

Journeys: In thinking about new material for our class to consider in the coming months, I asked for advice from a long-time friend who has been a director of Christian Education for the past 30 years. She had a number of suggestions including the ones listed below. In **Living The Questions-A Progressive Christian Curriculum**, there are many topics for discussion structured around 15-20-minute video lectures with questions at the end. The questions provide the framework for class discussion. Topics range from Science and Religion, to reconciling the violent God of the Old Testament with the non-violent ministry of Jesus, to faithful Christianity in relationship to other world religions etc. While there is a cost to the materials, when split among us or with funding from FPC's Christian Education budget the cost is not any more expensive than all of us purchasing books as we've done in the past. My sense is that we could either watch the short videos on our own time at home and then come to class to discuss, or watch videos at the beginning of class on Zoom with a shared screen and then discuss. I've not looked through the curriculum very carefully yet, but it may have some topics of interest for all of us.

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The second idea was to listen to Rodger Nishioka's lecture on 8 trends that are challenging the Christian church and his thoughts about what a community of faith needs to do in response to these trends. Nishioka is a very popular and highly regarded Presbyterian theologian and educator. I've heard him speak once before and was impressed with his thoughtful and engaging reflections.

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka lecture on 21st Century Reformation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-mo4rtZdKk>

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Eight trends that are changing
and challenging the church A
presentation to the Montreat
community from Dr. Rodger
Nishioka. Super Bowl
advertisements referenced:
Budweiser: "Brotherhood" -
<http://youtu.be/tTbLBL2P6YA>
Jeep: "Whole Again" -
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Another possibility my friend suggested would be to read sections of Huston Smith's **The World's Religions** treatise, which has been used in college curriculums for years.

I hope some of these ideas will be helpful as we think about curriculum for the Spring.

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