New Resources at Your Presbytery Resource Center

Darkness is My Only Companion: A Christian Response to Mental Illness by Kathryn Green-McCreight (Brazos Press 2015)

The author, Kathryn Green-McCreight, is an Episcopal priest who suffers from mental illness. She takes the reader along on her personal journey in the hope that others may be healed. This resource is recommended for people who suffer from mental illness and those who minister to them.

Resurrecting the Person: Friendship and the care of People with Mental Health Problems by John Swinton (Abington Press, 2000)

Swinton reminds us to see people who suffer from mental health problems as people rather than as “their problem.” This book explores ways to help us separate people from their illness, thereby resurrecting the actual person. Here is a Biblical rationale for Christians to reach out to people with mental illness, providing practical models for their care and for the care of their families.

Troubled Minds: Mental Illness and the Church’s Mission by Amy Simpson (IVP Books 2013)

One in every four people suffers from mental illness. The author points out that this means these people, their family and/or their friends are sitting in our church’s pews. She draws on pastor surveys and clinical research to remind us that Christ calls us to love our brothers and sisters in Christ, which includes people with mental illness.

Drama Tweens: Engaging the Bible with Younger Adolescence by Katherine Turpin (Wipf & Stock, 2016)

Turpin understands that younger adolescence youth have high energy that might make faith formation a challenge for the adults that minister to them. She tells us why to choose drama as a way to reach tweens and how to choose appropriate parts and scripts. The book includes several scripts appropriate for tweens. With suggestions for letting youth write and direct their own small play for worship, this resource could come in handy for any of our members working with this particular age group.

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