

Resources For Worship Education About Racism

Each topic raised by Kervin in this collection of discussion starters for worship planners is a catalyst for a new kind of thinking around how we frame our worship. Creeds, intercultural worship, architecture, language, song, new technology...whatever the subject, Kervin combines an enlightening appreciation for liturgical traditions with the conviction that everyone in the church has experience and opinions and this grassroots input can enrich our common experience. Concise and accessible, Kervin, a renowned theologian and teacher at Emmanuel College in Toronto, brings to each reflection his own experience in pastoral ministry. His work has been drawn from Kervin's column *Worship Words* that appears regularly in the periodical *Gathering*. The chapters in *Gathered for Worship* have been tailored to meet the needs of worship planners as they study and reflect, discuss and plan, and include discussion questions, liturgical examples, and sources for further reading. Johanna M. Selles's educational guidelines will help them make the most of their meetings.

"The Sermon on the Mount and the eight teachings of Jesus known as the "Beatitudes" come to life in this beautiful and inspiring book. It explores in depth the famous teachings of Jesus in Bible times, focusing on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), the eight Beatitudes as a whole (Matthew 5:3-11), and each statement as a challenge for Jesus' followers to live by today. The book provides helps for congregations to use

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to create a focus on the Beatitudes within worship, during education, and for nurturing children, youth, and adults."--Publisher website.

This book provides ideas for building the faith of Christian youth so that that they will experience Gods presence, identify God, and take up their baptismal vocations.

(Ministry & Pastoral Resources)

Many trainee primary teachers are uncertain as to the place and purpose of RE in primary schools. This book is designed to alleviate such fears and give trainees the security and confidence to teach RE effectively. Trainees are encouraged to recognise their own religious position and understand how they handle their own beliefs and commitments in the classroom. In addition, they will learn how to be sensitive to children's religious viewpoints, allowing children to share their beliefs in a secure and supportive environment. A range of strategies help readers to provide engaging and appropriate RE across the primary age phase.

With exciting original artwork, creative weekly liturgies, and a wealth of educational material, including sermons and intergenerational activities, Celebrate Advent is a valuable resource for local church leaders.

This resource is a sample notebook of the Faith Practices online subscription curriculum, which seeks to provide resources for worship, learning, and service on 24 faith practices. Over the next six years, beginning in the Fall of 2010, resources on four practices of faith will become available each year. This curriculum is designed to be

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used in a variety of settings and with all age groups and provides resources for worship, education, workshop, retreat, small group, and community settings.

Cyber Worship in Multifaith Perspectives, as is implied by its name, explores worship (i.e., Prayer, Praise, Scripture, Sacrament, Rituals, Confessions, Eucharist, Rites, Pilgrimages, Reflection, Contemplation, etc.) on the Internet. It is not an "everything you need to know" guide about the subjects of faith and belief, religions-online, religions on the Net, or religions in cyberspace. Rather, it is a book about religious and spiritual experience under the rubric, cyber worship, which is the variety of ways religious devotion is performed and carried out on the Internet. The term 'Cyber Worship' is a catchall phrase, which includes variants such as online worship, virtual worship, electronic prayer, cyber puja, cyber synagogue, and so on. Dr. Mohamed Taher has thus assembled a quick reference for two groups: those communities that are involved in Cyber Worship and business Webs that collaborate in sustaining wired environments. As such, this book provides an interesting and current perspective on a practice that will continue to grow in the future.

In this Worship Innovations volume, the focus is on the Lent and Easter season. Like the first two books, this is a rich storehouse that will supply you with many seasons worth of compelling, scripturally authentic material. Included are: - The Paths to Calvary--a series of six short dramatic monologues for the weeks leading up to Easter in which biblical characters tell of their encounters with Jesus- Our Place at the Table--a

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dramatic re-enactment of the events preceding the Last Supper, culminating in a congregational communion service- A Passover to Remember--a complete Maundy Thursday service with a modified Passover seder as the centerpiece- A Growing Darkness--a Good Friday tenebrae service featuring seven readings about the day's events, brought to life with several costumed monologues- Seven Words to Die By--based on Christ's seven last words, this tenebrae service finds meaningful truths in the somber events of the crucifixion through monologues, scripture readings, music, and prayers- Surprise at Sunrise--an Easter sunrise service depicting the resurrection discovery in four vignettes using child actors- The Week of Weeks--a set of interactive scripture readings for each of the Sundays between Easter and Pentecost

This volume brings together original essays by both seasoned professionals and emerging scholars who examine state-of-the-art scholarship and pedagogy in ecologically-alert theology. Authors assess what various theologians have to offer, and draw implications for reshaping religious and environmental studies, as well as preparing the next generations of church leaders or pastoral workers. What needs to be done, these authors ask, to bring biblical studies, systematics, social ethics, practical theology, spiritual formation, and liturgy up to speed with eco-justice thought and action on environmental questions?

Worship Quest serves as a guide to understanding foundational questions about worship and leading in worship. Worship Quest offers a practical perspective on four roles of worship leadership and how they are to be fulfilled within various worship gatherings. For those called to lead in worship as well as those tasked in hiring worship leaders, it is important to

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understand the roles of worship leadership. Worship Quest helps readers come to understand the different worship gatherings and the various roles of worship leadership, and thus successfully fulfill God's call of leading in worship.

The Worship Sourcebook is a unique resource now available for the traditional or liturgical church's worship service needs. Filled with beautiful prepared prayers, stirring liturgies, and useful service plans, it provides an alternative to the Book of Common Worship (PCUSA) that is aimed more broadly in terms of global resources for Reformed and evangelical churches. The companion CD contains the entire 800-page text for easy cutting and pasting into bulletins, overheads, and orders of worship. The Worship Sourcebook is a perfect tool for exploring traditional worship in a classroom setting.

The authors have devised an exciting way to introduce three- to - seven year olds to the wonder of worship. Activities are developed around the order of worship commonly used in Reformed churches: assemble in God's name; proclaim, give thanks to and go in God's name. Lights, Camera, Worship! is a manual for all of your technical needs. To draw people into your church with incredible worship experiences, you need to learn more about how to get the most from your lighting, sound, video, and projection systems. This is your one stop resource! Written by an experienced professional and consultant, this book will show you how to successfully run the major components that, done correctly, will make your church presentation the absolute best it can be and will draw more people in! This is packed with information that will not only show you how to use the technology, but how to troubleshoot and problem-solve in the areas you need it most from running a new control board to uniting your lighting and audio visual systems as one integrated unit. This won't just show you how to operate your

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systems - it will make your production go from OK to WOW!

Through an array of study exercises, learning centers, and games, this resource enables congregations to teach children about worship, baptism, and communion.

"Children Worship!" offers planned experiences that help children understand what is expected in worship, how to participate, and what our words and actions mean. This thirteen-session worship education resource helps congregations incorporate young children into the worshiping community. Sessions focus on the six actions of worship and cover the following topics: Gathering, Giving Praise and Thanks, Praying, Proclaiming, Responding, and Sending. This resource, designed for use with children ages five through eight or as an intergenerational experience, includes a planning guide, individual session plans, congregational bulletin inserts, parent letters, and reproducible activity sheets. Leaders can use "Children Worship!" in a variety of settings. The material includes instruction for sessions that last forty-five minutes to one hour; reproducible bulletin inserts to help congregations know what participants are learning; worship suggestions for use during the time children are involved in the study; sample letters to parents to help the family reinforce each session; and suggestions for a churchwide study on children and worship.

In *Writing Worship: How to Craft Heartfelt Songs for the Church*, the Christian songwriter will explore the depths of the heart, immersing in relationship with God before learning practical worship songwriting skills. Award-winning songwriter Krissy Nordhoff helps lyricists and musicians sharpen their skills in starting songs, adding dimension, removing distractions, maintaining momentum, and co-writing. Songwriters and worship leaders are challenged to trust the Lord with their gifts as they put their new skills into practice. They also have access to:

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Links to video with examples A songwriter personality assessment Podcast episodes for every songwriter personality Access to special downloads, including a leader's guide for group learning and an audiobook with extra content from Krissy

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Congregation 2013-2016,” and click “search”.

"In these pages, regardless of how the story has been heard before, there is room for seven year olds and 70 year olds to grow and learn. I'm going to use this book with my congregation." That's how one reviewer summed up Donald Schmidt's Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians adult study guide. Now Birth of Jesus: Study and Worship for Progressive Churches makes the vision of whole congregation sharing not only possible, but easy. This all-in-one study and worship resource includes everything a congregation needs to enable children, youth, parents, and grandparents to share together in a four-week Advent study of the biblical stories of the birth of Jesus.

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