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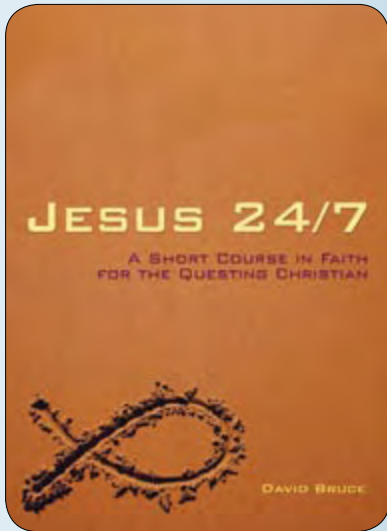
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Paperback
136 pp.

Testimonial

Our people ask for instruction and formation in the basics of the Christian life and faith. David Bruce gives us a unique resource that will be gratefully received in the church. Here is Christianity at its heart, presented in a lively, practical way.

—Will Willimon, Bishop,
The North Alabama Conference
of The United Methodist
Church, Birmingham, Alabama

Jesus 24/7

A SHORT COURSE IN FAITH FOR THE QUESTING CHRISTIAN

DAVID BRUCE

Jesus 24/7 is a short course in the basics of the Christian faith written primarily for people in The United Church of Canada. Each of the 12 sessions is prefaced by a line from the United Church's "A New Creed," which David Bruce uses as a springboard for the topics under discussion.

The author intends *Jesus 24/7* for every churchgoer—the newcomer, the unchurched, and the long-time church member—and uses a light, sometimes humorous style even when the subject matter is theologically dense. He has achieved the near impossible by making learning about the Christian faith and topics of theological debate accessible to all.

About the Author

DAVID BRUCE, B.A., M.Div., D.Min., joined The United Church of Canada in 1985 while studying philosophy at the University of Toronto. He went on to study at Emmanuel College and was ordained in 1990, serving congregations in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In 1999 he returned to Toronto and completed his doctorate in ministry. David is currently serving in team ministry at Leaside United Church, Toronto; he is engaged in work at all levels of the church and studying toward a doctorate in systematic theology. David and his wife, Janet, a public school teacher, are happily raising three teenagers and are involved in various community outreach projects.

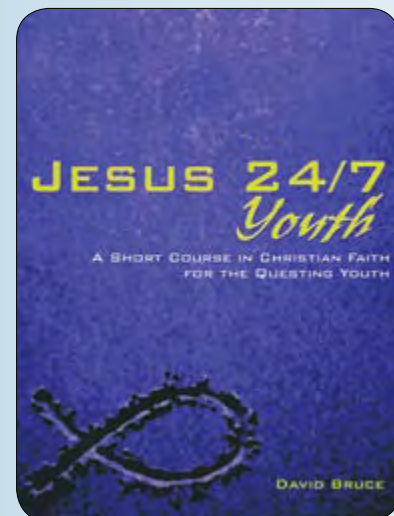
Jesus 24/7 – Youth

A SHORT COURSE IN CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE QUESTING YOUTH

DAVID BRUCE

A witty, accessible guide to the Christian faith from a youth's perspective, *Jesus 24/7 – Youth* began with a confirmation class of 10 regular teenagers. These kids had smart questions, and their minister, author David Bruce, recognized their insights warranted a quest that would be more personal and contemporary than a knee-jerk reaction to grandma's wish to get her grandkids "done" before "they leave the church forever"!

The youths' explorations into the Christian faith have evolved into an adaptable guide for all youth and their leaders. Use the guide for confirmation preparation and in full or in part for regular youth study groups.



\$15.95
978-1-55134-173-6
Paperback
112 pp.

See other books for youth on page 24.

Testimonial

In *Jesus 24/7 – Youth* David Bruce offers the reader an exciting, fast-paced, and thoughtful journey through the Christian life and faith. David has an intuitive feel for relating to youth that avoids being patronizing or cheesy and that takes seriously their quest for a passionate spirituality that we hope will be exercised through discipleship to Jesus. Perhaps David "gets youth culture" through his ministry experience, although I have a hunch that being a dad to three teenage kids must help. I recommend this book for your youth group, confirmation class, or individual study.

—The Rev. Ross A. Lockhart,
West Vancouver United Church



\$10.95
978-1-55134-167-5
Paperback
192 pp.

Testimonial

Our society is becoming Pleasure Island; if we look carefully, we will notice that we are growing donkey ears and tails. Like Jiminy Cricket in the story of Pinocchio, Julie Kinkaid sounds the alarm and offers us a way off the island and back to safety and sanity. If we care about kids, we need to heed her call. *Overturning the Tables* is an important book, carefully researched. We will be wise to read it, gather our friends, and act.

—Carolyn Pogue, author of
*A New Day: Peacemaking
Stories and Activities*

Overturning the Tables

CONSUMERISM, CHILDREN, AND THE CHURCH

JULIE KINKAID

Overturning the Tables explores the culture of consumerism and how it has affected all dimensions of our lives—the economy, lifestyles, the increase in world poverty and environmental devastation, societal values, family dynamics, relationships, and lack of self-esteem. These issues are examined with particular reference to children. The book goes on to celebrate how individuals, groups, and governments are beginning to voice a protest, and shows how the church can play a significant role by providing a supportive community and a potential alternative network.

About the Author

JULIE KINKAID has been a primary school teacher, a research assistant with the University of Calgary, an art gallery director, and the owner of a small business. A writer and artist, Julie's written work has appeared in *The United Church Observer*, *The Toronto Star*, *Art Impressions* magazine, and numerous children's educational resources. She has exhibited her paintings in both group and solo shows. As a mother and grandmother, Julie is concerned that the consumer culture is destroying our environment, creating global injustices, and damaging our children physically, emotionally, and spiritually. She feels the time is ripe for a shift in attitudes toward moderate, well-informed consuming that will protect children.

Postcards from the Valley

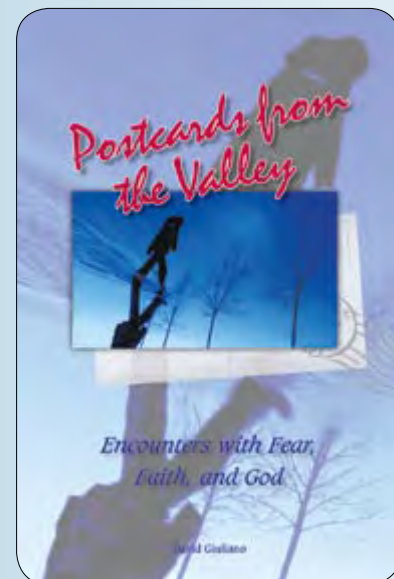
ENCOUNTERS WITH FEAR, FAITH, AND GOD

DAVID GIULIANO

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

About the Author

Speaking to United Church commissioners before being elected Moderator by the 39th General Council, **DAVID GIULIANO** began with the words, "What I want to say to you is this: don't be afraid." He said, "I am convinced that fear is ultimately what stands between us and hearing and doing God's dream for us at this time." David was born May 16, 1960, and was ordained in 1987 by London Conference. Until he was elected Moderator in August 2006, he served St. John's Pastoral Charge in Marathon, Ontario, where he had been settled in 1987. When asked to describe himself, he replied, "I am a descendant of deeply faithful Southern Ontario Quakers, born-again Baptists, and Italian-American immigrant Catholics. I am a child of The United Church of Canada. I am a father, husband, friend, and pastor. I am a creative spirit, a sensitive man who has always wept more easily than I would like. Then, I laugh easily, too. I am deeply connected to the earth, the sky, and the water in a particular place on the north shore of Lake Superior. I am tainted down to my DNA with a Godly dream for creation that will not let me go. Above all, I am a disciple of the Way of the Christ."

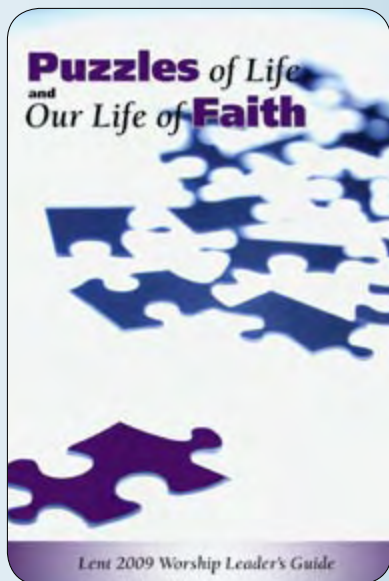


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978-1-55134-168-2
Paperback
176 pp.

Testimonial

Written from the heart by a pastor with deep sensitivity to life's often ambiguous and painful turns, *Postcards from the Valley* is a gift of great beauty and compassion. Giuliano's artful reflections draw from his own experience of uncertainty, fear, and suffering to offer gentle encouragement and lively hope, for in the valley of shadows, God walks lovingly with us. This is no superficial adage. In Giuliano's tender care, it witnesses to transformative power, power that comes not from strength but from frailty; not from denial but from courage and acceptance; not from control but from humility and trust; and not from isolation but from companionship with others.

—Dr. Thomas E. Reynolds,
Associate Professor of Theology,
Emmanuel College, Toronto



\$7.95
978-1-55134-170-5
Paperback
40 pp.

Testimonial

This compilation of liturgy, scripture, children's time, prayer, challenges, reflections, and sermon ideas is woven together by Glenna Beauchamp and provides nourishment for the preacher and worship leader that is easily extended to the congregation. This resource challenges us to live out our faith: to be the hands, voice, and heart of God. Be prepared for many questions that stimulate your imagination in this world of the unpredictable, and ultimately peace, love, wisdom, hope, new life, and joy will emerge.

—Sheila Krueger, United Church
Hospital Chaplain, Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan

Puzzles of Life and Our Life of Faith

LENT 2009 WORSHIP LEADER'S GUIDE

GLENNA BEAUCHAMP

This Lent 2009 worship leader's guide follows the Revised Common Lectionary for the Sundays and holy days of Lent. It also builds on the Lenten devotional *Why Would Jesus Say That?* enriching worshippers' devotional experience.

About the Author

GLENNA BEAUCHAMP is originally from London Conference and now lives in Manitoba, where she has served three rural pastoral charges. She has served as president of the Conference and on numerous church committees. She is a fan of British murder mysteries and was delighted to write this Lenten guide on the theme of puzzles and mysteries.

Why Would Jesus Say *That*?

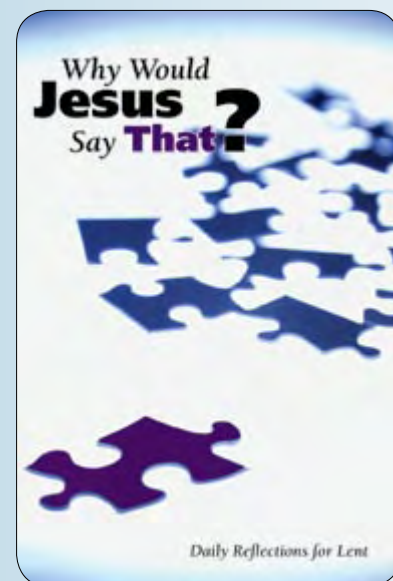
DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

VARIOUS AUTHORS

In this devotional, diverse contributors engage personally with 48 selected sayings of Jesus. Some of the sayings will be familiar, others enigmatic. Many reveal unexpected shades of meaning. The study guide that follows uses various types of puzzles to celebrate searching, ambiguity, and paradox. Suitable for Lent and for Bible study at any time.

About the Author

The authors of *Why Would Jesus Say That?* are contributors drawn from a wide range of ages and from all corners of the United Church. Most are ordained ministers; two are still students. Their individual responses to Jesus' words add to the richness of this resource and reflect the diversity of thought in the United Church.



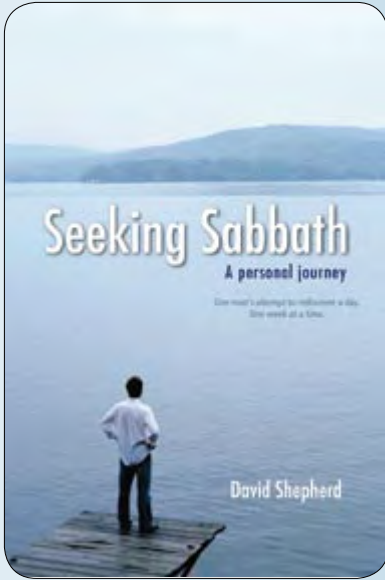
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978-1-55134-169-9
Paperback
136 pp.

Testimonial

Listening to these 48 short, pithy maxims through the new voices offered in this Lenten devotional, augmented by original and evocative prayers and accompanied by old and new hymns, we have the potential of fresh insights to rekindle our faith and lead us to prayer-in-action and toward the transformative power of the resurrection experience.

—Dr. Anne M. Squire, former
Moderator of The United
Church of Canada

*See other Lent titles on pages
26, 27, 30, and 31.*



\$14.95
978-1-55134-171-2
Paperback
96 pp.

Testimonial

David Shepherd's gentle conversational tone conveys the rest about which he speaks. But also sprinkled throughout these peaceful pages are numerous Sabbath surprises—historical clues, practical guides, profound insights. Let this book invite you into a fresh or deeper Shabbat shalom.

—Marva J. Dawn, Teaching Fellow in Spiritual Theology at Regent College, Vancouver, and author of *Keeping the Sabbath Wholly*

Seeking Sabbath

A PERSONAL JOURNEY

DAVID SHEPHERD

Reflecting on Sabbath traditions in both Jewish and Christian history, author David Shepherd looks to recreate the practice of setting apart Sundays for rest and prayer. His search for a way to restore these Sabbath observances follows a six-month diary. This log of personal reflections is both contemplative and inspiring, while never losing sight of the humorous consequences of trying to honour a “day of rest” in a society that demands we fill our calendars seven days a week.

About the Author

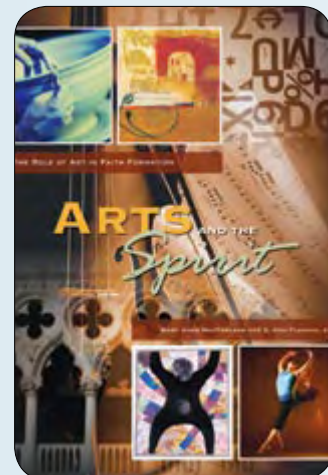
Dr. DAVID SHEPHERD is the principal of Belfast Bible College and a member of the Institute of Theology at Queen's University, Belfast. A native of Saskatchewan, Shepherd ministered in Scotland and taught at a theological college in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, before making his home in Dunmurry, Northern Ireland, with his wife and two daughters.

Arts and the Spirit

THE ROLE OF ART IN FAITH FORMATION

EDS. MARY ANNE MACFARLANE AND E. ANN FLEMING

How can we connect the creative mystery, the gifts of the people, and a deepening relationship with our Creator? *Arts and the Spirit* invites you to be part of this exploration. These stories and workshops by artists, educators, and members of congregations across the country offer the arts as ways to accompany individuals on their faith journey, enhance worship, and build community.



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Paperback
144 pp.

About the Editors

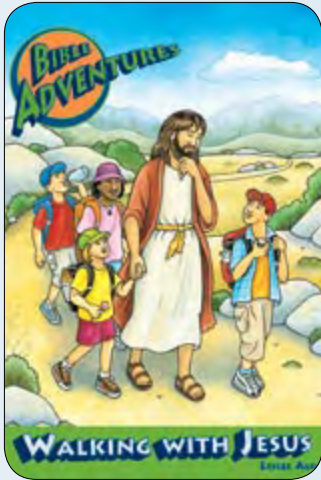
MARY ANNE MACFARLANE is a diaconal minister who has been a passionate writer, editor, and educator in the areas of women's issues, faith formation, and Aboriginal culture and history. A lifelong learner, she has studied sociology, religious education, and art, and has a Ph.D. in education. In her spare time she dabbles in the wonders of photography, watercolour painting, pottery, journaling, and gardening. Mary Anne resides in Peterborough, Ontario.

E. ANN FLEMING first became fascinated with the connection between religion and the arts in all world religions as a Religious Studies student. Ann has served The United Church of Canada as a staff associate (Lay Accountable Ministry), where faith formation was her primary task. She also served as Minister for Christian Nurture, Stewardship, and Worship Education in Hamilton Conference of the United Church for 12 years. She retired in 2005.

Testimonial

"Those who sing pray twice," said Saint Augustine, and we can rephrase his words to claim, "Those who paint, dance, design, study, write, and create pray twice." Thanks be to God for the religious leaders, authors, and artists in this book who enable us to soar to new heights and the depths of God's yearning for the mending of our own lives and [of] the brokenness in God's world.

—Marion Pardy, former
Moderator of The United
Church of Canada



Bible Adventures: Walking with Jesus

LESLEE ALFANO

This faith-filled, five-session curriculum helps children ages 5 to 12 understand that walking with Jesus is a daily choice and challenge. The 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 use in vacation Bible schools, camps, midweek groups, and rotation-model Sunday schools.

The supplement contains a full-colour poster and 25 postcards to help get the word out about your program.

Leader's Guide

\$20.95
978-1-55134-164-4
Coil bound
96 pp.

Supplement

\$14.95
CH10470

Kit (Leader's Guide and Supplement)

\$29.95
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Testimonial

Through a time machine, *Bible Adventures: Walking with Jesus* immerses children in Jesus' world. The biblical stories encourage children to feel safe and welcome as they walk with Jesus. The Creation Station crafts, Picnic Table snack time, Pathway Play, prayer scarves, and Spirit Hike labyrinth walks creatively keep the daily theme flowing throughout the week. I particularly like the Mission Bags, which support a local service agency, and the Job Jar, which gives a child a chance to participate in a special way.

—Deborah Deavu,
Diaconal Minister, Mount
Camel-Zion United
Church, Morriston,
Ontario

About the Author

LESLEE ALFANO is a minister in the United Church who has served Ontario congregations in Markham, Toronto, Richmond Hill, and Port Credit. Leslee focuses on ministry with children and intergenerational programs. She has been involved in creating several task group reports for various General Councils, including *A Place for You* and *Honouring a Place for All*. Developing children's faith exploration programs that emphasize the power of story and learning in cross-generational communities has been of special interest to Leslee. She has been building programs for more than 10 years on the understanding that many questions of faith and life are shared by children, youth, and adults.

Also Available



Bible Adventures: Sharing the Good News

Leader's Guide
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Bible Adventures: Sharing the Good News

Kit (Leaders Guide and Supplement).
\$37.95 CH10179

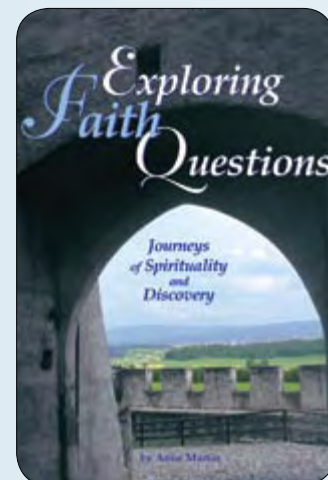
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Exploring Faith Questions

JOURNEYS OF SPIRITUALITY AND DISCOVERY

ANNE MARTIN

This book invites new Christians, those returning to the church, and anyone who wants to deepen their faith to join in a reflection process on 13 central questions of Christianity and faith.



\$16.95
978-1-55134-135-4
Coil bound
168 pp.

About the Author

ANNE MARTIN works with small group ministry and spirituality in the Congregational, Educational, and Community Ministries Unit. Anne is the author of *Rooted in the Divine: Nurturing Our Faith through Small Group Ministry*, and *Exploring Faith Questions: Journeys of Spirituality and Discovery*. As part of her work with the General Council Office, Anne offers program material, workshops, and retreats related to spiritual growth.

Using the Meditation CD

These meditations can be used

- by small groups as a spiritual practice, by *Exploring Faith Questions* groups, or for any other small group meeting
- as a large group spiritual practice—for example, with a board or council
- by individuals for their private meditation time
- as part of a worship service

Also Available



Exploring Faith Questions CD
Meditations on the Themes
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978-1-55134-153-8
Audio CD
105 minutes



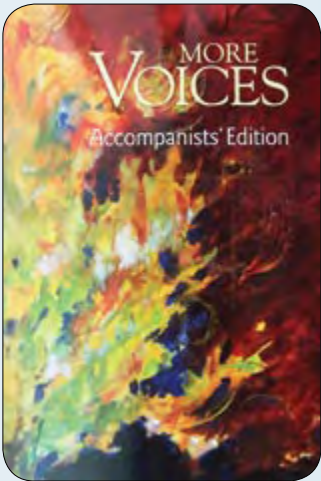
Exploring Faith Questions Package
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Book and CD



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288 pp.

More Voices

More Voices is a radical welcoming of global cultures, innovative experiences, technologies, and contemporary music that will inject worshipping communities with energy and vision. Over 200 hymns address current needs for worshipping communities: music for children and youth, Canadian content, a clearly articulated theological vision, a platform for accessible multimedia worship resources, a partnership with all levels and regions of the church, and a continuation of the visionary work of *Voices United*.



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Coil bound
288 pp.

More Voices Accompanists' Edition

This new edition in an 8.5" x 11" format with heavier paper is ideal for organists and other musicians. It features all 225 songs found in *More Voices* along with user-friendly scriptural, first-line, and topical indexes.



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MP3 Format
approx. 120 minutes

More Voices CD Set

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More Voices Protective Vinyl Jacket

A clear vinyl cover for the *More Voices* hymn book.

\$1.30
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Voices United Accompaniment Collection

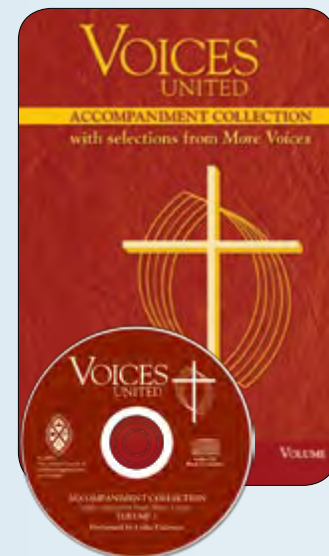
WITH SELECTIONS FROM MORE VOICES

The first two volumes of a 12-volume CD collection feature the music of *Voices United* and *More Voices* songs played on piano and organ.

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Volumes 1 and 2 feature the hymn tunes for popular songs such as

- Amazing Grace
- Jesus, Stand among Us
- Morning Has Broken
- Let There Be Light
- I Come with Joy



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CH10533 Volume 4 Coming in June

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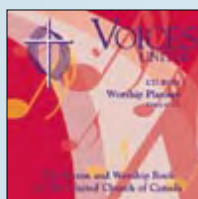
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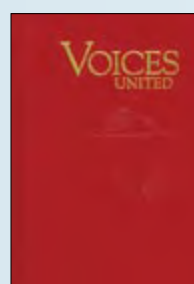
Also Available



Voices United Accompanists' Edition
 \$29.95 978-1-55134-025-8
 Coil bound 1,078 pp.

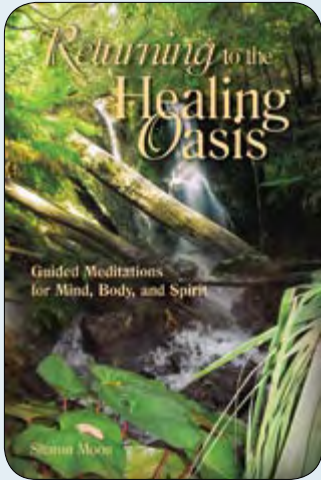


Voices United CD-ROM Worship Planner
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Returning to the Healing Oasis

GUIDED MEDITATIONS FOR MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT

SHARON MOON

Following the unprecedented success of *The Healing Oasis*, Sharon Moon's *Returning to the Healing Oasis* offers 24 new meditations for individuals and groups. Used in both church and non-church settings, Sharon's meditations are also winning praise from chaplains and youth leaders. This collection includes a meditation for those undergoing surgery or chemotherapy and a meditation for caregivers as they sit with those who are ill.

The audio CD offers meditations and practical tips as tools for spiritual healing, especially for those in health care, mental-health care, and pastoral care.

Book
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Paperback
191 pp.

Audio CD
\$11.95
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Audio CD
74 minutes

Package (Book and CD)
\$27.95
CH10185

About the Author

SHARON MOON is a minister at Cedar Park United Church in Pointe Claire, Quebec. She previously served First United Church in Ottawa, Ontario, for 17 years. Her passions are spiritual healing and growth, community building, justice-making, gardening, listening to jazz, and spending time with her partner and her grown family.

Testimonial

Returning to the Healing Oasis is an excellent resource for health care, mental care, and pastoral care professionals, their clients, and individuals alike.

Colin Cameron, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Ottawa

Also Available



The Healing Oasis: Guided Meditations for Mind, Body, and Spirit
\$18.95
978-1-55134-084-5
Paperback 208 pp.



The Healing Oasis CD
\$9.95
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The Healing Oasis Package
\$25.00
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Book and CD

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Seismic Shifts

LEADING IN TIMES OF CHANGE

CHRISTOPHER WHITE

Seismic Shifts offers an invitation to journey toward an authentic leadership for our time. Drawing on two decades of experience as a United Church minister and on input from other leaders inside the church and out, Christopher White examines new directions in leadership. The case studies and interviews on the accompanying DVD illustrate the issues and bring them to life. A study guide relates book chapters to DVD segments for individual reflection or group study.



\$25.95
978-1-55134-150-7
Paperback
152 pp.

About the Author

CHRISTOPHER WHITE is the minister of Westminster United Church in Whitby, Ontario. He has co-authored *Jacob's Blessing: Hope, Dreams and Visions for the Church* (Wood Lake Books, 1999), and *Emmaus Road: Churches Making Their Way Forward* (Wood Lake Books, 2003) with Donna Sinclair. He is the sole author of *Twelve Days before Christmas* (ECW Press, 2003), which won a 2004 USA Independent Publishers Award. Christopher has contributed to, and has been interviewed by, a wide variety of CBC radio programs, written a weekly newspaper column, contributed to newspapers and magazines, and is a regular writer for *The United Church Observer*.

Testimonial

Christopher White lays out the importance of relationship building for leadership and raises questions for The United Church of Canada that reflect its changing role in the world and the continuing divide between those who have wealth, education, and resources and those who have none. Leading with courage and patience, passion and integrity, and with a global perspective and self-knowledge is not only necessary, but indeed possible.

—The Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches



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Paperback
152 pp.

Singing a Song of Faith

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

ED. NANCY E. HARDY

Lyrical and evocative, and written in response to the diversity of our church, “A Song of Faith” is a new expression of faith of The United Church of Canada. In *Singing a Song of Faith*, seven writers of various backgrounds and ages respond to the church’s statement and share their thoughts about God the Creator, grace, Spirit, scripture, worship, Jesus, church, and hope. Their insights encourage readers to respond to the church’s statement of faith in their own way—while all share its conclusion: “We cannot keep from singing.” A thought-provoking daily Lenten resource for both individuals and study groups. A leader’s guide is included.

Testimonial

These Lenten reflections contain descriptions and images that bring everyday experiences vividly before us. Some are painful, some are joyful, but each one calls us to pay attention to meaning found in the ordinary. Thankfully, Nancy Hardy uses the beautiful opening section of “A Song of Faith”—a poetic statement of faith for our time that was adopted by the 39th General Council in August 2006—as the source of reflection for each Sunday. There are writings by contemporary authors for the other days of Lent.

—Marion Best, former
Moderator of The United
Church of Canada

About the Editor

The Rev. NANCY E. HARDY is a retired United Church minister who has had many “lifetimes” within the church. As diaconal minister, she was responsible for Christian education at St. Paul’s United Church in Fredericton, New Brunswick. As mission study editor for The United Church of Canada, she wrote and edited publications about the church’s responsibility and outreach in the world. As ordained minister, she served Graham United Church in St. Catharines, the Glencoe-Appin Pastoral Charge in southwestern Ontario, and White Oaks United Church in London. Nancy continues to be involved in the church, combining editing and writing with her love of music and liturgy.

Streams of Faith

LOIS M. WILSON

“This book is one of conversations about things that matter,” writes Lois Wilson. Its origins are the wilderness canoe and camping trips she took in the 1960s with girls from First United Church, Thunder Bay, Ontario. Forty years later, Lois reconnected with many of these girls, now women, to ask them about their faith and their lives. *Streams of Faith* shares the stories and insights of these women, enlivened by comments from current theologians and Lois’s own observations from her remarkable life.



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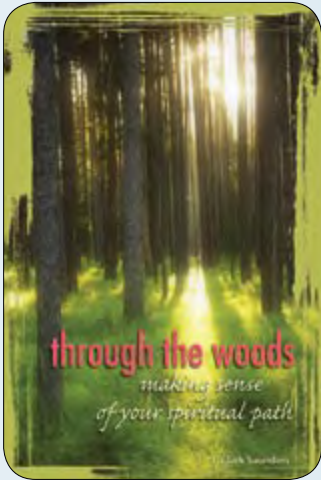
About the Author

LOIS M. WILSON is a minister, ecumenist, educator, author, chancellor, senator, wife, mother of four, and grandmother of 12—beyond question, a social activist and a builder of bridges. Dr. Wilson shared team ministry with her husband, Roy, for some 15 years and was Moderator of The United Church of Canada, as well as president of both the Canadian and World Council of Churches. She lives in Toronto but spends the summer months in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Testimonial

This book is about the search for and encounter with Spirit. Lois offers us deeply moving stories about how particular women navigate their lives through the streams of love and loss, suffering and joy, persons and politics, and faith throughout their great journey of life. She expertly weaves personal experiences with local and international theological conversations, challenges, and convictions. *Streams of Faith* is a beautiful and gripping read about the ebb and flow of life and Spirit.

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Testimonial

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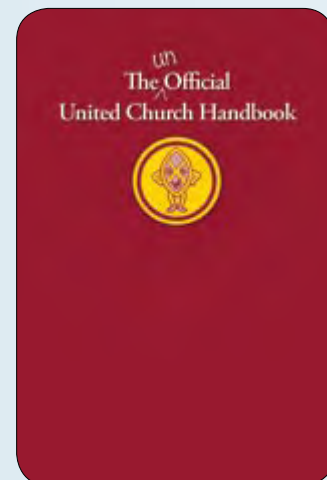
About the Author

CLARK SAUNDERS is a minister of The United Church of Canada. He helped to establish a men's spirituality group at Westworth United Church in Winnipeg and has offered courses in women's and men's spirituality at Naramata Centre in British Columbia, as well as at various workshops and retreats on spiritual issues. He is the co-author with Clair Woodbury of *Ministry as an Art* (UCPH, 1996), and has contributed to *PMC: The Practice of Ministry in Canada* and *Courage for Hallelujahs* (UCPH, 1997). Saunders' article "Conservative, Liberal, Radical: Three Ways of Understanding Gay Issues in Church and Society" appeared in *Torque: Journal of the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Studies Association* (2000).

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SCOTT DOUGLAS is an award-winning playwright and the author of *Strange Angels and Other Plays*. He served on The United Church of Canada's Theology and Faith Committee and was involved in drafting "A Song of Faith." He has been poking fun at the church for years and occasionally gets paid for it. Scott served a two-year term as overseas personnel for The United Church of Canada in the Fiji Islands.

NANETTE MCKAY is an ordained minister of The United Church of Canada who has worked in pastoral and inner-city ministry. She has also been a part of community and economic development in Winnipeg and Saskatoon. She comes from deep comedy roots grounded in the Cree Nation, and has been known to point with her lips. Nanette served a two-year term as overseas personnel for The United Church of Canada in the Fiji Islands.

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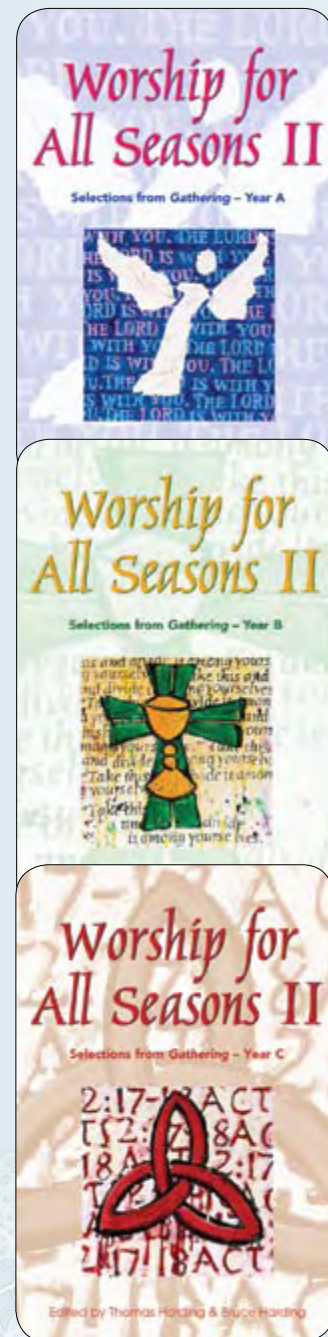
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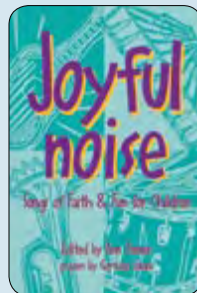


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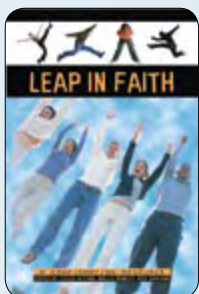
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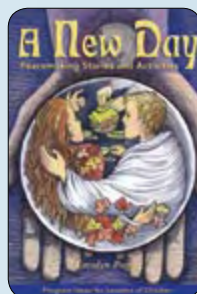
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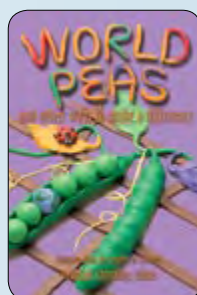
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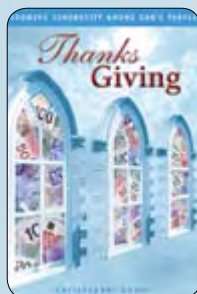
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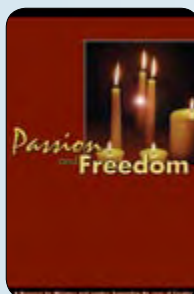
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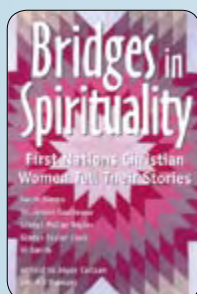


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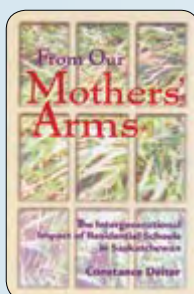
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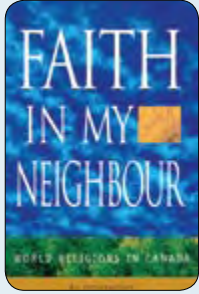
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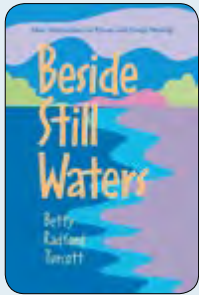
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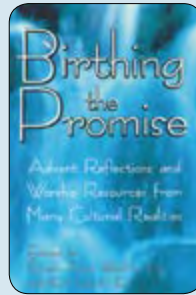
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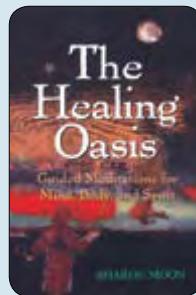
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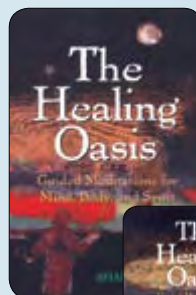
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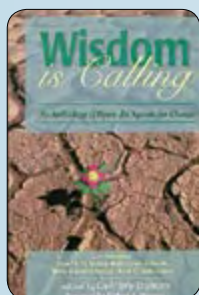
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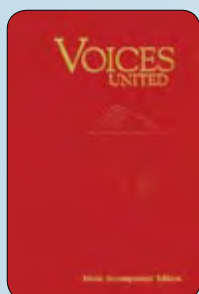
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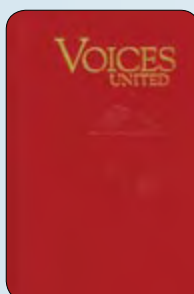
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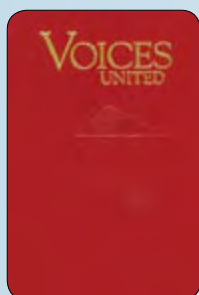
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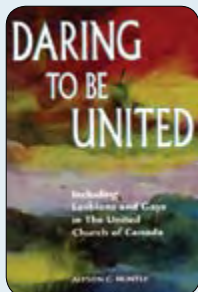


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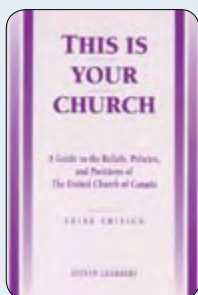


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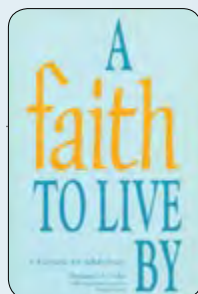
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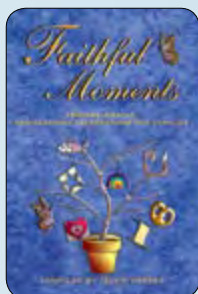
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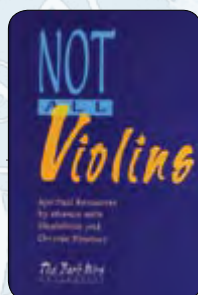
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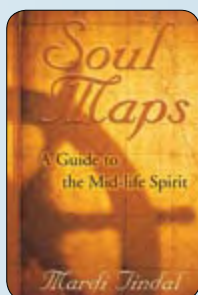
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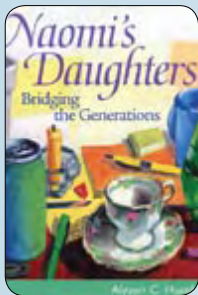
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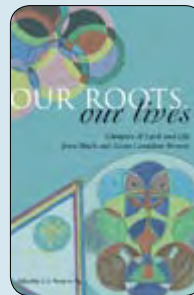
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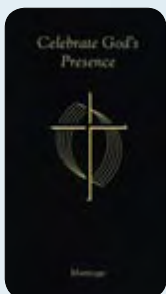
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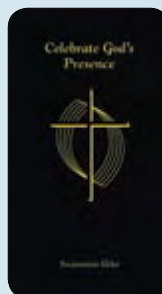


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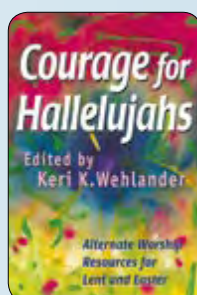
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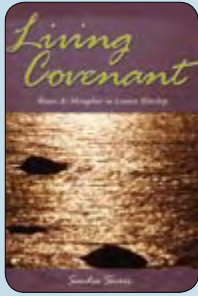
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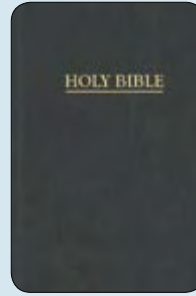
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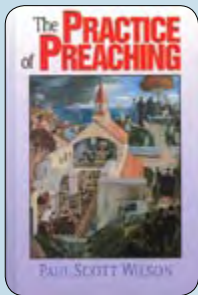
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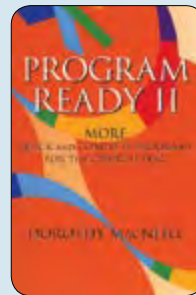
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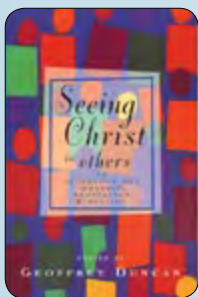
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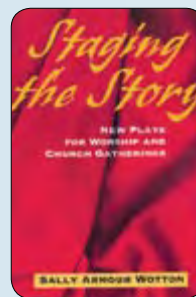
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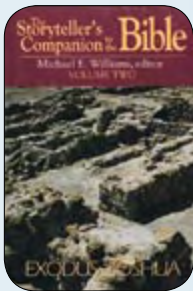
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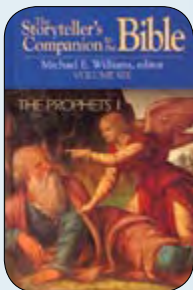
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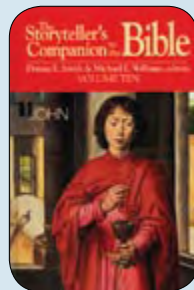
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