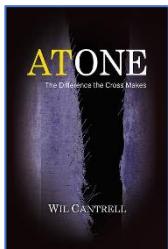


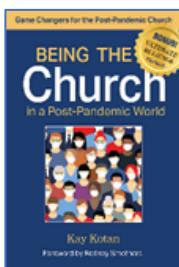


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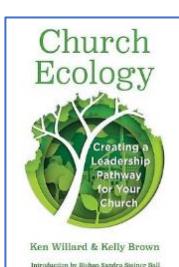
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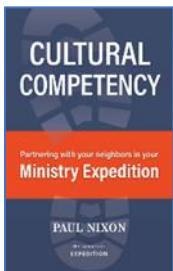
ATONE: THE DIFFERENCE THE CROSS MAKES (821096) Author: Cantrell, Wil. Christians have always agreed that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross made it possible for humanity to once again be at one with God. The church has never agreed on exactly how Jesus' sacrifice made this possible. Instead, many theories of atonement were offered as explanations - each of which offers a compelling, yet incomplete glimpse into the saving work of Jesus on the cross. In this book, Wil Cantrell explores the great mystery behind all the theories of how Jesus' sacrifice enables us to be at one with God, ourselves, and others. Readers will be challenged to move beyond solely intellectual discussions to atonement and to experience for themselves the transformation made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Written especially for the Lenten season (but appropriate at any time), ATONE is divided into six chapters. Chapters: Why did Jesus have to die?; Forgiveness and everything that comes with it; The great war; A new nature; The family you never knew you had; For all. Larger than average print. 129 Pages.



BEING THE CHURCH IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD: GAME CHANGERS FOR THE POST-PANDEMIC CHURCH (821045) Author: Kotan, Kay. As the church begins to emerge from the pandemic, our role is changing. It was already changing pre-pandemic, but the change is sure to escalate drastically post-pandemic. This book is designed to serve as a guide to what conversations might be helpful for you and your church's leadership. It is to be used as a tool, not an instrument of judgement or criticism. This resource was created out of a heart full of love for the local church and the hope it will be helpful in finding our next faithful steps to being the vital church in the post-pandemic world. Chapters: The pandemic's arrival; Now what; Flexibility; Relational; Vision; Spiritually grounded; Commitment; Innovative; Resilience; Courage; Next steps; Ultimate relaunch playbook. Includes discussion questions. Larger than average print. 162 Pages.

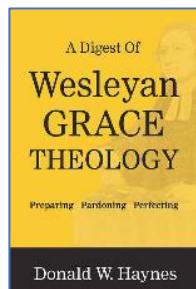


CHURCH ECOLOGY: CREATING A LEADERSHIP PATHWAY FOR YOUR CHURCH (820098) Author: Willard, Ken and Brown, Kelly. This book lays out a practical step-by-step approach to creating a leadership pathway that is grounded in scripture and prayer. Their creative, reflective process and practical suggestions invite all who participate to remember who they are in Christ. They invite us to be curious about current leadership development processes, curious about what those processes could be, curious about the journey - past, present, and future - and curious about past, present, and future capacity for fruitfulness. They invite us to ask questions and they ask us questions, coaching us to determine the next appropriate action step for our unique church situation. They also remind us that a leadership pathway for a community should not be built or created by one person, but a diverse small group of persons who are passionate about growing a healthy and generative church ministry, outreach, and witness. Chapters: The church as an ecosystem; Prayer, scripture, and preparation; Study the system; Leadership development approaches; Creating your leadership development pathway; Covenants, coaching, and culture; Small church leadership; Leadership replenishment; Fruitful harvest. Includes discussion questions and bibliography. 136 Pages.

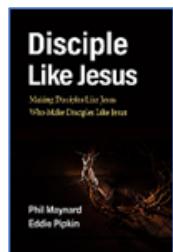


CULTURAL COMPETENCY: PARTNERING WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS IN YOUR MINISTRY EXPEDITION (821038)

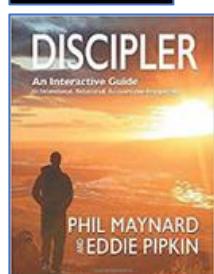
Author: Nixon, Paul. Author Paul Nixon explores how a church can regain a sense of cultural competency for ministering to the world around it. There are different strategies that impact how we do this – no single strategy is right for every church. But there are also baseline principles that are universally applicable. He looks first at baselines of culturally competent ministry, and then considers the varied strategies churches employ to get back in the game, in terms of effective ministry with their neighbors. Chapters: Ever been to Mars?; The Christian Good News transcends culture; Your Church belongs to God, not to you; The Good Ole' Days are in front of us, not behind us; Authenticity is essential – don't try to be something or somebody that you are not; No church can serve everybody – so each church had better get focused on particular somebodies; Friendship first, then ministry development; Cultural competency requires spiritual readiness; Social privilege often gets in our way; Community partnerships are priceless; Good listening may lead to un-learning, which leads to even better listening; A lot of what we try will go about as well as a Wile E. Coyote scheme; God is alive and at work in every neighborhood. Our challenge is to show up to what God is doing; Regardless of strategy, spiritual collaboration with new people is essential; Strategies and your church's ministry expedition; Cultural competency began as a work of the Holy Spirit. Includes discussion questions. 92 Pages.



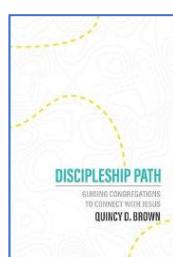
DIGEST OF WESLEYAN GRACE THEOLOGY: PREPARING, PARDONING, PERFECTING (820115) Author: Haynes, Donald. In this book, Dr. Donald W. Haynes provides an accessible and comprehensive articulation of the Wesleyan beliefs about the nature of grace and the scriptural way of salvation which led the Wesleyan movement to revive the church and change the world. Chapters: Genesis 1:27 tells you who we really are; Sin is real – the evidence is clear!; Wesleyans are Arminians, not Calvinists, and why!; Good News! – John 3:16 is the gist of the gospel; Preparing grace – God's undergirding and nudging us; Being saved differently – we are not 'cookie-cutter' Christians; Baptism – what happens?; God's Spirit – assuring us that we are forgiven; Perfecting grace – grace upon grace; Some 'means of grace' for keeping in touch with God; Mr. Wesley's 'catholic spirit.' 232 Pages.



DISCIPLE LIKE JESUS: MAKING DISCIPLES LIKE JESUS WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LIKE JESUS (820077) Author: Maynard, Phil and Pipkin, Eddie. Chapters: Defining discipleship; What discipleship looks like; Belonging to the Body of Christ; Becoming more like Jesus; Blessing the world; Growing disciples; Discipling relationships and skills; Conclusion. Includes questions for reflection and discussion. 190 Pages.

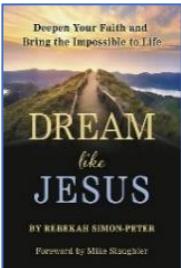


DISCIPLER: AN INTERACTIVE GUIDE TO INTENTIONAL, RELATIONAL, ACCOUNTABLE DISCIPLESHIP (818042) Author: Maynard, Phil and Pipkin, Eddie. Designed to be used by an individual or small group under the guidance of a mentor or spiritual director, this workbook is a daily practical guide with Scripture-based reflections and exercises that will help you grow towards maturity as a disciple of Jesus Christ. There are six weeks' worth of exercises for each of the growth phases -- Exploring; Beginning; Growing; Maturing. Within each weekly section there are six activities, one for each dimension of discipleship (worship, hospitality, openness to Jesus, obedience, service, and generosity), which leaves one day for Sabbath each week. 182 Pages.



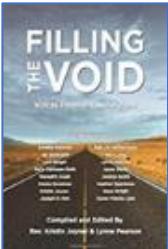
DISCIPLESHIP PATH: GUIDING CONGREGATIONS TO CONNECT WITH JESUS (820078)

Author: Brown, Quincy. This book is designed to help churches to discern, dream, and dream next step practices for discipleship. Chapters: Introduction; Discipleship – connecting people with Jesus; Guiding congregations – navigating change and transitions; Engagement – asking about life; Traditions – what questions are you trying to answer?; Discern – understanding story shifts; Changes – not like it used to be; Dream – imagining a new story; Crowdsourcing – tell us what to do; Develop – creating an action plan; Worship – honoring God daily; Serve – leading by serving; Grow – practices of faith; Give – investing resources; Impact – making a difference; Conclusion – completing the path. 182 Pages.

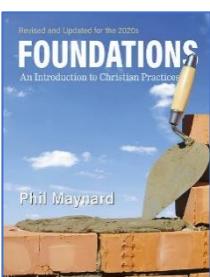


DREAM LIKE JESUS: DEEPEN YOUR FAITH AND BRING THE IMPOSSIBLE TO LIFE (819178)

Author: Simon-Peter, Rebekah. Rebekah Simon-Peter explores her own spiritual journey and helps leaders learn to dream like Jesus, thus inspiring individuals and congregations to dream and achieve dreams previously thought impossible. Chapters: The rise and fall of Jesus' big dream; Dream like Jesus; Align others to your dream; Realize the dream; Expand the dream; The future is yours. Larger than average print. 177 Pages.

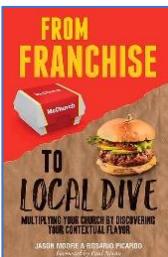


FILLING THE VOID: VOICES FROM THE NONE ZONE (819124) Author: Joyner, Kristin and Pearson, Lynne, editors. The narratives of these clergy leaders in the most religiously challenging region of the United States, the Pacific Northwest, which is often referred to as the 'None Zone,' offer testimonies and evidence of vibrant church life and ministries that speak to the changing realities of 21st century society. Each chapter includes discussion questions. Larger than average print. 137 Pages.



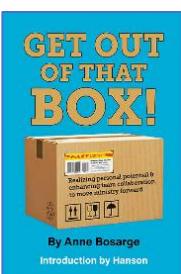
FOUNDATIONS: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN PRACTICES (820157)

Author: Maynard, Phil. Revised and Updated for the 2020s. Growth as a disciple begins with a good foundation. We need to learn how to pray, how to begin reading the Bible, how to live in authentic relationships, how to have a devotional time, how to use the resources God has provided, how to discern our call to serve, and how to share our faith. In this new updated edition, these basic foundational spiritual disciplines are presented in an easy to understand and very practical workbook-style format. This workbook can be used with a small group of new believers, with a new member class, or as a guide in a mentoring relationship. Even seasoned believers are finding this to be a valuable resource to strengthen their spiritual lives. Available for two-week preview only. 114 Pages.



FROM FRANCHISE TO LOCAL DIVE: MULTIPLYING YOUR CHURCH BY DISCOVERING YOUR CONTEXTUAL FLAVOR (820075)

Author: Moore, Jason and Picardo, Rosario. Authors Jason Moore and Rosario Picardo encourage church leaders to learn about and adapt to their local communities. Chapters: Introduction; Franchise - established churches; The local drive - organic communities; Menu planning - the covenant agreement; Eat fresh - new possibilities; Discovering your local flavor - incarnational ministry; Team cuisine - fostering collaboration; Worth the wait - essential ingredients; To go box - next steps. 238 Pages.



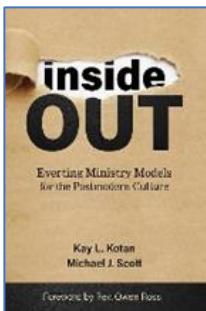
GET OUT OF THAT BOX! (820096)

Author: Bosarge, Anne. Realizing Personal Potential and Enhancing Team Collaboration to Move Ministry Forward. In this book, you'll unpack common myths about creativity, learn how to overcome roadblocks that keep you trapped, and explore practical suggestions that will help you create an environment for creativity to thrive. In addition to informative tips and theories, you'll find dozens of "Practice This" exercises that will help you lead and inspire your team to think more creatively and work more collaboratively. Chapters: Myth – only some people are creative; Myth – creative people are 'artsy'; Myth – creativity just happens by accident; Myth – Creativity and tradition are in competition; Myth – Creativity is for visual arts, music ministry and children's ministry; Fear; Negativity; Limitations; Assumptions; Planting seeds that produce change; Harness the power of frustration; Embrace diversity; Harness habits; Prioritize play; Define the problem; Get curious; Release the need to take credit; The power of pause; Uncovering blind spots; Physical environments for creativity; Encourage collaboration; Inspire others, create hope. Includes index. 171 Pages.



IMPACT!: RECLAIMING THE CALL OF LAY MINISTRY (818167)

Author: Kotan, Kay and Bradford, Blake. We are a people of transformation and for transformation. We are a community of people coming together for a common purpose. That purpose is Christ-centered and God-sized impact! Impact will be best realized when we are a mission- and vision-guided church who is lay-governed, pastor-led, and filled with laity who are equipped and mobilized for ministry. Chapters: Christ's church for Christ's impact; Cultural impact; Discipleship impact; Relational impact; Missions impact; Worship with impact; Impact-focused lay leadership; New pastor's arrival - an opportunity for impact; Rise up and make an impact! Includes discussion questions for leadership/board members, disciples, and the pastor/staff. Larger than average print. 154 Pages.



INSIDE OUT: EVERTING MINISTRY MODELS FOR THE POSTMODERN CULTURE (822015)

Author: Kotan, Kay and Scott, Michael. As we evert the church model for the postmodern, post-Christian world, we need to evert, turn inside out, many of our thoughts and beliefs about how we go about “doing” church. This is NOT about changing our beliefs but about changing how we engage in ministry. There is urgent kingdom work that needs to be done. The postmodern, post-Christian world is suffering. People are more connected digitally than any prior generation but find themselves lonelier than ever before. Our neighbors seek hope, meaning, and a sense of community and belonging. Mental health is in crisis with staggering levels of depression and anxiety. While our neighbors struggle and need help, so many churches are ill-equipped for this work, the kind of work the church should be the very best at providing. After all, we have the Good News. Sadly, though, our methods of sharing this Good News and reaching others outside our congregations are no longer relevant, so it is as though the church is mute and the community culture is deaf or vice versa. In this book, authors Kay Kotan and Michael Scott unpack resources for the ever-emerging church in the American culture. If the church is to be relevant, compelling, and faithful in its commission to reach new people, we must embrace these trends and plot a new course to navigate them in our local contexts. The need for this navigation and course correction is critical, and the timing is urgent. We have no time to waste. The church has remained hesitant for too long as culture has charged forward by leaps and bounds. There is no more waiting; the time is now. The mission is too important to delay any longer. Chapters: Moving away from Sunday-centric; Moving away from building-centric; Moving away from offering-plate dependency; Becoming emotionally and culturally competent; Moving towards Christian social entrepreneurship. 150 Pages.

JOURNEY'S CALL: RETURNING TO OUR PIONEER ROOTS (821057)

Author: Maynard, Phil. The people called Methodists are part of what was one of the greatest movements in all of history. Methodism was not conceived as a new kind of institution to do what we have always done in a more structured, restrictive way. It was a movement to reform the institutional church. It was a movement to help people rediscover the amazing relationship God has offered to us through Jesus Christ. It was a movement to recapture the change that God works in the heart through faith in Christ. For modern-day Methodists, the present challenge is to embrace adaptive change - not merely to employ technical changes to pull every trick out of the hat to preserve the institution as it has been - but to remain true to the Great Commission while modifying our approach with flourish and finesse. It's not about institutional preservation. It's about a bold, adaptive journey that ultimately honors the narrative of our heritage as

Methodists and defines us as faithful and fearless disciples. This book discusses this Pioneer Theology and how churches can implement it. Chapters: The idea of the journey; Movement; Life cycle of the church; Settler and pioneer theology; Salvation by grace; Inclusive community; Spiritual practices; Accountability for growth as a disciple; Efficacy of the sacraments; Empowerment by the Holy Spirit; Compassionate ministries; Social responsibility; Old normal vs new normal chart; Paragraph 202 principle; Reimagined worship; Reimagined hospitality; Reimagined discipleship; Reimagined service; Reimagined generosity; Reimagined leadership; Responding to twists and turns; The expedition team's shared spirit of the journey. Larger than average print. 88 Pages.

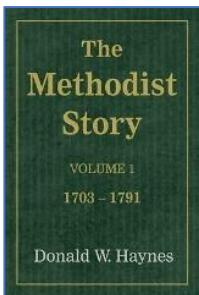
LAUNCHING LEADERS: TAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TO NEW HEIGHTS (819123)

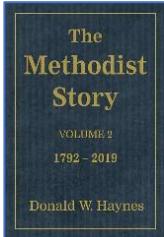
Author: Kotan, Kay and Schroeder, Phil. This book explores gutsy leadership traits and a process for churches of how to develop leaders -- plans for a 'Launching Leaders' class. Larger than average print. 157 Pages.



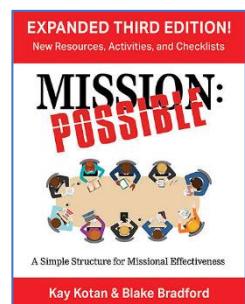
METHODIST STORY VOLUME 1: 1703-1791 (819125)

Author: Haynes, Donald. Chapters: The times in Britain during Wesley's ministry; Geo-politics during Wesley's ministry; The Wesley family and John Wesley; Oxford - the first rise of Methodism; Georgia - the second rise of Methodism; Aldersgate - the third rise of Methodism; Methodism is born, takes unique shape; Movement meets opposition - grows, spreads; Early Methodist structures; Early connectional innovations; Methodism in England in Wesley's later years. Includes bibliography. Larger than average print. 243 Pages.





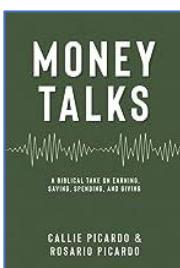
METHODIST STORY VOLUME 2: 1792-2019 (IN AMERICA) (819126) Author: Haynes, Donald. Chapters: Lay preachers emigrating voluntarily; Wesley sends lay preachers to America; Peace - a new nation and a new church; The Methodist Episcopal Church; Methodism of the Asbury era - 1784-1816; Methodism of the post-Asbury era; Racial identity, reform and divisions; The message, method and mission of Methodism; The General Conference of 1844; Civil War apocalypse; Methodist theologies of ministry with African Americans; American Methodist rapprochement; Doctrinal divide - the holiness movement; Late nineteenth century mainstream theology; Church extension and missionary emphasis; Methodism meets social ills; 'The academy' as shaper of Methodist theology; Twentieth century denominational development; The rediscovery of John Wesley; The path to unification - 1869-1939; The Methodist Church - 1930-1968; The United Methodist Church - 1968-2019; 2019 - the way forward. Larger than average print. 225 Pages.



MISSION POSSIBLE 3+: A SIMPLE STRUCTURE FOR MISSIONAL EFFECTIVENESS (821073)

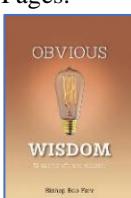
Author: Kotan, Kay and Bradford, Blake. In this book, the authors have re-written and updated their best-selling resource for local churches to better assist congregations seeking to use the simplified, accountable leadership structure, often called the one-board model. They remind the reader that meetings are not ministry. The idea of the simplified, accountable leadership structure is to focus on ministry while making meetings fewer in number but larger in meaning. In this third edition of the bestselling book aimed at congregational leaders, particularly United Methodists, the authors provide practical, field-tested steps to simplify your church structure, practice accountable leadership, and unleash more people into ministry. Too often churches try to simplify their structures by just having less meetings and having fewer people at the meeting table. But real simplification and accountable

leadership means that meetings – and leaders – are transformed. Kay Kotan and Blake Bradford walk you through the three distinct phases: discern the right path, equip participants for accountable leadership, and implement both the technical and adaptive changes to simplify your structure and align your resources for missional effectiveness. This expanded and updated version also includes two new sections: a section chock full of 26 indispensable resources and an exclusive nearly 40-page brand-new, judicatory section. This expansive resource is packed with invaluable tools for leadership board members, pastors, nominating committee members, and judicatory leaders. The authors share the latest best practices from working with hundreds of congregations of all sizes and thousands of leaders from across the nation. 288 Pages.

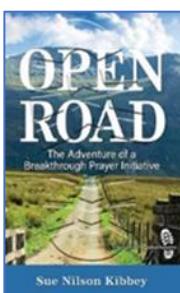


MONEY TALKS: A BIBLICAL TAKE ON EARNING, SAVING, SPENDING, AND GIVING (821097)

Author: Picardo, Callie and Picardo, Rosario. Money talks. Money has power. Influence. It ascribes worth and value. The good news is, money isn't the only thing that talks. God also talks. Even louder than money if we have the ears to hear. God is speaking today through the power of the Holy Spirit. And as much as the world loves to talk about money, God has even more to say. What is He trying to tell us in the midst of all this money talk? Simply this: He is enough. So, how can we talk about money as it relates to our relationship with God, others, and the world? This book is spiritual, but it's also practical. Readers will explore how to actually earn, save, spend, and give in a way that puts God, not money, first. Chapters: Introduction – what discipleship looks like; Chase money vs. earn money; Hoard money vs. save money; Squander money vs. spend money; Worship money vs. give money; Postlude – blessings. Larger than average print. 168 Pages.



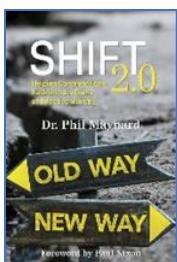
OBVIOUS WISDOM: 52 TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE MINISTRY (820100) Author: Farr, Bob. With all the demands of ministry in a rapidly changing culture, it can be easy for pastors to lose focus and perspective. In this book, Bishop Bob Farr provides succinct, powerful practical advice (2-4 pages per topic) designed to help pastors utilize their resources and energy wisely while growing more and more passionate about their faith and ministry. The book is a perfect guide for a weekly clergy group or personal reflection. 190 Pages.



OPEN ROAD: THE ADVENTURE OF A BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER INITIATIVE (821035)

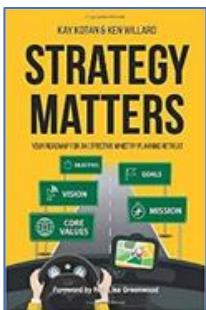
Author: Kibbey, Sue Nilson. What's gone wrong in a perfectly good faith-filled, well-intentioned, settled-in congregation that has become plateaued or even started into decline? In this book, Sue Nilson Kibbey seeks to help readers embrace and deploy the missing ingredient anew in their own personal lives and in the life of your church, a churchwide prayer initiative. The author's intent is to inspire you about what is Divinely possible, provide you a practical path of steps you can take with ideas you could deploy to add this ingredient and recount a few of the many stories from your sister churches that may add to your inspiration. Chapters: Start here; Church of the open road; Open road - removing roadblocks;

Breakthrough prayer initiative wayfinder; Breakthrough prayer initiative – a guide to help you with implementation; Open road survival equipment – specialty breakthrough practices. Includes discussion questions. 108 Pages.



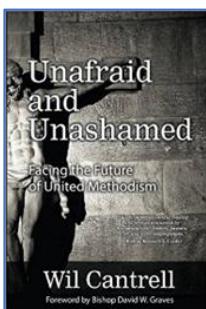
SHIFT 2.0: HELPING CONGREGATIONS BACK INTO THE GAME OF EFFECTIVE MINISTRY (819080)

Author: Maynard, Phil. Chapters: From fellowship to hospitality; From worship as an event to worship as a lifestyle; From membership to discipleship; From 'serve us' to service; From 'survival mentality' to generosity; Leading the charge without getting trampled. Larger than average print. 236 Pages.



STRATEGY MATTERS: YOUR ROADMAP FOR AN EFFECTIVE MINISTRY PLANNING RETREAT (820097)

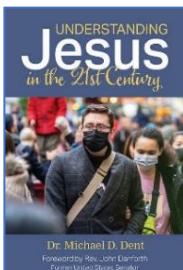
Author: Kotan, Kay and Willard, Ken. Many churches do a good job at planning activities, but this is often not producing the effective and fruitful ministries churches had hoped for or expected. Instead, churches must go beyond planning activities to intentional and strategic planning for the church to be faithful to its mission. This book provides the step-by-step process for preparing, conducting, and following up for strategic ministry planning retreats that will lead your church into more effective, focused, and fruitful ministry. Chapters: Understanding the five elements of strategic ministry planning (core values, mission, vision, SMARTER goals, objectives); Planning for the retreat; Conducting the strategic planning retreat; Following up after the retreat. 133 Pages.



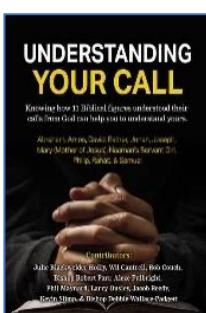
your agenda?; Becoming the loyal opposition; Church unity; My prayer for you, me, and the UMC. Larger than average print. 149 Pages. c2017

UNAFAIR AND UNASHAMED: FACING THE FUTURE OF UNITED METHODISM (817136)

Author: Cantrell, Wil. Nothing is needed more in the contentious dialogue surrounding human sexuality that threatens the unity of the United Methodist Church than a resource created to nurture the souls of all United Methodists. Through an unflinching look at the challenges facing United Methodism, Wil Cantrell cultivates faith, respect for disparate opinions, appreciation for the Wesleyan means of grace and commitment to the church. This book has been developed to aid local pastors in effectively communicating the issues facing the denomination in a manner that strengthens the church. It is a great resource for any United Methodist seeking a clear understanding of the challenges and opportunities before us. Chapters: Option: fear or faith; Removing the rose colored glasses; Paying the cover charge; Looking in the mirror; Embracing diversity; Getting serious about connectionalism; What's



Author: Dent, Michael. In this book, Dr. Michael Dent discusses current issues and topics and invites individual readers and small groups to see them through a spiritual lens. Chapters: Introduction; Jesus and racism; Jesus and politics - I have a candidate; Jesus and politics - how faithful people can change politics; Looking for transformational leaders; Jesus and Jews – what about our Jewish friends?; Jesus and other religions – one way or many?; Jesus and human sexuality – bringing the 'L word' (love) home; Jesus the refugee; Jesus and the Most Interesting Man in the World; Jesus and football; Jesus and Christopher Columbus; Jesus and Willie Nelson; Jesus and Osama bin Laden; Jesus and contentment; Jesus in a pandemic world; Jesus and 4-G Thanksgiving; Jesus and pets; Jesus and my life purpose. Includes discussion questions. 159 Pages.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CALL (819066)

Author: Slimp, Kevin, editor. Knowing How 11 Biblical Figures Understood Their Calls from God Can Help You to Understand Yours. Chapters: Samuel - a voice in the dark (by Wil Cantrell); Amos - man of the cloth (by Kevin Slimp); Rahab - fulfilling her call (by Aleze Fulbright); David - a man after God's own heart (by Rob Couch); Joseph - an interpreter of dreams (by Larry Ousley); Abraham - listening to outside voices (by Robert Farr); Servant girl - called by God (by Debra Wallace-Padgett); Philip - helping people discover Jesus (by Phil Maynard); Esther - a Jewish queen (by Julie Blackwelder Holly); Mary - Mary said yes (by Debra Wallace-Padgett); Jonah - he knew God's voice (by Jacob Reedy). Includes questions for reflection or discussion. Larger than average print. 112 Pages.