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# Reintroducing the Discipleship and Christian Education Guide 2025

*One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.*

—Psalm 145:4, NRSVUE

Greetings in the name of Jesus! We at the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), and especially the staff of the Center for Continuous Learning (CCL) and our colleagues at Judson Press, are excited to reintroduce you to the annual *Discipleship and Christian Education Guide (DCEG)*. Since its creation in 1995, this publication has undergone numerous iterations, attempting to meet the needs of our congregations and keep up with trends in ministries of faith formation. In this 30th anniversary edition, you'll find that our commitment remains strong—and the latest revisions reflect that intentionality!

## Theme

Every year presents a new theme, and in 2025 we focus on **Engaging Intergenerational Faith**. The psalmist declared, “One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts” (Psalm 145:5, NRSVUE).

We all worry about trends toward religious disaffiliation and reports about declining church attendance across generational cohorts—and especially among younger generations. For good reason! Yet, we know God's people



are invited to celebrate and cultivate **reciprocity** and **curiosity** in intergenerational faith formation.

So, ABHMS continues to support *age-level* ministries of Christian education, *and* we want to help nurture *multigenerational* engagement in worship, service, and

leadership development. What can we learn from one another across generations—our elders from our youngers as much as children and youth from the adults in their lives?

Thus, in this year's guide, you'll find practical articles focused on ministries *with* (not merely *to*) youth and young adults. Also be sure to check out the CCL courses and Judson books with intergenerational emphasis, designed to enrich and empower your discipleship ministries.

## What's Inside

Here are some highlights of what you'll find in this *30th Anniversary Discipleship and Christian Education Guide*:

- **Theme-based articles for ministries of discipleship and education**—the same great content but more concise for the busy ministry leader.
- **Frameworks for ministry program planning**—the 2025 Revised Common Lectionary Readings, Year-at-a-Glance Calendar, and Planning Pages.
- **Recommended resources for learning and leader development**—a diverse list of CCL courses (greatly expanded!), relevant ABHMS program spotlights, and Christian education materials from Judson Press.

So, enjoy the same valuable content in a more concise format. Also notice that we are prioritizing the PDF format for our increasingly digital consumption (and to be better stewards of financial and natural resources). You can view the *DCEG* online, download it to your device, or print the pages you need. You may also contact us at [info@judsonpress.com](mailto:info@judsonpress.com) for a print copy, and we'll mail it directly to your attention at the address you provide.

We look forward to hearing from you about how you may be using the *DCEG* to support your ministries of discipleship and education. And of course, if you have any feedback about the latest revision of the guide, please let us know. Email [ccl@abhms.org](mailto:ccl@abhms.org) to share your thoughts.

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# Engaging Intergenerational Faith through Leader Development

When it comes to intergenerational faith in the Christian church, two key trends often rise to the surface for prayerful consideration. First is the reality that the elder generation of leaders is on their way out of pastoral ministry. Age may have the benefits of experience, wisdom, and valuable networks, but it often brings physical challenges, life transitions, and a smoldering kind of burnout as well.

Second, the younger generations are few and far between in many congregations today. Gen X leaders tend



to burn out or move into other vocations sooner than their boomer predecessors (in part because some get frustrated being kept in the “second chair” as the years and decades pass). Many millennials have not returned to the church as they move into full-fledged adulthood. And in our

increasingly religiously disaffiliated society, Gen Z is largely missing in action altogether.

Largely, but not entirely! These intersecting concerns of older and younger generations emerge at the key point of succession planning in many local churches. Congregations are asking, “Where are the young people whom we need as leaders for tomorrow?”

At ABHMS we are identifying and cultivating young adults through several leadership programs. And those emerging leaders are responding to say: “We are right here, called by God and waiting to be called by you.”

In various contexts and conversations with young adults, several key themes emerged related to engaging intergenerational faith in the area of leadership development:

**1. Listen to our voices.** During the 2024 Space for Grace gathering, participants on a young adult panel urged their listeners, “Leaders should actually *listen to* and *talk with* their young people. . . . Ask more questions. Become more curious about the things that are interesting to us.” Young adults value spaces where they can speak with one another about their own faith, their experiences, and their questions. Van

Sui Mawi expresses the transforming impact of that kind of space in describing her experience with ABHMS’ Summer Passionary Institute. She says the program “not only introduced me to share my stories but also challenged me to reflect deeply on my own strengths and passions.”

**2. Trust us as fellow ministers called by God.** When we listen to young adult leaders, we quickly discern they have wisdom, insights, and faith of their own. Luke Lagwi is a seminarian who serves as youth pastor for Calvary Burmese Church. He says, “God has been teaching me how much we need the leadership of Jesus through the Holy Spirit in this world today. I believe we are having conversations about leadership without [Christ’s] leadership in the midst of us.” Another seminarian, Evan James Henry, reflects deeply on the meaning of godly authority in ordained ministry, sharing, “There is a unique responsibility that comes along with this ordinance: remaining faithful and replicating Christ’s ministry on earth, which embodies humility. We all are aspiring to become that leader that is pleasing in God’s sight.”

**3. Mentor but don’t micromanage us.** This insight is crucial as the Christian church seeks new leaders to carry on the pastoral and community ministries cherished by the local congregation. Young adults crave meaningful relationship and mentoring with current leaders; they know they have much to learn from their elders and predecessors. Van Sui Mawi participated in ABHMS’ Summer Passionary Institute, where her passion for mental health in children led her to a host site that offered “invaluable practical insights and hands-on learning.” She goes on to say, “Whether collaborating with colleagues on projects or shadowing seasoned professionals, each day presented new opportuni-





ties for skill development and career exploration.” Another young adult on the S4G panel said of a mentor relationship, “I didn’t know what all I should do, and this person created opportunities for me and pushed me to challenge myself to work harder.” Both Luke Lagwi and Evan Henry have also valued their mentoring relationships, but identify the need for freedom. Luke says that “giving those you’re leading autonomy and freedom over their work helps create a healthy working environment.” And for Evan, that freedom includes “creat[ing] a safe space [to] let youngsters fall and rise.” As one panel participant urged, “Invite your young people into decision-making.”

Listen well to their stories and passions. Trust their authentic experiences of faith and calling. And invite them into meaningful relationships where they value our mentorship and we also learn from them.

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## Scholarships and Grants

ABHMS provides resources to empower American Baptist learners on their personal and professional leadership journeys. Currently we offer scholarships and grants to American Baptists in these categories:

- undergraduate, graduate, and seminarian students enrolled at accredited colleges, universities, and seminaries
- students of Latinx and Hispanic origin who serve or will serve in a church with American Baptist Churches USA or its recognized institutions
- students whose first language is not English, who are preparing for ministry in the United States or Puerto Rico
- women in graduate school preparing for a human services career in the secular world
- ministerial leaders who need continuing education funds for conferences, events, and courses, as well as those enrolled in DMin and PhD studies

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education (CE) grants.**



## Estrategias para fomentar conversaciones intergeneracionales

En el verano estuve observando las olimpiadas 2024 celebradas en París. Mientras veía un juego de balonmano femenino me preguntaba ¿Qué juego es este? ¿Dónde se juega? ¿Por qué nunca lo había visto? Con mucho coraje me pregunté ¿Cómo es posible que este juego esté en las olimpiadas y el béisbol haya sido eliminado?

En los entrenamientos interculturales que hemos tenido con los jóvenes adultos que son parte del programa Construyendo Puentes hemos aprendido un concepto básico: Cuando alguna situación despierta en mí una emoción fuerte como, por ejemplo, coraje, miedo, aversión u orgullo extremo, me detengo porque es posible que haya prejuicios o sesgos implícitos en mi reacción. Es en ese momento en que se requiere que deconstruya mis prejuicios y preconcepciones. En este escrito comparto con ustedes una técnica práctica para utilizar en estos casos.

Primero debemos reconocer que todos los seres humanos vemos el mundo a través de unos lentes culturales que se componen de diversos elementos tales como, edad,



género, experiencias de vida, posición social y religión, entre otros. En mi caso, veo las olimpiadas como una mujer caribeña de 42 años que—como pueden notar—disfruta del béisbol.

¿Por qué son importantes mis lentes culturales? Ser caribeña es un elemento clave para entender mi amor por el béisbol, ese deporte se cree que nace de juego de pelota que celebraban los indígenas de la región caribeña, es un deporte con fuertes raíces en las historias originarias del Caribe y muy popular entre nosotros. Que yo tenga 42

años es también un elemento clave en mis lentes culturales. El béisbol ha estado presente sin interrupciones en las olimpiadas desde el 1984 hasta el 2008, yo nací en el 1981. Por lo tanto, para mi generación el béisbol había estado “siempre” presente.

Una vez reconocemos que vemos el mundo desde unos lentes culturales, sabemos que nos los podemos quitar, ajustar su receta o cambiarlos por otros. También reconocemos que nuestra verdad no es la única verdad. La educación es la clave para descomponer nuestras preconcepciones. En mi caso investigué acerca de la historia de ambos deportes en las olimpiadas tanto en mi región del Caribe como en mi país, Puerto Rico. Al ir descomponiendo mis prejuicios pude aprender y a la misma vez adquirí humildad.

Las culturas son como icebergs, solo es visible un pequeño por ciento de los elementos por encima del nivel del agua. Estos son usualmente rasgos que se pueden ver apreciar como comportamientos y prácticas: apariencia, vestimenta, lenguajes, comidas, expresiones artísticas, entre otros. Debajo del nivel del agua hay elementos profundos que no son apreciables a simple vista tales como valores, percepciones, actitudes, nociones, prejuicios, religión, ideologías, entre otros. A este ejercicio de adquirir conocimientos para entender las culturas se le llama ‘bajar el nivel del agua’. Mientras más aprendo, más bajo será el nivel del agua y menos elementos culturales quedarán escondidos.

Cuando pasamos por este proceso nos movemos de analizar el mundo desde nuestra propia realidad (etnocentrismo) a reconocer que nuestra visión es solo una de tantas posibles y que todas las formas de ver la realidad son complejas y válidas (etnorelativismo). En mi caso, analizar la exclusión del béisbol de las olimpiadas me llevó a tener una opinión en la que emití un juicio valorativo que daba más importancia el béisbol que el balonmano. Luego de investigar tanto mi cultura como la historia de ambos juegos en las olimpiadas pude identificar y deconstruir mis prejuicios. Sigo molesta porque el béisbol no está en las olimpiadas (porque mis emociones también son válidas) pero ahora no lo hago a costa de despreciar otros deportes y puedo pensar de una manera más imparcial sobre el tema a la vez que puedo entender la decisión (aunque no me guste).

Este modelo intercultural puedes aplicarlo a cualquier otra situación en tu vida o ministerio. En este caso, lo





recomiendo para fomentar el diálogo intergeneracional. En Construyendo Puentes hemos discutido casos específicos que se escuchan en las iglesias tales como: “los viejos son quienes mantienen económicamente a la iglesia porque los jóvenes no diezman”; “las generaciones mayores no comparten el poder con las generaciones emergentes” y “a veces siento que como joven soy un token en los espacios de los mayores, me invitan a la mesa, pero no me toman en cuenta”. Muchas de estas expresiones se fundamentan en visiones etnocéntricas y en preconcepciones o prejuicios que tenemos. Una vez deconstruimos nuestras ideas y las sometemos al proceso, se habrán limado asperezas para propiciar un diálogo intergeneracional efectivo.

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**1. Detente.** Deliberadamente tomate un tiempo para reflexionar antes de tomar decisiones u omitir opiniones.

**2. Reconsidera las razones de tus decisiones.**

**Desafía tus estereotipos.** Identifica tus prejuicios o preconcepciones, deconstruye la idea, identifica tus lentes culturales y sé consciente de que los tienes.

**3. Cuestiona los estereotipos culturales.**

Reconoce otras posibles opciones.

**4. Edúcate.** Baja el nivel del agua y ajusta la receta.

**5. Monitorea tus prejuicios inconscientes.**

Reconoce y valora tus emociones y así también valora otros puntos de vista. Recuerda que tu verdad no es la única verdad posible.

**6. Repite.**

## Intercultural Leadership Institute

The Intercultural Leadership Institute aims to be a premier resource for faith leaders and disciples courageously fostering transformed beloved communities across race, ethnicity, and other cultural distinctions.

Who will benefit from the ILI?

- Faith leaders seeking to be more effective leaders in racially and ethnically diverse settings
- Young adult leaders who value being developed in an intercultural environment
- Intercultural leaders desiring to increase their capacity to conduct intercultural training and consulting
- People of faith seeking to be positive contributors to transformed beloved communities and more equitable ministries across race, ethnicity, and other cultural distinctions

Sign up now to receive information about all things ILI, including the upcoming schedule of ILI program offerings and our quarterly newsletter featuring our online resources available in the Center for Continuous Learning. Or email [ili@abhms.org](mailto:ili@abhms.org) for more information.

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# Engaging Intergenerational Faith through Lived Spirituality and Service

“Leaders should actually *listen to* and *talk with* their young people.” This is one of the most powerful insights for action that I gleaned by *listening* to the young adults featured on two panels at the 2024 Space for Grace gathering. Not only did I have the privilege of serving as the moderator of those panels, but I had the honor of walking with those young adults selected to participate in the Summer Passionary Institute in 2023–24.

And by listening closely to those emerging leaders as they undertook a yearlong journey of vocational discernment and professional internship, I identified three overriding themes from our dialogue with one another: miscommunication, embodied theology, and institutional failings.

## Miscommunication: Lost in Generational Translation

Numerous misunderstandings and ineffective communication are at play between the generations. Even when different generations are speaking to one another,



they may not be hearing what the other is saying. The various parties are not speaking the same language; therefore, they are not understanding each other. And in some immigrant and refugee communities, this dynamic often goes beyond digital divides, current colloquialisms, and myriad differences in music, fashion, or dating conventions. The older generation in such communities may actually be speaking a different language—not to mention engaging very differently with American culture and their own ethnic cultural traditions.

*“I will help create a guide for future generations to balance out their zeal for change, but also their understanding for the older generation.”*

—Luke Lagwi

## Embodied Theology: Show—Don’t Tell—Faith

Younger adults are creative, intelligent, resourceful, and often mission driven. In my engagements with this generation, they tend toward an embodied theology. By this I mean that they prefer to show you (demonstrate) their faith, rather than debating the soundness of their theology and validity of their faith (or lack thereof). They are imaginative and passionate about pursuing work in the world that embodies their faith in a God who heals and transforms.

So, perhaps we should not be surprised if these imaginative and passionate younger adult leaders are less than enthusiastic about teaching new-member classes, serving on traditional boards and committees, and continuing the status quo of the institutional church. They are eager and even impatient to heed God’s voice and make real their transformed vision of the world.

*“I feel like serving God is serving the community as well because God gave to his people, and if we want to be like God, we need to be able to generously give to the community and help out when our neighbor is in need.”*

—Tytianna Edwards

## Institutional Failings: When Silence Isn’t Golden

Younger adults come of age in a time when all institutions are in decline, when even religious authorities have been exposed as fallible, and when the twenty-four-hour news cycle is relentless in its proclamation of violence, suffering, and injustice.





Thus, many younger adults perceive that silence from the (institutional) church is a response incompatible with the voice and character of God. These younger leaders don't hesitate to go out and follow the voice of God—even if that means doing so over and against the voices of the people in the church. This may be part of the reason we see so few younger adults seeking leadership in the institutional church. They have already seen how the requirements and demands of church work may actually hinder the spiritual growth, faith formation, and leadership development of youth and young adults.

*“I have many friends who’ve experienced ‘church hurt’ and are disconnected from the church because of it. I serve on leadership for a spiritual community . . . where we have become a home for many who are disconnected from the local church.”*

—Matthew Rivera

## Where Do We Go from Here?

Let me begin by highlighting the good news in all of this! First, younger adults are being actively called by God, and when they respond, they bring all their gifts, passions, creativity, and curiosity to bear in their vocational journey. Second, these same young adults do not imagine that they have everything they need to do the work of their ministry alone. They are seeking faithful mentors, network connections, practical training, and other young adults with whom to collaborate, reflect, and act. And third, while these younger adults are unwilling to let the institutional church hold them back, many of them are open to partnership with a church that is equally curious, creative, and constructive in responding to a world in need.

Let's start with taking seriously the invitation to *listen* to younger generations. Let us learn what inspires them, what injures them, what intrigues them. Let us ask how we can support and nurture them in discerning and responding to God's voice in their lives.

Then, because a big part of what inspires, intrigues, and injures them are issues that affect the world, let us take seriously their critique of the church's failings. Let's end

our silence and take up the biblical mandate for prophetic witness and authentic engagement where mercy, justice, and love are lacking.

What does the church have to say about police misconduct and excessive use of force? About economic apartheid and environmental degradation? What about water, air, and food pollution? Clergy sexual abuse, mass incarceration, human trafficking, and other critical issues?

And even if we are talking about these issues, what are we doing about them? I hear today's younger adult leaders calling us to remember James 1:22: “But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves” (NLT).

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## Summer Passionary Institute

This immersive cohort experience is for young adults who are seeking to discern their vocational path and engage with peers in a learning environment. The internship opportunity offers young adults practical experience at selected sites. The institute is designed to align with existing areas of interest or introduce new possibilities for the participants. Visit [abhms.org](http://abhms.org) for more information.



*Members of the Summer Passionary Institute's 2023 cohort.*

# Revised Common Lectionary 2025

## YEAR C

### January 1: New Year's Day

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
Psalm 8  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
Matthew 25:31-46

### January 6: Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

### January 12: Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### January 19

Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 36:5-10  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

### January 26

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21

### February 2

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

### February 9

Isaiah 61:8, (9-13)  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

### February 16

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

### February 23

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

### March 2

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2  
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

### March 5: Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### March 9: First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

### March 16: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17—4:1  
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

### March 23: Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

### March 25: Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10  
Hebrews 10:4-10  
Luke 1:26-38

### March 30: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### April 6: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

### April 13: Palm or Passion Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;  
Luke 19:28-40  
Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a;  
Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke  
22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

### Holy Week: April 14-19

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11;  
Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11  
Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36  
Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70;  
Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32  
Maundy Thursday: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10),  
11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians  
11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
Good Friday: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 22;  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16;  
5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42  
Holy Saturday: Job 14:1-14 or  
Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4,  
15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66 or  
John 19:38-42

### April 20: Easter Sunday

**Old Testament Readings and Psalms**  
Genesis 1:1—2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26  
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and  
Psalm 46  
Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16  
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus 15:1b-  
13, 17-18  
Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6  
Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32—4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8,  
19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19  
Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalms 42, 43  
Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143  
Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98  
**New Testament Reading and Psalm**  
Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114  
**Gospel**  
Luke 24:1-12

### April 27: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

### May 4: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

### May 11: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

### May 18: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

### May 25: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 21:22—22:5  
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

### May 29: Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

### June 1: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

### June 8: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

### June 15: Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

### June 22

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalms 42  
and 43  
Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

### June 29

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62

### July 6

2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30  
Isaiah 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9  
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 13**

Amos 7:7-17 and Psalm 82  
Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

**July 20**

Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52  
Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

**July 27**

Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85  
Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138  
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)  
Luke 11:1-13

**August 3**

Hosea 11:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and  
Psalm 49:1-12  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

**August 10**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

**August 17**

Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82  
Hebrews 11:29—12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

**August 24**

Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:1-6  
Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

**August 31**

Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 and  
Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

**September 7**

Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1  
Philemon 1:1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

**September 14**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14  
Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

**September 21**

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9  
Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

**September 28, 2023**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6,  
14-16  
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

**October 5**

Lamentations 1:1-6 and Lamentations  
3:19-26 or Psalm 137  
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

**October 12**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12  
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

**October 19**

Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104  
Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

**October 26**

Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65  
Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
and Psalm 84:1-7  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

**November 1: All Saints Day**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 and Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

**November 2**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 119:137-144  
Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32:1-7  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

**November 9**

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 and Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or  
Psalm 98  
Job 19:23-27a and Psalm 17:1-9  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

**November 16**

Isaiah 65:17-25 and Isaiah 12  
Malachi 4:1-2a and Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

**November 23**

Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79  
Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

**November 27: Thanksgiving**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Psalm 100  
Philippians 4:4-9  
John 6:25-35

**Year A Begins****November 30: First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

**December 7: Second Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

**December 14: Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

**December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

**December 24 & 25: Christmas Eve & Day**

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

**or**

Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalm 97  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:1-7, 8-20

**or**

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98  
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)  
John 1:1-14

**December 28**

Isaiah 63:7-9  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23



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# 2025 Year-At-A-Glance Calendar

## January 2025

*America for Christ promotional window begins.*

- 1 New Year's Day
- 6 Epiphany
- 12 Baptism of the Lord
- 18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 19 Christian Unity Sunday
- 20 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- 26 Green Lake Sunday
- 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day (International)

## February 2025

*Black History Month*

- 1 Anniversary of the founding of the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society (1877)
- 2 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 2 Boy Scout Sunday
- 9 Church Vocations Sunday
- 16–22 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week
- 16 Christian Legacy Sunday
- 17 President's Day
- 22 American Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 23 Single Adult Awareness Sunday
- 27 Anniversary of the founding of the Baptist General Tract Society (1824)

## March 2025

*America for Christ Offering Month and Women's History Month*

- 2 America for Christ Sunday
- 2 Transfiguration Sunday
- 5 Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins
- 7 World Day of Prayer
- 8 International Women's Day
- 9 First Sunday of Lent
- 9 Girl Scout Sunday
- 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 9 American Baptist Seminary Sunday
- 16 Second Sunday of Lent
- 16 Women in Ministry Sunday
- 23 Third Sunday of Lent
- 25 Annunciation of the Lord
- 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

## April 2025

*Prevention of Child Abuse Month and Autism Awareness Month and One Great Hour of Sharing promotional window begins.*

- 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 7 World Health Day
- 13 Palm or Passion Sunday
- 17 Maundy Thursday
- 18 Good Friday
- 19 Holy Saturday
- 20 Easter
- 20 American Baptist Volunteer Sunday
- 20–26 National Volunteer Appreciation Week

- 22 Earth Day
- 27 Anniversary of establishment of American Baptist Home Mission Society (1832)
- 27 American Baptist Camps and Conferences Sunday

## May 2025

*Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and Older US Americans Month*

- 1 National Day of Prayer
- 2 May Fellowship Day
- 4 Peace Sunday
- 5–12 Family Week
- 11 Mother's Day
- 11 Rural Life Sunday
- 17 Armed Forces Day
- 18 Baptist Heritage Day
- 23 Holocaust Remembrance Day (U.S.)
- 26 Memorial Day
- 29 Ascension Sunday

## June 2025

*One Great Hour of Sharing Month, Torture Awareness Month, and Immigration Heritage Month*

- 1 One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday
- 1 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 1 International Environmental Sabbath
- 8 Pentecost
- 8 Children's Day
- 8 Baptist Youth Day of Prayer
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Trinity Sunday
- 15 Father's Day
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 22 American Baptist Homes and Caring Ministries Sunday

## July 2025

- 4 Independence Day
- 13 Anniversary of the arrival of Adoniram and Ann Hasseltine Judson in Burma
- 27 Parents' Day

## August 2025

*World Mission Offering promotion begins*

- 3 Friendship Day
- 6 Transfiguration

## September 2025

*Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15)*

- 1 Labor Day
- 15 American Baptist Women's Sunday
- 21 National Back to Church Sunday
- 21 International Day of Prayer for Peace
- 26 Native American/First Nations Day
- 28 Christian Education Sunday

## October 2025

*Pastor Appreciation Month; World Mission Offering Month; National Disability Employment Month, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

- 5 World Mission Offering Sunday
- 5 World Communion Sunday
- 12 American Baptist Laity Sunday
- 13 Columbus Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 18–20 National Observance of Children's Sabbath
- 19–25 National Pastoral Care Week
- 24 United Nations Day
- 26 Campus Ministry Sunday
- 26 Reformation Sunday
- 31 Reformation Day

## November 2025

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 2 American Baptist College Sunday
- 3 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 4 Election Day
- 7 World Community Day
- 9 Stewardship Sunday
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 Anniversary of the founding of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society (1877)
- 16 Bible Sunday
- 23 Christ the King Sunday—The Church Year Ends
- 23 Asian American Baptist Sunday
- 27 Thanksgiving
- 30 First Sunday in Advent—The Church Year Begins

## December 2025

*Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Month*

- 7 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Sunday
- 7 Second Sunday in Advent
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 14 Third Sunday in Advent
- 21 Fourth Sunday in Advent
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 24 Christmastide (sundown) (Dec. 24–Jan. 6)
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanzaa (Dec. 26–Jan. 1)
- 28 Student Recognition Sunday
- 31 New Year's Eve (Watch Night)



JAN 2025

America for Christ promotional window begins.

### Key Dates

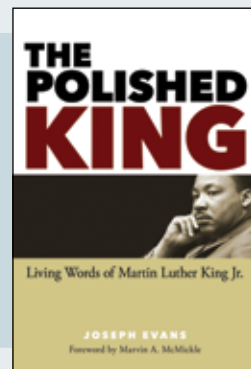
- 1 New Year's Day
- 6 Epiphany
- 18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 20 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- 26 Green Lake Sunday

### CCL course\*

Design Thinking & Church Innovation

### Recommended Judson Press book

*The Polished King: Living Words of Martin Luther King Jr.* by Joseph Evans



FEB 2025

Black History Month

### Key Dates

- 1 Anniversary of the founding of the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society (1877)
- 2 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 9 Church Vocations Sunday
- 22 American Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfast

### CCL courses\*

Couples & Money

Being Baptist: History, Identity & Polity

### Recommended Judson Press book

*The History of the Black Baptist Church: I Don't Feel No Ways Tired* by Wayne E. Croft Sr.



MAR 2025

America for Christ Offering Month and Women's History Month

### Key Dates

- 5 Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins
- 7 World Day of Prayer
- 9 First Sunday in Lent
- 9 American Baptist Seminary Sunday
- 16 Second Sunday in Lent
- 23 Third Sunday in Lent
- 30 Fourth Sunday in Lent

### CCL courses\*

Holy Currencies Cohort

Chosen Generations: Ministry with Older Adults (monthly webinar series)

### Recommended Judson Press book

*Meant for Good: Fundamentals of Womanist Leadership* by Deborah Jackson



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# APR 2025

Prevention of Child Abuse Month and Autism Awareness Month  
One Great Hour of Sharing promotional window begins.

## Key Dates

- 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 13 Palm or Passion Sunday
- 17 Maundy Thursday
- 18 Good Friday
- 19 Holy Saturday
- 20 Easter
- 20 American Baptist Volunteer Sunday
- 22 Earth Day

- 27 Anniversary of establishment of American Baptist Home Mission Society (1832)
- 27 American Baptist Camps and Conferences Sunday

## CCL courses\*

Chosen Generations: Ministry with Children series  
A Matter of Stewardship: Eco-Justice from a Biblical Perspective

## Recommended Judson Press book

*Raising Faithful Kids: This Is the Stuff of Faith* edited by Denise Janssen, Carmichael D. Crutchfield, Virginia Lee, and Jessica Young Brown

# MAY 2025

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and Older US Americans Month

## Key Dates

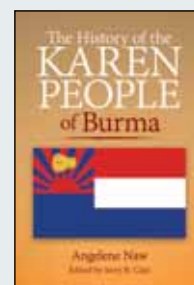
- 1 National Day of Prayer
- 2 May Fellowship Day
- 4 Peace Sunday
- 5–12 Family Week
- 11 Mother's Day
- 11 Rural Life Sunday
- 26 Memorial Day
- 29 Ascension Sunday

## CCL courses\*

Let's Talk about Mental Health  
Love the Lord with All Your Mind  
Spanish for Ministry—Intermediate

## Recommended Judson Press book

*The History of the Karen People of Burma*  
by Angelene Naw,  
Jerry B. Cain editor



# JUN 2025

One Great Hour of Sharing Month, Torture Awareness Month, and Immigration Heritage Month

## Key Dates

- 1 One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday
- 1 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 1 International Environmental Sabbath
- 8 Pentecost
- 8 Children's Day
- 8 Baptist Youth Day of Prayer
- 15 Father's Day
- 22 American Baptist Homes and Caring Ministries Sunday

## CCL courses\*

Listen to Your Life  
Engaging Young Adult Faith

## Recommended Judson Press book

*Church at the Wall: Stories of Hope along the San Diego-Tijuana Border*  
by Seth David Clark



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JUL 2025

### Key Dates

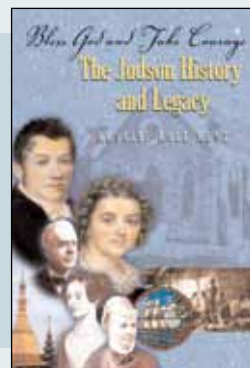
- 4 Independence Day
- 13 Anniversary of the arrival of Adoniram and Ann Hasseltine Judson in Burma
- 27 Parents' Day

### CCL course\*

Baptist Identity for Today's Disciples

### Recommended Judson Press book

*Bless God and Take Courage: The Judson History and Legacy* by Rosalie Hunt Hall



AUG 2025

World Mission Offering promotion begins

### Key Dates

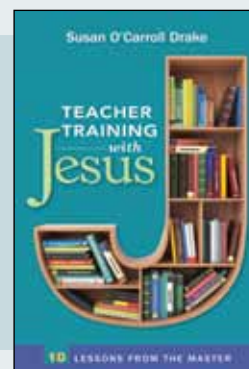
- 3 Friendship Day
- 6 Transfiguration Sunday

### CCL course\*

Intercultural Leadership: Frameworks & References

### Recommended Judson Press book

*Teacher Training with Jesus: 10 Lessons from the Master* by Susan O'Carroll Drake



SEPT 2025

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15)

### Key Dates

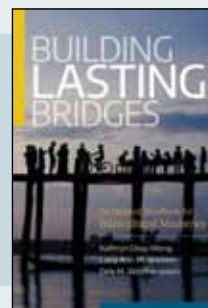
- 1 Labor Day
- 15 American Baptist Women's Sunday
- 21 National Back to Church Sunday
- 21 International Day of Prayer for Peace
- 26 Native American/First Nations Day
- 28 Christian Education Sunday

### CCL courses\*

Next Levels in Faithful Finance  
Being Baptist: History, Identity & Polity

### Recommended Judson Press book

*Building Lasting Bridges: An Updated Handbook for Intercultural Ministries* by Kathryn Choy-Wong, Lucia Ann McSpadden, Dale M. Weatherspoon



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OCT 2025

Pastor Appreciation Month; World Mission Offering Month; National Disability Employment Month, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### Key Dates

- 5 World Mission Offering Sunday
- 5 World Communion Sunday
- 12 American Baptist Laity Sunday
- 18–20 National Observance of Children's Sabbath
- 26 Campus Ministry Sunday
- 26 Reformation Sunday

### CCL course\*

Mental Health across All Generations—  
Discipleship Summit 2025 (Oct 13)

### Recommended Judson Press book

*Addicted to Hurry: Spiritual Strategies for Slowing Down, 20th Anniversary Edition*

by Kirk Byron Jones



NOV 2025

### Key Dates

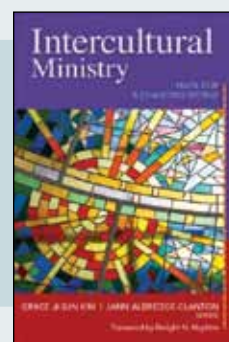
- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 American Baptist College Sunday
- 3 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 16 Bible Sunday
- 23 Christ the King Sunday—The Church Year Ends
- 27 Thanksgiving
- 30 First Sunday in Advent—The Church Year Begins

### CCL course\*

Intercultural Preaching

### Recommended Judson Press book

*Intercultural Ministry: Hope for a Changing World* Edited By Grace Ji-Sun Kim and Jann Aldredge-Clanton



DEC 2025

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Month

### Key Dates

- 7 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Sunday
- 7 Second Sunday in Advent
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 14 Third Sunday in Advent
- 21 Fourth Sunday in Advent
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanzaa (Dec. 26–Jan. 1)
- 31 New Year's Eve (Watch Night)

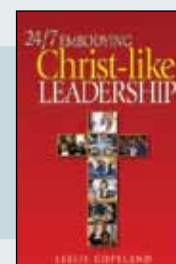
### CCL courses\*

Couples & Money  
Money & Your Ministry Retreat

### Recommended Judson Press book

*24/7 Embodying Christ-like Leadership*

by Leslie Copeland



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# ABHMS Center for Continuous Learning

## Course List 2025



### ABHMS CENTER FOR CONTINUOUS LEARNING



#### Discipleship Summit 2025: Mental Well-Being across Generations

*Save the date* for a Discipleship Summit focused on faith's role in addressing the mental health crisis at various stages of

life. Learn from mental health professionals and discuss specific concerns in an intergenerational dialogue for healing and wholeness. **Price: \$45 in-person | \$35 online**

**Date:** Mon., Oct. 13, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. ET | Hybrid–LAMB and online



#### Chosen Generations

An ongoing webinar series featuring ministries of faith formation across the lifespan.

**Ministry with Children**, Asynchronous, 5 webinar replays. **Price: \$49**

**Ministry with Older Adults**. LIVE in 2025, 6 new webinars. **Price: \$5/month**  
**Dates:** Mar. 7, Apr. 7, May 2



#### Baptist Identity for Today's Disciples

A 3-part intergenerational small-group study for older youth through seniors! Use on-demand videos and discussion guide to learn about Baptist history and identity. Perfect for new-member classes, midweek Bible study, Sunday school, and more. **Price: \$49** | Asynchronous



#### Couples and Money

Strengthen your relationship with this accessible 6-part series of short videos and discussion questions, featuring financial educator Grace Pomroy.

**Price: \$20** | Asynchronous



#### Being Baptist: History, Identity & Polity

A 6-week certificate course to equip leaders pursuing Baptist ordination. Learn our historic roots and interpret

the distinctive convictions of Baptist identity in worship and work. CEU eligible. **Price: \$225** | **Dates:** TBD



#### Holy Currencies

A train-the-trainer cohort for clergy leaders, exploring sustainable ministry through 6 currencies: time and place, gracious leadership, relationship, truth,

money, and wellness. **Price: \$75** | **Dates:** Mon., Mar. 3-31



#### Chaplaincy Skills for Community Ministry

A 6-week certificate course introducing the competencies of chaplaincy, including multicultural dynamics,

trauma response, and grief. Facilitated by board-certified chaplains. CEU eligible. **Price: \$249** | **Dates:** TBD



#### Hungry for Spiritual Direction

A 4-week course facilitated by certified spiritual directors. Explores spiritual direction in the Christian tradition, historic schools of spiritual

direction, and contemplative practices. **Price: \$125**  
**Dates:** TBD



#### Intercultural Competency 101

Take a journey of self-reflection, awareness, and transformation. A 4-week cohort for anyone committed to ministries with God's people across racial and ethnic identities. CEU eligible. **Price: \$125** | **Dates:** TBD

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### Let's Talk about Mental Health

Mental health providers explore topics of suicide, self-care, men, and our kids. Series of webinar replays includes facilitator guide.

**Price: \$35** | Asynchronous



### Principles of Boundary Awareness

NEW! An intensive 3-part certificate course with experienced trainers, introducing the basics of healthy ministry ethics and relational boundaries. Vital for today's clergy leaders! CEU eligible. **Price: \$99** | **Dates:** TBD



### Listen to Your Life: A Virtual Retreat

Discern where God is calling you now. A personal journey for individual reflection at your own pace, with asynchronous videos, music, and readings.

**Price: \$75** | **Dates:** June 4, Sept. 4



### Spanish for Ministry—Intermediate

Expand your conversational Spanish skills with ministry vocabulary and grow in cultural competency as you reflect on contextualized ministry. A 5-week cohort course taught by an ESL-certified educator. **Price: \$149** | **Dates:** Apr. 30-May 28



### Love the Lord with All Your Mind

A series for Asian American communities addressing mental health, youth and young adults, and trauma-informed ministry. Includes Bible study for small groups.

**Price: \$35** | Asynchronous



### Starting the Money Conversation

In this facilitated cohort, expand your financial toolkit with training designed around four common money issues: getting bills in order, resolving debt, understanding and using credit, and saving toward your goals. **Price: \$45** | **Dates:** TBD



### Missional Frontiers in Faith Formation

A 6-part series featuring Michael Beck. Learn principles and practices for transformed discipleship and faith formation. Includes guide for small groups.

**Price: \$49** | Asynchronous



### Treasuring Our Youth

Learn to better understand your youth, engaging them in deeper faith in Jesus! This 5-session series offers on-demand videos and study guides to enhance your church's ministry. **Price: \$49** | Asynchronous



### Money and Your Ministry Retreat

Expand your relationship to money in ministry and consider what skills you need to lead the congregation financially. **Price: \$30** | Asynchronous



### Next Levels in Faithful Finance

Deepen your financial knowledge with applied, practical resources for personal and church finances from financial educators, experts and coaches.

**Price: \$75** | **Dates:** TBD



### Conferencia de Liderazgo Intergeneracional

NEXT from ABHMS' Latino Ministries! A leadership conference for Latino/a ministry leaders,

exploring the vitality of intergenerational engagement in today's churches and communities. *\*Ask about seminarian discount (email: [ccl@abhms.org](mailto:ccl@abhms.org)).*

**Price: \$25** individual, in-person **Date:** Apr. 12

**Location:** Puerto Rico

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collections/en-espanol](https://ccl.abhms.org/collections/en-espanol)



# Teaching Tips for Faith Formation

As we have considered our many resources for ministry throughout this guide, we also want to highlight faith formation. In this feature, Judson Press publisher Cheryl Price spotlights books focusing on faith formation through understanding Baptist theology, Bible study, and listening to our young people. Examine these books at [www.judsonpress.com](http://www.judsonpress.com) to see which ones will assist your faith formation ministries within the Baptist tradition.



## **Got Style? Personality-based Evangelism, revised edition** by Jeffrey A. Johnson

Building on his past work in evangelism, Jeffrey Johnson focuses on how all personalities are gifted in sharing the good news with others—not just the stereotypical “evangelist” personality. Have fun discovering your specific personality traits through the “Discover your Style” inventory and learning about the many ways you can use those strengths to invite others into a faith relationship.

**Teaching Tip:** Ask participants to reflect on their style and the personality they bring to God and others. Allow participants to discuss in large or small groups about who they are and how they can develop a stronger relationship with Christ. Remind everyone how they walk and talk with Jesus may be different from others. It is okay to be different.



## **Raising Faithful Kids: This is the Stuff of Faith** by Denise Janssen, Carmichael D. Crutchfield, Virginia Lee, and Jessica Young Brown

The editors and contributors offer reflections and practical ideas for raising children and youth in a life of faith. This diverse group of parents, caregivers, and faith leaders provides insight into how everyday interactions with our kids help them grow in faith. The fifty-two readings included in this volume address various real-life situations and concerns

**Teaching Tip:** Have Christian educators, teachers, and parents discuss how their respective families and the church or another religious group impacted how they raise their children to connect with God. Ask children to present who Jesus is to them through art, words, writing, or a song.



## **Living a Job Faith: From Tried to Triumphant** by Paige Lanier Chargois

The author dramatically draws readers to the Hebrew Bible story of Job. Using imagery from the courtroom, Chargois brings Job's spiritual trials to light for the 21st century. Witness how Job survives massive loss, overcomes the doubt of his friends, and emerges triumphant through his unshaken faith in God.

**Teaching Tip:** Lead the class to identify which of the characters in Job's story is or has been similar to their behavior and thoughts when others are suffering. Allow the participants to create a prayer or poem summarizing how they would pray for Job. Then, have the participants pray a prayer of hope in God in small groups or large groups.

# ABHMS Resources for Leaders & Laity

## The Christian Citizen

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## ministrElife

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## Discipleship Extras

From helpful articles to small-group workshops to bulletin inserts related to faith formation and leadership development, the ABHMS website offers a treasure trove of free resources to support your congregational ministries of Christian education and discipleship. To name just a few:

- **Workshops for Church Life and Leadership** – classic small-group studies, including the most popular in Spanish, French and Karen
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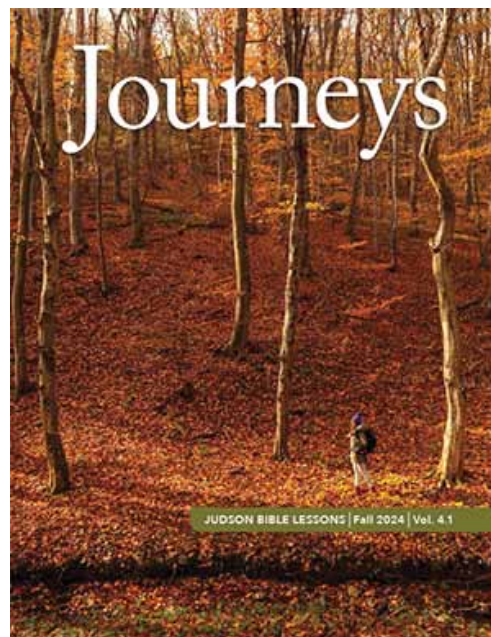
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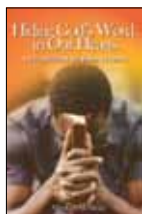


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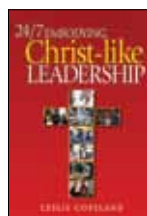
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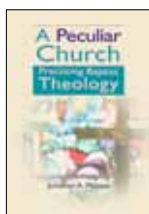
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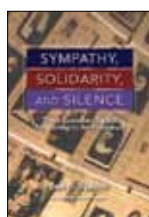
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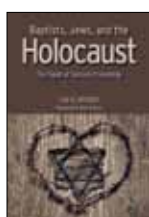
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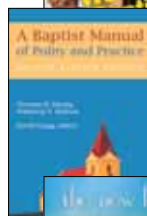
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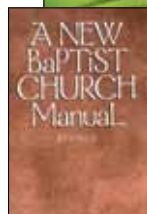
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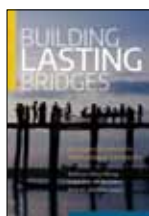
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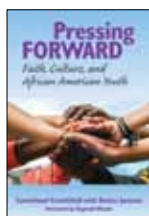


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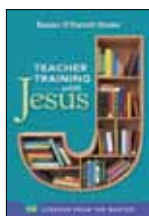
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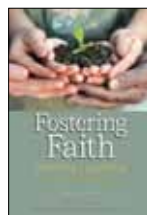


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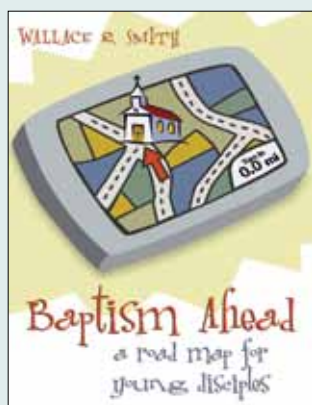
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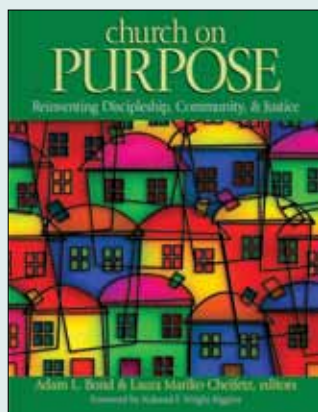
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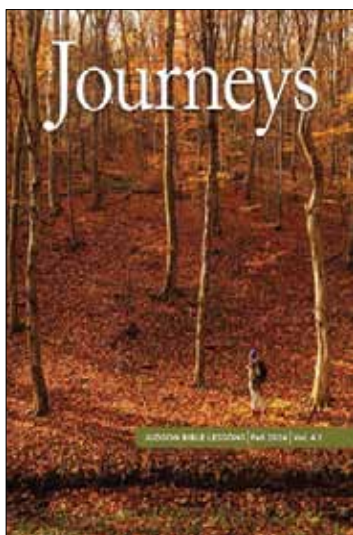
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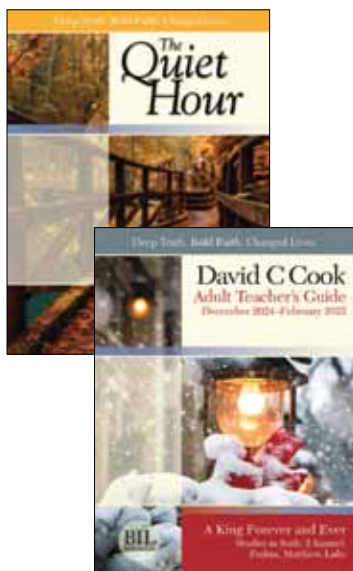
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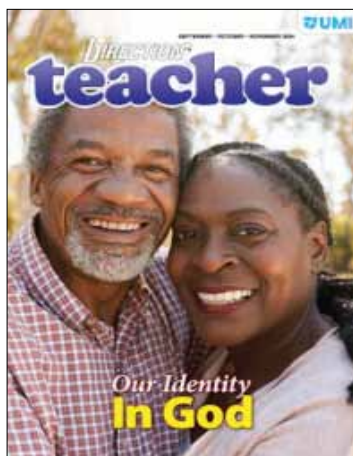


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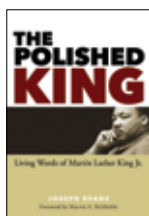
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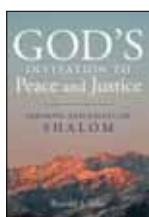
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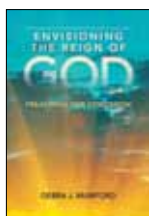
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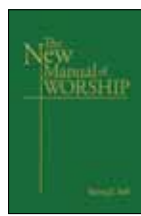
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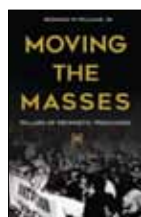
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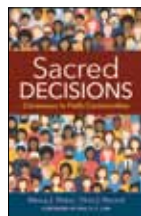
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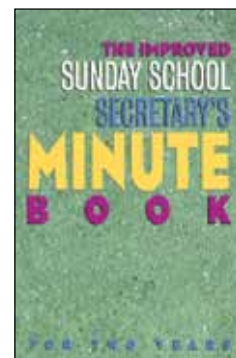
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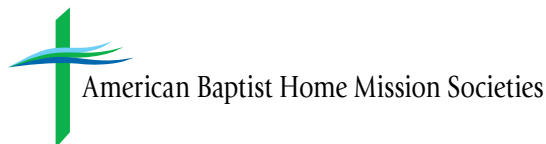




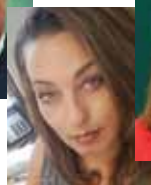
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