

March Resources Report

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(ResCode) Title	Author	Publisher	Pub Yr
(BKDB2065) PLENTY GOOD ROOM	Thornton, Marilyn E. with	Abingdon Press	2016
<p>This unique short-term Bible study combines an in-depth look at Scripture, American history, and the music and lyrics of six African American spirituals. The six-session study provides biblical, social, and historical analyses of the spirituals: "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit," "This Lonesome Valley," "Bow Down on Your Knees," "Plenty Good Room," "Ain't Dat Good News," and "Were You There?" Marilyn E. Thornton wrote all-new lessons appropriate to the season. Leader helps can be found in the book providing discussion questions and activities. Plenty Good Room is a powerful resource for small groups, Sunday schools, choir groups, and any setting where persons seek to enrich their devotional and spiritual experience through God's Word and music.</p>			
(BKDBX028) GIVE IT UP: A LENTEN STUDY FOR ADULTS	Escobedo-Frank, Dottie	Abingdon Press, Nashville	2014
<p>This Lenten study reflects on all the things that hold our attention, occupy our minds and monopolize our time, yet still isolate us from God and the world around us. During this seven-week study, Dottie Escobedo Frank takes the reader on a journey of self-discovery, where he or she learns that the power of release brings great gain. The biggest gain is a stronger relationship with Christ. In the release, each person is freed to "give it up" in applause and praise for a life deeply lived in Christ.</p>			
(BKGE022) SPIRITUAL CHILD, THE	Miller, Lisa, PH.D.	Picador USA	2015
<p>Combining cutting-edge research with broad anecdotal evidence from her work as a clinical psychologist to illustrate just how invaluable spirituality is to a child's mental and physical health, Miller translates these findings into practical advice for parents, giving them concrete ways to develop and encourage their children's—as well as their own—well-being. In this provocative, conversation-starting book, Dr. Miller presents us with a pioneering new way to think about parenting our modern youth.</p>			
(BKGHX148) SPIRITUALITY OF MUSIC, THE	Bird, John	Northstone Publishing	2008
<p>Author John Bird invites us to discover how music touches us throughout our lives, from the pulsing rhythms we experience in the womb, to the music that will escort us out of life. In between, Bird shows how music connects us with family and friends and the world of the spirit; how it can express our "authentic voice," both as individuals and as members of particular cultural traditions; how it strengthens and unites us during times of protest, and comforts us during times of loss. He shows how music and word combine to integrate mind and spirit, and how music and movement combine to integrate spirit and body. As with all titles in this series, The Spirituality of Music is beautifully illustrated with full-color photographs throughout.</p>			
(BKGHX149) SPIRITUALITY OF GARDENING, THE	Sinclair, Donna	Northstone Publishing	2005
<p>Sinclair's expansive and beautifully crafted vision honors the blessings of sunlight, earth, water, and air found in our own gardens, and, in so doing, awakens us to a deep love and compassion for planet earth, the original garden paradise.</p>			
(BKGHX150) SPIRITUALITY OF ART, THE	Huey-Heck, Lois and	Northstone Publishing	2006
<p>Centuries ago we shared a common visual language. The meaning of symbols, colors and patterns was understood by our largely pre-literate population and much of the art was religious and spiritual. Back then we knew how to "read" the language of the visual. Over time the written word replaced visuals as the primary communicator. In the transition we lost familiarity, and then comfort, with the rich world of images. Consequently, many of us have an uneasy relationship with art—especially "new" art. We like some of it but a lot of it seems confusing, fantastical, or even downright ugly. Why would someone want to paint atrocities, or make pictures that are so chaotic? Why would someone else sculpt beauty or paint challenge? The Spirituality of Art is an invitation to engage these and similar questions. Through stories, quotes and thoughts it's a guide to deeper enjoyment and appreciation of visual art, the spiritual journey and the connections between the two. This is also a celebration of the richness of art in forms as diverse as cave art, traditional painting, photography, print-making and found-object installation.</p>			
(BKGHX151) SPIRITUALTY OF WINE, THE	Harpur, Tom	Northstone Publishing	2004
<p>Here is a sweeping look at the deep connection between wine and spirituality from ancient times to today. With its abundance of apt quotations, spiritual wisdom, and lavish images, The Spirituality of Wine is a book to be treasured by wine lovers of every persuasion.</p>			
(BKIDX017) RAISING GRATEFUL KIDS IN AN ENTITLED WORLD	Welch, Kristen	William K Jensen Literary	2015
<p>"But everyone else has it." "If you loved me, you'd get it for me!" When you hear these comments from your kids, it can be tough not to cave. You love your children—don't you want them to be happy and to fit in? Kristen Welch knows firsthand it's not that easy. In fact, she's found out that when you say yes too often, it's not only hard on your peace of mind and your wallet—it actually puts your kids at long-term risk. In <i>Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World</i>, Kristen shares the ups and downs in her own family's journey of discovering why it's healthiest not to give their kids everything. Teaching them the difference between "want" and "need" is the first step in the right direction. With many practical tips and anecdotes, she shares how to say the ultimate yes as a family by bringing up faith-filled kids who will love God, serve others, and grow into hardworking, fulfilled, and successful adults.</p>			

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(BKS1054) EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

Wells, Samuel and Kocher,

W. B. Eerdmans

2012

This unique, elegant resource for ministers and worship planners provides a beautifully crafted Eucharistic prayer for every Sunday of the three-year Revised Common Lectionary cycle, also including prayers for special holy days and other occasions. In a helpful introduction Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher offer guidance on how to make the Eucharistic prayer a congregational highlight. Too often, they say, what should be the most dynamic moment of a congregation's liturgical life becomes a low-energy, low-engagement event. Closely tying the sacramental rite to the words of Scripture for the day, these theologically appropriate, pastorally fitting, and linguistically satisfying prayers change the Great Thanksgiving prayer from a lull in the liturgy to a focused, fresh, and engaged moment for the congregation.

(CUCX002) PROTESTANT REFORMATIONS, THE

McKim, Donald K. and

CMP, PC(USA)

2017

This study will open the door to reflecting on the Protestant Reformations and stimulate the desire for more church and individual study of this important topic. Explore the backgrounds to the Reformations and then each of the four Reformation traditions. Consider divisive theological issues focusing on just three of the important matters where each of the traditions has unique views. Finally, look at the Reformations today regarding their influences and legacies, as well as the Reformation in today's churches. A Glossary of Key Terms is included to help navigate this work.

(CUHIX001) WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Carrasco, J, MTS; Hoffman,

Abingdon Press

2015

"Who Is My Neighbor?" is a field-tested resource through which English speakers of any church and congregation can learn basic Spanish-speaking skills to be able to communicate and provide a welcoming atmosphere to the Hispanic communities surrounding them. The six-session resource developed by the Northern Illinois Conference covers basic conversational Spanish, and simple and easy to follow Spanish-language worship material.