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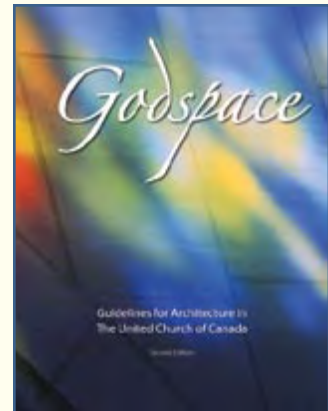
Coming Soon and Recently Released



Greening the Church
Reducing Your Church Building's Ecological Footprint

Intended for individuals and church groups, this guide from the Architectural Resource Group offers practical ways to reduce your church's energy consumption and explains how your congregation can promote energy use that is more ecologically sustainable.

CH10450 \$4.95



Godspace, Second Edition
Guidelines for Architecture in The United Church of Canada

This revised edition of *Godspace* offers suggestions on how to make our church buildings environmentally sensitive and ecologically sustainable. Site selection, accessibility, and music and acoustics are discussed.

CH10469 \$6.95

A look inside...

Consider planting trees on the south and west sides of the building to help keep the church cool and reduce the need for air conditioning. Trees planted on the north side act as a wind break in winter, reducing heating costs.

Children

Overturing the Tables

Consumerism, Children, and the Church

Julie Kinkaid

Kinkaid shows parents and leaders of children and young teens and, through them, the children themselves how to re-examine their own lifestyles and educate themselves about the global effects of over-consumption. Seeking support from faith-based communities, parents and children alike can find the resolve to turn over the tables and say no to consumerism.



978-1-55134-167-5

\$10.95

<http://overturingthetables.blogspot.com>



Bible Adventures

Walking with Jesus

Leslie Alfano

These five half-day sessions use a hiking theme to connect Bible story dramas, games, snacks, crafts, and walking a labyrinth to the realities of children's lives. For vacation Bible schools, camps, midweek groups, and rotation model Sunday schools. Kit includes a leader's guide, a poster, and postcards to help your congregation spread the word. For children ages 5 to 12.



Kit

CH10471

\$29.95

Leader's Guide

978-1-55134-164-4

\$20.95



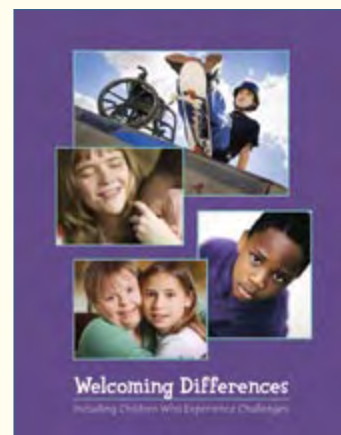
Welcoming Differences

Including Children Who Experience Challenges

Welcoming Differences provides encouraging information and strategies to help children's leaders accommodate children with learning and behavioural challenges so that all are truly welcomed into our community. General guidelines on communication, the use of visuals, and craft and program adaptations round out this booklet.

CH10490

\$6.95



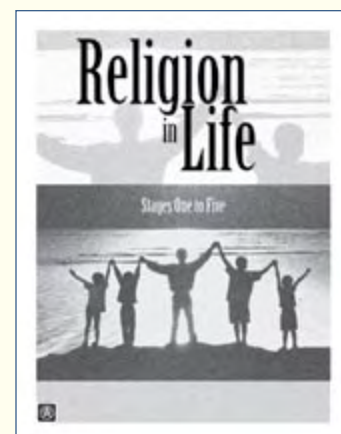
Religion in Life

Stages One to Five

This revised booklet assists leaders of Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Venturers, Rovers, and Pathfinders to prepare young people to receive the Religion in Life Award. Download a PDF of the booklet at no charge from www.united-church.ca/allages/youth/scouts/rl.

CH10498

\$4.95



We Cannot Keep from Singing Story Cube

This unfolding story cube presents text and artwork from *We Cannot Keep from Singing* in an intriguing way that will capture the attention of young and old alike. A free online resource provides session ideas to help children ages 4 to 7 engage with the cube and gain an understanding of the meaning and message of A Song of Faith. Download the online resource from www.united-church.ca/allages/children/themes.

CH10511 \$9.95



We Cannot Keep from Singing

Images from *A Song of Faith: A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada*

Also available in French.



978-1-55134-161-3 English

978-1-55134-162-0 French

\$4.95 each; \$4.50 each 10 or more

Also Available



Here's what you said...

We asked ministers throughout Canada how they were using this book:

- as a gift at baptisms and confirmations and to new members
- as a discussion starter in confirmation classes and with new and existing members to talk about their faith
- paired with *Singing a Song of Faith* for a Lenten study
- used with the 1940 *Statement of Faith* and the 1925 *Basis of Union* to illustrate what it means to be a contextual church
- during pastoral care visits and youth events
- with children in Sunday school

A Sunday with Claudia

This cartoon book for children ages 7 to 10 is a fun way to introduce them to what happens inside the doors of a United Church. It is ideal for use in Sunday school, with newcomers, and as a baptism gift. It is a helpful addition to other United Church identity resources for children, such as the *We Cannot Keep from Singing* book and the story cube seen above. Also available in French.

CH10516

\$3.95 each; \$2.95 each 11 or more

Un dimanche avec Claudie

CH10517

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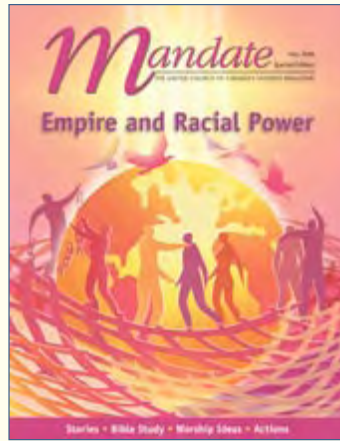


Who Are We in the World
for God's Sake?



The United Church of Canada

Empire



Mandate Magazine May 2008 Special Edition

This issue highlights the mission theme "Empire and Racial Power" and includes "Engaging the Realities of Racism" worship ideas, "Unpacking White Privilege" workshop, and "A Biblical Look at Outsiders" Bible study. It also features a section on right relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples.

CH10497 **\$2.95 each; \$2.50 each**
10 or more



Challenging Empire A Call to Community—DVD and Study Guide

Two *Spirit Connection* episodes and two bonus features comprise the four segments of this DVD. "Empire" introduces empire and responds to it, and "Youth Leadership Circle" focuses on a national youth gathering. Bonus features: "Times Are Rough," a short poem presents a perspective of a young adult living on the margins, and an in-depth interview with Ched Myers is included as a resource for study group leaders.

CH10472 **\$24.95**

A look inside...

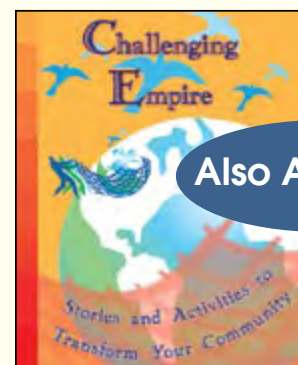
You might be living in the midst of empire

- if most owners of companies making goods and providing services in your community don't live in your town, province, or even your country
- if the CEO of your company makes 500 times what an entry-level production worker does
- if the meat, produce, and grains produced down the road are not for sale locally
- if faith groups are labelled "special interest groups" and thought to be useful only if they feed the poor
- if producers of military goods are thriving while music and art struggles to find a place in schools
- if keeping your culture, religion, and language alive takes deliberate effort

Challenging Empire Kit Justice Seeking in Your Faith Community

This educational kit includes the Empire Report, the *Mandate* mission theme special edition, and three workshop booklets aimed at children, intergenerational groups, and adults. Explore the implications of empire in Jesus' time and in ours in your study groups, Sunday school, vacation Bible school, worship, and community outreach programs.

CH10394 **\$20.95**



Also Available

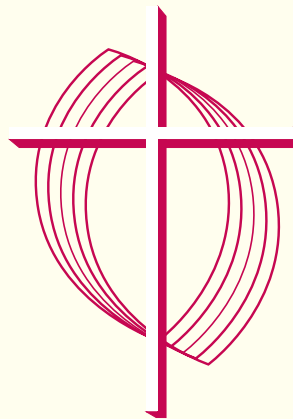
Voices United Accompaniment Collection

With selections from *More Voices*

Each CD in this multi-volume collection features the music from approximately 20 selected *Voices United* and *More Voices* songs played on piano or organ. Ideal for use in congregations without a church musician. Also perfect for visits to hospitals, seniors' residences, and nursing homes, as well as for funeral services, mid-week study groups, camps, church meetings, and education centres.

Available January

CH10530 Volume 1 \$19.95
CH10531 Volume 2 \$19.95

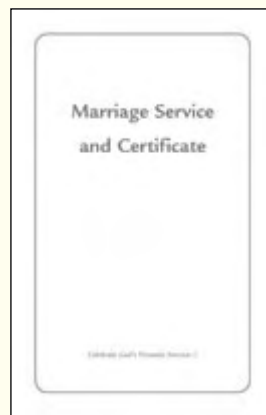


Marriage Service and Certificate

Celebrate God's Presence Service C

This contemporary service from *Celebrate God's Presence* (pages 394–402) allows for the children or other family members of the couple to be involved. The language is modern, as are the choices of vows. The service is suitable for straight and same-sex couples. Includes certificate.

CH10520 \$3.75 each
CH10521 \$29.95/dozen

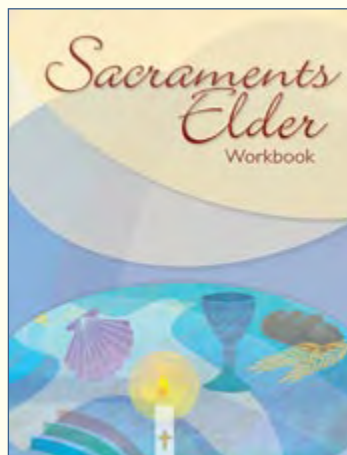


Celebrate God's Presence Pocket Service Edition

Sacraments Elder

This pocket-size 40-page booklet in a black vinyl case features baptism and communion services chosen for use by Sacraments Elders.

CH10492 \$16.95



Sacraments Elder Workbook

This workbook is intended for people preparing to become Sacraments Elders or considering doing so, as well as their mentors. It provides a basic introduction to the sacraments of baptism and communion in The United Church of Canada and to the role of a Sacraments Elder.

CH10554 \$8.95

Worship

Study Groups

The Church We Are Becoming

Exploring Change through the Book of Acts

This new seven-session Bible study on the Acts of the Apostles explores the changing church and draws parallels with the early Christian communities. What can we learn from the early Christians about proclaiming the good news faithfully and sensitively in the world and in the participants' particular context?

CH10555

\$9.95



Ending Racial Harassment

Creating Healthy Congregations

This booklet offers guidelines to help church members, ministers, and congregational committees recognize, understand, and stop racial harassment. Workshop outline included.

CH10488

\$3.50 each; \$3.00 each 25–49 copies;

\$2.75 each 50 or more copies



Jesus 24/7

A Short Course in Faith for the Questing Christian

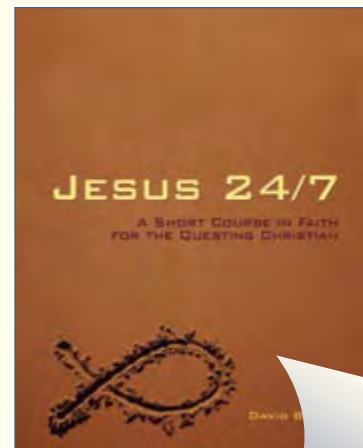
David Bruce

Using an upbeat style accessible to all readers, David Bruce tackles essential questions voiced by many of today's questing Christians. He writes, "We can learn about Jesus and about God's intentions for a better world one step at a time." Written for both newcomers and long-time church members, the workbook format is ideal for group or individual use.



978-1-55134-166-8

\$16.95



A look inside...

What Do You Think?

Which way do you find it easiest to think about God?

- God explains everything.
- God inspires everything.
- God's existence is logically necessary.
- We experience God directly.
- All of the above.
- None of the above.
- What would you say about God?

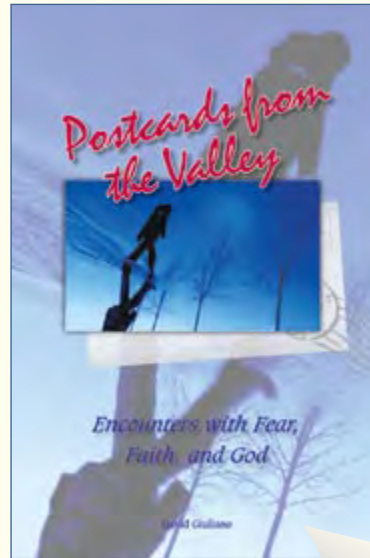
Postcards from the Valley

Encounters with Fear, Faith, and God

David Giuliano

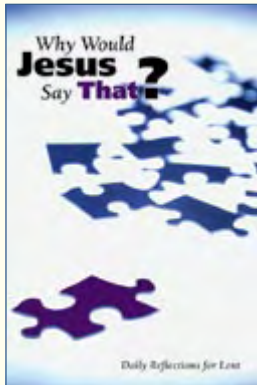
This collection of David Giuliano's previously published articles and more recent writing, including his WonderCafe.ca blogs, is both a personal reflection on his own journey toward the heart of God and the journey being made by many mainline churches. The personal journey is one made through a valley of shadows carved out by cancer. That journey becomes a lens through which Giuliano reflects on the emerging life of the church. The book invites readers to reflect on fear, weakness, faith, joy, and the encounter with the Holy One in their own lives, and on the common life of the church. It includes a study guide for personal and group use.

978-1-55134-168-2 \$12.95



A look inside...

"When we hear the words 'Be not afraid,' it is often a sign that God is inviting us to become part of some new thing.... And we're being called to be instruments in that entering into the world in a new way."

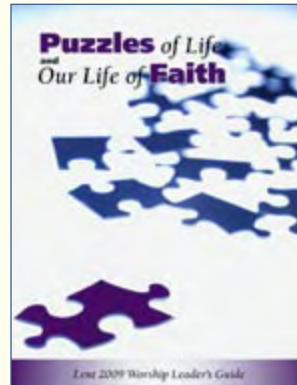


Why Would Jesus Say That?

Daily Reflections for Lent

"Be perfect." "Why are you afraid?" "Come and see." Jesus often spoke in enigmatic phrases that leave you wondering why he said what he did. A diverse group of contributors ponder such sayings of Jesus, inviting us to turn them over in our minds and hearts and puzzle over their possible meanings. Structured as daily devotions for the season of Lent, this book could also be the basis for a fascinating Bible study in any season. Study guide included.

978-1-55134-169-9 \$10.95



Puzzles of Life and Our Life of Faith

Lent 2009 Worship Leader's Guide

Glenna Beauchamp

Based on the Revised Common Lectionary, this resource builds upon the themes of the Lenten devotional. It includes liturgical ideas for Sunday worship, calls to worship, prayers, sermon possibilities, and hymn suggestions. The first jigsaw puzzle was created by a teacher to help students put together pieces in the world—this book hopes to do the same.

978-1-55134-170-5 \$7.95

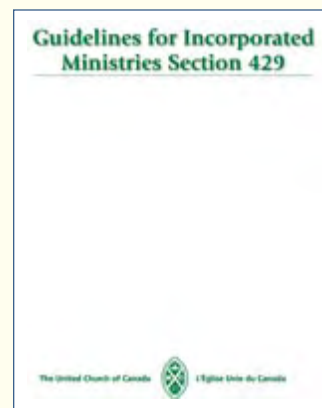
Study Groups

Guidelines

Guidelines for Incorporated Ministries Section 429

This handbook expands on the section 429 guidelines of *The Manual*, which cover United Church incorporated ministries and multi-party incorporated ministries with multiple participants. Download a PDF at no charge from www.united-church.ca/handbooks.

CH10523 \$3.00



Ethical Standards and Standards of Practice for Ministry Personnel

Adopted by the 39th General Council (2006), these standards are presented in a handy brochure format for distribution or study.

CH10515 \$2.00/10 brochures



The United Church of Canada Emergency Plan

www.united-church.ca/files/handbooks/emergplan.pdf

The denominational emergency plan outlines how the General Council Office will function and communicate in the event of an emergency, and provides guidelines for Conferences, presbyteries, and congregations.

Prices and availability subject to change without notice.



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