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Biblical Teaching/Theology

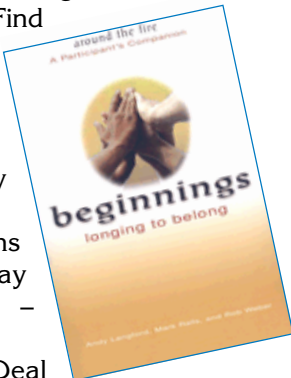
BEGINNINGS: LONGING TO BELONG (DVD 0543)

Beginnings: Longing to Belong is a ten-week study that explores the importance of community in the Christian faith, using fire as its central metaphor. Each session includes a meal, a video presentation, and a small-group discussion.

DVD segments include: (20 minutes each)

1. Longing to Belong? – Introduction
2. How Do We Find Our Place? – Baptism
3. What Are We Hungry For? – Holy Communion
4. What Happens When We Pray Together? – Prayer
5. What's The Deal With Miracles? – Signs and Wonders
6. What Do We Have in Common? – Stewardship
7. How Can we Remember Who We Are? – Worship
8. How Can We Open Our lives to Each Other? – Hospitality
9. How Can We Get Along When We Are So Different? – Conflict Resolution
10. How Do We Share What We Have Discovered? – Witness

This series also contains a director's manual, a small-group leader's manual, a sample participant's guide, and a copy of the book Longing to Belong. For ages college and up.



DEVOTION TO JESUS: THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST IN EARLIER CHRISTIANITY (DVDs 0545 and 0546)

When, where, and why did people first believe in the divinity of Jesus? These are the essential but also controversial questions addressed in this course. Join Dr. Larry Hurtado as he lays out the evidence and, in the process, clears away a mountain of popular misinformation.

Sessions include:

DVD 0545- (20 minutes each)

1. Introduction to Jesus Devotion
2. Roman and Jewish Backgrounds
3. Jesus in the Letters of Paul
4. Jesus in Jewish Christianity

DVD 0546- (20 minutes each)

5. Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels
6. Jesus in the Gospel of John
7. The Cost and Consequences of Jesus Devotion
8. How did it happen? What does it mean for me today?

Series contains leader's guide, participant's guide, publicity materials, and leader training DVD. For ages college and up!

United Methodist Women

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – A JOURNEY IN MISSION (DVD 0542)

Welcome to "A Journey in Mission," a DVD/CD set developed for United Methodist Women members and all who are interested in mission with women, children and youth. It brings you stories of ordinary women and youth who have been empowered to do extraordinary things through United Methodist Women. These include stories of United Methodist Women members and women with whom United Methodist Women is in mission.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of what it means to be women in mission. Then share them with others – family, friends, pastors, United Methodist Women members and potential members, and everyone who will be blessed knowing the breadth and depth of United Methodist Women's mission outreach across the United States and around the world. Includes both DVD and CD-ROM. For ages high school and up.

Child Abuse Prevention

REDUCING THE RISK – KEEPING YOUR MINISTRY SAFE FROM CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (DVD 0541)

As difficult as it is to think about, child sexual abuse still occurs regularly in today's churches. The main reason why: Churches fail to properly screen and train staff and volunteer workers before putting them into service.

This training DVD includes the following 10 segments with expert teaching from a panel of experts, plus personal testimonies and how-to scenarios. Adult viewing. 70 minutes.

1. Child Protection as the Foundation of Your Ministry
2. A Victim's Story
3. Sexual Abuse in Faith Communities-An Expert Roundtable
4. Testimony of a Sex Offender
5. Screening & Selection: Your First Line of Defense
6. Screening & Selection: The Candidate
7. Legal Requirements: The Church's Responsibility to Protect Kids
8. Supervising Scenarios: What Would You Do?
9. Responding to an Allegation
10. Taking the Next Steps

Check out these new BOOKS in MARC ...

Social/Ethical Issues/ Peacemaking Other Religions

A PEACE READER (BK 0090)

All of us are called to be peacemakers in our families, our neighborhoods, and the wider world we influence. This collection of essays and true stories of leading Christian pacifists over the past century will challenge you to think seriously about your role as a peacemaker in today's world. Edited by E. Morris Sider and Luke Keefer, Jr.

Includes 32 chapters, divided into 5 parts. 279 pages.

Part I: The Biblical and Theological Themes of Peace

Part II: Church History and Issues of Peace

Part III: Applications of Christian Preaching

Part IV: Stories of Christian Peacemaking

Part V: Christian Reflections on September 11, 2001

CHOOSING PEACE THROUGH DAILY PRACTICES (BK 0092)

Choosing Peace Through Daily Practices is intended for people who feel both called to and daunted by the vocation of peacemaking. How do we live out this calling in a world that seeks peace through violence? How do we live out this call in a society



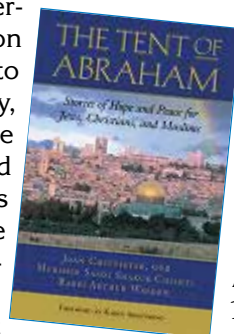
that understands peace as the absence of violence, rather than the presence of justice? How do we live out this calling in a time when the daily news reinforces the perception that peace is truly untenable? The contributors, all of whom teach at Claremont School of Theology, argue in their essays that we live out this calling by practicing peace in and through our daily devotions, work, and interaction with others. Editor: Ellen Ott Marshall

196 pages, 7 chapters.

THE TENT OF ABRAHAM – Stories of Hope and Peace for Jews, Christians, and Muslims (BK 0093)

In recent years there has been an explosion of curiosity and debate about Islam and about the role of religion, both in the world and in the Arab-Israeli conflict. The numerous books published on these questions speak to issues of politics, history, or global security. None speaks to the heart and the spirit, and yet millions of people experience these issues not as political, economic, or intellectual questions but as questions of deep spiritual, emotional, and religious significance.

The Tent of Abraham provides readers with stories that can bring all the faiths together. Written by Saadi Shakur Chishti, a Scottish American Sufi, Rabbi Arthur Waskow, an American Jew, and Joan Chittister, a Benedictine sister, the book explores in accessible language the mythic quality and the teachings of reconcili-



ation that are embedded in the Torah, the Qur'an, and the Bible. It also weaves together the wisdoms of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian traditions into a deeper, more unified whole. *The Tent of Abraham* is the first book to tell the whole story of Abraham as found in Jewish, Christian, and Muslim sources and to re-energize it as a basis for peace. 218 pages.

Social/Ethical Issues/ Ecology/Environment

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – JEWISH, CATHOLIC, AND PROTESTANT WISDOM ON THE ENVIRONMENT (BK 0095)

A fair and honest debate about religious responses to environmental issues should always distinguish theological principles from prudential judgments. The Cornwall Declaration and the accompanying essays in this book were written to do just that. They were not written to provide theological

rationale for current environmentalist fashion. Rather, they seek to articulate the broad Judeo-Christian theological principles concerning the environment, and to distinguish those principles from contrary ideas popular in the environmental movement. Author- Jay Richards; 4 chapters. 119 pages.

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