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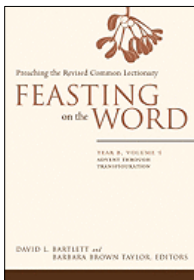
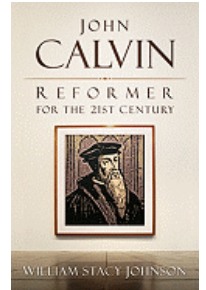
## Brand new:



### **791.45Pin The Gospel According to the Simpsons, Bigger and Possibly Even Better!**

By Samuel F. Parvin and Mark I. Pinsky Introducing a complete revision of the study guide that accompanies the best-selling book *The Gospel According to The Simpsons*, complete with new studies on episodes of *The Simpsons* as well as studies for discussing other popular animated comedies such as *Family Guy*, *King of the Hill*, and *Futurama*. This new edition features a session plan for a "green retreat" based on *The Simpsons feature film* and the environmental film *An Inconvenient Truth*, as well as a listing of DVD availability for each episode with cross-references to the relevant chapters in the book. 96 pages. (The best-selling book *The Gospel According to The Simpsons* is also available from the Resource Center.)

**284.2092Joh John Calvin, Reformer for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** by William Stacy Johnson Many would argue that a true understanding of contemporary Christian thought is impossible without a basic understanding of John Calvin's contributions. Now, just in time for the 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth, William Stacy Johnson, a leading theologian, offers this clear and fundamental study of Calvin's insights as a primer for those with little or no knowledge of his work. Calvin is more than just a figure from history. His life and work—both infused with his passion for the reform of the church—had a continuing impact through the centuries, not only on the church but on society in general. Enhanced with questions for discussion and a handy glossary, this volume is sure to be an invaluable resource for those who seek an accessible way into a deeper understanding of Calvin's role in the development of today's Christian faith. 144 pages.



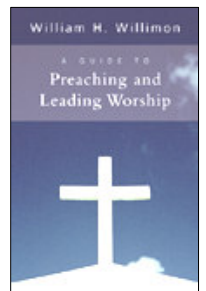
### **251.6Bar Feasting on the Word Year B, Volume 1: Advent through Transfiguration, Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary** David L. Bartlett & Barbara Brown Taylor, Editors

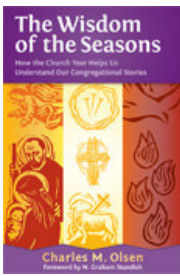
With this lectionary commentary series, Westminster John Knox Press offers one of the most extensive resources for preaching on the market today. For each lectionary text, preachers will find four brief essays—one each on the theological, pastoral, exegetical, and homiletical challenges of the text. They might focus on the Gospel text, for instance, by reading all four essays provided for that text, or they might explore connections between the Hebrew Bible, Psalm, Gospel, and Epistle texts by reading the theological essays for each one. While this volume follows the pattern of the Revised Common Lectionary, each volume will contain an index of biblical passages so that nonlectionary preachers may make use of its contents.

Unlike commentaries that offer only one perspective on the assigned texts for the day, this series offers four distinct viewpoints on each of the four assigned texts, giving preachers sixteen different approaches to the proclamation of the Word on any given occasion. For each lectionary text there are four brief essays from top scholars, preachers, and writers on the theological, pastoral, exegetical, and homiletical challenges of the text. With a Scripture index in each volume, the series is ideal for lectionary and nonlectionary preachers, as well as teachers and students. 468 pages.

### **264.22WII A Guide to Preaching and Leading Worship** by William H. Willimon

One of the world's most admired preachers here offers his practical and sage advice for some of the most basic tasks of ministry: preparing, delivering, and evaluating sermons; planning, leading, and evaluating worship services; offering public prayers; and celebrating baptism and the Lord's Supper. In addition, Willimon provides creative suggestions for involving laity in worship. Ideal for beginning ministers and seasoned veterans alike, *A Guide to Preaching and Leading Worship* will assuredly become a standard must-have for mainline Protestant clergy. 108 pages.



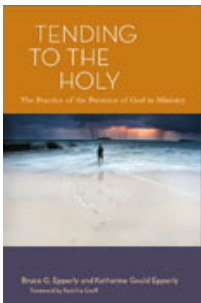
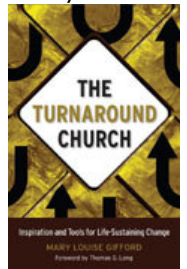


**269.220Is The Wisdom of the Seasons: How the Church Year Helps Us Understand Our Congregational Stories by Charles M. Olsen and the Alban Institute**

The church year is often seen as a framework for church programs, but well-known Alban author Charles Olsen shows readers how it can be a prism through which congregations more deeply understand their own stories. By weaving together our narratives and those of Christian tradition, a congregation can clarify its identity, grow in wisdom, and discover a new vision for ministry. Olsen draws parallels between the church seasons and practices of spiritual formation—letting go, naming and celebrating God’s presence, and taking hold. He shows us how these movements are expressed in the three major cycles of the church year—Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. Focusing on communal narratives, he presents a process for telling a story and forming a corporate memory of the story, and then deepening and reflecting on it by exploring the season of the church year that captures its character. 203 pages.

**254.5Gif The Turnaround Church: Inspiration and Tools for Life-Sustaining Change by Mary Louise Gifford and the Alban Institute**

This is the story of Wollaston Congregational Church United Church of Christ, a 130-year-old congregation that once was thriving in ministry, membership, mission, music, and money. For half a century, however, the church had slowly declined and was considering closing its doors. The two dozen remaining members knew they had to change, but did not know how. They had very little money left, but they were willing to risk it all. With few resources, members hired Mary Louise Gifford, a new seminary graduate, to be their full-time minister. Wollaston is now a vibrant, Spirit-filled faith community—a turnaround church. Changes in worship, stewardship, and priorities, combined with the congregation's resilience and Gifford's optimistic leadership, have transformed this church. Gifford tells us how. Addressing a wide audience, Gifford shows church leaders they have options and reason for hope. People in dying churches will find assurance that they are still a part of the body of Christ. Clergy serving these struggling churches will discover tools and resources to help them guide change. Judicatory leaders will appreciate an inspiring story they can tell about a church that turned around in spite of the odds. The Turnaround Church, while not a prescription for all churches, is a call to make long-lasting, life-sustaining changes. 97 pages.



**248.8Epp Tending to the Holy: The Practice of the Presence of God in Ministry by Bruce G. Epperly, Katherine Gould Epperly and the Alban Institute**

This book invites pastors to embody their deepest beliefs in the routine and surprising tasks of ministry. Inspired by Brother Lawrence’s classic text in spirituality, *The Practice of the Presence of God*, this book integrates the wisdom and practices of the Christian spiritual tradition with the commonplace practices of pastoral ministry. Bruce and Katherine Epperly utilize a variety of spiritual disciplines—especially Benedictine, Celtic, Ignatian, Rhineland, and process spiritualities—to provide a framework for helping clergy nurture the awareness of God, creative imagination, and personal well-being in every aspect of their ministerial lives. Practicing God’s presence in the ordinary tasks of ministry inspires wholeness, spiritual transformation, vision, imagination, endurance, and healthy self-differentiation in ministry. Commitment to joining spiritual practices with the routine and repetitive tasks of ministry provides an important antidote to unhealthy stress, burnout, and loss of vision in ministry. By seeing their congregational leadership in terms of spiritual transformation, imaginative practice, and relational interdependence, ordinary ministerial practices can become ways pastors can deepen their relationship with God. 196 pages.

**AS200.85 Soul Searching: A Movie About Teenagers and God by Christian Smith**

The Committee on Youth brought five items of new business and a commissioner’s resolution to the floor for consideration on the opening evening of the 218th General Assembly’s plenary session.

One item directs the General Assembly Council’s Office of Ministry with Youth to provide each presbytery resource center or resource contact person with a copy of Christian Smith’s documentary DVD, *Soul Searching: A Movie About Teenagers and God* for congregational use. Funded by a Lilly Foundation Inc. grant, this film for youth workers, parents or anyone else interested in the religious and spiritual lives of American teenagers is drawn from the findings of a seven-year scientific study of youth rather than from the personal experiences of one person. A major finding is that teens are rarely asked to talk about their religious beliefs and practices. Youth workers, parents and interested adults may find watching this film with teens a great way to start a conversation about religious and spiritual matters. Recognizing the need among youths for acceptance and belonging, for adults to listen to them with respect, for leadership development and for a safe place to question and learn the language of faith, this Assembly action affirms the importance of spiritual mentoring between youths and adults. It recommends the development of programs to assist with the formation, affirmation and resourcing of mentoring programs at the congregational level.

