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(BKDBX027) THE SIGN AND THE SACRIFICE

Williams, Rowan

Westminster/John Knox Press

2017

Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, presents the Gospel accounts of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection as viewed through the eyes of those who witnessed them. The Sign and the Sacrifice explores the meaning of the cross and the significance of Christ's resurrection, discussing what these events meant to Jesus' followers in the early years and what they can say to us today.

(BKNXX047) THE E-GIVING GUIDE FOR EVERY CHURCH

Rogers, Richard

Abingdon Press

2016

Cash or check? How about neither? Many churches have figured out that when it comes to teaching, communicating, and taking attendance, paper is, for the most part, passé. We read Bible studies on a tablet, scan flat-screen monitors for class times, and swipe bar codes to record our presence at worship. Then why haven't we embraced the idea of electronic giving and digital finance? The E-Giving Guide for Every Church takes away the confusion and fear involved in using electronic media to raise money for your ministry and mission by providing a solid, sustainable framework that focuses on the key topics every church must address...sooner than later.

**(BKDB2063) LENTEN REFLECTIONS ON THE
CONFESSION OF BELHAR**

Allen, Kerri N. and McKim, Donald K.

Witherspoon Press

2016

After the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) adopted the Confession of Belhar to become part of the Book of Confessions in June 2016, consideration was given to what type of resource could introduce the Belhar Confession more fully to the denomination. It seemed that a book of devotions based on the Belhar Confession would be a blessing to the church as congregations and individual Presbyterians contemplated Scripture, the Belhar Confession, and the meanings that emerge as the Confession is studied phrase by phrase during the season of Lent. The devotions were written by a variety of Presbyterians, reflecting on a portion of the Confession in relation to Scripture texts that are associated with the Confession. The forty-seven devotions cover the days of Lent, plus Sundays.

(BKDB2064) WAY OTHER THAN OUR OWN, A

Brueggemann, Walter

Westminster/John Knox Press

2017

Lent recalls times of wilderness and wandering, from newly freed Hebrew slaves in exile to Jesus temptation in the desert. God has always called people out of their safe, walled cities into uncomfortable places, revealing paths they would never have chosen. Despite our culture of self-indulgence, we too are called to walk an alternative path one of humility, justice, and peace. Walter Brueggemann's thought-provoking reflections for the season of Lent invite us to consider the challenging, beautiful life that comes with walking the way of grace.

**(BKME2012) MORE THAN ENOUGH;
LIVING ABUNDANTLY IN A CULTURE OF EXCESS**

Moses, Lee Hull

Westminster/John Knox Press

2016

All our daily choices have an impact on the earth and the people around us: choices about where we shop, what we eat, what we give away.... But can we really do anything to help? Can we find joy in our own lives when there is so much pain in the world? Sorting out the answers gets overwhelming and complicated very quickly.

With a blend of practical reflection and insight on topics from guilt to delight, More than Enough goes beyond a call to gratitude and generosity and invites the reader to a new way of life, one that is grounded in the hope and grace of God.

(BKMHX018) HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Daley-Harris, Shannon

Westminster/John Knox Press

2016

In Hope for the Future, Shannon Daley-Harris draws from her twenty-four years of work with the Children's Defense Fund to offer twelve meditations for those working to create a better world for our children. Each meditation focuses on passages of Scripture and weaves together moving stories of children, startling statistics about the challenges facing children, and inspiring examples from other movements and faithful leaders that came before us. Questions for faithful response after each meditation will prompt further reflection and action.

This inspirational book can be used as a devotional, in Bible study discussion, or during a social action committee's discernment.