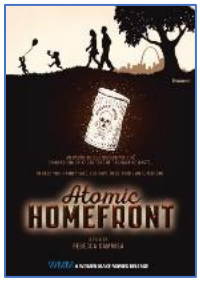


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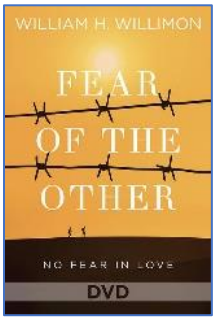
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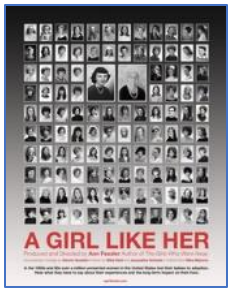
ATOMIC HOMEFRONT (101101) This DVD shines an urgent and devastating light on the lasting toxic effects that nuclear waste can have on communities. The film reveals St. Louis, Missouri's past as a uranium processing center for the atomic bomb, and the governmental and corporate negligence that lead to the illegal dumping of radioactive Manhattan Project waste throughout North County neighborhoods. Focusing on a group of moms-turned-advocates, the film follows the women as they confront the EPA, government agencies that are slow to provide aid, and the corporations behind the illegal dumping of dangerous radioactive waste in their backyards. Both a harrowing indictment of institutional misconduct and a tribute to the heroism of mothers fighting to protect their families, this film is essential viewing for anyone interested in environmental grassroots activism, government and corporate responsibility, and the effects of nuclear waste on human health. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) 96 Minutes.



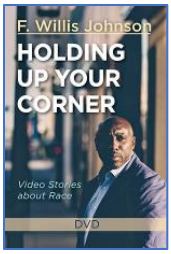
CHISHOLM '72 - UNBOUGHT AND UNBOSSED (103148) Recalling a watershed event in US politics, this compelling documentary takes an in-depth look at the 1972 presidential campaign of Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress and the first to seek nomination for the highest office in the land. Following Chisholm from her own announcement of her candidacy through her historic speech in Miami at the Democratic National Convention, the story is a fight for inclusion. Shunned by the political establishment and the media, this longtime champion of marginalized Americans asked for support from people of color, women, gays, and young people newly empowered to vote at the age of 18. Chisholm's bid for an equal place on the presidential dais generated strong, even racist opposition. Yet her challenge to the status quo and her message about exercising the right to vote struck many as progressive and positive. Period footage and music, interviews with supporters, opponents, observers, and Chisholm's own commentary all illuminate her groundbreaking initiative, as well as political and social currents still very much alive today. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) 77 Minutes.



FEAR OF THE OTHER: NO FEAR IN LOVE (106080) Author: Willimon, William H. and Ramirez, Delia Catalina. William Willimon challenges us to examine and intentionally improve our interactions with persons we may consider 'others.' In this five-session DVD study, conversations between Will Willimon and Delia Ramirez focus on each of the five sessions of the book: 1) Saved by the other (18 min.); 2) The other, my enemy (15 min.); 3) Learning to fear like Christians (14 min.); 4) Loving the other in church (13 min.); 5) Jesus, the Other (13 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. On the recommended resources list for the DVD study 'Holding Up Your Corner.' CLOSED CAPTIONED. 73 Minutes.



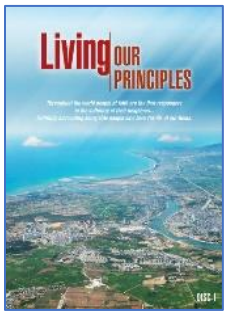
GIRL LIKE HER (107077) Author: Fessler, Ann. This film reveals the hidden history of over a million young women who became pregnant in the 1950s and 60s when 'nice girls' didn't get pregnant. It was a time when young women were routinely expelled from high schools and colleges and banished to maternity homes or distant relatives where they would give birth, surrender their babies for adoption, and start over with a clean slate. They were told to keep their secret and forget it ever happened. But did they? The films combines footage from educational films and newsreels with the voices of these mothers as they speak today about the long-term impact of surrender and silence on their lives. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) 45 Minutes.



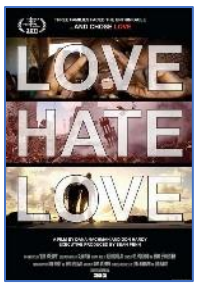
HOLDING UP YOUR CORNER: GUIDED CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE (108062) Author: Johnson, F. Willis. This resource is designed to help pastors and other faith leaders address issues of race and inequity in their communities. It is a six-hour experience that includes the presentation of key content through brief video clips, activities, and guided discussion in small groups around tables, as well as times for sharing with the whole group. The kit includes DVD (video content for each conversation segment), leader's guide, sample participant guide, and paperback book. For additional information and a link to additional online resources, go to https://www.abingdonpress.com/holdingupyourcorner



JUSTICE OR JUST US? THE BIBLICAL CALL TO CONFRONT RACISM (110062) Confronting racism is not just a social or political matter, but a theological one. It is the Bible that calls us to pursue justice, and the Bible that calls us to oppose racism. Justice or Just Us is a four-week DVD curriculum based on a sermon series and anti-racism commitment at St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis. Pastors Rob Fuquay, Nicole Caldwell-Gross, and Jevon Caldwell-Gross help you acknowledge the reality of racism in our world today, as well as our Christian responsibility to oppose it as individuals and together as the church. Each DVD segment includes places to pause and discuss questions with your small group. Sessions: 1) Recognizing dissonance (19 min.); 2) What Is biblical justice? (22 min.); 3) A world turned upside-down (20 min.); 4) It could be me (21 min.). Includes a printed list of the onscreen questions. A downloadable leader pack is also available to purchase from Cokesbury to help leaders facilitate the discussion and take the next steps of making an anti-racism commitment at your church. CLOSED CAPTIONED. 82 Minutes.

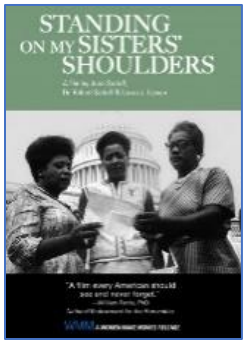


LIVING OUR PRINCIPLES: UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL PRINCIPLES (112120) Featuring the stories of persons in the United States and around the world, this DVD series explores the question: 'Who is our neighbor?" As people of faith, we live in a world not yet fully realized as the realm of God. We believe that by grace God's kingdom is within our reach as we put our faith into action, transforming both the personal body and the body politic, the mind, and the soul into the image and reflection of Christ. Session 1) The Natural World - in the face of nature's turbulent change communities put their principles into action (43 min.); 2) Nurturing Community - individuals and communities nurture and support those who have suffered, offering restoration and healing (38 min.); 3) Together in Community - forming partnerships to meet the needs of others (44 min.); 4) Economic Community - communities and persons work to create a more just and stable society (48 min.); 5) Politics, Power and the World - persons who take public office because of their faith (50 min.). 6) A selection of stories from previous episodes (55 min.). Includes guide.



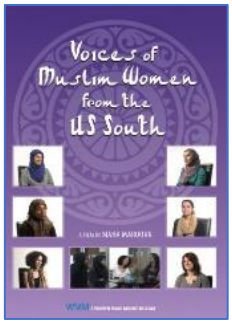
LOVE HATE LOVE (112103) This DVD documentary weaves together the stories of three families whose lives were torn apart by some of the most notorious terrorist attacks of the 21st century, yet refused to succumb to despair or hate. Liz Alderman's son Peter was murdered in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. Esther Hyman's only sister and a gifted artist was killed in the 2005 bus bombings in London. Australian business owner Ben Tullipan lost both his legs when a one-ton car bomb exploded outside a Bali night club in 2002. This film follows these individuals and their families across five continents, as they struggle to overcome their deep anguish and build positive, world-changing legacies for their lost loved ones. Love Hate Love is a moving story about the resilience of the human spirit, and the power of hope and love to transform lives and help fight hate in the world. CLOSED CAPTIONED Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) 89 Minutes.

RACE: THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION (118071) This DVD includes three segments (each in a long version and a shorter version) that discuss how our concepts of race are shaped by our history, social institutions, and cultural beliefs. Episode 1: The Difference Between Us -- examine contemporary science, including genetics, that challenges our assumptions about human groups (56 min. or 37 min.); Episode 2: The Story We Tell -- examine the 19th-century science that justified our treatment of African Americans, Native Americans, and Filipinos (56 min. or 34 min.); Episode 3: The House We Live In -- examine 20th-century policies regarding race and immigration, citizenship, and housing discrimination. Includes guide. On the recommended resources list for the DVD study 'Holding Up Your Corner.'

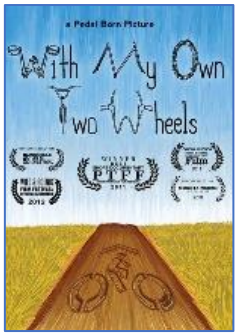


STANDING ON MY SISTERS' SHOULDERS (119168) In 1965, when three women walked into the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington D.C., they had come a very long way. Neither lawyers nor politicians, they were ordinary women from Mississippi, and descendants of African slaves. They had come to their country's capital seeking civil rights, the first black women to be allowed in the senate chambers in nearly 100 years. A missing chapter in our nation's record of the Civil Rights movement, this powerful documentary reveals the movement in Mississippi in the 1950's and 60's from the point of view of the courageous women who lived it – and emerged as its grassroots leaders. Their living testimony offers a window into a unique moment when the founders' promise of freedom and justice passed from rhetoric to reality for all Americans. Through moving interviews and powerful archival footage, this DVD weaves a story of commitment, passion and perseverance and tells the story of the women fought for change in Mississippi and altered the course of American history forever. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) CLOSED CAPTIONED. 61 Minutes.

THROUGH MY EYES (120062) In this DVD, young homosexual Christians share their feelings, struggles, and experiences. Two versions provided: a 46-minute documentary and a three-part discussion version (segments are 19, 14, and 13 minutes long). CLOSED CAPTIONED. 46 Minutes.



VOICES OF MUSLIM WOMEN FROM THE U.S. SOUTH (122023) When one thinks of the American Deep South, the image of veiled Muslim students strolling the University of Alabama campus is the last thing that comes to mind. This DVD explores the Muslim culture through the lens of five University of Alabama Muslim students. It shows how Muslim women carve a space for self-expression in the Deep South and how they negotiate their identities in a predominantly Christian society that often has unflattering views about Islam and Muslims. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) 30 Minutes.



WITH MY OWN TWO WHEELS (123082) This DVD documentary links together the stories of five individuals around the globe in a film about the power of the bicycle to improve lives. For Fred, a health worker in Zambia, the bicycle is a means of reaching twice as many patients in a week. For Bharati, a teenage girl in India, it provides access to education she otherwise wouldn't have. For Mirriam, a disabled Ghanaian woman, working on bicycles is an escape from the stigma attached to her disability. For Carlos, a farmer in Guatemala, pedal power is a way to help neighbors reduce their impact on the environment. For Sharkey, a young Latino man in California, the bicycle is an escape from the gangs that consume so many of his peers. The film can be used to better understand their life circumstances, the power of an "appropriate" human-scale technology in an increasingly hi-tech world, and to inspire discussion on how we can each contribute to improving the lives of people around the world, even in simple ways. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) 43 Minutes.