

# MISSION 2006

## Bibliography proposed by the clergy of the Convocation

### The Rev. Kempton D. Baldrige

*The Wine Danced: Meditations on Eucharistic Themes*  
Angela Ashwin  
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Margaret Becker  
Colorado Springs, NavPress, 2006

*The Gospel According to Sam: Animal Stories for the Soul*  
William Miller  
New York, Seabury Books, 2005

*Messy Spirituality: God's Annoying Love for Imperfect People*  
Michael Yaconelli  
Grand Rapids, MI, Zondervan, 2002

*Ruthless Trust: The Ragamuffin's Path to God*  
Brennan Manning  
San Francisco, Harper, 2000

*Christianity Rediscovered*  
Vincent J Donovan  
Maryknoll, NY, Orbis Books, 1978

### The Reverend Mark Barwick

*The Experience of God*  
Raimon Pannikar

*Pillars of Flame: Power, Priesthood and Spiritual Maturity*  
Maggie Ross

*Christ of the Twenty-First Century*  
Ewert H. Coussins

*Evolution of the Word: the New Testament in the Order the Books were Written*  
Marcus J. Borg

*God's Fool*  
Julien Green

### The Rev. John Beach

*Telling the Truth*  
Frederick Buechner  
Lectures on preaching

*What People Expect from Church*  
Robert L. Randall

*The Threat of Life*  
Walter Brueggemann  
Sermons on pain, power, and weakness

*The Stewardship of Life in the Kingdom of Death*  
Douglas John Hall  
Reflections on mission and stewardship

*Power and Passion*  
Samuel Wells  
Reflections on how the resurrection of Jesus has transformed the world

*The Spiritual Life of Children*  
Robert Coles  
Understanding why we do the things we do

*Antagonists in the Church – How to Identify and Deal with Destructive Conflict*  
Kenneth C. Haugk  
This is a work which describes the unique sorts of conflicts which arise in church communities.

*Professing the Faith*

Douglas, John Hall

On articulating the Faith.

This is the middle of 3 part trilogy, including *Thinking the Faith* and *Confessing the Faith*

*Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public*

*Discourse in the Age of Show Business*

Neil Postman and Andrew Postman

Understanding the world in which we live and move and have our being

*Seven to Flee Seven to Follow*

Richard Holloway

Mowbrays Popular Christian paperbacks

Understanding the Baptismal Covenant

**The Rev. Pierre-Henri Buisson**

*La foi des chrétiens racontée à mes amis athées*

Père Dominique Fontane

Prêtre de la Mission de France, Dominique Fontane souhaite présenter la foi des chrétiens. Durant plusieurs mois, il a dialogué avec une famille athée et répondu à leurs questions.

*Aime ta vie, vingt méditations sur l'adhésion*

Père André Sève

Accueillir la vie, l'accueillir pour elle-même, telle qu'elle est, comme un don de Dieu, un don parfois mystérieux, notamment quand la souffrance est au rendez-vous, mais dont il nous appartient de déchiffrer le sens à la lumière de l'Évangile et de la foi.

*Petit guide biblique*

Pasteur Olivier Pigeaud

Découverte de la Bible à travers une trentaine de thèmes.

*Seigneur, donne-nous la prière*

Myriam, diaconesse de Reuilly

Diaconesse, chroniqueuse à «La Croix», soeur Myriam médite l'Évangile avec un vrai bonheur d'écriture et suggère des chemins de réflexion autour de la gloire du Père, de l'humilité, de l'appel, de l'intercession, de la liturgie, etc.

*Jésus de Nazareth, Volume 1*

Benoît XVI

Livre personnel centré sur la connaissance de la personne de Jésus, dans sa relation trinitaire, où l'actuel pape rend compte de ses recherches personnelles sur le sujet.

**The Rev. Deacon Richard Cole**

*Going Home*

The Rt. Rev. Frank Griswold

Cowley

*Anglican Identities*

The Most Rev. Rowan Williams

Dartman, Longman & Todd

*Jubilee Lives, Jubilee People*

The Rev. Francis Wade

Forward Movement

*Jésus, simples regards sur le Sauveur*

Un Moine de l'Église d'Orient

(available on Amazon)

*The Prayers of the New Testament*

The Most. Rev. Donald Coggan

(out of print, but available on Amazon)

**The Rev. Barbara Crafton**

*Let Your Life Speak*  
Parker Palmer

*Yes! We'll Gather at the River*  
Barbara Crafton

*Generation to Generation*  
Edwin Friedman

*The Last Week*  
Marcus Borg and John Crossan

*Mary and Her Miracle*  
Barbara Crafton

**The Rev Joanne Coyle Dauphin**

*The Gift of Years*  
Joan Chittister

*L'anglicanisme*  
Rémy Bethmont

*Anglicans in Rome*  
Frederick Bliss

**The Rev. Luk De Volder**

*Simply Christian*  
Tom Wright

*The Way of Man*  
Martin Buber

*Symbolism of Evil*  
Paul Ricoeur

*Dieu et l'art de la pêche à la ligne*  
Marc-Alain Ouaknin

*How Your Church Family Works*  
Peter. L. Steinke

*Angiolino and Springtime*  
Arthur van Schendel

*Vocabulaire de Théologie Biblique*  
Xavier Léon-Dufour

*In Europe*  
Geert Mak

*Where Angels Fear to Tread*  
E.M. Foster

***About the Episcopal Church:***

*Welcome to the Episcopal Church – An Introduction to Its History*  
Christopher Webber

*Welcome to the Book of Common Prayer*  
Vicki K. Black

*Welcome to the Church Year*  
Vicki K. Black

*Welcome to Sunday*  
Christopher L. Webber

*The Vestry Handbook*  
Christopher L. Webber

*Brief History of the Episcopal Church*  
David L. Holmes

*Dictionary for Episcopalians*  
John N. Wall

*Study of Anglicanism*  
Stephen Sykes, John Booty, Jonathan Knight

*Holy Hospitality – Worship and the Baptismal Covenant*  
Clayton L. Morris

*Ceremonies of the Eucharist*  
Howard Galley

**The Rev. Mary Ellen Dolan**

*Let Nothing Disturb You,*  
Teresa of Avila  
Ave Maria Press, 2008

*When Steeples Cry*  
Jaco Hamman  
The Pilgrim Press, 2005

*Wording A Radiance*  
Daniel W. Hardy  
SCM Press, 2010

*Elus du Seigneur*  
Cardinal Mauro Piacenza  
Editions Artège, (2010) 2011

**The Rev. Mark Dunnam**

*Happiness*  
Joan Chittister

*Embracing Emergence Christianity*  
Phyllis Tickle

*Living With Contradiction*  
Esther de Wall

*Fluncking Sainthood: A Year of Breaking the Sabbath, Forgetting to Pray, and Still Loving My Neighbor*  
Jana Riess

*Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*  
Karen Armstrong

**The Rev. Christopher Easthill**

*The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality*  
Ronald Rolheiser

*Christianity Rediscovered*  
Doubleday, 1999

*An Altar in the World*  
Barbara Brown Taylor  
Harper One, 2009

*Sidney Chambers and The Shadow of Death*  
James Runcie  
Bloomsbury, 2012

*Living Faithfully: Following Christ in Everyday Life*  
John Pritchard  
SPCK, 2013

*Prayers from the East: Traditions of Eastern Christianity*  
Richard Marsh  
SPCK, 2004

**The Rev. Hanns Engelhardt**

*The Study of Anglicanism*  
Stephen Sykes and John Booty (eds.)  
SOCK/Fortress Press, 1988 (But there is a new edition)

*Anglicanism and the Lambeth Conferences*  
Alan M.G Stephenson  
SPCK, 1978

*A Guide to the Sacraments*  
John Macquarrie  
SCM Press, 1997

*How to Understand the Virgin Mary*  
Jacques Bur  
SCM Press, 1994

*Christianity Rediscovered*  
Vincent J. Donovan

**The Rev. Roger Featherston**

*Through Peasant Eyes and Poet and Peasant*  
Kenneth E Bailey  
William B Eerdmans

*The New Testament Today*  
Mark Allan Powell, Editor  
Westminster John Knox Press

*Mysticism*  
F.C Happold  
Penguin

*Who Was Jesus?*  
N.T. Wright  
SPCK

*What Saint Paul Really Said*  
N.T. Wright  
William B Eerdmans

**The Very Rev. Zachary Fleetwood**

*The Eyes of the Heart*  
Frederick Buechner  
Harper Collins, ISBN - 0-06-251639-6

*The Hidden Souls of Words*  
Mary Cox Garner  
Selectbooks, ISBN 1-59079-059-6

*Traveling Mercies, Some Thoughts on Faith*  
Anne Lamott  
Anchor Books, ISBN - 0-385-49609-5

*Creativity*  
Matthew Fox  
Tarcher/Putnam, ISBN 1-58542-178-2

*The Soul of Sex*  
Thomas Moore  
First Harper Perennial,  
ISBN-0-06-093095-0

**The Rt. Rev. William Franklin**

*The Anglican Tradition*  
Richard Holloway  
Mowbray

*The Anglican Tradition*  
Gillian R. Evans  
SPCK

*The Integrity of Anglicanism*  
Stephen Sykes  
SPCK

*Beyond the Reformation*  
Pau Avis  
T and T Clark

*Unashamed Anglicanism*  
Stephen Sykes  
Darton, Longman, Todd

*How to be an Anglican*  
Richard Giles  
Canterbury Press

**The Rt. Rev. Richard Garrard**

*A History of Christianity*  
Diarmaid MacCulloch  
Allen Lane, 2009

*The Entity: Five Centuries of Secret Vatican Espionage*  
Eric Frattini and Dick Cluster  
JR Books, 2009

*Love's Redeeming Work: The Anglican Quest for Holiness*  
+G Rowell, +Kenneth Stevenson, +R Williams, Editors  
OUP, 2001

*Anglicans in Rome*  
Frederick Bliss SM  
Canterbury Press, 2006

*Christian Systematic Theology in a World Context*  
N Smart, S Konstantine  
Harper Collins, 1990

*A Little History of the World*  
EH Gombrich  
DuMiont Liertur und Kunst Verlag GmbH und Co. KG; cologne, Germany, 1985  
English translation: 2008, Yale University Press

### **The Rev. Laurette Glasgow**

*The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*

Henri J.M. Nouwen

New York, Doubleday, 1992, ISBN 0-385-47307-9

Inspired by Rembrandt's depiction of the powerful Gospel parable, renown Dutch theologian Henri Nouwen explores the themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation. The chance encounter with this painting propelled Nouwen on a deeply personal and resonant meditation that changed the course of the final years of his life.

*Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John*

Jean Vanier

London, Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd, 2004, ISBN 0-232-52572-2

Founder of l'Arche and co-founder of Faith and Light, communities with and for people with disabilities, Jean Vanier provides insightful reflections in a highly accessible and spiritual manner. In his words: "What I share in these pages is the music I have heard behind the words and the flow of the Gospel of John...I want to sing this song, too...so that others may sing it...to bring joy where there is sadness and despair."

*George Herbert: The Complete English Works*

Edited and introduced by Ann Pasternak Slater

1995, ISBN 0-679-44359-2 (USA) and 1-85715-204-2 (UK)

An exquisite collection of one of the great poets and writers in the Anglican tradition,

this book also includes Izaak Walton's biography of Herbert, a 17th century priest whose poems and essays remain relevant to the 21st century.

*The Life and Work of A Priest*

John Pritchard (Bishop of Oxford)

SPCK, 2007, ISBN 978-0-281-05748-1

A "must" for those discerning for ordained ministry and seasoned priests alike, this concise and refreshingly honest book explores what it means to be a priest in the 21st century, at once honouring time-tested traditions while addressing the challenges of rapidly changing needs of our Christian communities and the implications for modern ministry. An interesting book to read alongside Herbert.

*Magnificence at Work: Living Faith in Business*

John Dalla Costa

Toronto, Novalis, 2005, ISBN 2-89507-669-3.

Wondering whether and how work and religion mix? Founder of the Centre for Ethical Orientation ([www.ceo-ethics.com](http://www.ceo-ethics.com)), John Dalla Costa, combines business theory and practice, theological insight, and spiritual discernment to generate new ideas and practices for corporate life. A compelling read that offers insights on corporate spirituality.

### **The Rev. Dorothee Hahn**

*The Practice of the Presence of God*

Brother Lawrence

*The Way of a Pilgrim*

Unknown

*In the Shadow of the Galilean*

Gerd Theißen

**The Reverend Sunny Hallanan**

*Mornings in Jenin*

Susan Abulhawa  
Bloomsbury Publishing

*If Grace is True: Why God will save every person*

Philip Gulley & James Mulholland  
Harper

*All Will Be Well*

Julian of Norwich  
Ave Maria Press

*White Flour*

David LaMotte  
Lower Dryad Music

*God has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time*

Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams  
Doubleday

And I read a little bit from 2 books every day:

*Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*

Shane Claiborne, Jonathon Wilson-Hartgrove & Enuma Okoro  
Zondervan

*The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language*

Eugene H. Patterson  
NavPress

**The Rev. Kate Harrigan**

***Discernment:***

*Praying Shapes Believing*

Leonel Mitchell

*Under the Unpredictable Plant*

Eugene Peterson

*Let Your Life Speak*

Parker Palmer

*Ears to Hear: Recognizing and Responding to God's Call*

Edward S. Little

*Who Will Drink the Cup?*

Henri Nouwen

*Deep Water: an Introduction to Baptism*

Marianne Micks

*Who will Go For Us?*

Dennis M. Campbell

*The Servant Church*

John Booty

*The Liberation of the Laity*

Anne Rowthorn

*The Wounded Healer*

Henri Nouwen

*Hearing with the Heart*

Debra Farrington

***Suggested for use with a discernment team:***

*Listening Hearts, Discerning Call in Community*

Suzanne Farnham

**The Reverend Canon Liz Hendrick**

*A History of Christian Thought, Volume 1*

Justo Gonzalez

*Font of Life: Ambrose, Augustine and the Mystery of Baptism*

Garry Wills

*Encounters with Silence*

Karl Rahner

*Jesus and the Eyewitnesses*

Richard Baukham

*Tokens of Trust*

Rowan Williams

*God and the Problem of Evil*

NT Wright

*Take This Bread*

Sara Miles

*The Shack*

Wm. Paul Young

## **Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe**

### **The Rev. Dr. George Hobson**

#### *The Art of Scripture Reading*

Ellen Davis and Richard Hays, Eds:

Richard, who is a professor at Duke, is one of the foremost New Testament scholars in the world today, and a very close friend of ours. This is a superb book.

#### *The Story of Romans*

Katherine Grieb:

Bishop Whalon knows and likes Ms. Grieb, as do I. She teaches at Virginia Theological Seminary.

#### *Prayer*

Philip Yancey

Yancey, whom we have met and greatly appreciate, is one of the best Christian writers in America.

#### *The Divine Conspiracy*

Dallas Willard

A classic on the Christian life--I used it extensively in Rwanda in 2000, when I taught at the Protestant Seminary.

#### *The God of Hope and the End of the World* John Polkinghorne.

The Rev Polkinghorne, an English priest and top-class nuclear physicist, is the foremost writer on science/religion in the world today. All his work is excellent, clear, profound.

#### *Rumours of Hope*

George Hobson.

Carlyle, UK, Piquant Editions, 2005

### **The Rev. Jonathan Huyck**

#### *Sadhana: A Way to God*

Anthony De Mello, S.J.

#### *The Reformation*

Diarmaid MacCulloch

#### *Disputed Questions*

John Hick

#### *Gilead*

Marilynne Robinson

#### *From the Holy Mountain: A Journey Among the Christians of the Middle East*

William Dalrymple

#### *The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Sex, and the Meaning of Life*

Armand Nicholi

### **The Rev. Jana Johnsen**

#### *Everything Must Change*

Brian McLaren

#### *Portugese Irregular Verbs*

Alexander McCall Smith

Totally, absolutely clever and fun. By the same Scottish author who wrote the Ladies #1 Detective series

#### *Sarah's Key*

Tatiana DeRosnay

Historical novel of the French gendarmes complicity with Nazi orders to round up the Jewish population in Paris, July 1942)

#### *Bad Blood*

Lorna Sage

Autobiography - she grew up the granddaughter of an Anglican priest in Wales who had multiple affairs - very dysfunctional family

#### *Little Bee*

Chris Cleave

How two lives collide in an immigration tragedy between Nigeria and England

Four of them are novels, the first one is theological which would make a fantastic small group book study in congregations.



**The Rev. Dennis Krumlauf**

*The Church on the Other Side*

Brian McLaren  
Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2002.

*Blue Like Jazz, Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality*

Miller, Donald  
Nashville, TN, Thomas Nelson, Pub., 2003  
Written to appeal to 20something and 30somethings, post-modern Christians in the emerging church movement. A movie of the same title released in 2012 by Roadside Attractions. A DVD and study guide are available.

*The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*

Newbigin, Lesslie  
Grand Rapids, MI, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1989

*Sorrow and Blood: Christian Mission in Contexts of Suffering, Persecution and Martyrdom.*

Taylor, W.D., et al.  
Pasadena, CA, William Cary Library, 2012  
This book is a resource anthology in the Globalization of Mission Series. One chapter on The Modern Secular West: Making Room for God, is especially of interest.

**The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Laird**

*Jesus the Misunderstood Jew*

Lewis, Ang-Jell

*Take The Bread*

Mikes, Sara

*Confession of a Gully Bystander*

Merton, Thomas

*Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*

Dillard, Annie

**The Rev. Tony Litwinski**

*Feasting on the Word*

David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Editors

Westminster John Knox Press.  
This twelve-volume series on preaching the Revised Common Lectionary was just completed this summer. It is the best thing available -- period. For each Sunday and the major liturgical feasts (e.g., Holy Week), there are four commentaries on each of the four readings (OT, Psalm, Epistle, Gospel). The commentaries are headed "Theological Perspective," "Pastoral Perspective," "Exegetical Perspective," and "Homiletical Perspective." The authors (about 100) come from around the world; they represent dozens of denominations; they are scholars and teachers and pastors and preachers. The set is available in hard cover and as a CD-ROM. This and the web site "Text Week" provide everything you need to prepare a well-researched sermon.

*Anything*

Brian McLaren.

He has his finger on the pulse of the "great emergence" (see above). He writes for the popular audience, but the underlying theology is solid. He must be good -- the right-wingers are out to vilify him with a vengeance. And he said once that the Anglican Tradition was best posed to move forward into the new form of Christianity that is emerging in our time!

*Your Faith, Your Life,*

Jenifer Gamber with Bill Lewellis  
Morehouse.

An excellent introduction to the life of the Episcopal Church; the language is clear and understandable, void of "church jargon." Great for adult formation, confirmation, etc. Based on an earlier version for teens called *My Faith, My Life.*

*The Great Emergence*

Phyllis Tickle

Baker Books.

Short, very readable; an insightful analysis of the new reformation that is changing Christianity all around us. Thought-provoking.

*Beyond the Baptismal Covenant*

Donald Romanik

Forward Movement

The subtitle says it all: *Transformational Lay Leadership for the Episcopal Church in the 21st Century.* Romanik is the president of the Episcopal Church Foundation. This book is a road map for living into the ministry of all the baptized. Readable and challenging.

**The Rev. Maria Vittoria Longhitano**

*La riforma anglicana*

G. Patriarchi, ed. Claudiana

*Versetti pericolosi*

Maggi,

Fazi Editore

*Chiara d' Assisi. Elogio della disobbedienza*

D. Maraini

Rizzoli

*Ave Mary*

Michela Murgia

Einaudi

*Il carro di Elia*

Maria Anastasia di Gerusalemme

Emp ed.

**The Rev. Jennifer Adams-Massman**

*The Word is Very Near You*

Martin Smith

Prayer and spiritual life

Cowley Books

*Generation to Generation: Family Process in Church and Synagogue*

Edwin Friedman

Pastoral care (for clergy)

*Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief*

Rowan Williams

Theology

*The Work of the Spirit: Pneumatology and Pentecostalism*

Michael Welker

2006

Theology

*The Hauerwas Reader*

Stanley Hauerwas

Theology

*Hungry Souls, Holy Companions: Mentoring a New Generation of Christians*

Patricia Hendricks

Morehouse, 2006

Youth and young adult ministry

**The Rev. Deacon Siw Olmelid**

*Pearls of life*

Martin Lönnebo.

*Markings*

Dag Hammarskjöld.

*Being a deacon today*

Rosalind Brown.

***Swedish books:***

*Vägvisare*

Magnus Malm.

*Stigfinnaren*

Peter Halldorf.

*Barn av livet*

Tommy Hellsten.

*Jag har inte sanningen, jag söker den*

K.G. Hammar.

**The Rev. Austin K. Rios**

*The Philokalia: The Complete Text, Volumes 1-5.*

Not light reading, but very helpful for those who want meaty spiritual guidance in the Eastern monastic tradition. There is also a one volume work called *Philokalia: On Prayer of the Heart* which can serve as an introduction to the complete texts.

*The Religious Potential of the Child*  
Sofia Cavaletti.

Next July St. Paul's will be hosting a formation course for Level One of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This book talks about the experiences of children in the atrium and gives the reader a glimpse of how to nurture children's natural capacity to embrace God. Can be used to rethink church school and would serve well as a book study for adults as well.

*Not Your Parents' Offering Plate*

J. Clif Christopher.

While some of the material is connected to religious patterns in the US, there is a lot of helpful information about ways to rethink stewardship practices, and each section has questions for discussion and "things to do" activities at the end.

*Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible*

M. Daniel Carroll R.

While the first chapter talks about Hispanic/Latino Immigration Patterns in the US, the rest of this short book lays a biblical foundation for faithful relations with refugees, migrants and immigrants.

**The Rev. Canon C. K. Robertson**

*A Wing and a Prayer*

Katharine Jefferts Schori

*Transformations*

James Lemler, Editor

Published by Church Publishing

*Rome and Canterbury*

Mary Reath

*Four Gospels, One Jesus?*

Richard Burridge

*The Prayer Book through the Ages*

William Sydnor.

Good ol' prayer book history. Why we revise our BCP from time to time and a brief overview the historical movements which led to those revisions. Great for a formation class.

*The Other 80 Percent Percent: Turning Your Church's Spectators into Active Participants*  
Scott Thuma and Warren Bird.

Congregational development guide with specific strategies that could be used with vestries. Could serve as the foundation for a parish "reboot" if participation patterns are worrisome.

*Falling Upward*

Richard Rohr.

How to "age" gracefully, or live into the second half of life well. Would be particularly helpful for those in your congregation who have experienced deep loss and are ready for a new beginning.

*Sacred Acts*

Mallory McDuff.

How churches have addressed climate change through stewardship, advocacy, spirituality and justice. Great examples that could propel creative thinking in our congregations.

*Church Next*

Eddie Gibb

*Generation to Generation*

Rabbi Ed Friedman

*Religion as Entertainment*

C.K. Robertson

*Religion & Alcohol: Sobering Thoughts*

C.K. Robertson

**The Rt. Rev. Jeffery Rowthorn**

*The Price of Civilization*

Jeffrey Sachs  
Random House, 2011

His earlier book, *The End of Poverty*, led to his being a keynote speaker at a memorable forum at General Convention 2003.

*The Wisdom of John Muir: 100+ Selections from the Writings of the Great Naturalist*

Anne Rowthorn  
Wilderness Press, 2012

*Caleb's Crossing*

Geraldine Brooks  
Viking Press, 2011

A novel giving a compelling account of the actual first Native American to be accepted to Harvard and the costly "crossing" he made from his culture to another very different one.

*What Can One Person Do?: Faith to Heal a Broken World*

Sabina Alkire and Edmund Newell  
Church Publishing, New York, 2005

*Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*

Church Publishing, New York, 2010  
The enriched and enlarged Calendar of the Episcopal Church, approved by General Convention 2012 for a further three years of trial use.

**The Rev Russ Ruffalo**

*The End of Faith*

Sam Harris

*Letter to a Christian Nation*

Sam Harris

*Sins of Scripture*

John S. Spong

*A New Christianity or a New World*

John S. Spong,

*The Luminous Web*

Barbara B. Taylor

*Spirit of Fire*

Ursula King

*Science and Theology*

John Polkinghorne

**The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori**

Katrina Brown's movie, *Traces of the Trade* the slave trade from a North American perspective, but would be an important investigation for Europeans as well. Available at [www.tracesofthetrade.org](http://www.tracesofthetrade.org)

*Inheriting the Trade: A Northern Family Confronts its Legacy as the Largest Slave-Trading Dynasty in U.S. History*

Thomas N. DeWolf  
Beacon, Boston: 2008.  
A book version of the movie, from the perspective of a participant.

*Across the Threshold and Into the Questions: Discovering Jesus, Finding Self*  
Caren Goldman and Ted Vorhees  
Morehouse, NY: in pub.

*The First Christmas*, by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Harper: in press.

*Conversations*  
Thomas Shaw  
Cowley: in press. Useful parish resource

*The Silent Cry: Mysticism and Resistance*  
Dorothee Soelle.  
Minneapolis, Augsburg Fortress, 2001.

*Fighting with the Bible*  
Donn Morgan  
Seabury: in press

*The Nonviolent Atonement*  
J. Denny Weaver  
Grand Rapids, MI, Eerdmans, 2001

*Take This Bread*  
Sara Miles  
Ballantine, 2007  
Open communion and feeding the hungry

*My Name is Child of God... not "Those People."*  
Julia K Dinsmore  
Augsburg, 2007.  
Gifts of the poor

*Reconciliation: the Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu*  
Michael Battle  
Pilgrim, 1997

*Why Men Hate Going to Church*  
David Nelson Murrow.  
Nashville, 2005.  
Provocative analysis of current norms in church and why congregations are predominantly female.

*Omnigender: A Trans-Religious Approach*  
Virginia Ramey Mollenkott.  
Pilgrim, Cleveland, 2001.  
Theological exploration of inadequacy of binary cultural understanding of human gender.

*The Gift*  
Hafiz. Translations by Daniel Ladinsky  
Penguin, NY, 1999.  
Poetry of a mystic

### **The Rev. Steve Smith**

*The Politics of Jesus: Confronting the Powers*  
Alan Storkey

*God: Stories*  
C. Michael Curtis, Editor  
A collection of short stories on religious themes by well-known writers.

*Letters to a Young Doubter*  
William Sloane Coffin

*God has a Dream*  
Desmond Tutu

*The Cloister Walk*  
Kathleen Norris  
Meditations centered around the author's visits to a monastery.

### **The Rev. Gray Temple**

*The Denial of Death and Escape From Evil*  
Ernest Becker:  
Since my former bishop introduced me to these, they have formed my hermeneutic lens in reading Scripture, reading group and parish dynamics, and self-understanding. Pure gold. Becker writes clearly and companionably, citing and quoting difficult writers but always telling you what to derive from them.

*The Social Construction of Reality and The Sacred Canopy*  
Peter Berger  
These are essential reading for staying alert to the tendency of all institutions to "self-absolutize."

*Word and Spirit at Play: Towards a Charismatic Theology*  
Jean-Jacques Suurmond  
A gem, if you can still find it.

*The Elements of the Spiritual Life*  
F.C. Harton  
Another out-of-print/out-of-fashion gem. There is probably no better introduction/compendium to the spiritual classics.

*Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived in Faith*  
Nora Gallagher  
Follows a California parish as it searches for a new rector, and the author's own discernment that comes out of it.

*What is Anglicanism?*  
Urban T. Holmes, III  
The best short book on Anglicanism.

*The Scripture of Their Lives: Stories of Mission Companions Today*  
Jane Butterfield, Editor

*Horizons of Mission*  
Titus Presler  
A must read for parishes discerning the call to outreach and mission.

*Polarity Management*  
Barry Johnson  
A helpful accessible analytic tool for organizational and personal difficulties that appear intractable. Easily introduced to troubled groups (e.g. vestries) to get collaboration in the face of conflict.

*Open Space Technology: A User's Guide*  
Harrison Owen  
A playful, extraordinarily accessible and useful handbook for a fascinating method for group decision-making and problem solving. (I've used this method maybe 30 times with groups ranging from 9 to around 150; results vary from 'good' to 'breath-taking.') Harrison's other books offer an approach to organizations that allay our anxieties in the face of impending chaos. (He's an Episcopal priest who has trained consultants all over Europe.)

*Core Elements of the Appreciative Way*  
Rob & Kim Voyle  
A clear introduction to a powerful approach to parish and personal life.

*Failure of Nerve*

Edwin Friedman

Clients have found this latter book life-changing. (I've read one chapter and admired it. I confess to bouncing off his previous "Generation to Generation." As fascinating and clear as it is, I've never seen any effective change-oriented interventions based on it; assigning blame and pathological diagnoses is not an effective change tactic.)

*Passionate Couples*

David M. Schnarch

An approach to marriage that takes 'gridlock' for granted and goads readers through it into personal and relational maturity. The best discussion of what intimacy really is. Surprisingly applicable to one's relationship with God, though that's never made explicit.

*How to Improve Your Marriage Without Talking About It*

Pat Love

My wife says this is the best resource she uses with couples.

*Handling Sin*

Michael Malone

**The Rev. Clare Ullmann**

*Life of the Beloved*

Henri Nouwen

*With Open Hands*

H. Nouwen

*In the Name of Jesus*

H. Nouwen

*The Art of Meditation*

Joel S. Goldsmith

**Resources:**

**The Alban Institute**

Wonderful resources on all elements of parish life.

**The Shalem Institute**

Currently the best American training resource for spiritual direction.

**National Training Laboratories**

The grandfather/mother of research into group dynamics, the fundamental underpinnings of a welter of better known methodologies. (Ask Clair.) If you want to read group dynamics, you have to put in your time in "T-groups." Strenuous as they are physically and emotionally, there's really no effective alternative way to learn. NTL is the best, oldest, and safest source of such training.

**The Clergy Leadership Institute**

Workshops conducted around the USA in the application of the Appreciative Inquiry approach to parochial matters. Especially good on interim ministry, mutual ministry reviews, team-building. Rob Voyle is an extraordinary teacher and you tend to stay in touch with fellow trainees

*Praying with the Women of the Bible*

Bridget Mary Meehan

*Love: A fruit always in Season*

Daily Meditations by Mother Teresa

*The Failure of Nerve*

Edwin H. Friedman

**The Rt. Rev. Michael Vono**

*Can Our Church Live?*

Alice Mann  
An Alban Institute Publication, 1999  
Church growth

*Move Your Church to Action*

Kent R. Hunter  
Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2000  
Congregational development and outreach

*The Battle for God: Fundamentalism in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*

Karen Armstrong  
Harper Collins Publishers 2000  
Contemporary interfaith perspectives

*A Brief History of Everything*

Ken Wilbur  
Boston, Shambhala, 2000  
Contemporary American philosophy  
*Living the Eucharist, Affirming Catholicism in the Liturgy*  
Edited by Stephen Conwa  
Darton Longman & Todd, 2001  
Sacramental life and mission

**The Rev Carola von Wrangel**

*Life Together*

Dietrich Bonhoefer

*In the Name of Jesus, Reflections on Christian Leadership*

Henri Nouwen

*The Return of the Prodigal Son*

Henri Nouwen

*The "For Everyone" commentary series on the Bible*

N.T. Wright

Great for preaching, teaching and Bible study—much of the New Testament is now available

*The Giver*

Lois Lowry  
An award winning young adult science fiction book that is good on ethics for all ages

**The Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon**

*The Truth-seeking Heart*

Austin Ferrar  
The essential Ferrar, quite possibly the greatest theologian of the twentieth century.

*Being as Communion*

John Zizoulas.  
An essential text for understanding modern ideas about Church.

*Exile*

Richard North Patterson  
An astonishing tour de force by a mass-market author on the Israel/Palestine quagmire.

*The Mission of God*

Christopher Wright (IVP)

*The Tin-roof Blowdown*

James Lee Burke  
A novel about the Katrina aftermath

*The Joy of Being Wrong*

James Alison  
A brilliant, faithful reinterpretation of redemption by a fresh new voice.

*Leadership on the Line*

Heifetz & Linsky  
What to do when you are the leader and no one, including you, knows what to do next.

*On Christian Theology*

Rowan Williams  
Blackwell

*Augustine*

James O'Donnell  
Harper

*Bring Up the Bodies,*

Mantel, Hilary,  
Fourth Estate, 2012



*Paul through Mediterranean Eyes*  
Bailey, Kenneth  
IVP, 2011

*Did the First Christians Worship Jesus?*  
Dunn, Jame,  
SPCK, 2010

*Truly Our Sister,*  
Johnson, Elizabeth,  
Continuum, 2006

*Christ the Stranger: The Theology of Rowan Williams*  
Myers, Benjamin  
T&T Clark, 2012