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**Christian Register and Boston Observer** McGill-Queen's Press - MQUP

Upon his arrival, Butternut Creek Christian Church's newly-minted minister is met by a welcome committee led by Miss Birdie and her friend Mercedes, a.k.a. "the Widows." Their first order of business, to educate him on how things should be done, quickly gives way to a campaign to find him a wife. When their matchmaking efforts fizzle, the Widows turn to another new bachelor. Amputee and Afghan vet Sam simply wants to be left alone -- a desire that's as good as a red flag to the Widows! Soon they're scheming to pair him up with Willow, his beautiful physical therapist, a divorced mother of two who is afraid of commitment, Perrine's small-town tale is a big-time triumph of gentle humor, fast-paced plot, and wonderfully engaging characters.

*THE JOURNEY CONTINUES* NYU Press

The Living Word™ helps youth ministers, parish catechists, and high school religion teachers meet teens where they are and guide them to a deeper understanding of the Gospel's role in their lives. This model of liturgical catechesis through lectionary readings enhances the liturgical preparation, liturgical participation, and liturgical living of teens. Each session can be easily incorporated into lessons or group activities that have already been planned. This resource includes materials for each Sunday and holyday of obligation from the first Sunday of August through the last Sunday in July. Additionally, The Living Word™ includes digital resources to help teens reflect on and act on the Sunday Gospel throughout the week. The Living Word™ includes the following: -Complete and flexible 15-minute sessions to complement your current teen programs -Connections to the liturgical calendar and to Catholic teachings -Ritual with the proclamation of the Gospel -Reflections to help teens understand the Gospel in the context of their own experiences and concerns -Useful tools for integrating the New Evangelization in your teen ministry -Digital reproducibles (in PDF and JPG format) for teens that can be printed, emailed, and shared via social media Authors include Kate Cousino, Julie Dienno-Demarest, Aires Patulot, and Liza N. Peters.

*The Welcome Committee of Butternut Creek* Lexington Books

Why do some religious institutions decline in the face of racial integration whilst others grow? How do congregations deal with economic distress? This study of congregations in the face of community transformation includes stories of over 20 congregations in nine communities across America.

*Pray the Gay Away* Liturgy Training Publications

This book is a volume in the Penn Press Anniversary Collection. To mark its 125th anniversary in 2015, the University of Pennsylvania Press rereleased more than 1,100 titles from Penn Press's distinguished backlist from 1899-1999 that had fallen out of print. Spanning an entire century, the Anniversary Collection offers peer-reviewed scholarship in a wide range of subject areas.

*Guide for Liturgy Committees* LiturgyTrainingPublications

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Life for Women offers insight into topics and issues that are specific to women's interests. In addition to a brief narrative, each chapter of this interactive handbook contains: An "I Will" checklist of heart and attitude reinforcements. A "Things to Do" checklist of action points. A "Things to Remember" section of Scripture verses and applicable quotes from famous and not-so-famous people. Topics addressed include everyday miracles, style, and relationships. In all, there are insightful narratives, scriptures, quotations, and checklists on 66 important topics. The practical, inspirational content plus the attractive two-color text design and unique cover make this a book women will want to own and give as a gift.

*Railway Age* Zondervan

Issues for 1868- include index.

**Where Two Or Three are Gathered** Zondervan Publishing Company

Learning Styles is full of practical, helpful, and eye-opening information about the different ways kids perceive information and then use that knowledge, as well as how their behavior is often tied to their particular learning style. When we understand learning styles—imaginative, analytic, common sense, and dynamic—and adjust our teaching or parenting to those styles, we begin reaching everyone God gives us to teach.

**USSR.** John Hunt Publishing

Parents long to help their children reach their full potential. They schedule regular medical exams, get them involved in planned activities, help them with their homework, and invest for their college education. Yet while they may plan for their success, they can overlook a vital part of their personal development: nurturing and encouraging a solid, lasting foundation of faith. We often assume that children are growing spiritually through church youth groups and programs. But it's essential that parents take an active, encouraging, and purposeful role in guiding them in their relationship with Jesus. The life of Joseph offers parents a Biblical standard for building children of character. Using his story, this book will help them do just that.

**The Day the Train Stopped** Rutgers University Press

Standing at the crossroads on train tracks going nowhere, Amelia Brandywine returns home, faced with the stigma of a failed marriage. She is shattered like the broken glass in the storefront windows, withdrawing from everyone and everything. Eventually, Amelia begins to heal from her depression, embracing the little town with its colorful residents. When tragedy strikes, depression rears its ugly head as suddenly as a summer storm. Amelia must choose to let depression rule her life or place her trust in God.

*Jesus' Death and Heavenly Offering in Hebrews* FaithWords

This book explores the history of church camps and retreat centers to show how environmental stewardship became the dominant paradigm for Protestant environmentalism, why that is a flawed and fractious model, and why it has stalled.

**The Churches of Grey Presbytery of the United Church of Canada** John Hunt Publishing

Readers met Charlene Charlie Goodnight Myers in the novella A Christmas Cactus. Now Charlie is

Mayor of Brangus, Texas. When a Hollywood movie company comes to town, the citizens of Brangus can't wait to get into the action. Movie stars, mysterious strangers and a cruel director show up to enliven the plot. When a local socialite is accused of the murder of one of the movie staff, Charlie recruits her friends to help solve the crime. Readers will recognize Darci Tenant, Charlie's wealthy best friend, and Manuela, now owner of Cowgirls and Curls beauty salon. The redoubtable Vessie Lou Culpepper and feisty Justine Longacre also pitch in to help find the killer. Along the way, Mayor Charlie works hard to take care of business for the zany eccentric citizens of Brangus.

[A Study of the Community of Oakdale, Tennessee](#) Saint Mary's Press

2013 Finalist for the Lambda Literary Awards, LGBT Studies category Barton argues that conventional Southern manners and religious institutions provide a foundation for homophobia in the Bible Belt. In the Bible Belt, it's common to see bumper stickers that claim One Man + One Woman = Marriage, church billboards that command one to "Get right with Jesus," letters to the editor comparing gay marriage to marrying one's dog, and nightly news about homophobic attacks from the Family Foundation. While some areas of the United States have made tremendous progress in securing rights for gay people, Bible Belt states lag behind. Not only do most Bible Belt gays lack domestic partner benefits, lesbians and gay men can still be fired from some places of employment in many regions of the Bible Belt for being a homosexual. In *Pray the Gay Away*, Bernadette Barton argues that conventions of small town life, rules which govern Southern manners, and the power wielded by Christian institutions serve as a foundation for both passive and active homophobia in the Bible Belt. She explores how conservative Christian ideology reproduces homophobic attitudes and shares how Bible Belt gays negotiate these attitudes in their daily lives. Drawing on the remarkable stories of Bible Belt gays, Barton brings to the fore their thoughts, experiences and hard-won insights to explore the front lines of our national culture war over marriage, family, hate crimes, and equal rights. *Pray the Gay Away* illuminates their lives as both foot soldiers and casualties in the battle for gay rights.

**"Lights, Camera, Murder!"** Thomas Nelson Inc

Examines Hebrews' exposition of Jesus' death, his self-offering in heaven at his ascension, and the link between them.

[The Epworth Herald](#) AuthorHouse

People complain about meetings all the time--too many, too long, too boring. But committees are often the best means to accomplish certain ends, so it is worth finding ways to make meetings function more effectively. Tennyson shows how this is done with a welcome touch of humor. He covers the gamut on committees for the church setting or any other context.

[The Acts & Proceedings of the ... Regular Session of the General Synod, Reformed Church in America](#)  
David C Cook

If you're a leader in a church or business, and you want to improve your culture of hospitality, then you'll love Danny's new book. It's a must-read! -Dan T. Cathy, CEO, Chick-fil-A  
When it comes to interacting with guests, churches typically gravitate towards one of two camps: over-the-top, shock-and-awe, let-us-entertain-you or oh-man,-some-people-just-showed-up, underwhelming experience. Each extreme has drawbacks: on one end, people become the center of the universe. On the other, hospitality is effectively ignored in deference to the "serious business" of worship. People Are the

Mission proposes a healthy middle, one where guests are esteemed but the gospel is the goal. Danny Franks, Connections Pastor at Summit Church, shows churches how to take a more balanced approach - a "third way" that is both guest-friendly and gospel-centric. He shows why honoring the stranger doesn't stand in opposition to honoring the Savior. People are the mission that Christ has called us to, and if we focus on people we can better assist people to focus on the gospel.

[Visitor](#) Paulist Press

Jon Ronson's *Adventures With Extraordinary People* collects together in a single volume three of Jon Ronson's bestselling titles, *Them*, *The Men Who Stare at Goats* and *The Psychopath Test*. *Them* charts Jon's discovery that extremists - Islamic fundamentalists, neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klansmen - all have one oddly similar belief: that a tiny, shadowy elite rule the world from a secret room. And so Jon sets out to locate that room. Chased by men in dark glasses and unmasked as a Jew in the middle of a Jihad training camp, Jon's journey is creepy as well as comic, and perhaps the extremists are on to something . . . *The Men Who Stare at Goats* tells the unbelievable story of the First Earth Battalion, established by the US Army in 1979 as a secret unit, they defied all known military practice, and even the laws of physics, in their belief that a soldier could become invisible, pass through walls and kill goats just by staring at them. And, as Jon discovers, they really weren't joking. *The Psychopath Test* sees Jon set out on an utterly compelling adventure into the world of madness. He meets psychopaths, those whose lives have been touched by madness and those whose job it is to diagnose it, from whom Jon learns the art of psychopath-spotting. And it soon becomes clear that madness could indeed be at the heart of everything . . . Often funny, sometimes chilling and always thought-provoking, these books combine Jon's trademark humour, charm and investigative incision whilst asking some very serious questions. 'The belly laughs come thick and fast - my God, he is funny' - Observer.

**Jon Ronson's Adventures With Extraordinary People** Westminster John Knox Press

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*French Opinion on War and Diplomacy during the Second Empire* Cambridge University Press

"Provides parishes with the practical guidance they need to carry out a short-term immediate preparation process for the celebration of Confirmation in a three- to six-month time frame"--Back cover

*Giving and Receiving Hospitality [Youth]* Pan Macmillan

The New Testament word for stranger is also translated as host and guest. Hospitality is never a one way street, but a circle or roundabout that gives and receives. The one who invites and the one invited are each in turn host and guest. Youth (ages 11-15) connect to the faith community through

their family or peers. Youth sometimes think and behave as older children and sometimes as older youth. They need to experience being grounded in a nurturing congregation that allows room for questioning and doubts. Practicing our faith is a lifelong process. When completed, this series will offer 24 practices in 10 different life settings.

*How to Raise a Modern-Day Joseph* David C Cook

The Journey Continues: Ministry Facing Challenge and Change will travel through the mountain and plains states. The quest for meaning that began in Journey to God will be expanded through the challenges and changes of raising a family, facing the ever changing expectations of ministers, church, and faith in God. Our young family is now a family with teenagers, driver licenses, cars, and dating. The one-salaried family becomes a two-salaried family with positive and negative reactions. Maintaining a Christian presence in the face of negative comments and ridicule is part of the experience of serving God in our world. During the doctoral program, some role reversal takes place

as teenagers ask dad to see his report card along with, "Have you done your homework yet?" The teens and dad take over cooking duties as Mom's work schedule changes. A new experience of "burnt offerings" at the dinner table becomes frequent. The ministry will face questions that challenge the role of ministers, campus ministers, and chaplains in the face of a fast growing improvement in health care, technological advances in communication, information, and office equipment. The computer age opens the doors to the inexperienced to enter the job market ahead of or replacing of older, experienced workers. As change continues, values are modified or set aside. The bottom line and compliance issues take the place of hard work and customer service. The idea of being kind to others changes to a "get yours before they get theirs" attitude. Attempting to serve when the church was moved from the mainstream to the sidelines is part of the challenge change brings. Having to prove something that once was taken for granted is part of regaining an awareness of the value of the Christian Faith.