

# Check it Out!

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# Resource Potluck—Dish up Some Good Stuff!

#### Reaching Out in a Networked World.

Baab, Lynne M. Alban, 2008. 254.3 Baa

Looking for Church Communications 101 in a digital age? This is a practical, thoughtful guide to marketing, websites, emails, blogs, mission statements, power-point and on-line communities.

# Make Poverty Personal: taking the poor as seriously as the Bible does.

Barker, Ash. BakerBooks. 2009. 261.8325 Bar

Includes questions for discussion at the end of each chapter and a personal exercise.

# In Dying We are Born: the challenge and the hope for congregations.

Bush, Peter. Alban, 2008. 250 Bus

Explores spiritual practices and habits of wondering, remembering and risk taking for congregations that know they are dying or need to die in order that a new way may rise.

## Life With God: reading the Bible for spiritual transformation.

Foster, Richard. HarperOne, 2008. 248.4 Fos Life

Instead of attempting to transform the scriptures to meet our needs, what if we allowed the Bible to transform us? An approach to reading the Bible through the lens of Christian spiritual formation.

### Green Revolution: coming together to care for creation.

Lowe, Ben. InterVarsity Press, 2009. 261.88 Low

Shares real-life stories from mobilized colleges, churches and communities that show what it looks like when Christians care for the planet God gave us.

# The North End Lives: a journey through poverty terrain.

Neufeld, Hugo. Herald Press, 2006. 261.8325 Neu

Describes the transformation that can happen when professional and class boundaries are dropped and you can no longer tell who is serving and who is being served.

# Autism and your Church: nurturing the spiritual growth of people with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Newman, Barbara J. Faith Alive Christian Resource, 2006. 259.419 New

Learn about the specific disorders, discover ten strategies for including folks in your church and develop an ongoing ministry plan

#### Stretch Out Your Hand: exploring healing prayer.

Norberg, Tilda and Robert D. Webber. Upper Room, 1998. 234.13 Nor

Suggests ways for individuals and churches to pray for healing and guidelines on beginning a healing prayer ministry. Leader's guide with study / discussion options.

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# Funerals With Today's Families in Mind: a handbook for pastors.

McFarlane, Doreen M. Pilgrim Press, 2008. 393 McF

Includes practical suggestions for meeting with the bereaved, decisions at the funeral home, caring for the immediate family, visitation time, accidental deaths and much more.

### Resting Place: a personal guide to spiritual retreats.

Rubietta, Jane. InterVarsity Press, 2005. 269.6 Rub Res

Spiritual retreats help us enter Psalm 23 rest. With Scripture to meditate on, quotes to contemplate, questions, prayer and journaling ideas, Resting Place leads one through times of rest.

#### Gandhi & Jesus: the saving power of nonviolence. Rynne, Terrence J. Orbis, 2008. 241 Ryn

An original exploration of the life of Jesus and the teachings of Gandhi - one that puts nonviolent action at the very heart of Christian salvation.

# Blessed Connections: relationships that sustain vital ministry.

Schwanz, Judith A. Alban, 2008. 253.2 Sch

How to do the work of ministry without losing your own soul! Schwanz provides clear guidance for maintaining personal well-being and avoiding clergy burn-out.

# Hope for Children in Poverty: profiles and possibilities.

Sider, Ron and Heidi Unruh. Judson Press, 2007. 261.8325

See the world through the eyes of children in poverty, explore real solutions, learn what is already making a difference.

# Pathway to Renewal: practical steps for congregations.

Smith, Daniel P. and Mary K. Sellon. Alban, 2008. 253 Smi

For congregations who are curious about sticking their toes in the waters of renewal but apprehensive about the journey.

# Prayer & Multiple Intelligences: who I am is how I pray.

Stankard, Bernadette. TwentyThird Publications. 2005. 248.32 Sta

Discusses how we discover our preferred learning style and how that enables us to pray "as we are," in order to develop a deeper friendship and intimacy with God.

# An Improbable Gift Of Blessing: prayers and affirmations to nurture the spirit.

Tirabassi, Maren C. and Joan Jordan Grant. United Church Press, 1998. 242.3 Tir

Each scripture section approaches the text in four ways: prayer of the heart (a personal experience with Scripture); a creative, experiential Bible study with questions for reflection; resources for congregational worship and prayers beyond the church (a bridge from scripture to contemporary issues).

# Saying Yes: accepting God's amazing invitation to artists and the church.

West, Cindy. David C Cook, 2008. 246 Wes

West draws on her experience as an innovator in connecting artistry with ministry to offer insights on discovering and nurturing your own unique talents; finding your role in creative ministry; developing a worship-arts program in your church.

# Learning the Way: reclaiming wisdom from the earliest Christian communities.

Williams, Cassandra. Alban, 2009. 253 Wil

An overview of the marks and practices of the earliest, authentic Christian communities.

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