



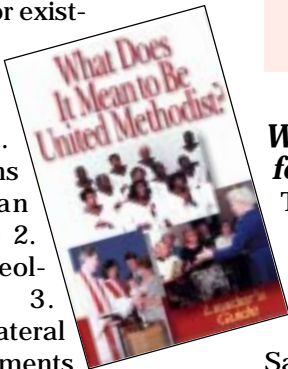
**All resources listed in this issue are new!**

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## UMC

**United Methodism 101: A Discovery CD-ROM (CD0006)** This resource is an electronic learning tool produced as a ministry of UM Communications. It may be used in a small group or for independent study. 1. Introduction and Overview to your journey: What is the UMC 2. History of the UMC: From the Birth of a Movement to a Modern Denomination 3. Underlying Theology and Foundations of Basic Beliefs 4. Organization and Structure 5. Present and Future Challenges faced by all United Methodists. (1 CD-ROM; Leader's guide; UMCCom, ©2004; This CD-ROM is not compatible with the Macintosh)

**What Does It Mean to be United Methodists? (VT3094 or DVD0054)** This resource explores some frequently asked questions about United Methodism and United Methodists. It is for churches interested in new member classes and refresher classes for existing members in Sunday school settings as well as in small groups. Five video sessions are: 1. Wesleyan Heritage (12 min.) 2. John Wesley's Theology (8 min.) 3. Wesleyan Quadrilateral (8 min.) 4. Sacraments (9 min.) 5. How do United Methodists do church? (8 min.) (1 VHS & 1 DVD; Leader's guide; Abingdon Press, ©2004; for Sr. High & up)



## 2005 MARC Membership Grant Available!

The West Michigan Conference Leadership Development Team is making available grants to cover the full cost for rural-small membership churches (West Michigan Conference only) for 2005 MARC membership. The application process is simple. If your church would like to participate, just let us know through phone (888-217-1905), email marc@wmcumc.org, or fax (616-459-0191). Funding has been set aside for up to 20 churches. Those churches that have never been a member of MARC are encouraged to apply. All other churches please renew or enroll your membership by filling out the form on back page and mailing it back to us with your dues.

**West Michigan Annual Conference 2004 (VT3105-3106)** These resources were taped during the 36th West Michigan Annual Conference held in June 3-6, 2004 at Calvin College. Memorial Worship Service (71 min.) and Making Sacred Time (76 min.) are currently available in VHS format and all others will be in audiocassettes. (2 VHS; West Michigan Conference, 2004; for Sr. High & up)

## UMW STUDIES— PUBLIC EDUCATION

**Unequal Education: Failing Our Children (VT3113)** A documentary made by a group of recently graduated high school students who spent six months filming and interviewing in two New York City schools. Gives an inside look at inequality in the schools by focusing on two public schools in the Bronx district, one in the middle class community of Riverdale, the other in Fordham, a poor section. This film is recommended for college and adult audiences as a discussion starter on the topic of social problems and education. (1 VHS; 21 min.; EVC, ©1993; for adults)

**Beyond Brown: Pursuing the Promise (DVD0052)** Emmy-winning director Stanley Nelson examines the legal battle that culminated in the historic Brown v.



Board of Education Supreme Court ruling outlawing segregation in public schools. Activists and celebrities also discuss the achievements and unfulfilled promises of the ruling, exploring contemporary debates on student tracking, high-stakes testing, school financing, and busing. (1DVD; 60 min.; Firelight Media, ©2004; for adults)

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**YOUTH —  
OVER-CONSUMPTION**

**Think Twice: Straight-Talking Teens Speak Out About Mass Consumption (VT3114):** Follow Jeremy and Jessica through a typical day at school. Find out what today's average teenage girl, in her life time, spends more than \$18,000 on. Created in collaboration with an actual high school classroom, this video uses the voices of real teens to question the motivation behind current levels of consumption in the United States, and is sure to facilitate classroom discussion about the causes and effects of this modern American issue. (1VHS; 7 min.; The Video Project, ©2003; for youth)

**The Cost of Cool: Youth, Consumption & Environment (VT3115):** Hosted by Alexandra Paul, this video shows teenagers grappling with what it takes to be icooli and the environmental price we pay to have the latest, icoolesti stuff. This film looks at everyday items, from T-shirt to sneakers, and tracks the effect of their manufacture on the world's resources. This video provides insight into ways we can enjoy a sustainable, high quality life while being less focused on personal possessions and consumption. (1 VHS; 26 min.; Resource guide for high school educators; The Video Project ; for youth)

**MISSION**

**From Landmines to Schools: Landmine Removal In Mozambique (DVD0053)** In this movie, you will see big machines clear away the bush, a dog's discovery of an unexploded landmine, and workers combing the ground inch-by-inch in order to pinpoint the exact location of the mine. And finally, you'll see a new school that was built in a field once shunned by the community because it was filled with dangerous landmines. \$1million fund established by GBGM combined with UM donations to the UMCOR Landmine Removal Advance #982575 has helped to make Mozambique a safer place. Since the implementation of removal activity in early 2003, over 3 million square meters of land in Mozambique have been cleared of deadly landmines. (1 DVD; 15 min.; GBGM, 2004; for Jr. High & up)

**Here I am Lord: Missionaries of the UMC (VT3104)** This video shows different missions that are supported by the World Service Fund, the UMW pledge to Missions, and the Advance Covenant Relationships. There is a booklet and a devotional guide available with this video. (1VHS; 14 min.; Devotional guide; UMCCom, 2004)

**Celebrate: A Seed Is a Promise (VT3102)** This video celebrates 135 years in mission for the UMW. The video mentions concerns of Public Education and Peace & Justice. The Charter for Racial Justice was proud day for the UMW. Scenes are of the Assembly 2002 in Philadelphia and places where mission money is helping share the message. (1 VHS; General Board of Global Ministries, 2004.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Sunday School: It's For Life (VT3103; DVD0047)** This video promotes a vital Sunday school program in the church.



It can be used with your church Council, Education Work Area, teachers, or the whole congregation. It can be used with gatherings of pastors to encourage them to see the Sunday school as an extension of their

teaching ministry and as a key place for formation. (1 VHS; 9 min.; Cokesbury, 2004)

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