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Poverty

- Curriculum/Study Guides/Manuals/Toolkits/Policy Statements
 - **Study and Devotional Guide on the Sustainable Development Goals:** In 2015, the United Nations adopted 17 Goals to end poverty, fight inequalities, and mitigate climate change. This Guide outlines the Goals, relevant efforts by the PC(USA) and our partners to achieve the goals and includes Biblical reflections that undergird these efforts. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/study-devotional-guide-for-the-sustainabledevelopment-goals/>
 - **Presbyterian Hunger Program Curriculum**
 - *Considering our Treasure: A Reflection on Embracing God's Economy* – This resource, based on Luke 12:34 is a learning, reflection, study, and action that reflects God's love for all creation, especially the most vulnerable. www.presbyterianmission.org/phpresources
 - *Just Eating: Practicing our Faith at the Table* - This six-unit Bible study curriculum explores the relationship between our faith and our food. Adult and middle school versions are available in English and Spanish. www.pcusa.org/justeating to print or purchase.
 - **Presbyterian Women Bible Studies**
 - *Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor (Luke)*, 2008-09, HZN08100
 - *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy* (Exodus and Deuteronomy; Immigration theme), 2013-14, HZN13100
 - *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes* (Selected passages), 2016-17, HZN16100
 - **World Mission**
 - *Short-Term Mission Trip Toolkit:* This Toolkit helps those embarking on mission trips understand how to learn from our partners what it means to “be” a vital church; how communities around the world understand and address systemic poverty; and what race, racism and dismantling structural racism looks like in different cultures and contexts. www.pcusa.org/toolkits/short-term-mission

- *Called as Partners: Serving Together in God's Mission*: International Partnership Manual: Presbyterian World Mission's international partnership manual helps Presbyterians better understand "mission in partnership" and provides advice for establishing and maintaining a mission partnership.
www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/called-as-partners/
 - *Social Creed for the 21st Century (2008)*: Update of the 1908 Social Creed of the Churches adopted at the first meeting of the Federal Council of Churches, this concise document is not a doctrinal creed but an organizing and educational statement of ecumenical consensus. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/1-connectingtothecreed-2008.pdf>
 - *World of Hurt, Word of Life (2012)*: Addresses the economic realities after the 2008 financial crisis, offering a new public framework, rooted in religious values – values of common sacrifice and shared prosperity, care and uplift for the most vulnerable, and responsibility for future generations.
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/2-world-of-hurt-word-of-life-2012.pdf>
- Videos/Film
 - *Flint: The Poisoning of an American City*: "Flint" the documentary, gives voice to the current struggle of 100,000 residents in the city of Flint who are finding a way forward through the tragedy and disaster of lead poisoning. The film follows the environmental history of Flint and the car industry and how the continued abuse of the river and post-industrial neglect of city infrastructure and environmental regulations have led to the poisoning of families and communities. <https://vimeo.com/248033193>
 - Presbyterian Giving Catalog 5 Year Anniversary (2018) <https://vimeo.com/290963918>
 - 2019 One Great Hour of Sharing (2019) <https://vimeo.com/320337801>
 - What is SDOP Sunday? (2018) <https://vimeo.com/260443997>
 - One Great Hour of Sharing Video – Pak Yadi <https://vimeo.com/204538224>
- Books
 - **Reading the Bible with the Damned**, Ekblad, Bob; Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, 2005
A collection of "readings of passages of the bible" from the perspective of different group of people who have suffered marginalization by society and sometimes even by the church. Reading through the eyes of those we have called "the other" brings light and invite to the possibilities of transformation.
 - **The Biblical Jubilee and the Struggle for Life**, Kinsler, Ross and Gloria; New York, Orbis, 1999
We often talk about structural and systematic sin from a privileged perspective, this book challenges our response as Jesus' disciples to the growing economic and social disparities through the Sabbath and Jubilee traditions throughout scriptures. A book written in the twentieth century contemplating the challenges that the twentieth first century would bring.
 - **Always with Us? What Jesus Really Said about the Poor**. Theoharis, Liz; Grand Rapids, Eerdmans Press, 2017.

Jesus's words "the poor you will always have with you" (Matthew 26:11) are regularly used to suggest that ending poverty is impossible, that poverty is a result of moral failures, and that the poor themselves have no role in changing their situation. In this book Liz Theoharis examines both the biblical text and the lived reality of the poor to show how that passage is taken out of context, distorted, and politicized to justify theories about the inevitability of inequality.

- **The Problem of Wealth: A Christian Response to a Culture of Affluence** Hinson-Hasty, Elizabeth; New York, Orbis, 2017.

What if we reconsidered our views on poverty and perceived it as a problem with the way we live with wealth? Approaching the issue from a theological rather than a market-driven perspective invites an alternative social logic, informed by a much richer picture of human beings and our limits as we live in symbiotic relationship with the larger delicate web of life.

- **Articles & Magazines**

- **Presbyterian Women Horizons Magazines**

- Global Faces of Christianity (Nov/Dec 2018),
- Migrants and Refugees (Nov/Dec 2017), HZN17250
- Women's Empowerment (Mar/Apr 2015), HZN15210, \$2
- Immigration: A Christian Response (Jan/Feb 2013), HZN13200, \$2

- **Mission Crossroads Magazine:** This is the official magazine of Presbyterian World Mission that have multiple articles and resources about how our staff and partners around the world are addressing Poverty from different perspectives - Here is an example <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/world-mission/mission-crossroads/>

- **Events/Campaigns/Activities**

- **Connect with World Mission:** The Mission Connections office helps churches, presbyteries, networks and individuals connect with and pray for mission workers through letters, prayer cards and face-to-face visits. Mission workers serve as bridges to long-standing global partners who have much to teach the church in the United States about what it means to be a vital church; how to address root causes of poverty; and structural racism. www.pcusa.org/missionconnections
- **Volunteer:** Live into the teachings of Matthew 25. PDA offers disaster rebuilding mission trip opportunities. Visit www.pcusa.org/PDAvolunteersites for more information.
- **Attend Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day/Ecumenical Advocacy Days:** Join with Presbyterians and other ecumenical partners to learn more about issues of poverty, racism and human rights at this Advocacy Weekend and meet with your members of Congress. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington/advocacy-training-weekend/>
- **Become a Delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women:** Every year, the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations invites Presbyterians to serve as delegates to the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)—a large, norm-setting event in which people from all over the world offer their perspectives on each year's theme. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/un/united-nations-commission-status-women/>

- **Dismantling Systemic Poverty**
Churches need to read the Apology document passed by the General Assembly and learn more about the Boarding School Era of American history as it pertains to the root causes of systemic poverty experienced by Native communities.
<https://boardingschoolhealing.org/healing/for-churches/>
- **Sexual Slaves Trafficking:** Working against this devastating issue has become a priority for Presbyterian World Mission in their fight against poverty. One of the products of poverty is Sexual Slaves Trafficking. Many women desperate by the lack of jobs and opportunities are easy victims of human traffickers that transform them in sexual slaves. Here is an article about the work of our mission co-worker in Asia – “A visit with Cathy Chang” that appeared in the website of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia - <https://www.bmpc.org/pastors-column/418-a-visit-with-cathy-chang> - Also Presbyterian Women and World Mission have been working in collaboration in this topic for many years. Here is a link to worship inserts Presbyterian Women about Human Trafficking - https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/tia_trafficking_bulletin-1.pdf
- Other Links
 - Celebrate **World Food Day** and **Food Week of Action** in October
www.pcusa.org/foodweek
 - Switch to **fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate** as well as **eco-palms** for Palm Sunday, as these products support workers and communities.
www.pcusa.org/fairtrade | www.pcusa.org/ecopalms
 - Get Involved with SDOP. Being a part of this ministry provides an opportunity to positively impact the lives of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people around the world. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/sdop/get-involved/>

Structural Racism / White Supremacy

- Curriculum/Study Guides/Manuals/Toolkits
 - **Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community Churchwide Antiracism Policy** approved by the 222nd General Assembly (2016): [Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/facing-racism-vision-intercultural-community-antiracism-study-guides/)
 - **Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community Antiracism Study Guides:** This series of six antiracism study guides is appropriate for an hour-long conversation among adults or teens. They provide a pedagogical tool for empowering church communities to have important conversations about race and racism in relation to Christian faith. The study guides are based on topics and concepts covered in the churchwide antiracism policy “Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community” <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/facing-racism-vision-intercultural-community-antiracism-study-guides/>
 - **The Confession of Belhar:** The 222nd General Assembly (2016) voted to add the Belhar Confession, a call for reconciliation and a condemnation of racial injustice written in the crucible of the struggle over apartheid, to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s Book of Confessions. Belhar becomes the first confession from the global south the PC(USA) has adopted at a time when racial tension, injustice and violence in the United States make

headlines nearly every day.

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/belhar.pdf

- **Engaging Belhar web page** provides translations of the Belhar Confession in English, Korean, and Spanish, as well as video and print resources for using the confession
<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/constitutional-services/belhar/>
- **Declare an Imperative for the Reformation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in being a Transformative Church in this Intercultural Era** approved by the 223rd General Assembly (2018). <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/declare-an-imperative-for-the-reformation-of-the-presbyterian-church-u-s-a-in-being-a-transformative-church-in-this-intercultural-era/>
- **Doctrine of Discovery: A Review of Its Origins and Implications for Congregations in the PC(USA) and Support for Native American Sovereignty** approved by the 223rd General Assembly (2018). The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) confessed its complicity in and repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery, and this General Assembly report reviews the history of the doctrine of discovery. https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Doctrine-of-Discovery-Report-to-the-223rd-GA-2018-FINALIZED-COPY_As-Approved.pdf
- **Native American Apology** approved by the 222nd General Assembly (2016) <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6350>. Also read and learn about the Boarding School Era of American history <https://boardingschoolhealing.org/healing/for-churches/>
- **Cultural Proficiency: A Manual for School Leaders**, Corwin; Fourth edition, 2018
- **Waking Up White Study Guide** by Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, 2017
https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/waking_up_white_study_english.pdf
- **Race and Reconciliation: Workbook** – Confessions of 1967 and Belhar. Being Reformed – Faith Seeking Understanding, Clifton Kirkpatrick, Congregational Ministries Publishing. Available at pcusastore.com.
- **Presbyterian Women Antiracism Curriculum/Study Guides**
 - *Practicing God's Radical Hospitality: Exploring Difference, Change and Leadership through the Spiritual Discipline of Hospitality* by Teresa Chávez Saucedo, PWR13060 Available at pcusastore.com.
 - *Becoming the Beloved Community: People of Faith Working Together to Eradicate Racism*, a study guide by Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc. Antiracism Committee in DVD format, four 15-minute segments and accompanying study guide (Expanded edition PWR-10-045 includes DVD, Regular edition PWR-10-046 without DVD, 2010).
http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/pw/pdfs/becomingbeloved.short.pdf
- **Presbyterian Women Bible Study**
 - *Confessing the Beatitudes* by Margaret Aymer (English), 2011-12, HZN11100; (Spanish HZN11110); (Korean, HZN11120); *Confessing the Beatitudes* Audio CD, HZN11172.
- **Christian-Muslim Relations toolkit:** This toolkit provides resources for PC(USA) congregations interested in engaging with their Muslim neighbors. Church leaders including pastors, mission and outreach committees, sessions, youth group leaders and Christian education teachers will find resources to better understand, connect with and advocate for our Muslim brothers and sisters. -

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/world-mission/mission-resources/mission-toolkits/christian-muslim-relations-mission-toolkit/>

- **Called as Partners: Serving Together in God's Mission International Partnership Manual:** This guidebook is provided to serve as a companion in your discernment. Through it, we seek to share resources that inspire, to provide tools that equip, and to build relationships that connect U.S. Presbyterians to the larger body of Christ throughout the global church - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/called-mission-finding-place-gods-mission/>
- Videos/Film
 - *PC(USA) film on Race (to be released in late 2019).* The documentary follows racism in North America. The film is a collaboration between Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries and the Compassion Peace and Justice ministry areas.
 - *Flint: The Poisoning of an American City:* "Flint" the documentary follows environmental racism that contributed to led poisoning of children and families in Flint, MI. <https://vimeo.com/248033193>
 - *Locked in a Box* documentary and study guide. The film traces the lives of individuals who fled their homelands in search of safety and freedom only to end up locked in a box in the detention system <https://vimeo.com/146727430>
 - *Sacred Conversations on Race*, <https://vimeo.com/227738100>
 - *Women of Faith who challenge Systemic Racism and Oppression Awardee Liz Theoharis*, Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries, <https://vimeo.com/282031649>
 - *Women of Faith who challenge Systemic Racism and Oppression Awardee Amantha Barbee*, Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSrdWd7OvM4>
 - *Women of Faith who challenge Systemic Racism and Oppression Awardee Karen Hernandez Granzen*, <https://vimeo.com/282031566>
 - *A Day on the Belhar Confession:* Allan Boesak at the Montreat Conference Center's Conference on the Belhar Confession, Plenary 1: <https://youtu.be/mcwjd9RFEQM>; Erskine Clarke, Plenary 2: <https://youtu.be/t7tdMMcqqzk>; Deborah Mullen, Plenary 3: <https://youtu.be/zj83iszdcXY>; Ron Peters, Plenary 4: <https://youtu.be/NNMwBk9LJJQ>
- Books
 - **No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice**, Shannon Craigo-Snell, Westminster John Knox Press, 2017 Available from pcusastore.com
 - **Anxious to Talk about It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism**, Carolyn B. Helsel, Chalice Press, 2018.
 - **Race in a Post-Obama America**, David Maxwell, Westminster John Knox Press, 2016 Available from pcusastore.com
 - **Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?: And Other Conversations About Race**, Beverly Daniel Tatum, Basic Books, revised 2017.
 - **The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness**, Michelle Alexander, The New Press, 2010.
 - **Microaggressions in Ministry: Confronting the Hidden Violence of Everyday Church**, Cody J. Sanders and Angela Yarber; Westminster John Knox Press, 2015. Available from pcusastore.com

- **Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race**, Debby Irving, Elephant Room Press, 2014.
- **Why Palestine Matters. The Struggle to End Colonialism:** This book contextualizes the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people within other global justice struggles. You may find a good discussion guide in this link: [Why Palestine Matters, The Struggle To End Colonialism](#), The book is available at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) bookstore
- Articles & Magazines
 - **Presbyterian Women Horizons Magazines**
 - Identity and Idols (January/February 2019), HZN19200
 - Identity (March/April 2017),
 - Migrants and Refugees (Nov/Dec 2017), HZN17250
 - Mission and Racism (July/Aug 2015), HZN15230
 - The Power of Language (May/June 2015), HZN15220
 - Women's Empowerment (Mar/Apr 2015), HZN15210
 - **Mission is a Mysterious Field - (Racism against Roma People):** Article that describes the racism practiced against the Roma people (pejoratively known as gypsies). Presbyterian Women have been working for years with World Mission to support the Roma people and combat this expression of Racism. This link will take you to the article: <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2013/1/14/mission-mysterious-field/> - Additional materials have been produced by the Presbyterian Women in 2011 and 2012, Presbyterian Women calling for 10 days of prayer and thanksgiving for Roma people in anticipation of April 8 - International Day of the Roma. Here's the link for the resource: https://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/pw/pdfs/roma_devotional_booklet.pdf
 - **Mission Crossroads Magazine:** This is the official magazine of Presbyterian World Mission that have multiple articles and resources about how our staff and partners around the world are addressing Structural Racism and White Supremacy from different perspectives. – Here is an example <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/world-mission/mission-crossroads/>
- Trainings/Events/Campaigns
 - **Participate in Antiracism/Cultural Humility Training.** Contact the Office of Gender & Racial Justice or the Office of Racial & Intercultural Justice in Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries and the Compassion Peace and Justice ministry areas www.pcusa.org/racialjustice
 - **Attend the White Privilege Conference** and be equipped and empowered to work for racial equity and justice, through self and social transformation. <https://www.whiteprivilegeconference.com/>
 - **Apply to become a delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women:** Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) and Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries partners with the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations to invite a delegation to join with people from all over the world to attend the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/un/united-nations-commission-status-women/>
 - **Orange Days.** Observe Orange Days and wear orange on the 25th of each month to stand in solidarity with victims of sexual violence. Work to end sexual and domestic violence.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/ending-violence-against-women-action-suggestions/>

- **Thursdays in Black.** Join others in ecumenical faith communities in observing Thursdays in Black. Wear black and work to end violence against women and girls. See Dr. Fulata Mbano-Moyo who shares about what inspired the Thursdays in Black campaign: <https://vimeo.com/188029266>
- Other Links
 - Celebrate **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** in January
<https://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/exhibits/martin-luther-king-jr-page-2>
 - Celebrate **Race Relations/Racial and Intercultural Justice Sunday** in January
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/january-20-2019/>
 - Celebrate **Intercultural Church Day** in June
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/may-27-2018/>

Congregational Vitality

- Vital Congregations Initiative –

Vision: By the power of the Holy Spirit, and in authentic relationships with mid councils, we seek to equip, nurture, and support church leaders to empower their congregations to renew, recover, and live more fully into faithful discipleship to Jesus Christ.

Purpose: The purpose of the Vital Congregations Initiative is to work alongside leaders of existing congregations, continually assessing, discerning, and living into faithful actions that increase vitality through intentional spiritual practices that take them deeper into following Jesus Christ, so that their own lives are changed, congregations are transformed, and the mission of God spreads throughout communities and the world.

Resources: The resources below can be used to begin the work of revitalization in your church or Presbytery. Please note that these documents remain as draft versions during the pilot phase of the Initiative. Copyrights to all materials are owned by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). These materials are for use only by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations, Presbyteries and Mid-Councils. The materials are not to be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, displayed, or published, in whole or in part, by or for, outside entities including third-party consultants, and the content is not to be revised, adapted, and/or incorporated into other materials without the express written permission of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- **Vital Congregations Immediate Tool Kit:**
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/vital-congregations-immediate-toolkit/>
- **Vital Congregations Revitalization Manual:**
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/vital-congregations-revitalization-initiative/>
- **Vital Congregations Basic Information Packet for Presbyteries:**
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/vital-congregations/>

- Curriculum/Study Guides/Manuals
 - **Starting New Worshiping Communities Guide**
(links below to current version – in English, Korean, and Spanish, new version expected April 2019)
 - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/starting-new-worshiping-communities-discernment-booklet.pdf>
 - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Starting-New-Worshiping-Communities-Korean.pdf>
 - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Starting-New-Worshiping-Communities-Spanish.pdf>
 - **A Year with Matthew for a Matthew 25 Church**
Drawing on the Gospel readings from the Revised Common Lectionary Year A (beginning in Advent 2019), this resource will help preachers, educators, and worship planners attend to themes of congregational vitality, systemic poverty, and structural racism throughout the year. Components will include: a brief introduction to the Gospel of Matthew and how it functions in the lectionary; theological, pastoral, and liturgical guidance for the seasons of the Christian year, with a focus on Matthew 25 themes; and sermon and music suggestions that highlight Christ's call to righteousness, justice, and reconciliation in the Gospel of Matthew. The objective is to form faithful and active disciples and communities of people who are engaged with, energized by, and committed to these strategic priorities for the PC(USA). A sample will be provided by March 1, 2019, and the full resource will be available online by August 1, 2019.
 - **Engage Curriculum**
Engage, a new evangelism approach helps churches become relevant again. As congregations using Engage learn how to share their faith they include people to join them in following Jesus— in God's mission of transformation in neighborhoods and the world.
 - <https://www.pcusastore.com/AdvancedSearch/DefaultWFilter.aspx?SearchTerm=engage>
 - <http://www.pcusa.org/engage/welcome/>
 - **Turn to the Living God**
In English, Spanish, Korean, Arabic, available for download at www.pcusastore.com or at <https://www.pcusastore.com/AdvancedSearch/DefaultWFilter.aspx?SearchTerm=Turn+to+the+Living+God>
 - **How to build faithful mission partnerships: A guide for pastors:** The foundation of a healthy mission work begins with healthy relationships within the church. Regardless of whether you are a new or seasoned pastor, consider approaching congregational mission work in the same way you might approach cross-cultural mission.
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-build-faithful-mission-partnerships-a-guide-for-pastors.pdf>
 - **Called as Partners: Serving Together in God's Mission International Partnership Manual:** This guidebook serves as a guide to establish national and international partnerships. Through it, we seek to share resources that inspire, to provide tools that equip, and to build relationships that connect U.S. Presbyterians to the larger body of

Christ throughout the global church -

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/called-as-partners/>

- **Called to Mission: Finding Our Place in God's Mission** Presbyterian World Mission's guidebook provides tools and resources for U.S. Presbyterians interested in getting involved in God's work around the world. Whether your congregation is discerning or evaluating its mission work, seeking to learn more about long-term mission co-workers and how to connect with them, or looking for information about planning a short-term mission trip. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/called-mission-finding-place-gods-mission/>

- Videos/Films
 - **Ebenezer Church:** <https://youtu.be/zNQDcudph-8>
 - **New Creation Church:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWAPYsIQx3c#action=share>
 - **Hope Presbyterian Church:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JgeNkhuHfXE&feature=youtu.be>
 - **New Faith Presbyterian Church:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyPscJxC6zw#action=share>
 - **California Church Starts Four New Worshiping Communities** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKImaxTrvII#action=share>
 - **Faith Works: Wings and a Prayer:** https://youtu.be/mV_pzcuV5KE

- Books
 - **Intergenerate: Transforming the Church through Intergenerational Ministry**, Holly Allen, Editor
This book provides the context for the essential nature of intergenerational ministry. If you are struggling with including young people in your ministry, this book is a necessary read.
 - **The Continuing Conversion of the Church**, Darrell Guder
This book deals with North America as a mission field and defines missional theology. This is a helpful resource for churches discerning engagement with their community and the practices required for the equipping of members.
 - **A Light to the Nations**, Michael Goheen
This book provides a biblical orientation to missional theology. This is a useful resource that provides the foundations of congregational vitality.
 - **New Worshiping Communities: A Theological Exploration**, Vera White and Charles Wiley
This book works through the successful marks of new worshiping communities. There are many parallels between new worshiping community systems and the practices of existing churches.
 - **Shift: Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church**, Mark Tidsworth
This book makes the case for churches moving from a membership model to a discipleship model for faith formation. Faith formation always leads to forming people for God's mission.

- Articles/Magazines
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- Events
 - May 6-8, 2019 - **West Coast Gathering for Congregational Vitality Training** (Denver, CO)
 - May 13-15, 2019 - **East Coast Gathering for Congregational Vitality Training** (Atlanta, GA)
 - June 16-21, 2019 - **PAM Worship and Music Conference** (Montreat, NC)
 - June 16-21, 2019 - **PAM Worship and Music Conference** (Mo-Ranch, in Hunt, TX)
 - June 23-28, 2019 - **PAM Worship and Music Conference** (Montreat, NC)
 - July 15-20, 2019 - **Presbyterian Youth Triennium** (West Lafayette, IN)
 - October 13-18, 2019 - **1001/Vital Congregations Conference** (Kansas City, MO)
 - October 14-18, 2019 - **POAMN Older Adult Conference** (Louisville, KY)