering friendship to the mentally ill, roasting fair trade coffee, running kids clubs, moms groups, tenant meetings or just sharing yet another cup of tea with their neighbors. In fact sharing is a good summary of the whole shape of this exciting movement. They share homes, food, money, vehicles, jobs, prayers, dreams, conversations, fun, tears, pain, hope, healing, transformation . . . they share the whole of life with each other and with their neighbors. They live the gospel, this good news of Jesus.

Cosmic Prayer and Guided Transportation-Robert Govaerts 2012-08-29 This book presents a realistic and thoroughly spiritual outlook upon the entire created reality. It lets us envisage that various created entities are participant in a relationship with God that becomes increasingly one of an intimate personal quality: that is, a relationship of love. It thus invites discernment that the universal reality is valuable in its own right and not only as a good for the use of humanity. Drawing mainly upon Scripture, ancient writers (especially Maximus the Confessor), as well as contemporary natural sciences, this book encourages the reader to perceive human salvation not as a lifting of humanity out of creation, but as a transformation into God’s presence in the midst of the wider created order. It shows that Christian faith at its best does not exclude the wider creation but provides us with insight and hope for a harmonious being-in-God that is inclusive of creation. It shows that Christian faith can be a resource that helps overcome the ecological crisis.

The Episcopal Christian Educator’s Handbook- 2013-11-01 • Builds upon the success of The Episcopal Handbook • Taps into and expands on the most accessed pages of the Building Faith website and its online resource room • Perfect gift for teachers, seminarians and the newly ordained This field guide is essential reading for all those who have anything to do with the ministry of Christian formation and education. A trusted companion and toolbox for anyone who teaches children, youth, or adults in a congregational setting, it includes handy forms, teaching tidbits, plus important information on “all things Episcopal,” sprinkled with humor and advice on how to handle many of the situations that occur in a teaching setting.

Seeking Surrender-Colette Lafia 2015-04-17 An unlikely friendship between Colette Lafia and a silent monk at the Abbey of Getsemani, where Thomas Merton lived, comes to life through seven years of shared letters. Lafia’s palpable openness and warm storytelling lead readers through the same compassionate process that led the author to accept herself, find peace with life, and strive for an ever-deepening relationship with God. Folded within the deep friendship cultivated through letters exchanged between Colette Lafia, a spiritual director and retreat leader, and Brother Rene, a Trappist monk, is Lafia’s struggle with infertility, insomnia, the loss of her sister, the declining health and eventual death of her father, and her role as caregiver. Brother Rene’s compassion and guidance throughout these trials—and Lafia’s responses—provide a template for helping readers to surrender to God in their own struggles. Readers will find simple exercises and profound advice for living a more conscious and intentional life, with tips such as, “look at yourself through God’s eyes,” “notice when fear arrives at your door,” and “trust all is well.” Readers will ultimately discover a new attitude of acceptance and letting go.

Asian American Religions-Tony Carnes 2004-05-01 Asian American Religions brings together some of the most current research on Asian American religions from a social science perspective. The volume focuses on religion in Asian American communities in New York, Houston, Los Angeles, and the Silicon Valley/Bay Area, and it includes a current demographic overview of the various Asian populations across the United States. It also provides information on current trends, such as that Filipino and Korean Americans are the most religiously observant people in America, that over 60 percent of Asian Americans who have a religious identification are Christian, and that one-third of Muslims in the United States are Asian Americans. Rather than organizing the book around particular ethnic groups or religions, Asian American Religions centers on thematic issues, like symbols and rituals, political boundaries, and generation gaps, in order to highlight the role of Asian American religions in negotiating, accepting, redefining, changing, and creating boundaries in the communities’ social life.

How Is It With Your Soul (Director Guide)-Denise Stringer 2010-12-01 How Is It With Your Soul? is a complete, stand-alone session guide for use by pastors and directors of Wesleyan Class Meeting groups to train Class Leaders. The ten training sessions are designed to create group support among the Class Leaders and also strengthen the relationship between the pastor or director and the Class Leaders they oversee. Dr. Denise Stringer, author of How Is It With Your Soul?, developed the Director’s Guide for use in providing a training seminar for Class Leaders while in the process of training Class Leaders in her own congregation.

24-7 Prayer Manual-Peter Greig 2005 Prepare your church to pray like never before with this guide to establishing your own 24-7 prayer room. Let your church become a vital link in this international prayer movement.

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