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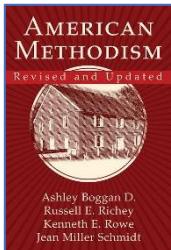
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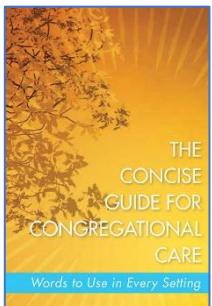
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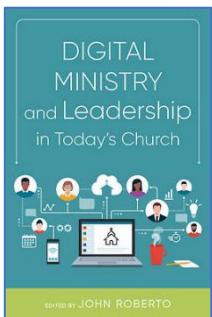
AMERICAN METHODISM: A COMPACT HISTORY, REVISED AND UPDATED (822042) Authors: Boggan, Ashley; Richey, Russell; Rowe, Kenneth; Schmidt, Jean Miller. Covering the years of 1760–2022, this comprehensive and readable book is for students, scholars, and others who are interested in learning about the historical and ongoing Methodist movement. It can be used independently or as a companion to the following books, also available from the UMRC: Methodist Experience in America: A History (#811061) and Methodist Experience in America: A Sourcebook (#811062). Age: Adult. 410 Pages.



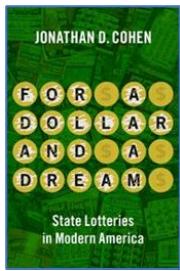
BEYOND WELCOME: CENTERING IMMIGRANTS IN OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION (823001) Author: Gonzalez, Karen. Chapters: Strangers in a strange land – the myth of assimilation; The scarlet cord and the myth of the good immigrant; Russian for beginners – words matter; Reading the Bible – interpretations have consequences; Mi casa es su casa – the hospitality of Jesus; The land before (western) time – a theology of belonging; Departures – people on the move; Ethical storytelling – disrupting the narrative; The kin-dom where everyone belongs. Age: Adult. 160 Pages.



CONCISE GUIDE FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE (823000) Author: Gepford, Melissa. This small book provides words of scripture and prayer, along with important information to share with people in hospitals, care centers, and homes. Part 1 offers quick reminders of the foundations for care, including key points on theology, boundaries, procedures, and the use of technology. Part 2 provides scriptures, prayers, and other relevant words for times of crisis and events or situations during which people need care. It is organized by situation, including addiction, anxiety, cancer, COVID-19, death, depression, divorce, infertility, sexual assault, and suicide. Part 3 equips you to be a meaningful spiritual guide in important moments beyond crisis care. These include adoption, blessing of a home, graduation, retirement, and many other transitions, milestones, and seasons of life. This section includes words of scripture and prayer for each situation, plus instructions for conducting a simple service of anointment. Age: Adult. 143 Pages.



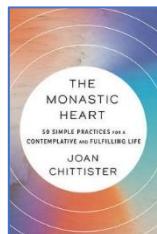
DIGITAL MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S CHURCH (822020) Author: Roberto, John, editor. Filled with reflection and discussion questions, how-to information, and examples, this book is designed for pastors, ministry leaders, and faith formation leaders in Christian churches who want to initiate, develop, enhance, or grow their use of digital platforms, tools, methods, and media to further their mission and ministries. No matter what your level of confidence, comfort, and competency in digital ministry, you will find ideas, strategies, guidance, and support for your next steps, personally, and for your church community. Chapters: The digital transformation of church; Digital tools and methods for ministry and faith formation; Community and relationship building in virtual spaces; Faith formation in the digital age; Curation of digital media for ministry and faith formation; Leadership for digital ministry. Includes bibliography. Age: Adult. 126 Pages.



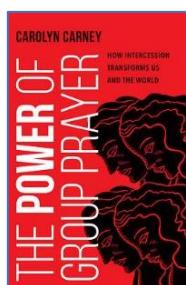
FOR A DOLLAR AND A DREAM: STATE LOTTERIES IN MODERN AMERICA (822022) Author: Cohen, Jonathan. This first comprehensive history of America's lottery obsession explores the spread of state lotteries and how players and policymakers alike got hooked on wishful dreams of an elusive jackpot. The story of lotteries in the United States may seem straightforward: tickets are bought predominately by poor people driven by the wishful belief that they will overcome infinitesimal odds and secure lives of luxury; the reality is more complicated. Jonathan Cohen shows how, in an era of surging inequality and stagnant upward mobility, millions of Americans turned to the lottery as their only chance at achieving the American Dream. Gamblers were not the only ones who bet on betting. As voters revolted against higher taxes in the late twentieth century, states saw legalized gambling as a panacea, a way of generating a new source of revenue without cutting public services or raising taxes. Even as evidence emerged that lotteries only provided a small percentage of state revenue, and even as data mounted about their appeal to the poor, states kept passing them and kept adding new games, desperate for their longshot gamble to pay off. Alongside stories of lottery winners and losers, Jonathan Cohen shows how gamblers have used prayer to help them win a jackpot, how states tried to pay for schools with scratch-off tickets, and how lottery advertising has targeted lower income and nonwhite communities. This book charts the untold history of the nation's lottery system, revealing how players and policymakers alike got hooked on hopes for a gambling windfall. Includes index. Age: Adult. 281 Pages.



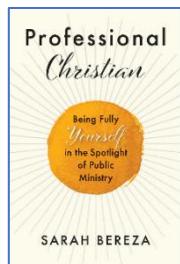
FOR THE COMMON GOOD: DISCOVERING AND USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS (823006) Author: Harman, Christine. Discover your spiritual gifts and learn how to use them to serve others. Examining key passages in Paul's writings, author Christine Harman leads readers through a personal spiritual gift assessment. She names 25 distinct spiritual gifts - such as discernment, hospitality, compassion, evangelism, and music - and helps people explore scripture references on each one. After identifying their particular gifts, clergy and laypeople will learn how to apply them for the good of their church, community, and the world. This book is ideal for both group study and self-discovery. Also included are suggestions for how to build a ministry team based on the gifts of each individual. A five-session leader's guide PDF for small groups can be purchased at <https://store.upperroom.org/product/for-the-common-good-2> Age: Adult. 127 Pages.



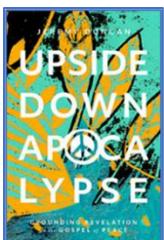
MONASTIC HEART: 50 SIMPLE PRACTICES FOR A CONTEMPLATIVE AND FULFILLING LIFE (823004) Author: Chittister, Joan. Benedictine monasticism – Christian monasticism – was founded in the sixth century by Benedict of Nursia, a man of high ideals in search of personal growth and moral integrity. This book provides the components of monastic life that we can integrate into our own lives. In brief chapters, Joan Chittister discusses 50 topics, including hospitality, sacred space, growth, labor, praise, service, listening, peacemaking, humility, difficult times, and more. Age: Adult. 264 Pages.



POWER OF GROUP PRAYER: HOW INTERCESSION TRANSFORMS US AND THE WORLD (823002) Author: Carney, Carolyn. Revival occurs when groups of people pray together; however, praying together effectively doesn't come easily, and we're often left wondering how to best engage in the work of intercession. Drawing from decades of ministry experience, author Carolyn Carney shares stories and practices for corporate prayer, reflection questions, and supplemental resources to help build powerful intercession groups. Chapters: Before we pray; What is intercession?; A case for corporate intercession; Establishing vision; Leading prayer that transforms; Listening to God; Scripture and worship in intercession; Taking it to the streets; Event intercession; Praying for revival; Facing opposition; Growing in spiritual depth and authority; Rest from ministry; The long view. Also includes: Twelve key moves of effective prayer meetings; Visionary Bible study before prayer walking; Intercession before a worship service; and more. Age: Adult. 215 Pages.



PROFESSIONAL CHRISTIAN: BEING FULLY YOURSELF IN THE SPOTLIGHT OF PUBLIC MINISTRY (823003) Author: Bereza, Sarah. This book gathers the wisdom from fifty church leaders in a variety of roles on topics such as authenticity, privacy, boundaries, doubt, self-care, and the challenges of being held to a higher standard. The stories, advice, and wisdom from these leaders help to show us that thriving in ministry should not have to come at the expense of our identity and relationships. Chapters: The foundation for being fully ourselves; Power, pedestals, and other complications of professional ministry; Authenticity, sincerity, and other ways to imagine how to be ourselves; Communicating with neighbors we know – and those we don't; Skewed reality or a slice of life?; For the sake of our neighbors; Sharing our valleys with others (or not); Fully present is fully ourselves. Includes questions for reflection and discussion. Age: Adult. 187 Pages.



UPSIDE-DOWN APOCALYPSE: GROUNDING REVELATION IN THE GOSPEL OF PEACE (823005) Author: Duncan, Jeremy. In this book, author and pastor Jeremy Duncan draws on biblical scholarship and nonviolent theology to guide readers through the book of Revelation. He unpacks the vision of John in the light of Jesus, the full revelation of God glimpsed most clearly through the Gospels. Along the way, readers will discover what John imagines as he weaves this profound revelation of nonviolent triumph and will see with fresh eyes how the Prince of Peace turns violence on its head once and for all. Chapters: Jesus at the center; What's an apocalypse?; The underground prophetic; Starting local; The (some) One on the throne; Riders of the apocalypse; Trumpets and the temple; The nature of evil; Monsters attack; Ground zero; The new city. Includes bibliography. Age: Adult. 213 Pages.