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## Hot Topics — Hot Resources

### Going Green

#### **Creation Care: keepers of the earth.**

Gascho, Luke. MMA, 2008. 261.88 Gas

Includes 12 study session and discussion questions on creation care topics such as ethics, economics, ecological footprint, transportation, congregational responsibility.

#### **It's easy being green : one student's guide to serving God and saving the planet.**

Sleeth, Emma. Zondervan, 2008. 261.88 Sle

A friendly, quick read about being faithful to Christian faith while paying attention to taking care of the earth. Written by a 15 year old!

#### **Serve God Save the Planet: a Christian Call to Action.**

Sleeth, J. Matthew. Chelsea Green Publishing, 2006. 261.88 Slee

Upon discovering how the scriptural lessons of personal responsibility, simplicity, stewardship can be applied to modern life, Sleeth lays out the rationale for environmentally responsible life changes for individuals and churches.

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#### **New Resources on Worship**

#### **Proclamation by Design: the visual arts in worship.**

Krahn, Karmen and Leslie James. Faith and Life Resources, 2008. 246 Kra

Helps worship planners and artists imagine new ways of encountering God as we gather as a people of faith. Ideas include skill-building, developing a visual arts closet, photos and a wonderful reference list. Leslie attends Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita, KS.

#### **7 Steps to End War and Save the Planet.**

Ratzlaff, Steve. Xlibris, 2008. 261.88 Rat

A life-long pacifist and Mennonite pastor tackles these huge issues by exploring issues of pacifism, defense spending, power politics, religious fundamentalism, democracy and more.

#### **The Deserter's Tale: the story of an ordinary soldier who walked away from the war in Iraq.**

Key, Joshua. Atlantic Monthly, 2007. 956.7044 Key

Key went to Iraq as soldier but eventually was unable to continue to participate in the war. He and his family fled as refugees across the border into Canada.

### Conference Resource Library

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## **NEW WORSHIP RESOURCES**

### **An Hour on Sunday: creating moments of transformation and wonder.**

Beach, Nancy. Zondervan / Willow, 2004. 264 Bea

An idea book for worship planning that involves the arts: musicians, dancers, visual artists, light and sound engineers, pastors and teachers.

### **Prayers for a Privileged People.**

Brueggemann, Walter. Abingdon, 2008. 242.8 Bru

These prayers offer a perspective that encourages us to step out of the world of merit, achievement, production and consumption and step into the realm of a God who startles and pushes us out of ordinariness.

### **Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!**

Geneva Press, 1999. 264.051 Get

A complete teaching program to prepare children and their families for meaningful participation in worship.

### **Contemplative by Design: creating quiet spaces for retreats, workshops, churches and personal settings.**

Grimsley, Gerry and Jane Young. Upper Room, 2008. 263.042 Gri

15 examples of how to create a special quiet space for a retreat, church, hospital, nursing home or personal setting.

### **Worship Frames: how we shape and interpret our experience of God.**

Kapp, Deborah. Alban, 2008. 264 Kap

A refreshing, creative approach to congregational leadership for worship and preaching.

### **Dare to Dive In! Strategies and resources for involving your whole church in worship.**

Kirk-Davidoff, Heather and Nancy Wood-Lyczak. Abingdon, 2006. 264 Kir

Includes ideas for every season of the church year and every kind of congregation. Many practical ideas for implementing change, in small or large increments. Includes CD-Rom.

### **Stilling the Storm: worship and congregational leadership in difficult times.**

Smith, Kathleen S. Alban, 2006. 264 Smi.

A wise and deep exploration of how worship can uphold churches in times of crisis, conflict, transition.

### **So That All May Know: preaching that engages the whole congregation.**

Troeger, Thomas H. and H. Edward Everding. Abingdon, 2008. 251.0019 Tro

Become a more effective preacher by understanding the multiple intelligences and learning styles present in your congregation.

### **Preparing Sunday dinner: a collaborative approach to worship and preaching.**

Yoder, June Alliman; Kropf, Marlene; Slough, Rebecca. Herald Press, 2006. 264.097 Yod

This collaboration from three AMBS professors includes extensive appendixes on music, visual arts, ritual, lectionary, sample charts, bibliography and notes.

### **Where 20 or 30 are gathered : leading worship in the small church.**

O'Reilly, Bush and H. Christine. Alban Institute, c2006. 264 Bus

Small churches can worship God with excellence because they can focus on context, be flexible and personal rather than performance-oriented. Covers topics such as music, planning, preaching and prayer.

### **Speaking to Silence: new rites for Christian worship and healing.**

Peterman, Janet S. WJK, 2007. 264 Pet

A rich resource that offers ideas for rituals for: Making Holy What Has Been Violated (violent crime, suicide, violent death, sexual abuse); Rituals for Recovery; Rituals of Blessing in the Presence of Death; and Creating New Worship Materials.

### **Let the Whole Church Say Amen!: a guide for those who pray in public.**

Stookey, Laurence Hull. Abingdon, 2001. 264.1 Sto

A guide for praying in public that features 21 exercises that help to bring focus, wisdom and creativity to praying in congregations or in public settings.

### **Before the Amen: creative resources for worship.**

Tirabassi, Maren C and Maria I. Tirabassi, editors. Pilgrim Press, 2007. 264 Bef

Includes nine chapters of seasonal materials, three chapters of sacraments and services and seven chapters oriented by topic. Written by over 80 seasoned writers from diverse backgrounds.