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### *United Methodist Lectionary 2014*

An all-in-one resource that helps both the music director and pastor plan the worship services for each Sunday and holy day of the year, the United Methodist Music and Worship Planner 2014-2015; is lectionary based and places at one's fingertips a calendar format that helps plan the entire choir year from September through August, reproducible worship planning forms, suggestions for prayers, solos, anthems, visuals, and much more. Also included is the complete lectionary text of the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings, using

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Common English Bible  
translation.

Should society care about Christian morality? Are Christians out of touch with complex moral decision-making? *Christian Morality: An Interdisciplinary Framework for Thinking about Contemporary Moral Issues* provides readers with a framework for identifying and applying Christian moral principles to divisive issues. First, readers learn of the theological and philosophical foundations of Christian ethics. Two additional chapters explain how personal and social factors influence our capacity to think critically and Christianly about morality. Second, readers will learn about forming Christian moral

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judgments by seeing how different thinkers address six contemporary moral issues: abortion, same-sex relationships, equal treatment of men and women in the workplace, sex education, and racial bias in incarceration polices.

Fall theme: Covenants With God  
Genesis | Exodus | Numbers | 1 Samuel | 2 Samuel | Nehemiah | Jeremiah | Ezekiel | 1 Corinthians | Titus  
This fall, Daily Bible Study presents a series of readings following the theme "Covenants With God." Readings come from Old and New Testament texts. These daily readings, which prepare us for the 13 lessons in Adult Bible Studies, are written by Taylor Mills, Randy Cross, and Sue Mink. Signs of God's

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Covenants Daily readings in this four-week unit develop the biblical images of the peaceful kingdom, the mountain of God, foundations of the earth, and everlasting covenant. Called Into Covenant With God This five-week unit features readings related to God's covenant with Abram, God's covenant with Israel, obeying God's law, God's covenant with David, and God's covenant with the returned exiles. An Everlasting Covenant The daily readings in this four-week unit follow the themes of faithful God, unfaithful people; the promise of a new covenant; the mediator of the new covenant; and remembering the covenant. This ongoing day-by-day Bible study series is presented in quarterly

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segments. Bible-based, Christ-focused, and United Methodist-approved, this resource helps individuals develop the discipline of studying the Bible every day. It coordinates with the lesson themes of Adult Bible Studies. Each lesson includes: a one-page Bible study for each day of the quarter, along with introductory reflection questions and Commentary on the daily Scripture passage, Life Application, and a concluding prayer. Available in print and eBook format.

This Benedictine prayer companion presents a modern reworking of the ancient monastic practice of praying at set hours. For each season of the Christian Year, it provides eight short,

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simple prayer outlines, complete with readings: • Waking as an occasion for praise • Discernment at the beginning of the day • Wisdom for the mid-morning reflection • Perseverance at midday • Love as a focus of the afternoon • Forgiveness as the day closes • An invitation to Trust at bedtime • Midnight at the time to Watch Everything needed to follow the pattern of prayer is printed out in full, including scripture readings, short meditations, quotations from Christian writings, hymn texts and questions for reflection. Daily Prayer for All Seasons originated in the Episcopal Church of America (where it is authorised by the General Convention) and was compiled by a diverse team of

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priests, liturgists, writers and lay men and women. Bishop John Pritchard introduces this UK edition.

Christian Worship

The Global Vision of Martin Luther King Jr

Women, Ritual, and Power

The Upper Room Disciplines

2014, Enlarged-Print Edition: A Book of Daily Devotions

Out of Exodus

Christian Morality

Reclaiming the Great World House

**The rapid growth of Christianity in the global south is not just a demographic shift—it is transforming the faith itself. The**

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Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South traces both the history and the contemporary themes of Christianity in more than 150 countries and regions. It includes maps, images, and a detailed timeline of key events.

The standard resource for teachers of the Uniform Series.

Fall Theme: God Genesis  
| Exodus | Proverbs |  
Hebrews | Joshua |  
Psalms | John Romans |  
Deuteronomy | Habakkuk |



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Acts This fall, Daily Bible Study presents a series of readings supporting the theme "God." Readings come from Old and New Testament texts. These daily readings prepare us for the 13 lessons in Adult Bible Studies. God Daily readings in this unit help us discern what "Godness" is. They help us understand the Lord as the divine initiator of the cosmos and as the creator of humankind, and they remind us that God is

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not limited to what we can know of or imagine about God. They encourage us to appreciate the fact that mystery and wisdom are essential qualities of God's nature. Finally, they invite us to consider Christ's role with God in the world's creation. In God's Image Readings in this unit focus on the human condition. They remind us of the chasm sin imposes between us and our Creator. They guide us toward penitence that

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asks God to bridge the breach caused by sin. They recall for us how Jesus provides entry into the kingdom of God and challenge us to consider what the redeemed life looks like. Worship Readings in this unit challenge us to think about "objects of worship," with "objects" meaning not worship aids, such as candles and paraments, but those things we place ahead of God. They remind us of the place of God in our

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worship and the related instruction to love God with all that we are and to make that an essential part of our daily lives. They offer us the opportunity to think about why we may deliberately choose to worship that which is not God. They stress that nothing we worship other than God can impart life, and they invite us to understand that the worship impulse is only satisfied when it is directed toward God. This ongoing day-by-

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day Bible study series is a great companion to Adult Bible Studies but can also be used as a standalone study for anyone wanting daily time with God. It is presented in quarterly segments. Bible-based, Christ-focused, and United Methodist-approved, this resource helps individuals develop the discipline of studying the Bible every day and coordinates with the lesson themes of Adult Bible Studies. Each

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lesson includes a one-page Bible study for each day of the quarter, along with introductory reflection questions and commentary on the daily Scripture passage, life application, and a concluding prayer. Now, in response to feedback, we are introducing new features and benefits to the resources including: A comprehensive Bible study plan with more flexibility in terms of Scripture selection and topics. Observation of the church seasons,

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lectionary reading, the  
book of Isaiah provides  
a familiar voice for  
congregations during the  
season of Advent. So how  
do we create faithful,  
Christian

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interpretations of  
Isaiah for today while  
respecting the  
interpretations of our  
Jewish neighbors?  
Integrating biblical  
scholarship with  
pastoral concern, Tyler  
Mayfield invites readers  
to view Isaiah through  
two lenses. He  
demonstrates using near  
vision to see how the  
Christian liturgical  
season of Advent shapes  
readings of Isaiah and  
using far vision to  
clarify our relationship  
to Jews and



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Judaism—showing along  
the way how near vision  
and far vision are both  
required to read Isaiah  
clearly and responsibly.  
Advent 2018

The American Church that  
Might Have Been

Pastoral Music

A Practical Guide for  
Episcopal Church

Musicians

The Abingdon Preaching  
Annual 2013

Catholic Theology of  
Marriage in the Era of  
HIV and AIDS

Prepare! 2014–2015

Winter theme: Creation: A Divine Cycle

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Luke | Psalms | Galatians This Winter, Daily Bible Study presents a series of readings following the theme "Creation: A Divine Cycle." Readings come from Old and New Testament texts. These daily readings, which prepare us for the 13 lessons in Adult Bible Studies, are written by Taylor Mills, Nan Duerling, and Sue Mink. Praise From and for God's Creation Daily readings in this four-week unit examine God's promise of a Savior, the affirmation of God's promise, the forerunner of the promise, and the Savior's birth. A World Gone Wrong This five-week unit features readings that praise God as Creator and Provider and demonstrate creation's praise of God. Many joyful readings in this unit come from the Psalms. The Birthing of a New Community The daily readings in this four-week unit explore how we are re-created to live in harmony, how new birth brings freedom,

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how we have freedom in Christ, and how Christ creates holy living. This ongoing day-by-day Bible study series is presented in quarterly segments. Bible-based, Christ-focused, and United Methodist-approved, this resource helps individuals develop the discipline of studying the Bible every day. It coordinates with the lesson themes of Adult Bible Studies. Each lesson includes: a one-page Bible study for each day of the quarter, along with introductory reflection questions and Commentary on the daily Scripture passage, Life Application, and a concluding prayer. Available in print and eBook format.

Postcolonialism has greatly influenced biblical and theological criticism but has not yet entered the realm of church worship and practice. 'Christian Worship' brings the insights of postcolonial thinking to the rituals of religious life. The book critically analyses liturgical theology

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through the lens of postcolonialism and explores the challenges of appropriating postcolonial perspectives in Christian worship. Ranging from liturgical texts and song to Scripture, lectionaries, festivals and sacraments, this volume offers a fresh approach to liturgy that will be of interest to students of theology, seminarians and church practitioners.

Various Christian traditions mark their calendars to reflect the biblical and ecclesial narrative and enhance public worship. Such efforts safeguard against secularization's encroachment in the church's life. *Setting the Spiritual Clock* serves as a guide and traveling companion for the liturgical year, which circles the glorious Son as he breaks through the secular eclipse.

Based on the Sunday Lectionary, these inspiring and deeply insightful Barclay readings are ideal for worship leaders,

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individuals and groups. They are drawn from William Barclay's much-loved and ever-popular comprehensive commentary on the New Testament.

The Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual  
2014

Places People Pray

Neo-Pentecostalism

A Conversation across Time and Space

Daily Bible Study Winter 2020-2021  
2014

A Post-Colonial Critique of the Prosperity  
Gospel in the Democratic Republic of the  
Congo

An all-in-one resource that helps both the music director and pastor plan the worship services for each Sunday and holy day of the year, the 2014-2015 edition of Prepare! is lectionary-based and places at one's fingertips a calendar format

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During a forty-year period ending in 2002, leaders of major American churches tried to unite their members, ministries, and public service in a new church they named A Church of Christ Uniting. Participating in this movement were four Methodist Churches, the Episcopal Church, the nation's largest Presbyterian Church, the

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United Church of Christ, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the International Council of Community Churches. With a membership of close to twenty million, this church would have been spread throughout the nation more fully than any other church except the Roman Catholic. Leaders of the movement believed that this union would enable church members to experience their Christian life more fully. It would heal divisions that had existed since the Protestant Reformation 450 years earlier and displace the denominational system that was increasingly dysfunctional. By coming together in a new way, these churches could

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work more effectively at overcoming problems in American life--especially the challenges related to racism. Although the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) closed before converting its vision into a new form of the church, it had a significant effect on these churches and the nation. This is a story that needs to be remembered.

The first volume in the T&T Clark Companions series, this volume is a handbook on Methodism containing an introduction, dictionary of key terms, and concentrates on key themes, methodology and research problems for those interested in studying the origins and



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development of the history and theology of world Methodism. The literature describing the history and development of Methodism has been growing as scholars and general readers have become aware of its importance as a world church with approximately 40 million members in 300 Methodist denominations in 140 nations. The tercentenary celebrations of the births of its founders, John and Charles Wesley, in 2003 and 2007 provided an additional focus on the evolution of the movement which became a church. This book researches questions, problems, and resources for further study. Spring Theme: Life This spring, Daily Bible Study presents a series

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of readings supporting the theme "Life." Readings come from Old and New Testament texts. These daily readings, which prepare us for the 13 lessons in Adult Bible Studies, are written by Sue Mink, Michael Whitcomb-Tavey, and Clara Welch. Wilderness Suffering is a reality of life, and the readings in this unit take us to places in Scripture where suffering is a dominant theme. From the Old Testament and the New Testament, we read stories that take place in gardens and in the wilderness. We also retrace the exile of the people of Judah and better understand the suffering that experience brought. We examine these stories, not to

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wallow in misery, but to understand them as a context for hope and salvation as we, too, live through times of suffering.

Salvation Suffering is not the end of our story when God is involved with us. Thus, the readings in this second unit are about salvation.

They explore the new start for the people of Judah, represented by the rebuilding of the Temple in Haggai's time and the new start for humankind announced by John the Baptist and accomplished through the death and resurrection of Jesus, new starts made possible by God ' s initiative. Grace One of the early readings in this quarter is about the expulsion from the garden of

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Eden, the loss of paradise. In the readings from this unit, we see the Bible ' s prophecy of the return to paradise—the kingdom of God—made possible by God ' s grace, along with other points in Scripture at which God ' s grace was operative. Each of these readings reminds us that God ' s grace is an ongoing force in life for those who are faithful to God. This ongoing day-by-day Bible study series is a great companion to Adult Bible Studies but can also be used as a standalone study for anyone wanting daily time with God. It is presented in quarterly segments. Bible-based, Christ-focused, and United Methodist-approved, this resource helps

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All Things Necessary  
Prepare!: An Ecumenical Music &  
Worship Planner

Creation: A Divine Cycle

Matthew: Year A

A Guide for Daily Prayer, Bible  
Reading, and Discipleship

***The trusted planning  
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***Inspired by author Karen  
Appleby's childhood***

***experiences and new insights  
gained from a recent trip to***

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*Italy, she finally feels comfortable and blessed in her prayer life. Even though she served in ministry professionally for thirty years until her retirement and considers herself a spiritual person, prayer had seemed a mystery. Karen firmly believes that there are many people who struggle with prayer as well. Through a creative structure of contemplative writing, photography, scripture, spiritual-guiding questions, and an opportunity for the reader to journal, Reverend Appleby leads readers through a journey on a variety of themes centered on prayer, including the*

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*presence of God, places of rest, nature, forgiveness, community, revelations, communion, blessing, and thanksgiving, just to name a few. We believe that readers interested in deepening their prayer life will find this book helpful and hopefully inspire them to practice prayer in new ways and new places.*

*Daily Bible Study is a great companion to the quarterly Adult Bible Studies or as a stand-alone study. Bible-based, and Christ-focused, and United Methodist-approved, it coordinates with the theme of Adult Bible Studies. Each lesson includes a one-page Bible*



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*study for each day of the quarter, along with introductory reflection questions and commentary on the daily Scripture passage, life application, and a concluding prayer. Daily Bible Studies Fall 2021 Theme: Belong Unit 1: Outside In Sociologists studying the story of the early church often attribute the growth of the church to the sense of belonging that it offered people in a world where belonging was limited to those with things such as property, high status, and/or birthright. This unit of lessons looks at the various ways that the Bible makes clear how we belong to*

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*God's people even when we appear to be outsiders. Several of the lessons point out where we as human beings insert distinctions that restrict membership within the community of Christ. Scriptures: Jeremiah 29:1-23; Luke 7:36-50; Galatians 2:11-21; Philippians 3:2-21; Ephesians 2:19-21*

*Spiritual Practice: Hospitality Unit 2: Into the Future After over 2000 years of existence as an institution, we can easily take for granted that we know what the church is. This unit invites readers to look at it from the view of the community living into the future. The Greek word*

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*for church, ekklesia, is not a word that the first members of the church associated with a religious activity. The word signifies the assembly of the people of God. It is instructive to look at what their understanding of the purpose of assembling as a group signified, how it has shaped our understanding of church, and how reading these texts might renew and expand our understanding. Scriptures: Acts 2:37-47; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Matthew 16:13-19; Revelation 3:1-6, 14-20; Deuteronomy 29:10-29  
Spiritual Practice:  
Community Unit 3: The Fellowship of the Table Once*

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*one enters the Church through baptism, the central identity marker for membership in the church is participation in Communion. The opening of God's people to both Jews and Greeks, men and women, masters and slaves required people previously unaccustomed to eating together to sit down at a common table. When we look at the Gospel narratives, we see Jesus modeling open table fellowship. In this unit, we will look at the significance of the practice of open table fellowship in the church as a sign of God's shared abundance, ministry of reconciliation,*

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***and celebration. Scriptures:  
John 6:1-15; 1 Samuel  
25:2-39; 1 Corinthians  
11:17-34; Isaiah 25:6-10a;  
55:1-3 Spiritual Practice:  
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information about these  
resources and more!  
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have long turned to The  
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for help with one of the  
central tasks of their  
ministry: sermon  
preparation. The 2013  
edition of the Annual  
continues and, in response***

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*to our faithful readers, improves this fine tradition. Sermon helps include: lectionary-based sermons for each Sunday and special liturgical event of the year; lectionary commentary; and 15 topical sermon series on diverse themes like missions, modern families, life in the Holy Spirit, stewardship, and more. Worship planning aids include a four-year liturgical event calendar Guide to liturgical colors; 2013 lectionary readings in one, easy-to-read table; and related worship aids following each lectionary sermon, and each sermon series. The Abingdon*

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A Pastoral Memoir of a  
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Daily Bible Study Fall 2017  
Marriage for Life  
The United Methodist Music  
and Worship Planner  
Placing Female Imagery of  
God in Christian Worship  
Sacramental Life Vol. 30.4***

Jesus' best-known mandate--after perhaps the mandate to love God and neighbor--was given at the Last Supper just before his death: "Do this in memory of me." Indeed, a case can be made that to "do this" is

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the source and summit of the way Christians carry out Jesus' love-mandate. Of course, Christians have debated what it means to "do this," and these debates have all too often led to divisions within and between them--debates over leavened and unleavened bread, reception of the cup, real presence and sacrifice, "open" or "closed" communion, this Supper and the hunger of the world. These divisions seem to fly in the face of Jesus' mandate, causing some to wonder whether this is "really" the Lord's Supper we celebrate (compare 1 Corinthians 11). Everything turns on just what it means to "do this." The purpose of the Center for Catholic and



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Evangelical Theology's 2012 conference was to address at least some of the many aspects of this question--to address them together, as Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox pastors and theologians, and all participants in the Supper. Biblical and progressive. Mainline and charismatic. Faithful and questioning. This book is not what you think it is. The story of the Exodus is told in parallel with testimonies, sermons, and personal reflections from a congregation in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, challenging the reader to a journey of faith. Along the way, it becomes clear that open and affirming ministry transcends LGBTQIA+

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inclusion. It is also about race relations, poverty, generational change, divorce, immigration, and any other human-created barrier to loving God and neighbor. Tools for the journey. Finding a new voice amid profound social change is a difficult and vitally important task. Many congregations and entire denominations are in the process of figuring out how to express a new voice of faith, particularly in our understanding of sexuality and gender. Christians are experiencing nothing less than a holy disruption caused by the Spirit among us. The book concludes with a discussion of challenges to community and ministry. Helpful appendices

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provide congregational resources and discussion questions for group study. The stories in this book include experiences of and with persons in many denominational settings: Roman Catholic, Unitarian-Universalist, Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, Metropolitan Community Church, United Church of Christ, United Brethren, Church of the Brethren, Society of Friends (Quakers), and United Methodist. This is truly an ecumenical journey. To read and visualize the transfiguration of Christ is to enter its mystery and encounter its hope. Like the Gospel writers and the disciples who climbed the mountain with Jesus, we struggle to tell the

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story and explain its meaning. Yet this astounding event reveals God's ultimate purpose in sending his Son--the complete restoration of humanity and all creation--our transfiguration in Christ. The light and glory of that moment reveal a destiny that is infinite and eternal, made possible by the power of grace. Transfiguration is the trajectory and goal of our spiritual journey. Across time and space, Christians have reflected on the mystery and hope epitomized in the transfiguration, yet their voices have been heard primarily within their own cultural and ecclesiastical contexts. This study gathers many of those voices from the panorama of

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Scripture and church history and finds in them the common theme of radical transformation in Christ.

The point of this theological conversation is spiritual transfiguration and hope for each of us as we reach toward the future Christ has shown us in himself.

For centuries, Pentecostalism has played a significant role in oppressively shaping the life of formerly colonized people of Africa.

Moreover, its theologies have perpetuated neocolonial policies developed through the lens of colonial legacies rooted in la mission civilizatrice (mission to civilize).

However, since the 1980s, Neo-Pentecostalism is increasingly

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reshaping the Congolese Christendom. It sanctions the theologies of a prosperity gospel rooted in an uncritical reading of the Bible and self-theologizing informed by a lack of literal, contextual translation effects. This book argues that the prosperity gospel bankrupts its adherents--in this case, the vulnerable, impoverished sections of Sub-Saharan Africa, and particularly the Postcolonial Congo--and instead offers a balanced theological reflection that broadens Neo-Pentecostal studies with an African voice encouraging the rewriting and rereading of the story of redemptive mission. The research engages a paradigm shift

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within global missions and world Christianity, or the history of missions as the platform to negotiate literal, prophetic, and contextual translation and retransmission of the biblical gospel. It is critical to reclaim and reestablish a hermeneutic of mixed methodologies and construct a contextual and critical interpretation of the Bible in the Congo. To avoid the African assumption of cultural baggage, which affects how the Congolese interpret the Bible, the interpreter has to be neutral and experience the voice of Christ in the text instead of the voice of Congolese culture; they must be a prophetic voice to reconstruct the

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authentic meaning of the salvific  
story.

The Abingdon Worship Annual  
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Daily Bible Study Winter 2016-2017

Unto Us a Child Is Born

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Barclay on the Lectionary:  
Matthew, Year A

Disciplines

An Ecumenical Music & Worship  
Planner

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(Advent 2018) Founded in  
1988, Sacramental Life is  
one of two journals  
published by the Order of  
Saint Luke (OSL*



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*Publications). Print distribution is to the members of the Order globally, as well as to a number of theology departments and seminary libraries in the United States.*

*A Guide to the Practice of Church Music by Marion J. Hatchett was published by Church Hymnal Corporation in 1989 and was an invaluable resource for church musicians, clergy, and educational programs in the church, such as the Leadership Program for Musicians (LPM). Since that time our liturgical*

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*language expanded and changed the scope of our worship offerings. The hymnody of other cultures, as well as hymn writers from the past thirty years, has influenced congregational song. The use of the Revised Common Lectionary has necessitated the need for new liturgical and music planning texts. All Things Necessary: A Practical Guide for Episcopal Church Musicians by Marti Rideout is a resource for musicians serving in Episcopal Churches who come from other*

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*denominations; clergy who desire to have a deeper appreciation for church music and who seek a resource that will help them in their ministries; those who are new to church work, and those who have served the church but desire to expand their knowledge. This book provides: - Comprehensive information about the Episcopal Church, The Book of Common Prayer (1979), liturgical resources published since then and the opportunities for music within the various rites, The Hymnal 1982 and*

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*all hymnal supplements and resources written since that publication. - A philosophy of music in the Episcopal Church. - A complete compilation of service music and canticles for the Daily Offices, Holy Eucharist and Sacraments from Church Publishing's six main hymnal sources. - Suggestions for the singing of Psalms and planning liturgies throughout the liturgical year. - Extensive lists of sources for most aspects of church music and liturgy, terms and*

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*definitions from an Episcopal perspective, and a practical bibliography. This best-selling book of daily devotions based on the Revised Common Lectionary features 53 writers from diverse locales, ethnicities, and Christian traditions. Writers for 2014 include Missy Buchanan, Jan Richardson, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, Steve Garnaas-Holmes, Luis Reyes, Kwasi Kena, Claudio Carvalhaes, and many others. Each week opens with a scripture overview and questions and thoughts*

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*for reflection that can be used individually or with a small group. Each daily reading focuses on a selected scripture passage and ends with a prayer or suggestion for meditation. Introducing The Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual! Invest some time in careful thought and conversation with creative ideas and with people who successfully express the power and inspiration of God through preaching. The Abingdon Preaching Annual, a long-time trusted resource, is now The Abingdon Creative*

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*Preaching Annual, created  
in collaboration with  
Jenee Woodard, curator of  
the popular website,  
textweek.com.*

*Setting the Spiritual  
Clock*

*September 2014 - August  
2015*

*September 2014–August 2015  
Daily Bible Study Spring  
2020*

*T&T Clark Companion to  
Methodism*

*Daily Bible Study Fall  
2021*

*A Disciple's Journal 2014*

**A Disciple's Journal is a guide for  
daily prayer, Bible reading, and  
discipleship for Christians in the**

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**Wesleyan tradition who want to grow in holiness. The journal follows the liturgical calendar and contains daily prayers for morning and evening, daily scripture readings that correspond to the Revised Common Lectionary, excerpts from the works of John and Charles Wesley, and other helps for keeping a balance between works of piety and works of mercy.**

**A weekly worship planning book for pastors and musicians.**

**Reveals the triumphs and struggles of contemporary Christian congregations to express female imagery of God in worship. Many Christians do not know the Bible contains female images of God because they have never heard nor seen them in church. In Women,**



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**Ritual, and Power, Elizabeth Ursic gives the reader insight into four Christian communities that worship God with female imagery, both as a worship focus and a community identity. These Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Catholic congregations operate within their established church denominations and are led by either ordained Protestant ministers or vowed Catholic sisters. Because expressing God-as-She can expose strident claims for maintaining God-as-He, this book shows not only how patriarchy continues to operate in churches today, but also how it is being successfully challenged through liturgy. “Women, Ritual, and Power is an important contribution to the theological world. Elizabeth Ursic sheds light**

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**on what has enabled churches to include female images for the divine and provides multiple narratives of the negative reactions to such images. As she displays how gender is understood in Christian worship with evidence that some churches do include feminist imagery, the continuing presence of patriarchy is also revealed. The book is basically about the constructive function of the inclusion of feminine images for all. One of the main reasons we need this book is that Ursic perceives there is a much wider/larger group of Christians who would love to have more feminist images than is recognized in churches and church practices.” — Mary McClintock Fulkerson, author of *Changing the Subject: Women’s Discourses and***

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**their stories of marriage, of family life, of church involvement, and of living with HIV. Their candid reflections offer a fresh and grounded perspective on the challenges of living with HIV in a US context. After listening to and learning from these women's experiences, Reimer-Barry constructs a theology of Christian marriage that is life-giving in a world with AIDS. While Catholic teachings have developed and now affirm the equal dignity of women and men, troubling legacies of women's subordination remain embedded in liturgical practices and theological texts. Arguing that self-care is an indispensable**

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