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## Finding the Third Way: abuse, violence, & peace and justice resources

### ABUSE ISSUES . . .

#### **Protecting Your Church Against Sexual Predators: legal FAQ's for leaders.**

Glover, Voyle A. Kregel, 2005. 261.8327 Glo.

Good intentions alone will not stop the emotional, financial and spiritual damage resulting from just one incident of abuse. This guide is written by an experienced attorney and active church member and provides essential information on abuse prevention.

#### **Safekeeping: session plans for developing abuse awareness in kids.**

Helleman, Henni and Patricia J. Vos. Faith Alive, 2006. 362.7 Hel

Two sessions per grade level (Kindergarten through grade 8) offer age-appropriate activities to help children realize they are created in God's image and they are worthy of respect and love. Step-by-step directions enable church education leaders to feel comfortable addressing this topic.

#### **Preventing Child Abuse: a guide for churches.**

Swagman, Beth. Faith Alive, 1997. 362.7 Swa

How to create a comprehensive child abuse prevention program in your church.

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#### **Responding to Domestic Violence: a resource for church leaders.**

Swagman, Beth. Faith Alive, 2002. 261.832 Swa

This resource book is designed to help pastors and other church leaders understand the dynamics of domestic violence so they can more effectively respond to it.

#### **Caring for Sexually Abused Children: a handbook for families and churches.**

Kearney, R. Timothy. Inter-Varsity Press, 2001. 618.92 Kea

When sexual abuse happens in church families, we all bear the pain and need help in knowing how to respond. Therapy, healing, questions, theology, actions, understanding, awareness and caregiving are some of the topics covered.

### READ THIS ONE YET ???

#### **Iraq: a journey of hope and peace.**

Gish, Peggy Faw. Herald Press, 2004. 956.70443 GIS

Gish recounts the moving experiences of Christian Peacemaker Teams work in Iraq before, during and after the 2003 war and occupation. Told as her personal account, she makes real the story of prisoner abuse, the character of the Iraqi people and a passionate vision for peace.

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## WAR & PEACE . . .

### **Timeless Prayers for Peace: voices together around the world.**

Duncan, Geoffrey, compiler. Pilgrim Press, 2003. 242.2 Dun

Includes a stimulating and versatile range of material that can be used in worship, small groups and private prayer.

### **At Peace and Unafraid: public order, security, and the wisdom of the cross.**

Friesen, Duane and Gerald Schlabach, editors. Herald Press, 2005. 261.83 Atp

Explores principles and practices to guide Christians in living out Jesus' way of nonviolent love in societies that often do not share their convictions. Topics include conflict in Colombia, congregations responding to sexual offenders, Palestinian / Israeli conflict and post 9/11 challenges to democracy in the U.S.

### **War is a Force That Gives Us Meaning.**

Hedges, Chris. Anchor, 2002. 355.02 Hed

Hedges shows how war seduces entire societies, corrupting politics, destroying culture and perverting human desires.

### **A culture of peace: God's vision for the church.**

Kreider, Alan, Eleanor Kreider, and Paulus Widjaja. Good Books, 2005. 261.873 Kre

Suggestions on how to develop "peacemaking reflexes", how churches can learn to handle conflict well, and how to cultivate vulnerability and humility – essential attitudes of peacemakers.

### **The Little book of Conflict Transformation.**

Lederach, John Paul. Good Books, 2003. 303.69 LED

Explores why "conflict transformation" is more appropriate than conflict resolution or management. Asks the questions: How do we end something destructive and begin something desired? What disciplines make such thinking and practices possible?

### **Choosing Peace Through Daily Practices.**

Marshall, Ellen Ott, editor. Pilgrim Press, 2005. 261.873 CHO

These essays explore the vocation of peacemaking, the language of practices, connections between home and world peacemaking, peacemaking in spiritual life, congregational ministry and classroom and community interaction.

## For Children & Families. . .

### **Praying With Our Feet.**

Weaver, Lisa D. Faith and Life Press, 2005. E Wea

In this delightfully illustrated book, a young girl joins her parents and members of her church on a peace walk and along the way reflects on what she has learned about speaking out for peace. *Excellent* for any peace-themed event, retreat, walk or worship service. Every family and church library should have a copy! :)

### **Jesus and Nonviolence: a third way.**

Wink, Walter. Fortress Press, 2003. 241 WIN

Author of the *Powers* trilogy, Walter Wink offers a summary of his whole thinking on the important issue of nonviolence including the relation of Jesus and his message to politics and nonviolence, the history of nonviolence, and how nonviolence can be effective.

### **The little book of trauma healing: when violence strikes and community security is threatened.**

Yoder, Carolyn. Good Books, 2005. 616.852106 Yod

Based on the STAR program (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience), this book raises awareness of how tragedy caused by terrorists or tsunamis can affect how communities and societies cope and rebuild their lives.

### **The Little Book of Restorative Justice.**

Zehr, Howard. Good Books, 2002 364.68 ZEH

In this slim book (70 pages), introduces the concept of restorative justice by which all involved in a wrongdoing collectively identify and address harms, obligations and needs in order to heal and put things as right as possible. An excellent choice for adult study – but no discussion questions included.

### **Transcending: reflections of crime victims.**

Zehr, Howard. Good Books, 2004. 362.88097 ZEH

The stories and photographs powerfully communicate the depth and complexity of every victim's individual experience with crime.