

## SUSTAINING HOPE IN AN UNJUST WORLD

### HOW TO KEEP GOING WHEN YOU WANT TO GIVE UP

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#### APPEARANCES & EVENTS

- May 18 - Plymouth Congregational Church book launch, Fort Wayne, IN
- May 31 - June 1 - Indiana-Kentucky United Church of Christ Conference Annual Gathering

#### MEDIA

- Publishers Weekly, Jan. 28 - included in Religion & Social Issues feature
- Podcast interview, Homebrewed Christianity, mid March
- NPR interview (Fort Wayne local station) on local social justice issues, March 5
- Advertising buys in Ingram Christian Advance/Current Events Supplement, Sojourners, and Christian Century
- Posts in Progressive Christians Uniting e-newsletter
- Featured resource on [ProgressiveChristianity.org](http://ProgressiveChristianity.org)
- Book Review, Kissing Fish Progressive Christian blog - date TBD
- Review copies out and awaiting reviews to: Publishers Weekly, Library Journal, Booklist, Shelf Awareness, Book Page, Foreword Reviews, Washington Post/Acts of Faith, Christian Century, Sojourners, Christianity Today, Relevant, progressive Christian bloggers and podcasters.

#### REVIEWS

##### LYNN GARRETT, PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

The temptation to give up is part of the battle, writes pastor Timothy Charles Murphy in *Sustaining Hope in an Unjust World: How to Keep Going When You Want to Give Up* (Chalice, May). The problems seem intractable, and failure comes with the process of change. "If evil often wins, how can we faithfully respond in

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You Want to Change the World. So Do We.

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hope of a better day?" he writes. "How have people endured across generations, and how can we learn from them today? If we can give compelling answers to these questions, then we just might have a shot at a better future after all." Murphy is former executive director of the faith and social justice organization Progressive Christians Uniting and the author of *Counter-Imperial Churching for a Planetary Gospel*.

**CATHERINE KELLER, PROFESSOR OF  
CONSTRUCTIVE THEOLOGY, DREW  
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.**

Gripping stories, unpretentious wisdom, and down-to-earth God-talk: this is an indispensable guidebook for activists who need re-activating. When your hope flags, grab this book and read!

**JOHN B. COBB, JR., FOUNDED CO-DIRECTOR  
OF THE CENTER FOR PROCESS STUDIES AND  
PROCESS AND FAITH**

Murphy has thought deeply and honestly as he lived out his calling to liberate and seek justice. Other Christian activists will resonate to much that he has said. He recognizes unflinchingly the depth of resistance to reform from others, from the system, and from our own weariness and despair. In the context of repeated failure and hopeless odds, he calls us to keep on keeping on. We are not likely to be victorious. But our faithfulness will make a difference, a difference worth making. Thank you, Tim, for calling us, without self deception or false expectation of divine intervention, to lives of faithfulness, hopefulness, and love.

**BRIAN D. MCLAREN, AUTHOR OF THE GREAT  
SPIRITUAL MIGRATION**

Tim Murphys new book is just what I needed. If you need encouragement, perspective, and solid reasons to keep going in the struggle for justice, get *Sustaining Hope in an Unjust World*.

**WM. ANDREW SCHWARTZ, PH.D. EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR PROCESS STUDIES**

Ever struggle keeping faith when evil wins, love fails, and you lose a fight for justice and peace? Then this book is written for you! Murphy's stories and insights offer a powerful new look at activism and hope from a progressive Christian perspective.

**REV. PETER LAARMAN, FORMER DIRECTOR,  
PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANS UNITING**

Timothy Murphy's *Sustaining Hope* could not be more timely, as all who struggle for justice now face overwhelming and urgent challenges. Dr. Murphy invites us to find hope in the very essence of what it means to be faithful. His style is warm and engaging, his arguments lucid and convincing, and his book is perfectly fashioned and formatted for fueling rich small group conversation. Timothy Murphy gives us the powerful and accessible theology and ethics that this 21st century desperately needs. A great resource for these difficult days.