

## Resources for the Transformed by the Spirit Journey

*Resources from the American Baptist Home Mission Society:*

### **Bible Studies – free!**

[www.abhms.org](http://www.abhms.org)> ministries & programs>discipleship & Christian education>resources or call 1-800-458-3766 for hard/printed copies.

- *Children, Poverty and the Bible:* This free, print or downloadable study was developed in support of the Children in Poverty Initiative. The five-part Bible study explores the call of Scripture to uplift and care for children and the poor. It is useful for weekly meetings, multi-day events, or all-day retreats and includes a leader's guide.
- *A Matter of Stewardship: Ecojustice in Biblical Perspective:* This free print study is for all Christians seeking to be faithful as the “crowned ones” (Ps. 8) within creation. For personal or group use, the six-session study urges readers to set aside preconceptions and ask: “What does it mean that God created the world and invited human beings to ‘have dominion’ (Gen.1:26) and to ‘till and keep the garden’ (Gen. 2:15)?” Downloadable workshop with PowerPoint at [www.abhms.org](http://www.abhms.org)> Workshops for Church Life and Leadership (lefthand menu); #C920
- *Race and Poverty: A Five-Session Study Guide:* Developed in response to Hurricanes Rita and Katrina and in partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, this free, downloadable resource examines attitudes and perceptions about race and poverty in America.

### **Workshops for Church Life and Leadership – free!**

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- NM104 *Personal Faith and Growth:* Available in English and Spanish. Participants in this workshop will be helped to reflect on their own faith experiences at various stages of life, understand the role of struggles in the development of faith, consider different styles of faith drawn from the work of John H. Westerhoff III, and identify implications for churches that wish to nurture healthy faith development.
- NM501 *The Journey Toward Wisdom:* This workshop provides an example of using Bible stories and personal experiences to gain insight into personal faith journeys with participants relating their journeys to Moses’s journey towards wisdom.
- NM502 *Bible Study and Methods for Growing Disciples:* Available in English and Karen. In this interactive workshop, participants will practice three methods of study designed to deepen individual understanding of Scripture as well as enhance their ability to apply biblical principles to everyday life.

- NM809 *Hospitality*: This workshop engages participants in the issues around the biblical practice of hospitality as expressed primarily in the local congregation, with implications for application in participants' personal lives.
- NM811 *Conflict in Groups*: Available in English and Karen. This workshop is designed to help church leaders accept that conflict is inevitable in church groups and to discover ways of managing conflicts for positive results.
- NM812 *Leadership as Enabling/Empowering*: Available in English and Karen. This workshop is designed to move church leaders toward an understanding of the leadership role as one of using one's gifts and position to enable others to discover their places of ministry.

#### **Missional Networking site:**

[www.missionalnetworking.org](http://www.missionalnetworking.org) Missionalnetworking.org utilizes the power of social media to connect missional faith communities with volunteers, resources, and one another to foster networks of mutual service and support. Sponsored by American Baptist Home Mission Societies, the website offers a variety of tools and resources to support you in the missional journey including a blog, articles, links, and a missional networking map where you

**Judson Press books** – print and e-books (Kindle, Nook, Sony E-reader, ChristianBook.com) [www.judsonpress.com](http://www.judsonpress.com); 1-800-458-3788; for free Bible study and devotional highlights, also see the daily blog [www.JudsonOnline](http://www.JudsonOnline).

- *Learning Mission, Living Mission: Churches That Work*, by Glynis LaBarre, \$15.99 retail; \$12.79 JP website. A practical resource for churches seeking to enact missional practices by exploring the changing nature of their communities and developing ministry experiments.
- *When the Spirit Moves: A Guide for Ministers in Transition*, by Riley Walker and Marcia Patton, \$15.99 retail; \$12.79 JP website. A resource for pastoral leaders who are facing change in their own ministry and considering a change in setting/context or role.
- *Worship on the Way: Exploring Asian North American Christian Experience*, by Russell Yee, \$17.00 retail; \$14.39 JP website. Yee invites readers to bring their culture and identity to church on Sundays—and to create their own uniquely contextualized worship experiences. **Recommended by Don Ng**
- *12 Steps to Congregational Transformation*, by David C. Laubach, \$12.00 retail; \$9.60 JP website. A mini-guide to assessing the past and the present in order to determine a future direction.
- *nuChristian: Finding Faith in a New Generation*, by Russell E.D. Rathbun, \$15.00 retail; \$12.00 JP website. Young adult pastor Russell Rathbun moves beyond statistics and defensiveness to hear a new generation's critique and challenges readers to be authentic about who we are as flawed human beings saved by a gracious God.

- *From Jay-Z to Jesus: Reaching and Teaching Young Adults in the Black Church*, by Benjamin Stephens and Ralph C. Watkins, \$15.99 retail; \$12.79 JP website. Stephens and Watkins challenge the African American church to hear the spiritual longing of today's younger adults and to respond with the good news of the Gospel.
- *Recovering the Sacred Center: Church Renewal From the Inside Out*, by Howard E. Friend, Jr., \$16.00 retail; \$12.80 JP website. Longtime pastor and church consultant Howard Friend focuses on new ideas, new paradigms, fresh understandings, and different ways of reaching out to a world in a constant state of change.
- *Coming Together in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Bible's Message in an Age of Diversity*, by Curtiss Paul DeYoung, \$19.00 retail; \$15.20, JP website. Newly revised and expanded edition offers an in-depth study of multiculturalism and diversity in Scripture featuring contributions from ethnically and culturally diverse men and women.

**Judson Bible Journeys** quarterly curriculum – teacher guide, student book (also in large print) [www.judsonpress.com>church](http://www.judsonpress.com>church) resources>curricula.adults or call 1-800-458-3766.

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#### *American Bible Society Resources:*

- Brick by Brick is a 40-day journey through the book of Nehemiah that will inspire your church to take action in your city. Learn how to restore your city through prayer and God's Word at [Brick.AmericanBible.org](http://Brick.AmericanBible.org). This resource includes materials for churches, small groups, and individuals. **Recommended by Kay Farley**
- The Least of These is a 40-day Scripture journey to explore what the Bible says about poverty and justice. This resource includes materials for churches, small groups, and individuals ([LeastOfThese.AmericanBible.org](http://LeastOfThese.AmericanBible.org)). **Recommended by Koreen Villers**

#### *Additional Resources:*

- Guder, Darrell. *Missional Church*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998. {This resource makes a strong biblical and organizational case for congregations becoming outwardly focused missional congregations.}
- Heath, Chip; Heath, Dan. *Switch – How to Change Things when Change is Hard*. New York: Broadway, 2010. {This resource consistently uses an easily remembered metaphor of a rider and an elephant in promoting change. In order for change to occur, both the

rider (the logical aspect of change) and the elephant (the emotional part of change) must be encouraged to “switch.”} **Recommended by John Duckworth**

- Heifetz, Ronald, Grashow, Alexander, & Linsky, Marty. *The Practice of Adaptive Leadership*. Boston: Harvard University Press, 2009. {Adaptive change is defined and illustrated along with practical examples and exercises for working through an issue of adaptive change in your own setting.} **Recommended by Jeff Woods**
- Jones, Kirk. *Rest in the Storm*. Valley Forge: Judson Press, 2001. {Contains several practical suggestions for handling stress and creating a healthier personal environment.}
- Marcuson, Margaret. *Leaders Who Last; Sustaining Yourself and Your Ministry*. New York: Seabury Books, 2009. {Using a systems thinking approach, this resource guides the minister through techniques and perspectives to lead a congregation through change while surviving as a leader.} **Recommended by Don Ng**
- Rendle, Gilbert. *Journey in the Wilderness; New Life for Mainline Churches*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2010. {Recent pathways to renewal are analyzed including adaptive change, church growth, leadership development with an encouragement to return to the basic questions of “Who are We” and “What is our Mission?”} **Recommended by Kay Farley**
- Roxburgh, Alan J. & Romanuk, Fred. *The Missional Leader: Equipping Your Church to Reach a Changing World*. San Francisco: Jossey Bass, 2006. {The authors move away from institutional models and/or programs to assist the 21<sup>st</sup> pastor to be able to lead a congregation that is involved in ministry in this changing world and culture. They use clear language to help us understand the definitions of “missional church, missional leader and the nature of change.}
- Steinke, Peter. *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times*. The Alban Institute, 2006. {This resource offers help for how to deal with anxiety and how to work through complex challenges in ways that can lead a congregation to new insights, growth, and vitality.} **Recommended by Bill Frederickson**