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# New Titles Catalogue Spring 2009

## Anabaptism

**ROSANNA OF THE AMISH**
**The Restored Text**
*Joseph W Yoder*

9780836194081 Herald Press (2008), 358pp      £14.25  
Joseph W Yoder's thrilling narrative of an Irish Catholic baby girl brought up by an Amish woman represents the beginnings of Mennonite literature in America. In this new edition, the original 1940 text is restored and the classic book is placed in its cultural and historical context with a critical introduction by Julia Spicher Kasdorf. The earthy Pennsylvania German colloquial language of earlier editions can now be read as the author intended.

**THE FUGITIVE**
**Menno Simons, Spiritual Leader in the Free Church Movement**
*Myron S Augsburg*

9780836194098 Herald Press (2008), 398pp      £11.50  
"The word 'Mennonite' has kept alive the memory of Menno Simons, but Mennonites have virtually forgotten this influential churchman and theologian. For those who know little about him, this book - part novel, part history text - offers an introduction to his life and teaching."  
- John D Roth, Goshen College

**MAKING SENSE OF THE JOURNEY**
**The Geography of Our Faith: Mennonite Stories Integrating Faith and Life and the World of Thought**
*Robert Lee & Nancy V Lee (Eds)*

9780979962509 EMU (2007), 336pp      £16.75  
These compelling memoirs trace the effects of a tumultuous century on mainly rural Mennonites. Depression-era babies whose youth and adulthood were bracketed by World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, and the Cold War, they also saw the emergence of a new global world. As their frame of reference shifted from the rural to the professional, many of these writers assumed key roles in leading and shaping Mennonite institutions. For all of them, some kind of service - to their church, to their community, to the world - was an imperative.

**MARPECK**
**A Life of Dissent and Conformity**
*Walter Klaassen and William Klassen*

9780836194234 Herald Press (2008), 423pp      £31.25  
During the 16th century's tumultuous years of religious reformation and revolution, Pilgram Marpeck consistently but discreetly stood up to the ruling powers, calling for freedom of religion and separation of church and state. Walter Klaassen and William Klassen, editors of *The Writings of Pilgram Marpeck*, have deeply mined Marpeck's writing and dialogue with other Reformation leaders. They place his life, work, and theology in the context of his violent, changing times. This thorough biography shows how Marpeck, perhaps more than any other early Anabaptist figure, helped lay the theoretical and practical foundations of the believers church.

## Biblical Studies

### THE NEW INTERPRETERS STUDY BIBLE

#### Paper Back

Walter J Harrelson

9780687647330 Abingdon (2008), 2298pp £16.99

*The New Interpreter's Study Bible*, now available in paperback edition, the best of biblical scholarship to the service of the Church.

### CHALLENGING PROPHETIC METAPHOR

#### Theology and Ideology in the Prophets

Julia M O'Brien

9780664229641 WJK (Feb 2009), 224pp £13.99

The prophets of the Old Testament use a wide variety of metaphors to describe God and to portray how to understand people in relation to God. Some of these metaphors are familiar and soothing; others are unfamiliar and confusing. Still others portray God in ways that are difficult and uncomfortable: God as abusive husband, for instance, or as neglectful father. Julia O'Brien searches the prophetic books for these metaphors, looking for ways that the different images intersect and build off each other. When confronted with disturbing metaphors, she deals with them unflinchingly, providing a sharp critique and evaluation of the interpretations of these metaphors for God. Giving particular attention to the possible uses of these metaphors in the church today for good or ill O'Brien listens to the fullness of the prophetic messages and points us toward new ways to read these theological metaphors for a just faith today.

### GREAT PRAYERS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Walter Brueggemann

9780664231743 WJK (2008), 176pp £8.99

The prayers in this volume express joy and lament and show the depths of human experience and the majestic grace of a loving God who hears everything and takes every prayer to heart. Among the prayers explored are those by Abraham, Moses, Hannah, David, Solomon, Jonah, Jeremiah, Hezekiah, Ezra, Nehemiah, Daniel, and Job.

### IN THE SHADOW OF EMPIRE

#### Reclaiming The Bible as a History of Faithful Resistance

Richard A Horsley

9780664232320 WJK (2008), 192pp £13.99

The Bible tells the stories of many empires. And many are still considered some of the largest of the ancient and classical world: the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, and finally the Romans. In this provocative book, eight experts bring a critical analysis of these world empires in the background of the Old and New Testaments. As they explain, the Bible developed against the context of these empires, providing concrete meaning to the counter cultural claims of Jews and Christians that their God was the true King, the real Emperor. Each chapter describes how to read the Bible as a reaction to empire and points to how to respond to the biblical message to resist imperial powers in every age.

Contributors are Norman Gottwald, Walter Brueggemann, Jon Berquist, John Dominic Crossan, Warren Carter, Brigitte Kahl, Neal Elliott, and Greg Carey.

### JONAH, JESUS AND OTHER GOOD COYOTES

#### Speaking Peace to Power in the Bible

Daniel L. Smith-Christopher

9780687343836 Abingdon (2007), 194pp £10.99

An original, powerful, and programmatic reading of the Bible that emphasizes the biblical call to peacemaking. Smith-Christopher shows us that biblical peacemaking recognises and then crosses—or "runs"—borders. All too often, borders and other imaginary lines drawn between groups of people have a way of becoming the basis for conflict, bigotry, and ultimately, war. Danger signs are evident when people use "borders" to talk about the goodness of everyone within "our" border, and the evil of everyone "over there." Modern social commentators use the phrase "the other" to refer to the tendency of human groups to develop a positive image of themselves by contrasting it with negative images of others.

Smith-Christopher states that when this happens, it is important for us to remind ourselves that it is a profoundly biblical lesson that making peace between groups of people often requires that somebody must be willing to intentionally cross the "borders" that separate groups. In this book, he argues that the Bible teaches Christians that they are this somebody. Crossing boundaries is a biblical mandate, and the foundation of peacemaking.

### OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

#### An Introduction

Walter Brueggemann

9780687340903 Abingdon (2008), 224pp £12.99

In this first volume in the *Library of Biblical Theology* series, Walter Brueggemann portrays the key components in Israel's encounter with God as recorded in the Hebrew Bible. Creation, election, Torah, the divine hand in history; these and other theological high points appear both in their original historical context, and their ongoing relevance for contemporary Jewish and Christian self-understanding.

### PALESTINE IN THE TIME OF JESUS

#### Social Structures and Social Contexts, Second Edition

KC Hanson & Douglas E Oakman

9780800663094 Fortress (2008), 176pp £16.99

Hanson and Oakman's award-winning and illuminating volume has become a widely used and cited introduction to the social context of Jesus and the early Jesus movement. This second edition updates all the discussions in light of more recent scholarship, improves clarity and readability of diagrams and maps, provides additional diagrams and images to enhance the book for student use, and includes new classroom resources, for professors and students, on a Companion Web site.

Along with an overview of the ancient Mediterranean worldview, *Palestine in the Time of Jesus* explores major domains and institutions of Roman Palestine: kinship, politics, economy, and religion.

### A PATHWAY OF INTERPRETATION

#### The Old Testament for Pastors and Students

Walter Brueggemann

9781556355899 Wipf & Stock (Feb 2009), 180pp £18.50

Writing with the pastor and student in mind, Walter Brueggemann provides guidance for interpreting Old Testament texts. He offers both advice for the interpreter as well as examples of working with different sorts of passages:

from narratives, prophecies, and Psalms. He also demonstrates how to work thematically, drawing together threads from different traditions. His goal is to work through the rhetoric of these passages to reach toward theological interpretation. These investigations indicate Brueggemann's conviction that the process of moving from text to interpretive outcome is an artistic enterprise that can be learned and practised.

### THE SOCIAL WORLD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

#### Insights and Models

Jerome Neyrey H & Eric C Stewart

9781598561289 Hendrickson (2009), 270pp £13.99

*"The Social World of the New Testament* is an excellent reader to inform mature exegetes on a new current within exegetical study and to introduce young students of biblical exegesis into the important insights gained by this approach." — Gerd Theissen, Professor of New Testament Studies at the University of Heidelberg

## Christian Life

### THE NEW CONSPIRATORS

#### Creating the Future One Mustard Seed at a Time

Tom Sine

9781842275597 Paternoster (2008), 304pp £8.99

A visionary Christian leader explores four exciting streams within the cutting-edge of the church. He calls us to join these new conspirators in discovering creative ways in which God might use our mustard seeds to be a part of what he is doing. God is doing something fresh through a new generation of 'conspirators'. This new work can be seen in at least four different streams:

1. the emerging,
2. the missional,
3. the mosaic (multicultural church plants)
4. the monastic.

In this book Tom Sine present some of the innovative new models that are being created by those ministering within these diverse streams.

### READING BONHOEFFER

#### A Guide to His Spiritual Classics and Selected Writings on Peace

Geffrey B Kelly

9781556352362 Wipf & Stock (2008), 198pp £20.95

Dorothee Soelle once wrote, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer is the one German theologian who will lead us into the third millennium." As we near the end of the first decade of this third millennium, Bonhoeffer continues to inspire new generations as a spiritual guide for their actions on behalf of peace and social justice. This book by Geffrey Kelly provides a critical analysis and reading guide to two of the spiritual classics that are now available in new translations through Fortress Press. *Reading Bonhoeffer* offers a running commentary of each segment of these popular texts along with discussion questions suitable for the university and seminary classroom as well as parish adult education programs. In a final section of the book, Kelly excerpts and analyses three significant texts by Bonhoeffer on the need for world peace against the rising militarism and continued glorification of war in Germany and other European nations.

**SOCIAL HOLINESS****A Way of Living for God's Nation**

Alan Kreider

9781556358487 Wipf &amp; Stock (2008), 300pp £26.75

Lively, gutsy . . . Holiness is about practical social matters—such as economic relationships, making peace, working for justice . . . Kreider takes us through the Bible to show how deeply these themes are embedded in the text and how persistent has been the failure of the community of faith to be true to them . . . A must for serious-minded Christians today. — Rt. Rev. John Gladwin, Bishop of Chelmsford, in *Third Way*

[Previously entitled: *Journey Toward Holiness*]**Church****THE DIACONAL CHURCH****Beyond the Mould of Christendom**

David B Clark (Ed.)

9780716206354 Epworth (2008), 223pp £22.99

"The thirteen essays in this book (including one by Stuart Murray) respond to the Methodist David Clark's proposal for the diaconal model of church as an alternative to the Christendom model. Clark's previous book (2005) described this model as a kingdom community, theologically informed by the Trinity and the Kingdom of God. The diaconal church is a learning community that serves the wider community, collectively led and empowered by servant leaders and community educators. The mission of the church is to build learning communities that are transformed by the kingdom community. The essays come from positions across the theological and denominational spectrum and sympathetically critique Clark's proposal. Anabaptists will find much to appreciate even as they would advocate for a broader vision which includes peace church, sensitive evangelism and creative economic practices." — Tim Foley, Mennonite Mission Network

**FIRST BE RECONCILED****Challenging Christians in the Courts**

Richard P Church

9780836194104 Herald Press (2008), 250pp £19.25

*First Be Reconciled* seeks to recover the church as a unique reconciled body in a world of enmity, particularly via civil litigation. It traces the church's historic reticence to litigate within the body and with non-believers through key biblical texts, a historical survey, with a particular focus on the Anabaptist witness, and a constructive theological defence of the necessity of eschewing certain forms of civil litigation contrary to the church's witness of reconciliation.

**REACHING OUT IN A NETWORKED WORLD****Expressing Your Congregation's Heart and Soul**

Lynne M Baab

9781566993685 Alban Inst (2008), 190pp £18.00

A congregation communicates its heart and soul through words, photos, actions, programs, architecture, decor, the arts, and countless other aspects of congregational life. In *Reaching Out in a Networked World*, communications expert and pastor Lynne Baab examines technologies such as web sites, blogs, on-line communities, and desktop publishing. She demonstrates how a congregation can evaluate these tools and appropriately use them to communicate its heart and soul, to convey its identity and values both within and outside the congregation.

**Conflict Mediation/VORP****TRANSFORMING CONFLICT****Conflict Transformation Amongst Church Leaders with Different Stances**

Eolene Boyd-MacMillan &amp; Sara Savage.

9780955057335 FCL (2008), 128pp £17.99

*Transforming Conflict* is FCL's most ambitious research project. In this ecumenical study senior church leaders are taken through a process which examines their personality and theological stance as they resolve conflict – an essential element in their work. This key piece of research takes issues of conflict on from merely being 'resolved' to becoming 'transformed'. The research described in this very accessible book breaks new psychological, theological and spiritual ground and is essential reading for every local clergyperson, bishop, chairman and moderator. Lay Christians will find resources here for much which troubles about and often deters them from further engagement with church life.

**Cookbooks etc****ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE****Our Year of Seasonal Eating**

Barbara Kingsolver

9780571233571 Faber &amp; Faber (2008), 384pp £8.99

Barbara Kingsolver, author of the internationally best-selling *The Poisonwood Bible*, opens her home to us, as she and her family embark on a year of eating locally, and mainly from their own back garden. Including recipes for seasonal eating and tips on dealing with a deluge of tomatoes and life without bananas, Kingsolver makes a passionate case for putting food back at the centre of the political and family agenda.

**Fiction****PAX AVALON****Conflict Resolution**

Steven Reece Friesen

9780836194449 Herald Press (2008), 120pp £19.25

Avalon City is a sprawling metropolis with all the problems of a big city: pollution, crime, corruption, and support systems stretched to their limits. Into this mess steps Julianna Embry, a person with an incredible gift who is dedicated to bringing peace to Avalon City. Pax, as she is called, joins ACSQ, the mayor's special operations team. It is a group of four highly trained and diverse officers who address extreme crises that the city's fire and police systems cannot handle. With Pax's help they face off against a mysterious adversary who also has designs on Avalon City—resulting in a clash of ideals that will change the city forever.

Graphic novels are an expression of the struggle to bring peace and order to our lives. The world of Pax Avalon embodies this struggle, with the added element of hope that there actually is a way that leads to peace. Six different perspectives clash head on with the people of Avalon City as the prize.

**Film and Faith****TRANSFORMING CULTURE****A Model for Faith and Film in Hollywood**

Christine Gunn-Danforth

9781556359965 Wipf &amp; Stock (2008), 212pp £23.00

"*Transforming Culture* presents readers with a bold, provocative thesis that stirs one's imagination. Combining communication theory and cultural studies with Old Testament theology (particularly Brueggemann's model of prophetic/poetic imagination), it argues that Christian film producers, much like the writer of *Jonah*, can/should create an alternate consciousness in our culture. Their goal? Hopeful subversion of our reigning hegemony." — Robert K Johnston, Professor of Theology and Culture, Fuller Theological Seminary

**Human Relationships****THE DARK NIGHT****A Gift from God**

Daniel P Schrock

9780836194258 Herald Press (2008), 200pp £16.50

Many Christians enter a "dark night" at some point during their lives, a period when they feel abandoned by God and experience a dryness in their spiritual lives. Daniel P Schrock demystifies this quite common phenomenon, which is often confused with depression. He roots the dark night experience in Scripture, but also explores how it can express itself in one's vocation, marriage and family life, and even in the life of a congregation. In his unique approach, Schrock connects the dark night with Christian discipleship and God's mission of creating shalom. The dark night functions a bit like a second conversion, he writes. It strengthens faith, deepens friendship with God, and propels believers into counter cultural mission. The dark night is ultimately a gift from God.

**REASONING TOGETHER****A Conversation on Homosexuality**

Ted Grimsrud and Mark Thiessen Nation

9780836194302 Herald Press (2008), 240pp £15.50

This book emerges from a series of public conversations on homosexuality by two Mennonite theology professors with clearly different perspectives on the issue. *Reasoning Together* expands on these conversations. The first section sets the context for the conversation, identifying the key issues and describing the differences among Christians on these issues. The second section contains the main constructive presentations from each writer along with each responding to the other. Here we have extensive theological and biblical reflection. In the third section, each writer asks the other two questions, triggering extensive give and take. The book concludes with a short chapter sketching areas of agreement amidst the disagreements that have been the focus of the earlier chapters and two annotated bibliographies.

**RECAPTURING CHILDHOOD****Positive Parenting in the Modern World***Mildred Masheder*

9781854250957 Green Print (2008), 157pp £10.00

"Mildred Masheder has long since established herself as a commentator of rare clarity and wisdom on these matters. This new book is a powerful and straightforward challenge to us all to put our intelligence to work for the sake of our children, to recover the space they need and the care they need. It is a book that all concerned with children's welfare should be reading and engaging with." — Dr. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

**RESTORING THOSE WHO HELP OTHERS****Self-Care and Spirituality for Those in Danger of Burn-Out***Ron Kraybill*

9781561486533 Good Books (March 2009), 190pp £9.95

*Restoring those who Help Others* focuses on two essential practices—reflection and renewing oneself. Kraybill proposes disciplines for making sure those are part of life, despite day-to-day pressures.

"Choosing to accept encounters with our own inadequacy and failure is central to personal transformation," offers Kraybill. With that, he shows how.

"We go farther on the transformative journey if we travel in the company of others," he believes. From this he tells what's worked for him and the countless others he's observed.

Honest, practical, and personal wisdom for weary do-gooders everywhere.

## Leadership

**BECOMING YOUR BEST****A Self-Help Guide for Thinking People***Ronald W Richardson*

9780806680521 Fortress (2008), 184pp £8.99

What makes for a good relationship? Author Ronald W Richardson says that "good people make good relationships." Jane Austen would agree with him. Drawing on the insights of modern family systems theory, this self-help book for thinking people addresses the issues of emotional maturity, strength of character, values, and thoughtfulness in each partner and how these virtues each contribute to good relationships.

Richardson, a certified marriage and family therapist, relies on his thirty years of clinical experience, teaching, and supervision for relevant, contemporary examples as he illustrates how good people make for good relationships. In addition, selections from Jane Austen's many novels provide an entertaining perspective on timeless truths.

**CREATING THE FUTURE TOGETHER****Methods to Inspire Your Whole Faith Community***Loren B Mead and Billie T Alban*

9781566993647 Alban Ins (2008), 150pp £10.75

This book is not meant to be a how-to volume; its primary purpose is rather to familiarize leaders with these whole-system approaches and to provide a conceptual framework for evaluating their potential usefulness against any given challenge. The authors also share stories from a variety of Christian and Jewish faith communities where ordinary religious leaders, lay and clergy together, have faced issues related to change using large group methods. Combining their wealth of experience in leading

religious and secular bodies through times of change, Mead and Alban bring hope to faith communities as they work to embrace, and even thrive through, the need for change.

**CROSS-SHAPED LEADERSHIP****On the Rough and Tumble of Parish Practice***John A Bernsten*

9781566993753 Alban Inst (2008), 140pp £13.25

Our moment-by-moment functioning in ministry is subject to countless deaths and resurrections, few of which are heroic or glorious. But Bernsten offers good news within this potentially dismal perspective. He writes, "Once we've accepted the truth that ministry is hard, even impossible — once we've stopped living in denial of this reality, or perhaps whining about it — it becomes the truth that sets us free. We cease being gloomy servants, weighed down by our resentful conviction that we are all alone in our work — the closet atheism born of the worry, 'If I don't do it, nobody will' — and instead become joyful co-workers of a strong, wise, and consoling Lord."

**FOUR SEASONS OF MINISTRY****Gathering a Harvest of Righteousness***Bruce G Epperly & Katherine Gould Epperly*

9781566993661 Alban Inst (2008), 193pp £13.75

Ministers often find themselves caught in the day-to-day pressures of leading a congregation and yearn to experience the unfolding of their professional lives from a larger perspective. *Four Seasons of Ministry* serves as a guide for what you will find on your ministerial journey and gives meaning to the routine and repetitive tasks of ministry. Authors Bruce G and Katherine Gould Epperly, each of whom has over 25 years of experience in various pastoral roles, invite clergy to see their ministries in the present as part of a life-long adventure in companionship with God, their loved ones, and their congregations.

**A GENEROUS PRESENCE****Spiritual Leadership and the Art of Coaching***Rochelle Melander*

9781566993258 Alban Inst (2006), 370pp £11.75

*A Generous Presence* describes the philosophy, tools, and work of coaching and is designed to support all spiritual leaders in deepening and enriching their personal and professional relationships. By practising the coaching tools Rochelle Melander offers, spiritual leaders will be better equipped to guide those they work with toward accepting the past, creating a life vision, and setting goals for the future. Additionally, the tools provided in this book will help leaders understand themselves and enable them to strengthen their definitions for healthy living, raise their awareness about their own life and relationship skills, and improve their skills in relating to individuals and groups.

**WORSHIP FRAMES****How We Shape and Interpret Our Experience of God***Deborah Kapp*

9781566993678 Alban Inst (2008), 129pp £17.00

The mysterious and uncontrollable work of the Spirit is at the heart of all genuine worship. Yet worshippers and leaders work hard to worship. In *Worship Frames*, Deborah Kapp explores how the sociological concept of frames can help us better understand the social and human dynamics of worship. Frames are interpretive schemes or ideas that help people locate, understand, and identify their experiences. For example, opening a service with a period of silent reflection followed by a sober hymn is a different frame for worship than opening with congregational

announcements and a loud call-and-response session. She has found that this theory has opened her eyes to dynamics in worship she had not noticed before and best helped her understand differences in worship styles.

## Mission

**ON THE WAY WITH JESUS****A Passion for Mission***Richard Showalter*

9780836194159 Herald Press (2008), 150pp £13.25

"Passion for mission sums up Richard Showalter's reflections on his lifetime of service and leadership in the church. The pages here chronicle his wisdom and encouragement for those engaged with God in God's amazing work. This collection reveals Showalter's passion to bring people to Jesus Christ." — Janet Plenert, Mennonite Church Canada Witness

**PLANTING CHURCHES****A Framework for Practitioners***Stuart Murray*

9781842276112 Paternoster (2008), 200pp £9.99

1. Church Planting: Why? Reasons for church planting.
2. Church Planting: Where? Diverse contexts and approaches; Translocal/strategic and local / entrepreneurial approaches.
3. Church Planting: Who? Identifying and training planters; Building teams.
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6. Church Planting: What? Sowing seeds or potting plants? Network and neighbourhood. Contextual, authentic and missional church plants.
7. Church Planting and the Emerging Church Mutual learning, cross-fertilisation, a broader theological framework, and a sharper mission focus.
8. Church Planting: towards a movement.

**PREPARE FOR EXILE****A new Spirituality and Mission for the Church***Patrick Whitworth*

9780281060030 SPCK (2008), 176pp £10.99

While drawing strength from past experiences of exile, Whitworth considers new ways of doing mission and how to revitalize our spirituality. *Prepare for Exile* will encourage and inspire all those who want to know how we can truly 'sing the Lord's song in a foreign land'.

**REJESUS****A Wild Messiah for a Missional Church***Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch*

9781598562286 Hendrickson (Jan 2009), 240pp £12.50

*ReJesus* asks the following questions:

- What ongoing role does Jesus the Messiah play in shaping the ethos and self understanding of the movement that originated in him?
- How is the Christian religion informed and shaped by the Jesus that we meet in the Gospels?
- How do we assess the continuity required between the life and example of Jesus and the subsequent religion called Christianity?
- In how many ways do we domesticate the radical Revolutionary in order to sustain our religion and religiosity?
- How can a rediscovery of Jesus renew our discipleship, the Christian community, and the ongoing mission of the church?

These questions take us to the core of what the church is all about. Rather than reformation, the authors call their task re-founding the church because it raises the issue of the Church's true Founder or Foundation. This theme is of particular importance at the dawn of the twenty-first century as many attempt to address Christianity's endemic and long trended decline in the West. The authors feel that a spiritual, theological, missional, and existential crisis looms in the West.

#### SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER Christ-Centered Church Renewal

*David S Young*  
9780836194111 Herald Press (2008), 300pp £12.95  
"Under the capable servant-leadership of David Young, *Springs of Living Water* provides a model for spiritual growth that can be studied with genuine profit. I give my highest recommendation." — Richard J Foster

## Peace

#### AT-TUWANI JOURNAL

##### Hope and Nonviolent Action in a Palestinian Village

*Arthur G Gish*  
9780836194067 Herald Press (2008), 365pp £14.95  
Art Gish offers an inside view of the work of the Christian Peacemaker Teams in the Palestinian town of At-Tuwani. Through vivid stories told in journal fashion, Gish offers a candid but sympathetic portrait of traditional Palestinians in the shadow of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank.

#### IN HARM'S WAY

##### A History of Christian Peacemaker Teams

*Kathleen Kern*  
9781556351341 Wipf & Stock (2008), 620pp £49.00  
"*In Harm's Way* is the remarkable story of Christian Peacemaker Teams: courageous groups of Christians willing to risk their own lives in non-violent actions that aim to advance peace and justice. Even those of us who are not pacifists will find this moving and honest story of work in such places as the Middle East, Haiti, and Central America compelling. It is a story that will push all Christians to serious thought about the cost of following Jesus in today's world." — C Stephen Evans, University Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, Baylor University, and Jan E Evans, Associate Professor of Spanish, Baylor University

#### LOVING ENEMIES

##### A Manual for Ordinary People

*Randy and Joyce Klassen*  
9781931038539 Cascadia (2008), 148pp £10.50  
Clearly the Klassens speak out of their own commitment to the nonviolent Way of Jesus and in hopes that others will join them in this commitment. At the same time, a unique feature of their book is their cordial engagement with Liberal, Conservative, Catholic, and Orthodox Christians as well as Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, and Agnostics.

#### PUT DOWN YOUR SWORD

##### Answering the Gospel Call to Creative Nonviolence

*John Dear*  
9780802863577 Eerdmans (2008), 203pp £8.99  
*Put Down Your Sword* invites us into Jesus' way of nonviolence as presented by the Gospels. Arguing that all Christians must follow Christ's example in the ways of peace, Dear outlines the many actions he himself

has taken following the path of nonviolence, modelling his own vision of peace in this turbulent world.

First sharing his convictions and insights about the nonviolence of Jesus, the Beatitudes, the nature of God, and the mystery of the resurrection, Dear goes on to relate stories from the various protests in which he has been involved. Journal entries from missions to India and Colombia offer a poignant backdrop for his impassioned argument. Dear also profiles the peacemakers he finds most inspiring, from Martin Luther King Jr. to Henri Nouwen to Joan Baez. Finally, he reflects on care for the earth, the teachings of Thomas Merton, and the vision of a new world without war, poverty, or violence.

#### THREATENED WITH RESURRECTION

##### The Difficult Peace of Christ

*Simon Barrow*  
9781905565153 Shoving Leopard (March 2009), 144pp £12.95  
*Threatened with Resurrection* examines the traditional stand-off between 'just-war' theory and pacifism, and offers a radical alternative rooted in the Gospel. Simon Barrow explains why saying no to 'war in God's name' is a serious threat to those (both religious and non-religious) who persist in justifying the use of political violence. He presents a serious and vividly illustrated case for a major shift in mainstream Christian understanding — one which signals fresh hope for all those who have come to see in religion the problem not the solution.

## Social Justice

#### BETHLEHEM SPEAKS

##### Voices from the Little Town Cry Out

*Garth Hewitt*  
9780281059560 SPCK (2008), 160pp £9.99  
Garth Hewitt travels to the Holy Land to uncover the story of the 'living stones', the forgotten faithful. As the Holy Land is home to three faiths, he tells of peacemakers from Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities and of those who are not necessarily religious. We find that the 'little town of Bethlehem' has shrunk in the last few years without people even noticing; that there has been ethnic cleansing of the indigenous community and a struggle for human rights; that an amazingly resilient community can take no more and that its raw wound is an indication of the lack of balance and wisdom in the way the West has responded to the cry for justice. The volume ends with a look at why fundamentalists claim the Holy Land and suggests that there might be another way forward.

#### CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

*Wesley H Brown & Peter Penner*  
9783937896571 IBIC (2008), 240pp £18.50  
A group of outstanding Christian leaders met with representative messianic Jews and Christian Palestinians in Prague, the Czech Republic, to listen, to learn, and to pray. They asked probing questions about how the Scriptures were being interpreted and applied to the conflict. Then they endeavoured to discern how their churches and institutions might respond with integrity and Christian sensitivity to the present situation. They felt called to support current efforts towards peace with justice, reconciliation, and grassroots ministries which contribute to those biblical values. The "Prague Declaration" which emerged (and is found in this book) was the fruit that they unanimously affirmed.

#### A COMMON WORD

##### Muslims and Christians on Loving God and Neighbor

*Miroslav Volf & Prince Ghazi (Eds)*  
9780802863805 Eerdmans (2008), 120pp £5.99  
In late 2007 Muslim leaders from around the world together issued in the pages of The New York Times an open letter to Christian leaders inviting cooperation as a step toward peace. The 138 signatories of "A Common Word between Us and You" included over a dozen grand muftis and an ayatollah, and the document was widely considered a huge step toward reconciliation between two major world religions so often seen to be at odds.

That original letter and a collaborative Christian response — "Loving God and Neighbor Together" — appear together in this remarkable volume. *A Common Word* also contains subsequent commentary and dialogue between Muslim and Christian scholars addressing critical and frequently asked questions about these two momentous documents.

#### JESUS FOR PRESIDENT

##### Politics for Ordinary Radicals

*Shane Claiborne & Chris Haw*  
9780310278429 Zondervan (2008), 348pp £10.50  
A fresh look at Christianity and empire, *Jesus for President* transcends questions of 'Should I vote or not?' and 'Which candidate?' by thinking creatively about the fundamental issues of faith and allegiance. It's written for those who seek to follow Jesus, rediscover the spirit of the early church and incarnate the kingdom of God.

"We need this book now as much as before, though it may not be as sensational since the election is decided. It's about our allegiance and vision which is bigger than any one nation." — Charletta Erb, former Bridge Builders Assistant

#### MICAH'S CHALLENGE

##### The Church's Responsibility to the Global Poor

*Tom Sine*  
9781842276068 Paternoster (2008), 224pp £9.99  
The heart of the book is an exploration of 'acting justly', 'walking humbly', and 'loving mercy'. That call is set within a broader biblical and theological framework and followed by reflections on how we might live it out today. *Micah's Challenge* offers a passionate, biblical, and challenging call to think afresh and to act redemptively as individuals and as Christian communities.

This book pulls together prophetic voices from Jim Wallis to Tony Campolo and from Ronald Sider to Ren? Padilla and Joel Edwards to explore the theological, ethical and practical dimensions of Micah's challenge.

#### A PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN CRY FOR RECONCILIATION

*Naim Stifan Steek*  
9781570757846 Orbis (2008), 224pp £13.99  
This sequel to *Justice and Only Justice* is divided into three parts. The first part focuses on events since the Intifada of 1987, including the violence that has come from Israel's aggression and from the use of suicide bombers by Palestinians. The second part of the book draws on scripture, raising up biblical figures such as Samson, Jonah, Daniel, and Jesus as it examines issues of ownership of the land. In the final section, Steek presents a strategy to achieve peace and justice nonviolently that will promote justice for the Palestinians and security for both Israel and Palestine.

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE****Reconciliation for a Hurt Generation***Fran Wright and Rob Humphreys*

9781851746910 Grove (2008), 28pp £3.50

Restorative justice was developed in Australia as a more satisfactory alternative to the punitive approach of Western models of justice and punishment. It has had demonstrable benefits in both less formal and more formal contexts.

This study shows how it offers a way of being faithful to God's concern for the restoration of relationships in justice, outlines its benefits and offers practical guidelines to its implementation in a youth work context.

**Spirituality****THE DAY IS YOURS****Slow Spirituality in a Fast-Moving World***Ian Stackhouse*

9781842276006 Paternoster (2008), 160pp £9.99

Rooted in the monastic liturgy of the hours, *The Day is Yours* argues that in order for Christians to act as a truly prophetic witness, in a time of cultural decadence, they must recover a more biblical rhythm in which work, rest, relationships, worship and prayer are held together in creative tension.

**ESSENTIAL WRITINGS: JEAN VANIER****A Selection and Introduction by Carolyn Whitney-Brown***Jean Vanier*

9780232527537 DLT (2008), 176pp £10.95

This collection of Vanier's essential writings, published to mark his 80th birthday, reflects the great discovery of his life: 'that we are healed by the poor and the weak, that we are transformed by them if we enter into relationship with them, that the weak and the vulnerable have a gift to give to our world... they call us together, in unity and peace, to build community.'

**GIFTS OF AN UNCOMMON LIFE****The Practice of Contemplative Activism***Howard E Friend*

9781566993746 Alban Inst (2008), 222pp £22.95

This book of ten essays is a breath of fresh air, a source of inspiration, a wake-up call, and a bold challenge for pastors, congregational leaders, and church members – both active and lapsed – who long for a new perspective, even a touch of creative irreverence. With an invitation to quietness and stillness, inner strength and resilience, audacious hope and insistent confidence, it welcomes those among the people of God who do not belong to a church or name themselves as Christian. Yet it does not shy away from raising difficult questions. Howard Friend offers forthright, at times disarming, candour as he shares his personal pilgrimage of activism rooted in contemplation.

**LONGING FOR GOD****Seven Paths of Christian Devotions***Richard Foster and Gayle Beebe*

9780340979884 Hodder (April 2009), 400pp £10.99

Over the centuries, people have become alive to the presence of God in various different ways. This book identifies seven primary paths of devotion to God that draw from the great saints of the Church, and provides a history and practice of Christian spirituality that is available to all believers who long to enter into a conversational and redemptive life with God.

**OPEN THE DOOR****A Journey to the True Self***Joyce Rupp*

9781933495149 Ave Maria (2008), 224pp £9.99

Joyce Rupp brings new life to the ageless spiritual image of the door, weaving insights from East and West with the wisdom of contemporary spiritual writers, poets, and novelists in a practical format that is just right for contemporary readers. Structured as a daily prayer guide for everyday use over six weeks, each day offers a thematic reflection, a guided meditation, an original prayer, a thoughtful question, and a related scripture quote. A built-in guide for small groups makes this the perfect resource for groups of all kinds as well as individuals.

**SPIRITUALITY OR RELIGION? DO WE HAVE TO CHOOSE?****A Celtic tale with a Gospel Meaning***Gethin Abraham-Williams*

9781846941498 O Books (2008), 140pp £11.99

At the heart of the book the author explores the role of both religion and spirituality when confronted by inherent evil, as witnessed in Darfur and the Nazi concentration camps; or by systemic racism with its insidious tendency to distort nationhood into chauvinistic nationalism; and by the enormous environmental challenge of climate change.

The author draws a parallel between the fears of both today's religious traditionalists and spirituality advocates to see their need of each other in tackling these great human issues, and the Celtic legend of the seven heroes in the story of Brân who live in a state of collective amnesia after the trauma of defeat in battle. It isn't until they open the famous closed door in their confined and constricted existence that they are able to confront their fears and to complete their unfinished mission. Similarly the re-engagement of religion with spirituality requires a fresh and urgent look at the world around us if faith is to be socially useful as well as personally fulfilling.

In this ambitious book, the thread that unites the author's arguments and analysis is the Biblical story of the Transfiguration of Christ, where Jesus appeared to three of his disciples in the company of Moses and Elijah, which the author sees as representative figures for religion and spirituality; for law as a framework for existence, and for the prophetic challenge that arises from individual experience.

**WORSHIP AND LITURGY IN CONTEXT****Studies and Case Studies of Contemporary Christian Practice***Duncan Forrester & Doug Gay*

9780334041689 SCM (Feb 2009), 416pp £25.00

*Worship and Liturgy in Context* shows how Christian worship in its many and changing forms interacts in significant and interesting ways with its varying contexts – cultural, social, political, economic. Worship, even in a secular age, shapes ethics and behaviour, and often challenges received wisdom and commonly accepted theologies.

*Worship and Liturgy in Context* gives special attention to Scotland, but its is challengingly relevant in other contexts today. It makes a distinctive and important contribution to the lively debate about the relation of worship, theology and ethics. It also challenges the Churches and believers to renewal of the worship of God in spirit and in truth.

**Theology & Ethics****ALL RIGHT NOW****Finding Consensus on Ethical Questions***Timothy J Geddert*

9780836194180 Herald Press (2008), 230pp £12.95

Puzzling issues are dividing the church. Is your congregation seeking consensus? How should you begin? With this book Timothy J Geddert can help your church find what he calls the 'middle way' between rule-oriented legalism and irresponsible freedom in which anything goes. Geddert shows how Scripture can be effectively examined in reaching ethical decisions. His study of a few controversial issues demonstrates how the discerning community can work toward consensus.

"Geddert tackles current moral issues while also offering guidance in biblical interpretation and communal discernment as God's covenant people. Our western culture is marked by much diversity, in church and world, on the topics he addresses. In readable style Geddert charts a path to work on these difficult and often divisive issues. The book's scope is impressive, with promise as a good resource for small-group study."

– Willard Swartley, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

**BEYOND CHRISTENDOM****Globalization, African Migration and the Transformation of the West***Jehu J Hanciles*

9781570757907 Orbis (2008), 384pp £19.99

"In a series of wide-ranging reflections on globalisation and the currents driving it, Hanciles looks at emerging demographic flows and fault lines, arguing that these currents find their confluence in the transformation of the West by Christianised immigrant groups from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. His book is a rallying call for a fresh missionary engagement with global population shifts and a welcome contribution to studies in the field." – Lamin Sanneh, Yale Divinity School

**CHRIST AND CAESAR****The Gospel and the Roman Empire in the Writings of Paul and Luke***Seyoon Kim*

9780802860088 Eerdmans (2008), 240pp £13.99

The slogan "Paul and the Empire" is much in vogue in New Testament scholarship today. But did Paul truly formulate his gospel in antithesis to the Roman imperial cult and ideology and seek to subvert the Empire? In *Christ and Caesar* Seyoon Kim first examines five epistles of Paul exegetically and shows how the dominant anti-imperial interpretation is actually difficult to sustain.

Next he examines the Lukan writings (Luke-Acts) to see how Luke talks about the encounters of Paul and other gospel preachers with Roman imperialism. Kim explores why it is that Luke makes no effort to present Christ's redemption as materialized in terms of political liberation. Finally, Kim compares the exaltation Christologies of Luke, Revelation, Paul, and Hebrews and inquires about the hermeneutical possibility of developing a political Christology in our present-day context.

**JESUS IN CONTEXT****Performance, Power and People***Richard A Horsley*

9780800663124 Fortress (2008), 280pp £14.99

What difference did empire make for Jesus and his disciples? What difference did empire make for the broader social currents of which he and they were a part? What social roles did Jesus perform, what "little tradition" did he embody against the "great tradition" of Roman culture? What difference does it make for our understanding of Jesus if we attend to new kinds of evidence regarding popular movements, the dynamics of oral tradition, and reading history "from below"? Richard A Horsley addresses all these questions and sketches a dramatic new picture of Jesus in light of recent approaches.

**THE JUBILEE GOSPEL***Kim Tan*

9781860247033 Paternoster (2008), 140pp £7.99

Starting with the Old Testament principle of jubilee and tracing the themes through the Bible, we discover a way of living that reflects Gods justice and compassion and embraces kingdom politics and economics.

What may seem buried deep in the early parts of the OT is brought up to date as were confronted by Jesus teaching and principles of wealth distribution, cancellation of debt, hospitality and storehouses.

This book challenges the church to ask whether or not the gospel as we commonly interpret it today really embodies the jubilee vision of the Bible.

**JUSTPEACE ETHICS****A Guide to Restorative Justice and Peacebuilding***Jarem Sawatsy*

9781556352997 Wipf &amp; Stock (Feb 2009), 114pp £14.00

People too often enter into conflict with an eye on how to resolve, manage, or transform it, thereby losing sight of the people involved and the end desired. Justice and peace too often serve as abstract ideals or distant shores. We have not yet learned enough about how these ends can also be the means of conflict resolution. Drawing on the imaginations of some leading peace and restorative justice practitioners, Justpeace Ethics identifies components of a justpeace imagination—the basis of an alternative ethics, where the end is touched with each step. In this simple companion to justpeace ethics, Jarem Sawatsky helps those struggling with how to respond to conflict and violence in both just and peaceful ways. He offers practical examples of how analysis, intervention, and evaluation can be rooted in a justpeace imagination.

**THE PRODIGAL GOD****Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith***Timothy Keller*

9780340979976 Hodder (2008), 144pp £10.99

In *The Prodigal God*, New York pastor Timothy Keller uses the story of the prodigal son to shine a light on the central, beautiful message of Jesus: the gospel of grace, hope and salvation. Keller argues that the parable of the prodigal son, while Jesus' best-known parable, is also his least understood. He introduces the reader to all the characters in this timeless story, showing that it concerns not just a wayward son, but also a judgemental older brother and, most importantly, a loving father. This short but powerful book is a reminder to the faithful, an explanation to the seeker, and finally an invitation to all – both older and younger brothers – to enter in to the 'unique, radical nature of the gospel': the reckless, spendthrift love of God.

**SPEAKING TRUTH IN A PLURALISTIC CULTURE***Sam Wells*

9780687646890 Abingdon (2008), 196pp £10.99

Sam Wells has learnt that speaking the truth to a reluctant culture means telling the Christian story alongside the contemporary story. It means helping your hearers perceive both the harmonies and the dissonance between the two. Finally it means inviting them, with both conviction and humility, to decide how their own story is going to be shaped by this truth. Wells shows all preachers how to remain true to their calling as speakers of truth, while being actually heard at the same time.

**SUBVERTING GLOBAL MYTHS****Theology and the Public Issues Shaping Our World***Vinoth Ramachandra*

9780281060238 SPCK (2008), 304pp £12.99

*Subverting Global Myths* takes issue with six areas of contemporary global discourse – terrorism, religious violence, human rights, multiculturalism, science and post colonialism where powerful myths energise and mobilise considerable public funding and influence contemporary debate. It will thoroughly engage thoughtful, critical readers who are concerned about the public issues that shape our increasingly interconnected and interdependent world.

"Ramachandra offers us a subversive book. If you prefer not to be provoked and challenged, do not read it. Based on solid biblical and theological ground, and on a meticulous and careful reading of cultural trends, this Sri Lankan theologian helps us to identify the global myths that hold us captive and look at them from a critical Christian perspective." – Samuel Escobar.