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Decolonizing Mission Partnerships Taylor Walters Denyer 2020-06-26 We all know that healthy partnerships are essential to fruitful boundary-crossing ministries, but how exactly do we create them? What barriers must be overcome, and what self-examination must we do? How do the legacies of colonialism, racism, and unhealed trauma impact missional collaborations today? In this doctoral thesis, Denyer reflects on these questions as she examines the history of relational dynamics between American and Congolese United Methodists in the North Katanga Conference (DR Congo). By surveying memoirs, magazines, and journals, and conducting in-depth interviews, Denyer presents a complex and multifaceted example of a partnership that is in the process of decolonizing. More than just a history lesson, Decolonizing Mission Partnerships presents the questions, hard truths, pitfalls, and toxic assumptions we must face when attempting to be in mission together.

General Minutes of the Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States, Territories, and Cuba Methodist Church (U.S.) 1881

The Lumbee Indians Malinda Maynor Lowery 2018-08-01 Jamestown, the Lost Colony of Roanoke, and Plymouth Rock are central to America's mythic origin stories. Then, we are told, the main characters--the "friendly" Native Americans who met the settlers--disappeared. But the history of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina demands that we tell a different story. As the largest tribe east of the Mississippi and one of the largest in the country, the Lumbees have survived in their original homelands, maintaining a distinct identity as Indians in a biracial South. In this passionately written, sweeping work of history, Malinda Maynor Lowery narrates the Lumbees' extraordinary story as never before. The Lumbees' journey as a people sheds new light on America's defining moments, from the first encounters with Europeans to the present day. How and why did the Lumbees both fight to establish the United States and resist the encroachments of its government? How have they not just survived, but thrived, through Civil War, Jim Crow, the civil rights movement, and the war on drugs, to ultimately establish their own constitutional government in the twenty-first century? Their fight for full federal acknowledgment continues to this day, while the Lumbee people's struggle for justice and self-determination continues to transform our view of the American experience. Readers of this book will never see Native American history the same way.

A CALL TO ACTION: Practically Reversing the Trends of Mass Incarceration Dr. Herron Keyon Gaston 2019-02-28 A Call to Action By: Dr. Herron Keyon Gaston A Call to Action: Practically Reversing the Trends of Mass Incarceration explores and establishes a blueprint for United Methodist Churches based on the current Mission Plan for Restorative Justice Ministries (MPRJM). This Mission Plan could be used internally or externally within the United Methodist Church and beyond to begin to deal with the issues associated with the large numbers of persons leaving the prison system and reentering communities where the connectinal system of the United Methodist Churches is established, and where other church denominations are in general, to assist retuning prisoners with reentry and restorative justice programs and ministries. A Call to Action is for the United Methodist Church to use its historical work in this area along with its unique reformative connectinal system. The United Methodist Church is poised to lead in this area because of its creed, structure, and connectinal emphasis on mission work, outreach, and methodical steadfastness to deliver and foster justice and the restorative process among former prisoners. The Summerfield United Methodist Church Prison Reentry Model in Bridgeport, Connecticut, was identified as one of the unique prison reentry and restorative justice type programs to further explore this initiative. Using the Summerfield model as a starting point for this project, Gaston invited parishioners to participate in focus group sessions in May 2017. A group of twenty-five parishioners of varying socioeconomic backgrounds volunteered to participate. The main discussion centered on the current prison fellowship ministry and whether members believed that they were making a difference in their own community. This book has implications for the ministerial practice for dealing with those who have transgressed — and how the United Methodist Church must use its spiritual and connectinal resources to reform, redeem, and restore formerly incarcerated individuals back to God and to humanity.

A Gospel of a Different Color Frank Drenner 2016-05-04 The Gospel of John offers a unique understanding of Jesus Christ. A Gospel of a Different Color explores similarities, omissions, and additions to the stories of Jesus. Each section includes reflection questions for small group leaders and preachers.

Susan Angeline Collins: with a Hallelujah Heart Janis Bennington Van Buren 2021-04-27 Ten percent of book profits will go to the Susan Angeline Collins Scholarship at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. Get ready to delve into a world of hardship, challenge, and fulfillment. Explore the life of African American Susan Angeline Collins and be inspired by her faith, pioneering attitude, missionary successes, unflinching courage, and belief in everyone's right to an education. As Miss Collins' life unfolds before you, relevant social issues affecting people of color are intertwined. Issues examined include economics, education, gender, race, religion, and Africa's colonization from her 1851 birth in Illinois until her 1940 death in Iowa. Her resourcefulness in overcoming obstacles during her 33-year commitment to missionary service in the Congo Delta Region and Angola is compelling. Miss Collins' story demonstrates the difference one person can make in the lives of an unknown number of women and children, some orphaned and homeless and others escaping early marriage and subservience. Her leadership is evidenced when starting a girls' school in the northern Angolan high plateau region years before Mary Jane McLeod Bethune initiated her school for African-American girls in Florida. You will be gratified to discover how this diminutive bundle of energy achieved recognition as a stalwart missionary, leader, teacher, nurse, construction manager, and surrogate mother to "her girls."

The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2019-2020 CEB Edition Mary Scifres 2019-03-19 An all-in-one resource that helps both the music director and pastor plan the worship services for each Sunday and holy day of the year, The United Methodist Music and Worship Planner 2019-2020 is lectionary-based and places at your fingertips: Weekly pages in spiral-bound format that help you plan the entire worship year, from September through August. Eight or more suggested hymns for each service keyed to United Methodist worship resources: The United Methodist Hymnal, The Faith We Sing, Worship & Song, The United Methodist Book of Worship, and The Africana Hymnal. Complete lectionary text of the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings using the Common English Bible translation. Reproducible worship planning forms. Resources for holidays and special days. Suggestions for prayers, solos, anthems, visuals, and much more. Also available with NRSV texts

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Rethinking the Color Line Charles A. Gallagher 2022-01-20 Rethinking the Color Line helps make sense of how race and ethnicity influence aspects of social life in ways that are often made invisible by culture, politics, and economics. Charles A. Gallagher has assembled a collection of readings that are theoretically informed and empirically grounded to explain the dynamics of race and ethnicity in the United States. Students will be equipped to confidently navigate the issues of race and ethnicity, examine its contradictions, and gain a comprehensive understanding of how race and ethnic relations are embedded in the institutions that structure their lives. User-friendly without sacrificing intellectual or theoretical rigor, the Seventh Edition has been thoroughly updated to reflect the current debates and the state of contemporary U.S. race relations. Included with this text The online resources for your text are available via the password-protected Instructor Resource Site.

Freedom of Religion at Stake Dion A. Forster 2019-11-01 How can freedom of religion protect the dignity of every human being and safeguard the well-being of creation? This question arises when considering the competing claims among faith traditions, states, and persons. Freedom of religion or belief is a basic human right, and yet it is sometimes used to undermine other human rights. This volume seeks to unpack and wrestle with some of these challenges. In order to do so scholars were invited from different contexts in Africa and Europe to write about freedom of religion from various angles. How should faith traditions in a minority position be protected against majority claims and what is the responsibility of the religious communities in this task? When does the state risk overstepping its boundaries in the delicate balance between freedom of religion and other human rights? How can new voices, who claim their human rights in relation to gender roles, reproductive rights, and as sexual minorities, be heard within their faith traditions? These are some of the questions that are raised by the authors. This is a book for all who are engaged in faith communities, leaders as well as people trying to be recognized. It is also important reading for all interested in international legal frameworks for freedom of religion, state advisers, and human right defenders.

The Abingdon Worship Annual 2015 B.J. Beu 2014-04-01 With interactive online access, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2015 offers fresh worship planning resources for pastors and worship leaders. Using a theme idea based on the lectionary readings, each week's offering of prayers and litanies follows a basic pattern of Christian worship: Invitation and Gathering, Proclamation and Response, Thanksgiving and Communion Sending forth. Alternative ideas for Praise Sentences and Contemporary Gathering Words are offered for those who work in contemporary worship settings. Searchable online extras, along with the entire print text in PDF format for ease of navigation and use, are available with the purchase of the print resources. Now more than ever, The Abingdon Worship Annual is a must-have source-book offering countless opportunities for planning meaningful and insightful worship.

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Our Social World Jeanne H. Ballantine 2016-11-30 Inspire your students to develop their sociological imaginations in Our Social World. Focused on deep learning rather than memorization, this book encourages readers to analyze, evaluate, and apply information about the social world; to see the connection between the world and personal events from a new perspective; and to confront sociological issues on a day-to-day basis. Organized around the "Social World Model", a conceptual framework used across chapters to see the complex links between various micro- to macro-levels of the social system, students will explore the practice of using three levels of analysis, and to view sociology as an integrated whole, rather than a set of discrete subjects.

Feminist Praxis against U.S. Militarism Nami Kim 2019-12-15 Feminist Praxis against U.S. Militarism provides critical feminist and womanist analyses of U.S. militarism that challenge the ongoing U.S. neoliberal military-industrial complex and its multivalent violence that destroys people's lives, especially women and other vulnerable populations. It highlights the intentional critique of U.S. militarism from feminist/womanist perspectives that seek to show the ways in which gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, and violence intersect to threaten women's lives, especially women of color's lives, and the broader environment upon which women's lives are dependent. Most of all, this volume challenges the readers to understand the U.S. as the warfare, counterterror, carceral state and its devastating effects on the everyday lives of women, especially women of color, locally, nationally, and globally. This volume also helps readers understand the racialized gendered impacts of U.S. militarism in conjunction with the ongoing global economies of dispossession and militarized violence across the borders of nation-states. Interrogating U.S. military interventions in "other" countries can show how the U.S. War on Terror directly affects U.S. "domestic" affairs and daily lives in the United States.

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The Revised Common Lectionary Consultation On Common Texts 2010-10-01 This historic and authoritative volume contains the complete three-year listing of the Revised Common Lectionary (Years A, B, and C) to guide preaching and Scripture reading on the Lord's Day. Abingdon Press. Also included are an introduction explaining the nature and uses of lectionaries and a brief history of the Consultation on Common Texts.

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Gayellow Pages: #37 2015-2016 Frances Green 2015-07-28 Please check our website for the latest monthly update (free) and details to buy the annual print edition. We are a directory of resources (business and organizational) for LGBTQI USA, sold in gay-friendly bookstores since 1973 and available online (updated monthly) at no charge. Canada online only at present. "The most reliable Gay print source in the Gay community. I've been using it since the 1970s." -- Dr Charles Silverstein, author of 'The Joy of Gay Sex'.

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Post-Christian Interreligious Liberation Theology Hussam S. Timani 2019-11-29 This book explores the ideals of liberation theology from the perspectives of major religious traditions, including Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, and the neo-Vedanta and Advaita Hindu traditions. The goal of this volume is not to explain the Christian liberation theology tradition and then assess whether the non-Christian liberation theologies meet the Christian standards. Rather, authors use comparative/interreligious methodologies to offer new insights on liberation theology and begin a dialogue on how to build interreligious liberation theories. The goal is to make liberation theology more inclusive of religious diversity beyond traditional Christian categories.

The First Black Archaeologist John W. I. Lee 2022-01-03 An inspiring portrait of an overlooked pioneer in Black history and American archaeology The First Black Archaeologist reveals the untold story of a pioneering African American classical scholar, teacher, community leader, and missionary. Born into slavery in rural Georgia, John Wesley Gilbert (1863-1923) gained national prominence in the early 1900s, but his accomplishments are little known today. Using evidence from archives across the U.S. and Europe, from contemporary publications, and from newly discovered documents, this book chronicles, for the first time, Gilbert's remarkable journey. As we follow Gilbert from the segregated public schools of Augusta, Georgia, to the lecture halls of Brown University, to his hiring as the first black faculty member of Augusta's Paine Institute, and through his travels in Greece, western Europe, and the Belgian Congo, we learn about the development of African American intellectual and religious culture, and about the enormous achievements of an entire generation of black students and educators. Readers interested in the early development of American archaeology in Greece will find an entirely new perspective here, as Gilbert was one of the first Americans of any race to do archaeological work in Greece. Those interested in African American history and culture will gain an invaluable new perspective on a leading yet hidden figure of the late 1800s and early 1900s, whose life and work touched many different aspects of the African American experience.

The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church 2016 United Methodist Church 2016-12-16 The Book of Resolutions provides models for applying an active faith to daily life in ways that can impact the world around us. The new Book of Resolutions contains all current social policies adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. Includes positions on more than 200 subjects, organized into seven sections: The Natural World The Political Community The Nurturing Community The World Community The Social Community The Economic Community Other Resolutions Fully indexed by resolution title, Scripture reference, and topic. Available in English only.

The Color of Justice: Race, Ethnicity, and Crime in America Samuel Walker 2016-12-05 Comprehensive and balanced, THE COLOR OF JUSTICE: RACE, ETHNICITY, AND CRIME IN AMERICA is the definitive introduction to current research and theories of racial and ethnic discrimination within America's criminal justice system. The sixth edition covers the best and the most recent research on patterns of criminal behavior and victimization, immigration and crime, drug use, police practices, court processing and sentencing, unconscious bias, the death penalty, and correctional programs, giving students the facts and theoretical foundation they need to make their own informed decisions about discrimination within the system. Uniquely unbiased, THE COLOR OF JUSTICE makes every effort to incorporate discussion of all major race groups found in the United States. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Triping from the Fall Line David K. Brezinski 2015-10-07 "Emanating from the Fall Line city of Baltimore, site of the 2015 GSA Annual Meeting, these trips reflect the diversity of geological features in the mid-Atlantic region including the Piedmont, Appalachian Mountains, and Coastal Plain, and the importance of geology on the development and construction of the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., metropolitan area"--

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The Certainty of Uncertainty Mark A. Schaefer 2018-08-23 The world is full of people who are very certain--in politics, in religion, in all manner of things. In addition, political, religious, and social organizations are marketing certainty as a cure all to all life's problems. But is such certainty possible? Or even good? The Certainty of Uncertainty explores the question of certainty by looking at the reasons human beings crave certainty and the religious responses we frequently fashion to help meet that need. The book takes an in-depth view of religion, language, our senses, our science, and our world to explore the inescapable uncertainties they reveal. We find that the certainty we crave does not exist. As we reflect on the unavoidable uncertainties in our world, we come to understand that letting go of certainty is not only necessary, it's beneficial. For, in embracing doubt and uncertainty, we find a more meaningful and courageous religious faith, a deeper encounter with mystery, and a way to build strong relationships across religious and philosophical lines. In The Certainty of Uncertainty, we see that embracing our belief systems with humility and uncertainty can be transformative for ourselves and for our world.

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The Sunday Service of the Methodists: with Other Occasional Services Wesleyan Methodist Church 1825

Prepare! 2015-2016 David L. Bone 2015-02-17 An all-in-one resource that helps both the music director and pastor plan the worship services for each Sunday and holy day of the year, the 2015-2016 edition of Prepare! is lectionary-based and places at one's fingertips a calendar format that helps plan the entire choir year from September through August, with reproducible worship planning forms, suggestions for prayers, solos, anthems, visuals, and much more. Also included is the complete lectionary text of the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings.

Brave Church Elizabeth Hagan 2021-06-01 In today's deeply divided world where discussions can quickly become heated and uncivil, churches need to learn how to talk about sensitive issues. Our society needs brave churches where people can talk about the real struggles they are experiencing without fear of being dismissed, shamed, or judged. Brave Church helps congregations talk about controversial topics with sensitivity to those who see the world and have experienced life differently from themselves. It guides readers to think through how they can foster conversations about such challenging topics as infertility/miscarriage, mental health, domestic violence, racism, and sexuality. In this 6-week small-group study, pastor Elizabeth Hagan weaves personal and theological reflections with scripture, discussion questions, and real-world examples to move readers from exploration to action. Brave Church includes a Leader's Guide and suggests resources for further reading and action.

The Korean War and Postmemory Generation Dong-Yeon Koh 2021-07-31 This pioneering volume navigates cultural memory of the Korean War through the lens of contemporary arts and film in South Korea for the last two decades. Cultural memory of the Korean War has been a subject of persistent controversy in the forging of South Korean postwar national and ideological identity. Applying the theoretical notion of "postmemory," this book examines the increasingly diversified attitudes toward memories of the Korean War and Cold War from the late 1990s and onward, particularly in the demise of military dictatorships. Chapters consider efforts from younger generation artists and filmmakers to develop new ways of representing traumatic memories by refusing to confine themselves to the tragic experiences of survivors and victims. Extensively illustrated, this is one of the first volumes in English to provide an in-depth analysis of work oriented around such themes from 12 renowned and provocative South Korean artists and filmmakers. This includes documentary photographs, participatory public arts, independent women's documentary films, and media installations. The Korean War and Postmemory Generation will appeal to students and scholars of film studies, contemporary art, and Korean history.

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The Next Mormons Jana Riess 2019-02-01 American Millennials--the generation born in the 1980s and 1990s--have been leaving organized religion in unprecedented numbers. For a long time, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was an exception: nearly three-quarters of people who grew up Mormon stayed that way into adulthood. In *The Next Mormons*, Jana Riess demonstrates that things are starting to change. Drawing on a large-scale national study of four generations of current and former Mormons as well as dozens of in-depth personal interviews, Riess explores the religious beliefs and behaviors of young adult Mormons, finding that while their levels of belief remain strong, their institutional loyalties are less certain than their parents' and grandparents'. For a growing number of Millennials, the tensions between the Church's conservative ideals and their generation's commitment to individualism and pluralism prove too high, causing them to leave the faith--often experiencing deep personal anguish in the process. Those who remain within the fold are attempting to carefully balance the Church's strong emphasis on the traditional family with their generation's more inclusive definition that celebrates same-sex couples and women's equality. Mormon families are changing too. More Mormons are remaining single, parents are having fewer children, and more women are working outside the home than a generation ago. *The Next Mormons* offers a portrait of a generation navigating between traditional religion and a rapidly changing culture.

The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2017-2018 NRSV Edition David L. Bone 2017-04-18 An all-in-one resource that helps both the music director and pastor plan the worship services for each Sunday and holy day of the year, The United Methodist Music and Worship Planner 2017-2018 is lectionary-based and places at your fingertips: Calendar format that helps you plan the entire choir year, from September through August. Eight or more suggested hymns for each service keyed to United Methodist worship resources: The United Methodist Hymnal, The Faith We Sing, Worship & Song, The United Methodist Book of Worship, and The Africana Hymnal. Complete lectionary text of the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings using the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Resources for holidays and special days. Suggestions for prayers, solos, anthems, visuals, and much more.

2015 Wall Edition United Methodist Program Calendar 2014-07-01 "I use both the Wall version (for quick reference and guidance on lectionary readings, planning checklist and special dates) AND the desk version (for work with Mission Outreach and Marketing committees). I use the calendar to begin my daily devotions, reading each Scripture twice throughout the week plus there is the added benefit of the planning resources. Also, as a support to ministry and devotional tool and as a teaching tool in Confirmation."- The Rev. Krysta Deede, Associate Pastor, Cargill United Methodist Church, 2000 Wesley Ave, Janesville, Wisconsin This wall calendar is 18x24. The writing is on the wall for all to see! Post this calendar on bulletin boards throughout your church, in offices, meeting rooms, Sunday school classrooms and more. Keep everybody in the loop about liturgical colors, next year's events and special days. The 2015 theme for the Official United Methodist Program Calendar is transformation. The compelling stories featured in the insert in the 2015 Classic and Standard calendars are catalysts for both personal and denominational reflection. Bishop Bruce Ough, president of the Connectional Table, asks United Methodists to seek people "from the outskirts of hope" and invite them to the "center of God's beloved community."United Methodist Program Calendars serve not only as organizational and communication tools, but as reminders of our commitment to do God's work. Please fill your calendar pages with ministries that change the world, events that answer the needs of your community, names of people willing to be "on call" for God's good, and with notes reminding you of why you do what you do as a United Methodist.

Transitioning from an Ethnic to a Multicultural Church Byoung Ok Koo 2019-12-20 Multicultural churches help us understand God's will for us to become one in this multicultural world and experience a heavenly gathering in advance. This book, based on case studies of four multicultural churches, provides insights and knowledge regarding minority-dominant multicultural churches in the United States. Many multicultural churches in America are mainly concerned about racial reconciliation between the white and the black. On the other hand, resources concerning minority-dominant multicultural churches are scant. With the special attention on Korean immigrant churches, this book contributes to the body of knowledge regarding minority-dominant multicultural churches. Specifically, this book provides a model transition process, called the Windmill T-process, to facilitate the movement of monocultural/monoethnic churches in taking steps towards acquiring the characteristics of multicultural churches. In addition, this book touches on the issue of evangelism in the multicultural church. Although there is limited insight, the book describes what factors first draw different racial/ethnic people to a church and what factors

cause them to stay there. All in all, this book will guide you to a deeper understanding on multicultural churches and its practices for all nations beyond

ethnic/racial identities.