

AVEL Videos in the Ottawa Resource Centre

5 MINUTES MORE

Five Minutes More is a sequel to 'The Five Minute Project'. It contains five more five-minute stories produced by women from around the world. Women who find hope and reason to celebrate. The stories are about two teenaged girls growing up under Apartheid in South Africa; a woman in Chile who leaves a violent marriage; a singing teacher in England; a woman in Shanghai trying to balance career and family; and a senior in Cuba who celebrates the dreams of Youth in song. - 28 mins (1998)

50 YEARS OF SILENCE

This video documents the story of a woman who survived the experience of being a 'comfort woman' (a woman used as a sexual slave by the Japanese army during the Second World War). After 50 years of silence, she was finally able to speak openly about her experience. The video includes interviews with other survivors of a similar experience and Jan's own daughters respond in personal ways. Also documented are portions of Jan Ruff-O'Hare's public testimony and that of others, at public hearings held in Japan in 1996. - 60 mins (1997)

AFFIRMING CONGREGATIONS; THREE STORIES (DVD)

Creating inclusive communities and embracing diversity, regardless of sexual orientation, is vital to the life and work of Affirming congregations and ministries. Here are three stories of United Church congregations who have made the choice to be Affirming Congregations.

The Compelling 3-part DVD tells the stories of three congregations.

- Queen Square Centenary in St. John, NB.
- Southminster-Steinhauer in Edmonton, AB
- Trinity in Vancouver, BC

Each took the difficult and courageous steps to become a congregation that openly welcomes gay, lesbian, and transgendered people. Each changed and revitalized in the process - 31 mins (2006)

AFFLUENZA

Affluenza is a look at the modern-day plague of materialism and over consumption, and the commercialization that feeds it. The program explores how this epidemic is straining our personal lives and families, eroding our communities and destroying the environment. It also looks at various cures for this ailment and profiles people who are finding that spending less can mean enjoying life more. - 56 mins (1997)

AFRICA PRAYING: ORPHANS NEED LOVE!

This video highlights the Botswana Christian Council's program to meet the needs of children left orphaned by the AIDS epidemic. The program is designed to keep orphans in the community so that they do not have to flee to the cities, where they are vulnerable to sexual exploitation and child labour. - 28 mins (2000)

AFTER BAPTISM

This is an interactive video for leaders of young Children; Parents; Christian education workers; Worship and Pastoral Care Committees. It helps congregations take responsibility for the spiritual nurture of young children in their midst through developing a sensitivity to the spiritual and developmental needs of these children; empowering leaders and parents to respond in sensitive and nurturing ways; giving examples of spiritually nurturing programs and providing suggested skills to help nurture young Children in Faith. - 38 mins (1989)

AFTER THE TSUNAMI

Spirit Connection November 18, 2007

People around the world sent money and support to the people of southeast Asia and Africa after the tsunami in 2004, but was the flood of money really helpful? This documentary, produced by Development and Peace, looks at the lessons learned from that experience. - 28:30 mins (2007)

AIDS: A FAMILY EXPERIENCE

A video, which gives viewers an intimate portrait of how one family, has dealt with caring for a son and brother who has contracted AIDS. The family members express their concerns about their situation and also their love and care. A deeply moving video, which can assist people to understand better this issue. - 30 mins (1987)

AIDS: A REPORT FROM THE CBC PROGRAM THE NATURE OF THINGS

In this video, David Suzuki takes us inside the body to show how the immune system works and how the AIDS virus affects it. - 46 mins (1987)

ALL MEANS ALL

This video presents a brief history of gay and lesbian oppression in society and the church; presents an overview of the history of the United Church's reports on human sexuality and sexual orientation, and then invites the viewer to consider working to create an Affirming Congregation program in the local church. The video comes with a printed resource kit, which includes an outline of how to become an Affirming Congregation and a list of resources. - 18 mins (1992)

ALL THAT GLITTERS (DVD) PART 1 ONLY

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 27 mins (2007)

ALL THAT GLITTERS (PARTS 1 & 2) (DVD)

Jan 19/26 - All That Glitters: Part 1 & 2 (updated version). The Spirit Connection crew was given rare access to the sites and the people caught in the repeating saga of upheaval caused by gold's allure. Mining operations in the Philippines have caused immense destruction to both the environment and to a way of life essential to the indigenous people.

Part 1, contains interviews with Bern Jagunos, Area Secretary for the East Asia, United Church and Marie Hillao- Enriquez, Secretary of Kappapatan, provide an updated picture of the situation.

Part 2, contains an interview with Joan Kuyek on Mining Watch discusses the effects of mining on development, in both the Philippines and in other parts of the world. - 60 mins (2003)

ALL THAT GLITTERS: Parts 1 & 2

SEE DVD FOR DISCRIPTION - 60 mins (2003)

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ALL THAT GLITTERS; RECONCILIATION

ALL THAT GLITTERS (Oct. 9, 2001)

The latest rush for gold is seriously disrupting the indigenous people of the Philippines. Already marginalized in their homeland, they now face the arrival, en masse, of small independent miners, keen to make their fortunes, and Canadian mining companies with larger operations. The Spirit Connection crew was given rare access to the sites and the people caught in the repeating saga of the upheaval caused by gold's allure.

RECONCILIATION (Oct. 16, 2001)

It's a tall order in a world of conflict. But reconciliation between people and nations is a Gospel imperative. Spirit Connection looks at the different paths to reconciliation that are personal and corporate. - 60 mins (2001)

ANCIENT - FUTURE WORSHIP - TAPE 1 - (KIT)

Robert Webber, author and President of the Institute for Worship Studies, narrates six programs using a model of actual Worship to help in the planning and leading of Worship. The Sunday Worship event is shaped into a visual, intergenerational experience, which immerses participants in bold pageantry, communal gestures and rich symbolism.

1. Understanding Worship (18 mins)
2. Ministry of Hospitality (10 mins)
3. Gathering Into God's Presence (13 mins) - 41 mins (1999)

ANCIENT - FUTURE WORSHIP - TAPE 2 - (KIT)

4. Listening to God Through the Word (21 mins)
5. Offering Praise and Thanksgiving at the Table (25 mins)
6. Going Forth to Love and Serve the Lord (20 mins) - 66 mins (1999)

ANGOLA 92

For many years the people of Angola have not known Peace. Centuries of Portuguese colonial oppression were ended in 1975 by their 15-year liberation struggle.

Part 1: The Cost of War,

Part 2: Hopes of a New Nation

Part 3: Healing the Wounds

These three portraits tell the story of a people hoping to build a nation on their newfound Peace. Through it all, Angola Christians, supported by brothers and sisters in North America and Europe, have played a significant role. - 63 mins (1992)

ARTS IN WORSHIP: DRAMA

This is part of a series about using arts in worship and about exploring our Faith and Spirituality through these different Media and experiences. The church traditionally has incorporated drama into Worship in the form of pageants, but this programme examines alternative forms of drama also being used in the church. - 30 mins (1985)

ARTS IN WORSHIP: FABRIC ARTS

This tape focuses on enhancing our worship space with not only banners and artwork, but also through colour and the interior design of our worship spaces. - 30 mins (1985)

ARTS IN WORSHIP: FORM & SPACE

As in the tape in this series that focuses on 'Fabric Arts', this tape explores the use of colour and texture in worship spaces, but takes a broader look at overall interior design of worship spaces. - 30 mins (1985)

ARTS IN WORSHIP: LITURGICAL DANCE

This tape looks at different ways of using dance and movement in worship. Storytelling using dance and motion can sometimes evoke emotive and previously unarticulated responses from viewers and participants. - 30 mins (1985)

AS WE SEE IT

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 12 mins (1985)

AS WE SEE IT (DVD)

A video based on a slide-tape set created by the Native Council of The United Church. A Native perspective on the impact of Christianity upon traditional society and an introduction to the emerging Native Church. - 12 mins (1985)

ASHLEY AND ADAM

Ashley and Adam is about two friends - a little girl and a little boy who discover together, through different experiences, that girls and boys can do the same things. This video helps children deal with the question of gender roles and break down stereotyping in gender roles. - 10 mins (1991)

AWAKENING OF ELIZABETH SHAW (THE)

Based on an original letter written in 1898, this 25-minute video combines archival photographs and other material to help document one missionary's response to the abuses she observed in a residence for Native Children. Elizabeth Shaw worked briefly as a Matron in a residential setting in British Columbia for First Nations Children. This is a moving discussion-sparker. - 25 mins (1996)

B.C. STORIES (STORIES FROM B.C.)

Spirit Connection December 9, 2007

On this show, meet Alvin Dixon, who reflects on his life and work with residential school survivors as they move toward healing; travel up the coast to Bella Coola to meet a young teacher who is working to reintroduce the community's traditional language to his students; meet Bob Burroughs, who has chronicled the history of United Church hospitals; and visit one of the remaining hospitals on the isolated shore. - 28:30 mins (2007)

BABAKIURIA

A family group of white Australians are having a Sunday afternoon barbecue, when they see a boatload of Australian aborigines arrive and raise the Black Australia flag. They approach the whites and ask "What land is this?" The whites reply "Barbecue area". This is a satirical look at white Australian society through the eyes of Aboriginal observers. - 30 mins (1995)

BACK ALLEY BUDDIES

In a real life dramatic situation, young high school students illustrate how high expectations can be derailed by negative pressure. In the story, a young man finds himself involved with drinking and stealing beer and joining a gang. With use of the study guide, leaders help students realize that giving in to peer pressure means giving up their personal identity and power to determine their futures. - 14 mins (1997)

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BAPTISM: BEGINNING & BELONGING - A CONGREGATION'S CELEBRATION

A video which demonstrates the Liturgy for a unified rite of Baptism and renewal (or affirmation) of Baptismal Faith, as set out in the service booklet, Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Faith. It shows that people can affirm their Faith more than once, and it demonstrates the role of congregational sponsors. - 28 mins (1987)

BASTA - BUILDING A NEW ARGENTINA (FULL DOCUMENTARY)

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 45 mins (2003)

BASTA - BUILDING A NEW ARGENTINA (FULL DOCUMENTARY) (DVD)

BASTA - Building a New Argentina. In Spanish, "BASTA" means 'enough'. And that's what Argentineans are saying about economic policies of globalization that have brought their country to collapse. Half of the country now lives below the poverty line. But churches and partners aren't sitting still. They're challenging the system and creating new ways forward. There are stories of hope and resistance from the southern most tip of our hemisphere, where churches and communities are showing by doing that a more just and inclusive world is possible.

This DVD is the combination of the two-part series shown on Spirit Connection, Oct 12 and 19, 2003. BASTA begins with an interview with the documentary's producer, Kathy Price (2 mins) and ends with an interview with Jim Hodgson, Area Secretary for the Caribbean and Latin America. (BASTA is 33 mins not including the interviews.) - 29 mins (2003)

BEARING FAITHFUL WITNESS

Sundayscope is a television program produced in Winnipeg by Interfaith Productions. A discussion of the changes that are occurring in interfaith dialog and the reasons for these changes. - 26 mins (1999)

BEFORE COLUMBUS - PART I - INVASION

This is a series of 3 videos, which describe the Indian experience in the Americas during the past five hundred years. Each video is about 50 mins in length and is divided into two segments.

Tells the real story of Columbus's 'discovery' of the Americas. The film describes the seizure of territory on two continents from the Arctic to the tip of Tierra del Fuego, an attack against Native people that continues to this day, from the flooding of Cree lands in Canada, and the destruction of the Florida Everglades of the Seminole, to the clearing of the Amazon rainforest of the Panara in Brazil. - 51 mins (1993)

BEFORE COLUMBUS - PART II - CONVERSION

Shows that the European conquest of the Americas was not just a struggle for territory but a battle for souls. This film recounts the tragic history but also shows that Indian Spirituality was not destroyed. It survives in the ceremonies of the Zuni, in the rituals of the Maya, and in the Prayers of the Kogi Mamas. - 51 mins (1993)

BEFORE COLUMBUS - PART III - REBELLION

Describes the war against the Indians, a war that has never ended. Some of the Native People have been exterminated during this war. But people as diverse as the Kuna of the Caribbean coast of Panama and the Mohawk of Quebec continue to fight for their land, their rights, and their culture.
NOTE: DUE TO THE VIOLENT NATURE OF CERTAIN SCENES, VIEWER DISCRETION IS ADVISED. - 51 mins (1993)

BEGINNING THE FAITH JOURNEY (DVD)

A visual summary of the report of the Project Group on Christian initiation. Useful to congregations who are 'testing' the recommendations of the Project Group. Also useful for congregations where groups of Parents are being prepared for bringing their Children for Baptism.

In three parts:

Part 1 - background to study (2 mins)

Part 2 - history of Baptism in the Christian church starting in 3rd century (3 mins)

Part 3 - more discussion about Baptism in the congregation's life (9 mins) - 15 mins (1982)

BIG IF (THE)

Poses the question of what would happen if we turned our tanks into tractors, our grenades into chickens and our uniforms into dresses and shoes. (Animated no narration). Wonderful intergenerational resource on Peace and development. - 9 mins (1987)

BORDERLESS

Borderless is a twenty-five minute documentary poem, about migrants living and working without status in Canada. Told in their own voices, the stories of Geraldo an undocumented Costa Rican construction worker, and Angela, a second-generation Caribbean domestic worker, bring to life serious problems of labour exploitation and family separation caused by restrictive Immigration legislation. Viewers are introduced to an often invisible workforce and invited to reflect on the hidden costs of sustaining our first world economy. - 25 mins (2006)

BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 120 mins (2002)

BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE (DVD)

This is a powerful resource for adults and for youth. It can be used for group discussion and/or individual reflection. This Oscar-winning documentary by Michael Moore about escalating gun violence in the United States examines tragic incidents from the shootings at Columbine High School to the murder of a six year old girl by another six year old. - 120 mins (2002)

BREAD

This Prayer meditation contrasts hunger and justice in the first and third worlds. It talks of guilt and feeling pressure to give in response to images of starvation and then looks for what the teachings of Jesus offer as direction and solace. A challenging thoughtful meditative piece. - 12 mins (1988)

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BREAK OPEN GOD'S TREASURED POSSESSIONS (SUNDAYSCOPE)

This is a programme that was aired as part of a television series produced by an Ecumenical team in Manitoba/North-western Ontario Conference. Three United Church members discuss what Stewardship means to them and various examples of generosity in the community. - 33 mins (1996)

BREAK THROUGH: KILLIAN NOE - ADDRESS

BREAKTHROUGH was a renovations event held at the University of Waterloo in June 2002. Killian Noe is co-founder of Samaritan Inns, a non-profit ministry that serves Men and Women recovering from homelessness and addiction in Washington, D.C. Along with others, she started the Lazarus Church in D.C., one of the nine Faith communities that make up the Ecumenical Church of the Saviour. In 1999, Killian moved to Seattle where she co-founded another Faith community, the New Creation community, committed to contemplation and action in the tradition of Church of the Saviour. In her theme address at BREAKTHROUGH she shares her experiences. - 52 mins (2002)

BROKEN FOR YOU

This is intended to help viewers make the connection between the 'service at the table' in the communion service and 'service in the world'. What has communion to do with your relationship to your neighbours at home and around the world? - 10 mins (1987)

BROKEN VOWS

The subtitle for this video is 'Religious Perspectives on Domestic Violence, Parts I and II'. It is aimed at clergy, congregations, religious educators, and staff of shelters and domestic Violence programs.

Part I: (37 mins) addresses the various aspects of the problems and situations of battered Women;

Part II: (22 mins) discusses possible clergy and congregation responses to these problems. - 59 mins (1994)

BROWN WOMEN, BLOND BABIES

The video shows the struggle of the Filipino Women who work as live-in domestics in Canadian homes. It looks at their reasons for leaving homeland and loved ones. And it examines the government policies, which make them a captive work force. Working conditions faced by these Women are often inequitable and sometimes abusive. The factors that place these Women in this situation are also a result of the internationalization of capital. - 28 mins (1991)

BURNING RIVERS

This is a documentary, which examines the Environmental and social crisis in Guatemala. By examining the state of the Guatemalan Environment and exploring the traditional relationship between the people and the land the video focuses on the links between Human Rights and sustainable Environment. - 28 mins (1991)

CAMBODIA: THE FIRST KILOMETER

In preparation for the World Conference of Women to be held in Beijing in 1995, the women of Cambodia made the first kilometer of a 20-kilometer ribbon that would be made by participants of the conference. Each panel made by the women of Cambodia represented the voice of one woman who would not be able to attend. The making of the 20 km. ribbon represents the women of the world weaving the world together, joining diverse cultures to common futures. - 8 mins (1994)

CARING FOR WATERS - COMPLETE SERIES (4 EPISODES) (DVD)

Sources of drinkable water are becoming increasingly scarce throughout the world. Communities and countries are actively looking for ways to ensure safe water for everyone and discourage those who want to exploit this essential resource. This series looks at efforts in Canada and Kenya to find sustainable solutions to water problems.

Rural Vulnerability (March 19, 2006)

The United Church has overcome a direct threat to their groundwater system from a nearby gravel pit, but faces ongoing challenges as urban sprawl and industrial expansion change the environment around them, creating more demand on the water system. They manage their water through diligent conservation and faith.

A Shining River (March 26, 2006)

The Annapolis River project episode explores this habitat in Nova Scotia where fresh and salt water meet, and highlights how members are protecting their community and their environment.

Invisible Residue (April 02 2006)

Rooster Rock: The Story Of Serpent River

In 1953, uranium was discovered 30 miles north of Serpent River First Nations reserve. In the middle of Alex Meawasigie's trap line and in the heart of a sacred mountain. It drastically changed the environment and the community downstream. Art's niece Bonnie Devine uses her own artwork to tell the story of Rooster Rock and toxic residue that still lies in Serpent River.

One Drop At A Time (April 09 2006)

On this program we visit two water projects; a sand dam in southern Kenya used by the Masai Jerders who populate this arid region, and a rainwater collection project in a slum north of Nairobi where 250,000 people live in shacks perched precariously on the hillsides. Church-based partners fund both. - 114 mins (2006)

CARING FOR WATERS - A SHINING RIVER (MARCH 26 2006)

SEE DVD FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION - 29 mins (2006)

CARING FOR WATERS - COMPLETE SERIES (4 EPISODES)

SEE DVD FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION - 114 mins (2006)

CARING FOR WATERS - INVISIBLE RESIDUE (APRIL 2 2006)

SEE DVD FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION - 29 mins (2006)

CARING FOR WATERS - ONE DROP AT A TIME (APRIL 9 2006)

SEE DVD FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION - 29 mins (2006)

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CARING FOR WATERS - RURAL VULNERABILITY (MARCH 19 2006)

SEE DVD FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION - 29 mins (2006)

CASTING OUT FEAR

This video was produced by Affirmation United Methodists for Lesbian/Gay Concerns. The congregation shown on the video as a 'Reconciling Congregation' shows how members and clergy of the congregation came to the point of being a 'Reconciling congregation' and the effects this has had on their congregation. - 37 mins (1988)

CELEBRATE THE RAINBOW

This video looks at Canada's changing cultural mosaic through the eyes of church folk in Toronto, Estevan and Vancouver - 59 mins (1990)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

This video is one of the resources to be used with the Friendship Press study on the Middle East. It complements the printed material, though it can stand on its own merits as well. A study guide is included. A chance to enter life in the Middle East with Christians of the area, people who act faithfully each day despite conflicts and constant power struggles around them. This richly textured video shows the role of churches based in ancient traditions today and their deep worship life. - 30 mins (1992)

CELEBRATION OF OUR ROOTS (A): METHODIST- OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES

This is one part of a 3-part series about the founding denominations of the United Church of Canada.

Dramatizations bring to life some of the best-known and influential Methodists in this retelling of the history of the Methodist Church. The video features comments by leading church historians as well as historic photos. - 35 mins (1990)

CELEBRATION OF OUR ROOTS (A): OUR PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE

This video tells story of the Presbyterian Church as it came together in 1875, uniting diverse Presbyterian groups and then went on to become part of Church Union in 1925. - 21 mins (1985)

CELEBRATION OF OUR ROOTS (A): UNION CHURCHES

A look at the setting in western Canada in the early 1900s, out of which independent Union Churches developed and later became part of The United Church of Canada. Useful in church membership classes. - 20 mins (1985)

CHALLENGING EMPIRE: A CALL TO COMMUNITY (DVD)

Two Spirit Connection episodes with the bonus features, includes study guide.

Dec 02 - Empire introduces empire and responses to it through the work of partners in Columbia, a regional youth gathering, and an interview with theologian/activist Ched Myers.

Oct 14 - Youth Leadership Circle, focuses on a national youth gathering and the work participants are doing in their own communities to challenge empire.

Bonus Feature

Times Are Rough, a short poem written and performed by Boone Mohammed and directed by Cristian Rossel, presents a perspective of a young adult living on the margins in a time of empire.

An in-depth interview with Ched Myers is included as a resource for the study group leaders. - 60 mins (2007)

CHANCE (A): THE CHURCH AND HOMELESS PEOPLE IN BRAZIL

This is the story of the work of The Methodist Community of Street People, in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The video gives a sense of the social issue of homelessness in Brazil and the response of our partner church, the Methodist Church of Brazil. - 17 mins (1993)

CHANGING RHYTHMS

This is a lively, entertaining video about a play and the making of that play by men who came to Canada from Central and South America as Refugees and immigrants. This a/v is a companion piece to 'Creating Bridges', which is about women who have come to Canada, also from Central and South America. - 23 mins (1991)

CHARLIE TAKES THE PLEDGE

The ever-popular 'Charlie Farquharson' is visited by a member of the Stewardship Visitation team and asked to 'take the pledge'. In this programme Charlie, like many other congregational members at some point, must examine his attitudes towards Stewardship and the meaning of his giving to the Church. - 18 mins (1992)

CHILDREN ARE NOT THE PROBLEM

In a classroom setting, native, minority and Anglo children interact with one another. In the video, parents, teachers and children themselves, reflect on the learning Environment and on specific troublesome issues and bring positive perspective in discussion of them. - 28 mins (1991)

CHILDREN IN KENYA

This video provides Canadians a glimpse of what life is like for four children, from different economic backgrounds, living in Kenya. The video could be used with children in various ways - as a resource on Environmental Stewardship, as a basic resource on Global Debt and to help dispel stereotypical images of African people. As a Cross - Generational resource the video could be used for adults and older children, to explore the concept of partnership in the mission and service of The United Church of Canada. There are two children introduced in each of the 2-12 min. parts. - 24 mins (1994)

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CHILDREN: OUR PRESENT AND OUR FUTURE

What happens when congregations listen to children and youth? What ways are young people providing leadership in the church and what makes them want to stay? This 20-minute video resource for the mission theme, "Children: Is Anybody Listening?" is divided into two 10-minute segments that can be used alone or together. We look at two very different congregations, one in Ontario and one in Nova Scotia, who share two things in common - they are both vibrant, thriving communities and they have learned to listen to the youngest members in their pews. - 26 mins (2002)

CHOICES

This is an interactive video workshop, subtitled 'New Concepts for Ministry in the 21st Century'. It examines some of the shifts and trends being modeled in a number of congregations who appear to be reinventing themselves for the future. The video is divided into 8 parts to correspond with the written workshop material. This resource has been assembled by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Education-Evangelism Team, with contribution by Tom Bandy of The United Church of Canada. - 69 mins

Christian YEAR (THE)

A video, which highlights the origins, themes, and personal significance of each of the seasons of the Christian year. In the video there are six 10-minute segments, which can be used individually to introduce these seasons. - 60 mins (1988)

ChristianS IN CUBA

Christianity can be alive and well in a socialist - communist society. A Group of Canadian Christians visits a Methodist Congregation in Cuba. They become acquainted with the standard of living being enjoyed in this society. - 60 mins (1998)

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

Spirit Connection December 16, 2007

The community of Bethlehem once hosted thousands of pilgrims at Christmas. But with the rise in tensions, fewer and fewer Christians are venturing through the checkpoints into this Palestinian town. A look at life in modern Bethlehem through the eyes of its residents. - 28:30 mins (2007)

CHRISTMAS IS

It's the same thing year after year. Benji is playing the second shepherd in the school Christmas play for the second year in a row. But when Benji falls asleep while practicing his lines, his dream carries him and his dog Waldo to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago!

The Messiah is Born! Awakened by a bright star, Benji and Waldo gather with others to gaze at the brilliant light. There the second shepherd shares with them the angel's message that Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

Christmas is Jesus. Benji is excited when he discovers how important the second shepherd really was at that very first Christmas. But even more exciting is Benji's discovery that Christmas is Jesus! -

CINDERELLA AND ME: BEING EXCLUDED

A story enacted using puppets and real people helps Children learn to solve difficult situations. In this story classmates decide that Audrey can't play the part of Cinderella because she doesn't 'look' the part. After talking with an adult she trusts and respects, Audrey realizes there are different ways to bring about change, besides anger. - 14 mins (1997)

CITY THAT FORGOT ABOUT CHRISTMAS (THE)

This is an animated feature in which Benji's grandpa tells the tale of a city that never celebrated Christmas until a new carpenter in town started spreading the Good News. Suitable for children ages 4 to 11. - 22 mins (1987)

COMMON GROUNDS: GIVING COFFEE A NEW FLAVOUR

Common Grounds is a documentary produced for TEN DAYS for Global Justice showing how Canadians and Mexicans are building an alternative, fair trade system for coffee. It highlights the difference fair trade has made for coffee farmers. And it documents the efforts being made in Canada to educate Canadians and pressure coffee companies and grocery stores to offer Trans Fair/Fair Trademark certified coffee as an option for ethical consumers. - 52 mins (1998)

COMMON SOUL (A) - 1. CAPE BRETON

Subtitled "connecting faith and the economy in 2000 and beyond", this 2000 Lenten Series is part of The Moderator's Consultation on Faith and the Economy. Based on the gospel of Mark, and concerned that we work together with one common soul for economic justice in a world that is driven by "bottom line" economics, Bill Phipps travels across Canada meeting with and listening to people from all walks of life. Included is a study guide for each of the six sessions, including notes written by former moderator Bruce McLeod, on the economic background and biblical passages.

The first program (broadcast March 13, 2000 on Spirit Connection) takes place in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The theme is Empowerment: the Gospel Faith that gives strength to a community despite economic hardships. It is connected with the baptism, wilderness, and kingdom experiences of Jesus. - 30 mins (2000)

COMMON SOUL (A) - 2. NORTH BAY

The second program (March 20, 2000) is based on the theme of Discipleship: the risks and hopes of pursuing a moral economy. The community of North Bay, ON is profiled, and a town hall discussion takes place. The biblical reference here is to Jesus calling his disciples. - 30 mins (2000)

COMMON SOUL (A) - 3. TORONTO

In the third program (March 27, 2000) the theme is Healing: the growing gap between rich and poor affects the health of the community. The city of Toronto, ON is the location. The biblical link is with Jesus' experiences of healing both the ruler's daughter and the poor woman. - 30 mins (2000)

COMMON SOUL (A) - 4. LONDON, ON

Program 4 (April 3, 2000) has the theme of Light: breaking the "tired" ways for God's way. The location is London, ON. This is connected with the report of Jesus' transfiguration experience. - 30 mins (2000)

COMMON SOUL (A) - 5. EDMONTON

In the fifth program (April 10, 2000) the theme is Challenge: has the global market become God? This session takes place in Edmonton, AB. The story of Jesus and the coin - Caesar or God? - Is the biblical connection. - 30 mins (2000)

COMMON SOUL (A) - 6. PORT ALBERNI

The final program (April 17, 2000) is on the theme of Resurrection: how do we create a sustainable, ecologically sound economy that includes everyone? The location for this session is Port Alberni, BC. This is linked to the story of the resurrection of Jesus. - 30 mins (2000)

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COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CHILD OR TEEN (DVD)

Communication with your child or teen helps adults learn to be better listeners and model good communication techniques for the whole family. Sessions cover recognizing barriers to good communication, stages of childhood development, learning your child's communication style, and how to become an effective listener.

Each DVD contains four sessions with 15 mins of video including three segments of video for each class.

WEEK 1: RECOGNIZING THE BARRIERS WE BUILD

WEEK 2: UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S AGES AND STAGES

WEEK 3: LEARNING YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION "STYLE"

WEEK 4: IMPROVING COMMUNICATION IN YOUR HOME

With the proactive parenting series, you don't have to be a "parenting expert" to lead a class or small group. With DVD segments from Jim Williams, a well-known author and national speaker, it's easy to coordinate a class, facilitate discussions and help lead a group of parents through a period of leading, growing and sharing - 60 mins (2004)

COMPANIONS IN HOPE

The story of the first group of Guatemalan Refugees returning from Mexico to Guatemala. Forced out by the Guatemalan Military's continued harassment and destruction of their homes, these determined people return to claim their heritage with the help of the UN and international NGO support. This documentary illustrates the courage and faith of the campesinos as they make the return journey amidst great danger from bombing raids still going on in neighbouring villages. - 29 mins (1993)

COMPANY OF STRANGERS

This is a feature length film about eight elderly women who are stranded in the wilderness when their bus breaks down. The story is about the relationships that develop between these women over the following days and nights and of the memories they share. The film helps to break down stereotypes about the elderly. Note: closed captions - 101 mins (1991)

CONVERSATIONS AT THE WELL (A PLAY WRITTEN BY RICK PRASHAW)

Imagine a conversation on justice between two people, one pegged as a "right-wing, hang-em high fanatic" and the other, a "left-wing, bleeding heart liberal".

Imagine that talk taking place with each one quoting the Bible to support their beliefs on God's justice.

Welcome to "just that" - Conversations at the Well, - a play written by Rick Prashaw of The Church Council on Justice and Corrections. You soon will be meeting Rick and Steph, two very ordinary young people whose lives and family experiences have them asking hard questions about what they believe.

Indeed, for people of faith, the subject of crime and justice can bring up other quite profound matters - on one hand: suffering, evil and punishment. On the other hand, healing, forgiveness, even reconciliation. - 29 mins (2004)

CORINTHIANS 1 & 2: COMPLETE SERIES 8 SESSIONS

SEE DESCRIPTION UNDER INDIVIDUAL TITLES - 120 mins (1989)

CORINTHIANS 1 & 2: SESSION 1

These two Corinthian letters give an exciting picture of the struggles of one of the earliest Christian churches, in which no one had been a Christian for more than two or three years and there were no established traditions about how to do things. Good basic Bible study material.

There are 8 sessions.

1. The Founding of the Church at Corinth - 15 mins (1989)

CORINTHIANS 1 & 2: SESSION 2

2. The City of Corinth - 14 mins (1989)

CORINTHIANS 1 & 2: SESSION 3

3. The Sequence of Letters - 14 mins (1989)

CORINTHIANS 1 & 2: SESSION 4

4. Divisions within the Church - 14 mins (1989)

CORINTHIANS 1 & 2: SESSION 5

5. Apostleship of Sexuality - 13 mins (1989)

CORINTHIANS 1 & 2: SESSION 6

6. Paul's Views on Women - 13 mins (1989)

CORINTHIANS 1 & 2: SESSION 7

7. Worship, The Holy Spirit and Resurrection - 13 mins (1989)

CORINTHIANS 1 & 2: SESSION 8

8. The Collection for Jerusalem - 13 mins (1989)

CORPORATE CONNECTION

Concerned about Human Rights in South Korea, citizens from Albany, New York speak out about political and corporate practises that reek of unfairness. This video allows us to examine the reality of what is going on and raising our awareness and the need to take action. - 19 mins

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COUNTERING PHARAOH'S PRODUCTION- CONSUMPTION IN SOCIETY TODAY (DVD)

A new study for Progressive Christians. Ideal for Advent and Lent, flexible in format, Countering Pharaoh can be conducted over four or five sessions. The program includes a two DVD and a CD-Rom with printable written materials.

Session One: The Way Out
Session Two: The Decalogue
Session Three: Countering Caesar
Session Four: An Act of Imagination
Session Five: On Not Doing God Any Favours - 120 mins (2006)

COURAGE TO MAKE PEACE (THE)

In an interview Karen Ridd talks about her experiences working in Central America and the power of non-violent action. While working in El Salvador, Karen Ridd was arrested by the army and placed in a detention centre. When Canadian diplomats arranged for her release Karen voluntarily returned to the prison until her Colombian co-worker was also released. - 30 mins

CREATING BRIDGES

The focus of this video is a group of immigrant women from Latin America who worked together to produce a play about their experiences. The video uses segments of the play as well as personal interviews to show what it was like for these Women to flee their country, arrive in Canada and adjust to life in a new country. A companion piece to this video is 'Changing Rhythms', about the making of a play by men who came to Canada from Latin America. - 28 mins (1989)

CRISS-CROSS THEOLOGY DVD (ALL FOUR PARTS)

People can view the same situation in very different ways. It all depends on our context: our unique experience and perspective determines how we understand our world. Context also affects how we interpret the Gospel, both as a church and as individuals. Spirit Connection invites four Christians, from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Canada's First Nations, to share how their personal stories and theologies have been shaped by their cultures. This series of four 27-minute interviews explores how Theology in a modern context makes the Gospel a dynamic and living presence.

Part I: Wesley Mabuza

Wesley Mabuza is a Methodist minister from South Africa, served as General Secretary for the Institute for Contextual Theology and also served with the South African Council of Churches. He has been arrested more than once when standing with those who were victims of structural Violence.

Part II: Nestor Medina

Nestor Medina is a doctoral student at Emmanuel College and an ordained minister of Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. He was born in Guatemala and left to live in El Salvador and the United States before coming to Canada.

Part III: Wenh-In Ng

Wenh-In Ng describes herself as an Asian woman doing Theology in the North American Diaspora. She is Professor Emeritus at Emmanuel College and the author of numerous books and articles dealing with multicultural religious education.

Part IV: Alf Dumont

Alf Dumont is former speaker of All Native Circle Conference, Former Director of the Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Centre and is in team ministry at St. John's United Church in Alliston, Ontario. - 114 mins (2004)

CRISS-CROSS THEOLOGY PART I: WESLEY

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 28 mins (2004)

CRISS-CROSS THEOLOGY PART II: NESTOR MEDINA

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 28 mins (2004)

CRISS-CROSS THEOLOGY PART III: WENH-IN NG

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 28 mins (2004)

CRISS-CROSS THEOLOGY PART IV: ALF DUMONT

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 28 mins (2004)

CUBA: 3 FAITH PERSPECTIVES

Three Cubans reflect on their Faith - how their beliefs and values have developed and changed over the years of life in Cuba since the revolution of 1959. This documentary lays to rest many myths and raises some significant questions for Christians in North America. - 28 mins (1999)

CURING AFFLUENZA - PART 1

Being an on-the-go consumer is as American as apple pie. But what is it doing to us and those we love? Some people are saying it has made us sick with a disease they cleverly call "affluenza". Tony Campolo tells us about a cure that is actually documented in the Bible. He tackles such forbidden subjects as our money and our time and our stuff.

Part 1 deals with Abundant Life: What Is It? - 23 mins

CURING AFFLUENZA - PART 2

See part 1 for description

Part 2 deals with Money: How Poor Does Jesus Want Us To Be? - 23 mins

CURING AFFLUENZA - PART 3

See part 1 for description

Part 3 deals with Time: How Much Do I Have To Give Away? - 22 mins.

CURING AFFLUENZA - PART 4

See part 1 for description

Part 4 deals with Stuff: How Much Can I Have? - 25 mins.

CURING AFFLUENZA - PART 5

See part 1 for description

Part 5 deals with Support: What Will Help? - 25 mins.

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CURING AFFLUENZA - PART 6

See part 1 for description

Part 6 deals with Next: What Do I Do Come Monday Morning? - 25 mins.

DANCEPRAYER

The famed liturgical dancer Carla DeSola leads viewers in meditative dance Prayer useful for groups and individuals - 25 mins (1993)

DARE TO BE

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (2004)

DARE TO BE (DVD)

The History of The United Church of Canada from its inception in 1925. This video includes a lot of interesting trivia including that Nellie McClung was one of five Women who won the Person's Case in 1929 and the name of the first woman to be ordained. - 10 mins (2005)

DARE TO CHANGE (PARTS I & II) CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE CHURCH

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 57 mins (2004)

DARE TO CHANGE (PARTS I & II) CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE CHURCH (DVD)

Shifts in demographics, cultural changes and generational differences all affect how the church carries out its mission as an institution. These programs look at some thriving United Church congregations in Winnipeg, Manitoba; Richmond, British Columbia; Whitby, Brampton, and Toronto, Ontario, as well as Calgary, Alberta, who are all finding their own vision and mission.

Part I: Feb. 29, 2004 Congregation in Richmond, BC (11:45 mins) interview with Jim McKibbin who talks about demographic trends and the church in the future (4:20 mins); "minute for mission" from Guatemala St. Mary's Road United Church, Winnipeg (7:55 mins); Anne Martin talks about her book "Rooted in the Divine", about small group ministries 1:40 mins

Part II: March 7, 2004: Congregation at Red Deer Lake, AB, outside Calgary (4:30 mins); "minute for mission" about Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Centre Northstar United Church in Springdale, Brampton, ON (6:15 mins); Toronto Chinese United Church (6:09 mins); Westminster United Church, Whitby, ON 3:15 mins

Includes interviews with Anne Martin about a book for small group ministries, with Jim McKibbin who talks about demographic trends and the church in the future, and with Vince Alfano of the Toronto United Church Council. - 57 mins (2004)

DEADLY EMBRACE

This video is subtitled: Nicaragua, The World Bank and The International Monetary Fund. It traces the history of US involvement in the area. After five years of IMF and World Bank programs, Nicaragua has experienced the worst economic collapse in its history and has been reduced to one of the poorest countries in the world. - 30 mins (1996)

DEADLY HARVEST

This video takes North American viewers out of their safe environment and transports them to Cambodia, a country struggling to recover from a vicious civil war. It highlights a devastating problem for civilians that have received very little attention until recently - the thousands of landmines that have been left behind by almost all military factions in over 60 countries. - 35 mins (1994)

DEATH ON REQUEST

A panel discussion on euthanasia in Canada. Two guest panellists discuss two different positions. Marilyn Seguin, Executive Director of Dying With Dignity, presents the pro-euthanasia position. Presenting the anti-euthanasia position is Anne Simmonds, also an R.N. and an ordained minister who is head of Chaplaincy Services at Wellesley Hospital in Toronto. - 48 mins (1996)

DEBT GAME (THE): WHO OWES WHOM

With the aid of animation, vintage and archival movie clips and interviews with economists, this videotape explains the history of and the reasons for the current cycle of debt faced by countries in Latin America and developing nations around the world. - 58 mins

DEVIL AT THE WHEEL

Ken Pestana re-enacts his uncaring, unlawful life in the fast lane in this gripping story in order to persuade others not to follow his example. He finds himself in jail, and close to the breaking point he allows himself to be influenced by a cellmate who has found comfort in conversion to Christianity. - (1985)

DISCERNING THE CALL

This video is a helpful guide through the discernment process of The United Church of Canada. Stories from inquirers and candidates in all streams of ministry help to clarify what can feel like an uncertain and daunting journey. As a companion resource to the discernment handbook of the same name, Discerning The Call will provide insight and direction for inquirers, discernment committees, pastoral charges and theological schools. - 25 mins (2001)

DISCERNING THE WAY: PART 2 - HABITS OF THE HEART: LINKS BETWEEN BEING AND DOING

In this eight part television series, Dr. Anderson of the Vancouver School of Theology - using dramatic vignettes, interviews and class interaction - introduces a practical, everyday framework for ethical decision-making. - 30 mins (1992)

DISCERNING THE WAY: PART 7 - HABITS OF THE HEART: LINKS BETWEEN BEING AND DOING

SEE PART 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 MINS

DISCERNING THE WAY: PART 8 - THE MORAL ORCHESTRA OF LIFE

SEE PART 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30mins (1994)

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DISCOVERING EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY - TAPE I - STORY

A series of four videos, each divided into two parts of approximately 25 mins, for retaining and nurturing the sacredness of everyday life.

Stories have the power to heal and set free - particularly the stories of our own lives, recreated, reimagined and relived. - 50 mins (1994)

DISCOVERING EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY - TAPE II - PLACE

By paying attention to our own homes and neighbourhoods we discover the spiritual geography of our lives. - 50 mins (1994)

DISCOVERING EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY - TAPE III - ACTIVITY

All our activities - work, art or chores - can enhance and deepen our spiritual lives. - 50 mins (1994)

DISCOVERING EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY - TAPE IV - RITUAL (RC)

Rituals give order and meaning to our lives, linking our inner and outer worlds. - 56 mins (1994)

DISCOVERING THE Bible - TAPE 1 - (KIT)

This kit of resources for Bible study is designed to be used by people who are new to the church. There are two tapes, each containing two programs, one-half hour in length.

Tape 1 - Program 1: Getting Acquainted;
Program 2: The Old Testament.

The kit also contains a companion overview, leader's guide, student worksheets, and bulletin inserts. - 60 mins (1996)

DISCOVERING THE Bible - TAPE 2 - (KIT)

Tape 2 - Program 3: The New Testament;
Program 4: Survival, Spread and Influence. - 60 mins (1996)

DOCTOR IN THE SKY

This delightfully animated video was produced by the United Nations and would be useful for all ages, especially Outreach Committees and Mission Convenors. The world is sick. It is sent to a hospital in the sky where its problems are diagnosed and treated, and a happy, healthy world is returned to its place in the universe with the United Nations Charter of Human Rights, to be put into practice. - 7 mins (1987)

DON'T SIT ON YOUR STUFF

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 21 mins (2002)

DON'T SIT ON YOUR STUFF (DVD)

Don't Sit On Your Stuff - with Ted & Lee and Tangled Blue

Help youth discuss and begin to live out Christian Stewardship principles. Ted and Lee, as disciples Peter and Andrew, explore Jesus' parable of the master and his three servants and figure out that they shouldn't "sit on their stuff." Tangled Blue performs their original song. "Gift Of Grace", bringing fresh twists of interpretation to two stories of Giving Grace - Mary washing Jesus' feet with expensive perfume, and the parable of the widow who gave all her money at the temple. and features youth group's discussion of what happens when giving means reaching out to a member of the group who has cancer. - 21 mins (2002)

DREAM OF PEACE

This video looks at how and why New Zealand has taken a world recognized stand against allowing nuclear warships into its ports. It also examines the anti-nuclear links to other South Pacific countries - 12 mins

DUMONT BROTHERS (THE): PATHS OF THE SPIRIT (RC)

The sons of a French-Canadian father and Ojibwa mother, Jim and Alf Dumont have followed different paths in search of their own Spirituality. Both sons earned theological degrees at Emmanuel College in Toronto, but Jim chose not to seek ordination and instead turned to his native roots and heritage in search of identity, and now teaches Native Studies at Laurentian College. Alf Dumont became an ordained minister of The United Church of Canada and served as the first Speaker for the All Native Circle Conference. Jim and Alf discuss the different paths their faith journeys have followed. - 24 mins (1992)

EAST TIMOR LOROSAE

After 500 years of foreign rule, first by Portugal, then by Japan during World War Two, and then by Indonesia for the past 25 years, finally the East Timorese can proudly say they have a constitution: they have a national parliament; they have a government; diplomatic relations with other countries; they can engage in normal trade with the rest of the world; and be part of the international community. For a small nation that not too many people believed could be free, a nation that endured years of darkness, suffering and humiliation, it is a tremendous joy. - 25 mins (2002)

EASTER IS

Cartoon characters Benji and Waldo discover the real meaning of Easter in this video. When Benji's dog, Waldo, is kidnapped just before Easter, the boy realizes just how much he is willing to sacrifice to get his dog back. It is then that Benji begins to understand what Easter is all about. The message in this video is valid any time of the year, not just Easter. - 25 mins (1991)

EASTER STORY (THE)

Seen through the eyes of the Apostle Mark, this beautifully animated resurrection of "The Easter Story" begins with Jesus' joyful entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The story continues with the drama of Christ's betrayal, arrest and crucifixion and his triumphant resurrection and ascent into Heaven. Presented in glowing full colour animation with a cast of all-star voices, this classic production brings to life all the wonder and glory of what many have called "the greatest story ever told" - 30 mins

EASTER TODAY, EASTER FOREVER

This is a 'Nanny and Isaiah' puppet Adventure. Children receive the message once again through Nanny and Isaiah's experiences that Easter is not just one day of the year - we can share Easter with one another each day of the year. - 33 mins (1991)

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ECUDECADE: CHURCHES IN SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN IN CHURCH & SOCIETY 1988-98

The first section (each segment is 10 min.) of this videotape provides a reflective piece on the background and the meaning of the Decade. The second segment is an interview with Dr. Lois Wilson, a president of the World Council of Churches and a member of the international monitoring group for the Decade. - 20 mins (1990)

ECUMENICAL SHARED MINISTRY: A LOVE STORY

Ecumenical shared ministries involve people of different Christian traditions coming together to share their life and ministry. They may share any or all of facilities, staff, program and worship, or they might form one congregation. This video tells the stories of four ecumenical shared ministries, highlighting such issues as sharing a building, developing different styles of worship, education about each other's traditions and values, decision-making, appointments of clergy, joys and frustrations. - 28 mins (1994)

EMBRACING TRANSFORMATION: CONGREGATIONAL MISSION IN A CHANGING CANADA

This video is intended to broaden awareness of community activities and cultural diversity in many congregations and to demonstrate that congregational mission is unique to each community. It shows six different congregations that are seeking to follow God in mission in the changing circumstances of their communities. The congregations are Foothills United in Calgary, Marion Harper Memorial Circle in Winnipeg, Comunaute Chretienne de Bethel in Montreal, Westminster United in Mississauga, ON, Three Rivers Pastoral Charge in the Annapolis Valley, and Ryerson United in Vancouver. - 45 mins (1997)

EMPIRE

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The spectre of empire is so subtle that we often fail to recognize it in our lives. But for a group of young people in Canada and those who live on the margins in Colombia, the manifestations of empire are clearly visible, and they are actively resisting, but can they be successful? - 28:30 mins (2007)

ENCOUNTERS WITH DEPRESSION

Dr. K. Sohail, psychiatrist, shares his insights into depression and how various forms of treatment help patients and their families to regain a happy and healthy lifestyle. Three patients share their experiences with depression and the help they received to deal with it. This documentary is produced to help patients, their families, therapists and the public at large to develop a better understanding and an optimistic attitude towards depression. It will reassure them that there is light at the end of a dark tunnel. - 30 mins

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH - TEENS AGAINST VIOLENCE:

Motivated by concern over the Media's sensational approach to Violence, many teens are using their talents to make themselves heard. This video follows several teenagers as they develop creative projects to get their peers thinking about the impact of Violence in the Media (action films, video games, TV. Music) on their lives. - 28 mins (1995)

ESCAPE FROM AFFLUENZA

Subtitled 'Living Better on Less', this program, originally aired on PBS, provides practical solutions to the problems (stress, waste, over consumption and environmental decay) caused by the pace of modern consumer living. Viewers are offered a number of examples of simpler lifestyles as well as a variety of ideas for cutting consumption, debt, and waste. Done with good humour and engaging style. - 56 mins (1998)

ESTEVAN - POINT OF ENTRY

This video tells the story of how Immigration through the years has been handled in the rural community of Estevan, Saskatchewan. - 29 mins (1989)

ETHNIC MINISTRIES OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

A good overview of the ethnic congregations that are part of the United Church. It explains how they differ from other United Churches and looks at the important role these congregations play in the lives of new immigrants as well as second and third generations. - 18 mins (1989)

EVER EXPANDING CIRCLES - (KIT)

EVER EXPANDING CIRCLES is designed to help young people between the ages of 10 and 14 discover how the biblical concept of stewardship relates to their everyday lives. Both video and print resources are divided into five segments. Topics include self-esteem; the stewardship of relationships; money, power and social status; the environment; and mission. - 25 mins

EVERYONE MINISTERS, EVERYONE LEARNS

This interactive video tells the story of four lay people and their ministry. The video is designed to challenge lay people to think about their ministry and to let viewers know that there are institutions and programs that will provide support and training for lay ministry. - 28 mins (1991)

EXPLORING..DYING: 1 - SAYING GOODBYE

This series of 6 videos is for those who have to deal with the death of a loved one, or for those who relate to someone whose loved one is dying. Led by Ron DelBene, people tell their stories of experiencing the death of loved ones, and reflect on what they have learned. Each of the first 5 videos deals with 2 topics, and at the end of each part there are questions for reflection and/or discussion. The 6th tape is the DelBene family story.

Part 1, 'Saying Goodbye' shows a number of ways people have said goodbye and explores some rituals that have been helpful in the closure process. - 24 mins

EXPLORING..DYING: 2 - LIVING THROUGH GRIEF

Part 2, 'Living Through Grief', emphasizes the importance of accepting our feelings so that through grieving our spirit mends and our heart is healed. - 19 mins

EXPLORING..DYING: 3 - TELLING THE STORIES

Part 3, 'Telling the Stories', shows a number of people telling stories about the many faces of death and about the 'porous nature of the curtain between life and death'. - 23 mins

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EXPLORING..DYING: 4 - RECOGNIZING THE SACRED

Part 4, 'Recognizing the Sacred', teaches the importance of recognizing and trusting our instincts and of being present and attentive to the person we are with in order to recognize holy moments. - 18 mins

EXPLORING..DYING: 5 - COMMUNICATING

Part 5, 'Communicating', explores ways to open up or improve meaningful communication in families and with friends during the stressful times of illness and death. - 25 mins

EXPLORING..DYING: 6 - ONE FAMILY'S STORY

Part 6, 'One Family's Story', illustrates the diversity of thoughts and feelings of the members of one family sharing the same events. - 27 mins

FABLE OF HE AND SHE

Creative clay animation by filmmaker Eliot Noyes Jr., depicts the amusing tale of the 'Hardibars' and the 'Mushamels' who discover that traditional male and female roles can be discarded. - 12 mins (1991)

FACE OF ALL THE EARTH (THE)

Canberra was the most diverse and representative gathering of world Christians ever held. It surfaced issues crucial to the future of the entire ecumenical movement. In three parts, this program addresses issues of war and peace, the rights of aboriginal peoples, and the growing role of women in the life of the church. - 52 mins (1991)

FACE OF THE FUTURE (THE)

This is the story of the formation and structure of the All Native Circle Conference. It begins with the church's formal apology to the Native People in Sudbury, summer 1986 and addresses United Church native congregations' visions within the church. The video also includes footage taken on-location at various Native People's gatherings. - 22 mins

FACES ON FAITH - HAROLD KUSHNER

This video is an interview with Rabbi Harold Kushner author of the best seller 'When Bad Things Happen to Good People'. The book deals with his own exploration into the nature of good and evil. - 26 mins (1993)

FACES ON FAITH - RENITA WEEMS

This is a series of interviews with religious and secular thinkers who respond to age-old questions of belief and meaning. The videos provide discussions of issues such as: death, suffering, evil, and images of God, the meaning of faith, redemption, and creation.

This is an interview with Renita Weems who is an ordained Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and teaches Old Testament Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. - 26 mins (1993)

FACES ON FAITH - ROBERT MCAFEE BROWN

This video is an interview with Robert McAfee Brown who is a teacher of religion and theology and an author of more than twenty books. He has combined scholarship and social activism for more than forty years. - 26 mins (1993)

FACES ON FAITH- VIRGINIA RAMEY MOLLENKOTT

This video is an interview with Virginia Ramey Mollenkott who is a professor of literature at William Paterson College. Raised and educated in a strict, Christian faith community, Virginia Ramey Mollenkott has gained new insight into the nature of God through her own encounters with feminist writing and in her own writing. - 26 mins (1993)

FAITH, HOPE AND CLARITY - PROGRAMMES 1, 2 AND 3

This video series provides valuable insights into the beliefs and practices, through encounter and dialogue, of the major Faiths. We are encouraged as members of the United Church to explore our understanding of our Christian Faith on today's topic.

In Programme 1 "God" is the topic discussed by representatives of Christian and Buddhist Faiths.

In Programme 2 "Us" is the topic discussed by a Hindu and a Jew.

In Programme 3 "Revelation" is discussed by a Christian and a Muslim. - 90 mins (1990)

FAITH, HOPE AND CLARITY - PROGRAMMES 4, 5 AND 6

In Programme 4 "Sin" is discussed by a Buddhist and a Jew.

In Programme 5 "Prayer" is discussed by a Muslim and a Hindu.

In Programme 6 "Salvation" is discussed by a Christian and a Jew. - 90 mins (1990)

FAITH, HOPE AND CLARITY - PROGRAMMES 7, 8, 9 AND 10

In Programme 7 "Authority" is discussed by a Buddhist and a Muslim.

In Programme 8 "Stewardship" is discussed by a Hindu and a Christian.

In Programme 9 "Pluralism" is discussed by a Hindu and a Muslim.

In Programme 10 "After Life" is discussed by a Christian and a Buddhist. - 90 mins (1990)

FALL OF FREDDIE THE LEAF (THE)

A tender story for all ages based on the book by Leo Buscaglia, this video provides a thought-provoking and enlightening explanation about the understanding and acceptance of death and the ultimate appreciation of life. - 16 mins

FALSE ECONOMY

Rod Booth in interview with Herbert O'Driscoll, noted Canadian and prolific speaker, and with Bob Goudzwaard, a professor of economics and co-author of 'Beyond Poverty and Affluence: Towards a Canadian Economy of Care'. Perspectives from both these outspoken thinkers to issues around the role of the church responding to a world in economic turmoil will provide groups with substance for further analysis in the second year of 'Work, Money & Meaning'. Also could be used in Jubilee Mission Theme Study - 20 mins (1996)

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FAMILY ALBUMS: PORTRAITS FROM A NEW CANADA

Through interviews with students from Sisler High School in Winnipeg, this video explores a variety of issues faced by young immigrants and their families in today's Canadian society. The video can be divided into three parts (indicated on the video) and used separately. The user guide also includes a lesson plan for grades 10 or 11, provided by the producers. - 52 mins (1995)

FINDING YOUR WAY

Subtitled 'A Newcomer's Look at The United Church of Canada', this video features the voices of fifteen people who have come to the United Church at critical moments in their lives and why they have stayed. - 10 mins (1996)

FINE LINE (A)

Three women tell their individual stories about living in poverty in Canada. Although these women's stories share much that is common, they don't seem to fit the prevalent stereotypes about the poor. This video presents the realities within our societal structures and systems, which have created and sustained the condition of poverty and the need for change. - 60 mins (1990)

FIRE IN THE ROSE

This video provides an overview of the congregational educational programme developed by the Church Council on Justice and Corrections in conjunction with congregations from a number of different denominations across the country.

The program was developed to help congregations look at the issue of violence in relationships, why it happens and what people can do as individuals to first recognize and then work together as congregations/communities to begin the healing process. - 21 mins (1995)

FISHING ON THE BRINK

This documentary looks at the fight for survival of the inshore fishery on Canada's East Coast. - 49 mins (1997)

FIVE MINUTE PROJECT (THE)

The 5 Minute Project is a collection of 21 five-minute videos by women producers from around the world. These videos were prepared for the Beijing United Nations Conference on women held in September 1995. The project arose out of the World Association for Christian Communication Symposium in Thailand two years before and was spearheaded by UCTV's Leslie Adams and the subsequent involvement of Kristine Greenaway. Stories from the 5 Minute Project were broadcast in Canada on Vision TV during the Beijing Conference via WETV satellite. - 108 mins (1995)

FOCUS ON NORTH KOREA

The Canadian Council of Churches was invited by the Christian Community in North Korea to visit their country. This video is an interview of three of the visitors: Rhea Whitehead of the United Church, Terry Gallagher a Roman Catholic priest and Glen Davis of the Presbyterian Church. The interviews dispel many myths we have about North Korea. - 30 mins (1989)

FOLKTALES OF PEACE II

This is a collection of three stories about peace for use with children from 4 to 12 years old. One is a Welsh tale, 'Slops'; one is an Ndebele tale from Zimbabwe, 'A Blind Man Catches a Bird'; and the third is from the Marshall Islands in the Pacific, 'The War Between the Sandpipers and the Whales'. All are from the book, 'Peace Tales: World Folktales to Talk About', by Margaret Read MacDonald. - 28 mins (1997)

FOR OUR SISTERS, FOR OUR DAUGHTERS

This is a resource developed to help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the entrenching of women's equality rights in the Constitution. It was produced for the Ad Hoc Committee on Women and the Constitution to document the various stages in the Canadian women's movement for equality. The women in the video are strong, assertive, articulate and diverse, with a keen sense of the importance of historical perspective and ongoing vigilance. - 15 mins (1991)

FOR THE BOYS

See Spirit Connection Nov 1999 and Spirit Connection Nov 2002 for description - 59 mins (1999)

FRAGILE TIME

This video deals with teen suicide. It is the story of three teenagers who wanted to die. Two received help while one did not. It suggests some ways we can prevent teen suicide. This is designed to be used with young people as well as adults. However it should be used in a carefully planned session, especially when young teens are part of the group. Be sure a trained counsellor is present. - 30 mins (1989)

FREE INDEED

This video challenges viewers and raises awareness about the privileges that come with being white in North America. In an avant-garde approach, it shows specific examples of the forms these privileges take to encourage viewers to explore old assumptions and look for ways to break down racism. This is a resource for the 1997 - 99 mission study theme, 'Uprooted Peoples'. - 25 mins (1995)

FRESH TALK: YOUTH AND SEXUALITY - PART I - IMAGE

This video is part of a series on youth and sexuality. 'Image' is a documentary in which young people ages 15-24 speak candidly about how their sexuality is influenced by relationships with family and friends, gender roles, sexual orientation, economics and religion. There is also some focus on how the images of both women & men portrayed in the media affect teens' own self-images. - 22 mins (1991)

FRUITS OF THE FOREST

This video documents the development of the Amazon Forest, begun in the 1970's by the Brazilian military government. Initiatives were begun to develop and populate Amazonia. With development came destruction and at the heart of the development was a huge iron ore mine. The ensuing years have brought a response to the destruction. Farmers, taking over parcels of land, have to learn new ways of farming in order to preserve the land. - 21 mins (1997)

GAMBLING WITH THE FUTURE

This half-hour special investigates the impact of institutionalized gaming in Canada. Is gambling the answer to the revenue needs of our governments? What are the real costs of promoting gambling in order to finance social services to society, to community helping agencies (such as churches) and to the gamblers themselves? This documentary shows the efforts of many to get behind the hype of the casino promoters to provide thought-provoking statistics. Would work well as a study group tool along with "Chasing Lightning", available from UCPH. - 30 mins (1998)

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GENERAL COUNCIL - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 38TH GENERAL COUNCIL UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

This video includes news of the new Moderator and The General Secretary of The United Church of Canada plus the highlights. - 146 mins (2003)

GENERAL COUNCIL - ISSUES BEFORE THE 39TH GENERAL COUNCIL

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 29 mins (2006)

GENERAL COUNCIL - ISSUES BEFORE THE 39TH GENERAL COUNCIL (DVD)

Spirit Connection June 11, 2006. Issues before the 39th General Council host Royal Orr and United Church minister Laura Lockhart highlight a number of issues to be examined by the 39th General Council in August in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Topics to be discussed with guests include investment in Palestine, living faithfully in empire, the Emerging Spirit campaign, and isolation in ministry - 29 mins (2006)

GENERAL COUNCIL - THERE IS HOPE (GC38 THEME VIDEO)

Selected moments of the daily worship and theme presentations, "There is Hope", woven together and presented for discussion groups or for individual reflection. Well known United Church educator and author of Soul Maps, Mardi Tindal, helps us reflect on and integrate how the gift of hope deepens in us and in the life of our world. The five theme presentations focus on particular practices of hope. The desire is that the work done by commissioners at the 38th General Council (2003) will continue into meetings of every Conference, presbytery/district, and pastoral charge, extending the examination of this theme throughout the United Church. The five theme presentations focus on particular practices of hope. Study guide included.

Theme 1: THERE IS HOPE (34 mins) Includes Elixir, the play by Scott Douglas

Theme 2: THE PRACTICE OF ACCOMPANYING OTHERS Panel 1 (23 mins); Panel 2 (21 mins)

Theme 3: THE PRACTICE OF PERSISTENCE Three dance movements (this segment is without sound). "Critique" (2:12 mins); "Lament" (2:46 mins); "Vision" (2:34 mins)

Theme 4: THE PRACTICE OF RESISTANCE (18 mins)

Theme 5: THE PRACTICE OF CELEBRATION (9:33 mins)

(All on one video. 120 mins) - 120 mins (2003)

GENERAL COUNCIL- HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 38TH GENERAL COUNCIL

Highlights Of The 38TH General Council from August 10 - 16, 2003. News of the new Moderator and General Secretary of the United Church, highlights, decisions and issues expressed from the 38th General Council held in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. - 29 mins (2003)

GENESIS - VOLUME ONE

Most of the stories, which make up the book of Genesis, are theological stories - about God and God's relationship with humankind. Such themes as the creation of everything by God, the existence of human freedom, the persistence of sin, and the covenant between God and the Hebrew people are ultimately what the book of Genesis is all about. In this video, four of the world's top Genesis scholars are interviewed and discuss the themes, characters and stories of Genesis.

Part of the RSV Project, this series on Genesis is on two videos. Each has 6 sessions.

Volume 1: In the Beginning; The Yahwist and the Elohist; The Primeval History; Abraham; The Abrahamic Covenant; Lot at Sodom and Gomorrah. - 90 mins (1991)

GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD

Genetically Modified Food is the video designed as a resource for United Church congregations and groups participating in the study and consultation process on genetically modified (GM) food. This process aims to engage a wide variety of voices in the development of a church policy on the use of biotechnology and genetic engineering in food production. The host is Mark Hathway, Creation / Environment, The United Church of Canada. Each segment of the video provides an overview presentation corresponding to a session of the study process outlined in the printed guide on genetically modified food issues. (The printed guide is not provided with the video but can be obtained through UCRD.)

The three segments are:

I. INTRODUCING THE CONSULTATION PROCESS (40 mins)
Contains the October 20, 2002 Spirit Connection Program:
SOWING OUR FUTURE (28 mins)

II. HEALTH, ECOLOGY, REGULATION AND LABELLING (25 mins)

III. JUSTICE, PATENTING, RESPONSIBILITY, AND CONTROL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY (25 mins)
Ends with the film LIFE IS FOR ALL, NOT FOR SALE produced by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace - 90 mins (2002)

GENTLE BUT RADICAL

This video profiles Chung Hyun Kyung, the Korean feminist theologian, whose controversial theme presentation at the 1991 World Council of Churches assembly shocked many delegates. Her philosophies have their origins in, among other traditions, Korean Shamanism and Confucian ritual. This is a fascinating glimpse of a remarkable and vibrant woman who's theology celebrates and embraces all of life. - 32 mins (1992)

GIFTS TO SHARE

We all have gifts to share. Some are obvious, others less conspicuous. The four short clown skits on this video are about gifts and giving.

Skit #1 - The Clown Without a Gift

Skit #2 - Freed to Share

Skit #3 - The Pleaser

Skit #4 - The Great Offering - 23 mins (1989)

GIVING TREE (THE)

A poignant story about the relationship between a boy and a tree illustrates some truths about the meaning of giving, receiving and love. - 9 mins

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GLIMPSES OF THE SPIRIT COMPILATION 2005

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 128 mins (2005)

GLIMPSES OF THE SPIRIT COMPILATION 2005 (DVD)

Offers profound theological reflections and insights from people of faith around the world. In his travels with the show Royal Orr has conversations with people who articulate their faith in powerful ways. Due to the larger demands of the television medium, not all of these insights make it into the final version of our programs. Here are some of these theological gems that rise to the surface. These interviews will provide some lively discussions in study groups and for individuals pondering the season of Lent.

The four programs deal with the following themes.

Program 1: Reconciliation (30 mins)

Program 2: Hope (30 mins)

Program 3: Eco-Theology (30 mins)

Program 4: HIV/AIDS (30 mins) - 120 mins (2005)

GLOBAL MARKETPLACE (THE)

This episode from the series, The Global Generation, is about the benefits of globalization. It features companies around the world, which incorporate both a business sense and a social conscience by use of such ingredients as ethical investment policies and corporate codes of conduct. Features information about the Citizens Bank of Canada. - 25 mins (2001)

GLOBAL NEIGHBOURHOOD (THE)

This episode from the series, The Global Generation, is about what can happen with globalization of activism. It examines what can happen when non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from around the world join forces on such issues as foreign debt, the Environment and international trade. - 25 mins (2001)

GLOBAL VILLAGE OR GLOBAL PILLAGE?

This video is based on the book of the same name by Jeremy Brecher and Tim Costello. It contends that today's global economy gives corporations leverage to shop around the world for places with the cheapest and least-protected labour, and the least environmental concerns. One result is a "race to the bottom" with declining conditions for all. However, that also results in a common interest around the world in opposing these conditions. This video demonstrates how ordinary people can empower themselves to deal with the global economy by using successful examples from around the world from such areas as garment workers' rights, and the Bridgestone/Firestone workers' rehiring of locked out workers. It shows people in India blocking a dam, religious groups forcing international debt cancellation, blocking of a new "Multilateral Agreement on investment", and unions and allies negotiating basic human and labour rights in international trade agreements. - 26 mins (1999)

GLOBAL WARMING; HOT TIMES AHEAD?

This environmental resource discusses the causes and potential effects of global warming. It offers practical short-term and long-term solutions for industry and individuals to help conserve energy and develop new sources of energy. The video presents what can often be dry information in an interesting and entertaining style. - 23 mins (1991)

GOD CALLS: THREE RESPOND

This video is about ministry vocations in the United Church. It includes the story of a Lay Pastoral Minister, a Diaconal Minister and an Ordained Minister and how they responded to God's call for service in the church and world. - 16 mins (1994)

GOD'S MAVERICK - McCLURE IN CHINA

A UCTV special, this theatrical production is of (past moderator) Dr. Robert McClure's days in China. - 30 mins

GOSPEL OF JOHN - VOLUME ONE

Six guest scholars discuss the Gospels of John. There are substantial differences between 'John' and any other gospel and more than any other, it is said that 'John' is aimed at revealing the full meaning of the teaching, the life, the death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just as with other volumes in the RSV Bible study series, these tapes are designed with discussion breaks.

There are 2 videos, each with 6 sessions.

Volume 1: The Different Gospel; The Community of John; John the Baptist; The Book of Signs; Dislocations, Misunderstandings, & the Jews; The Women Disciples. - 90 mins (1991)

GOSPEL OF JOHN - VOLUME TWO

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

Volume 2: The Discourses; Light and Dark; The Raising of Lazarus; The Beloved Disciple; Jesus' Final Days; Death and Resurrection. - 90 mins (1991)

GOSPEL OF MARK - CONTAINS ALL 8 STUDY SESSIONS

SEE DESCRIPTION UNDER INDIVIDUAL TITLES -

GOSPEL OF MARK: SESSION I

This video study tackles important questions in a manner which will be understandable even for those who are doing Bible study for the first time. As with other tapes in the RSV Bible Study Series, these tapes are designed with discussion breaks.

There are 8 sessions.

1. A Short Story About Jesus the Christ; - 18 mins (1987)

GOSPEL OF MARK: SESSION II

2. Themes in the Gospel of Mark - 14 mins (1987)

GOSPEL OF MARK: SESSION III

3. The Nature of Jesus and the Kingdom of God - 17 mins (1987)

GOSPEL OF MARK: SESSION IV

4. Messiahship in Mark's Gospel - 13 mins (1987)

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GOSPEL OF MARK: SESSION V

5. Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark - 17 mins (1987)

GOSPEL OF MARK: SESSION VI

6. The Apocalyptic World of Mark - 16 mins (1987)

GOSPEL OF MARK: SESSION VII

7. Demons, Secrets, and the Son of Man - 15 mins (1987)

GOSPEL OF MARK: SESSION VIII

8. The Faithful Women - 12 mins (1987)

GREENING OF FAITH (THE) - 1 - THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY

The series is subtitled 'Why the environment is a Christian Concern'. This is an exploration of the religious dimensions of ecology including reflections by theologians, environmentalists and teachers offering ecumenical perspectives.

Part One deals with Biblical foundations for ecology, creation spirituality in Christian tradition, nature as sacramental, and the reconnection of Faith and science. - 30 mins (1993)

GREENING OF FAITH (THE) - 2 - ETHICS

Part Two deals with environment and justice, the extension of ethical obligation beyond the human species, and the unique role the church can play in the formation of attitudes and the enabling of change. - 27 mins (1993)

GROWING ALONE - GROWING TOGETHER (DOCUMENTARY)

In this documentary, psychiatrist Dr. K. Sohail presents the stories of three couples whose relationships went through difficult times. It focuses on the dynamics of intimate relations and highlights how growing together can be better than growing alone.

Through interviews with spouses and family members he shows how these people who fell in love, married and had children, began to encounter serious problems in their relationships. Couples started to experience resentment, anger, hostility and despair.

Although each couple eventually separated, Dr. Sohail highlights how therapy, even at that stage, helped two of the three couples to work through their difficult issues and resume their lives together. The couples discuss the techniques they learned during therapy to deal with their problems, while family members provide their perspectives. The one spouse who did not resume a married life discusses how therapy helped him deal with the loss of the marriage and prepared him to create a new life for himself. - 120 min (2004)

GUYANA

World Day of Prayer 2008 Guyana. God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding. The video provides photos and commentary designed to introduce the country and people of the writing country. - 20 mins (2008)

HARD QUESTIONS

This is a resource for the 1997-99 mission study theme, 'Uprooted Peoples'.

Part One (7 mins) begins with a song against a backdrop of black and white photographs. It asks questions about uprootedness and the answers given are some of the standard Northern responses to issues of Immigration, war and Global Debt. Then a second song plays in contrast to the first over a backdrop of hopeful images in colour.

Part Two (9 mins) has World Council of Churches representatives discussing questions about the issues, causes and problems of uprootedness. The impact of churches' action around the world on current situations is examined, and how churches might act in the future. In Part Three (11 mins), WCC representatives, including then United Church Moderator Marion Best, talk about the different ways the churches are responding to immediate needs and what can be done in the long term to support people around the world who are uprooted or displaced. - 27 min

HARVEST OF HOPE

'Harvest of Hope' tells the story of conflict in El Salvador and of the Salvadoran Refugees who are returning to and reclaiming the land they once had to flee. Villages such as 'Santa Marta', featured in this videotape, have had to organize themselves and work together in solidarity, in order to rebuild their homes and their lives. - 36 min (1990)

HEALING AT LAC STE ANNE

Every July, over 40,000 Aboriginal people journey to Lac Ste Anne in northern Alberta. It's the largest native pilgrimage in North America, and it's over a century old. Recent lawsuits over residential school scandals weigh on the Oblate missionaries who own the sacred site. The religious order may go bankrupt and lose the site just when its healing powers are most needed.

This documentary is a campground tapestry of colourful characters and Catholic and native faith, amidst the hope to heal old wounds. - 48 mins (2003)

HEALING THE MISSION SCHOOL SYNDROME

Generations of native children in Canada were raised in mission and boarding schools for much of the 20th century until the mid-1970's. The 'Mission School Syndrome' alludes to the loss of cultural identity and family dislocation that has occurred as a result of the residential school experience. - 66 mins (1997)

HEAR OUR VOICES: FIRST NATIONS OF CANADA SPEAK

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 60 mins (2003)

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HEAR OUR VOICES: FIRST NATIONS OF CANADA SPEAK (DVD)

This is a four-part series on one video. It explores the social, political, economic, and cultural rights of First Nations for the education of the non-Native members of the church so that Natives and non-Natives of Canada can walk together. It was commissioned by representatives from the All Native Circle Conference, British Columbia Native Ministries Council and Native Ministries of The United Church of Canada in southern Ontario.

Part 1 - LAND RIGHTS: Stories from British Columbia
Part 2 - RECLAIMING ABORIGINAL CULTURES IN URBAN SETTINGS: Stories from Toronto
Part 3 - ECONOMIC JUSTICE: Stories from Split Lake, MB
Part 4 - ABORIGINAL SELF-GOVERNMENT: Stories from Saskatchewan
Comes with study guide. - 60 mins (2007)

HELP ME DIE

Divided into four sections, this 60 - minute video explores the issues for and against legalizing physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia. Through brief and intimate glimpses into the lives of a number of people dealing with illnesses that dramatically affect the quality of their lives, alternatives to euthanasia such as palliative care and pain control also are examined. - 60 mins

HELP ME! FAITH LEADERS CHALLENGING CHILD ABUSE

This is a five-part video containing a multi - faith program on child abuse issues to assist Faith leaders and lay leaders in helping others in understanding child abuse, including their own feelings about the issues; being a part of the response and healing team along with those outside the faith community; taking steps to prevent child abuse within each faith community; encouraging attitudes within each faith community that promote a nurturing and abuse-free environment for all children. - 75 mins (1993)

HILDEGARD

Hildegard of Bingen was one of the most remarkable women of the Middle Ages - an Abbess and woman of God, a visionary, naturalist, playwright, mystic, political moralist and composer. Born in 1098, she was beset by the most extraordinary religious visions from the age of eight - visions, which she wrote down, painted, dramatized, and set to music. Yet, despite this outpouring of religious creativity, her visions were called into question, and she was put on trial by the Church in 1148. This is the story of events leading up to that trial, and the trial itself. - 48 mins (1994)

HONG KONG OR HAY RIVER

This resource for the 1997-99 mission theme, 'Uprooted Peoples', explores the immigrant experience through the story of Wu, a young woman who has just received her Canadian citizenship. After living in Vancouver for five years, where she has had only menial jobs, she decides to travel to Hay River in the Northwest Territories. - 25 mins (1996)

HOPE AMIDST CHAOS

Emerging to help the fourth poorest country in the world, Zaire, is the Centre de Vulgarization Agricole. In order to prevent the exodus of people from rural areas to urban areas, training is offered to help them be successful in their small communities. All areas concerned with sustaining a healthy rural community are addressed. - 26 mins (1997)

HOPE UNFOLDING REFLECTIONS ON LENT - COMPILATION (DVD)

HOPE UNFOLDING is a four-part Lenten series which focuses on the words of the United Church of Canada's "A New Creed" that describe how we proclaim Jesus as Lord - "crucified and risen, our judge and our hope."

Shown on Spirit Connection, each program looks at one of these descriptive words. A guest reflector joins Royal Orr and his panel - Anthony Bailey and Lynda Katsuno. Songs to set the themes are performed by two members of the Common Cup Company - Bob Wallace and Jim Ulrich.

Part 1: CRUCIFIXION - Guest reflector - Ken Gallinger
Part 2: RESURRECTION - Guest Reflector - Rt. Rev. Marion Pardy
Part 3: JUDGEMENT - Guest Reflector - Cheri Di Novo
Part 4: HOPE - Guest Reflector - Rick Garland - 112 mins (2003)

HOPE UNFOLDING REFLECTIONS ON LENT - PART 1: CRUCIFIXION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 28 mins (2003)

HOPE UNFOLDING REFLECTIONS ON LENT - PART 2: RESURRECTION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 28 mins (2003)

HOPE UNFOLDING REFLECTIONS ON LENT - PART 3: JUDGEMENT

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - (2003)

HOPE UNFOLDING REFLECTIONS ON LENT - PART 4: HOPE

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 28 mins (2003)

HOUSE UPON THE SAND

In this video produced for the Jubilee theme, a range of people share their personal reflections.

Part One (12 mins): What is wealth?;
Part Two (17min): The Growing Gap;
Part Three (20 mins): Our Challenge, followed by "Dance the Jubilee" performed by Linnea Good. - 51 mins (1999)

HOW SHALL I SING TO GOD?

This videotape is divided into 3 sections of approximately 17 mins each. The program is a video workshop featuring Dr. Brian Wren, internationally acclaimed hymn writer. The program is not only instructive, but encourages discussion within groups concerned about how to effectively and creatively express their faith in worship, through language. - 60 mins (1990)

HUNGER FOR LAND PARTS 1 & 2

This video gives a comprehensive history of the struggle of peasants in the Philippines to make a living farming. It looks at the four hundred years of colonization by Spain and then the U.S. It shows the betterment of the lot of peasants by the appearance of guerrilla groups who have become instrumental in this process. - 71 mins (1988)

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I HAVE A FRIEND

A Song for Canada

This video for children centres around a song commissioned especially for this resource and sung by a group of children from a variety of cultural backgrounds. It reminds children that God made everyone. A score with lyrics in French and English. (The chorus is in Korean and Cree as well). - 10 mins

IN OTHER WORDS

IN OTHER WORDS is from the National Film Board of Canada's "Celebrating Diversity" series. This video speaks directly to teens and offers a valuable tool to teachers, counsellors and community youth leaders who want to explore the homophobic language heard both in and out of schools - the words themselves, their origins, how young people feel about them, and how to overcome the hurt and anger they cause. (For ages 13 and up.) - 27 mins (2001)

IN SEARCH OF JOY

This video explores the joys and pains of life that are all part of our spiritual growth. It is an inspiring, often amusing and emotive production that will be relevant to everyone. Has appearance of Brother Blue (Dr. Hugo Morgan Hill). - 28 mins (1993)

IN THE NAME OF LOVE: BAPTISM RESOURCE FOR CONGREGATIONS (DVD KIT)

This package of baptism material for congregations is designed to be stored in a binder. It contains print material, a DVD-ROM with text files that can be customized; a baptism video; and video interview. The package includes background material to be shared with those inquiring about baptism, an outline for a baptism preparation session, and resources a congregation can use to support those who have been baptized. See also the companion parent's DVD-ROM with the same title - 8 mins (2006)

IN THE NAME OF LOVE; BAPTISM RESOURCE FOR PARENTS (DVD)

A perfect gift for parents, this DVD-ROM includes a short video about baptism, additional video interviews, and text and image files parents can adapt to commemorate their own experience. It also includes text files with ideas for spiritual practices in the home. Files require a computer with DVD drive to access. Videos can be viewed on a DVD player or computer with a DVD drive - 8 mins (2006)

INTERVIEW WITH CHRISTINA WAYMARK AND EILERT FRERICHES

Two 25-minute interviews. In the first segment, Laurier Lapierre, CKVU Vancouver, interviews Christine Waymark. In the second, Chris Vogel, 'Coming Out' Winnipeg, interviews Eilert Frerichs. In each interview Christine and Eilert talk about their experience of being lesbian and gay, their Families and their church, The United Church. We suggest that these interviews be used one after another in the order on the video. - 50 mins (1986)

INTIMACY: THE LOVING CONNECTION -1 - LOOKING AT INTIMACY

This series on intimacy is hosted by Clayton Barbeau and using the context of marriage, examines a wide range of responses and experiences in our lives that either contribute towards or discourage intimacy in our Relationships. There are four parts in this series: - 50 mins (1990)

INTIMACY: THE LOVING CONNECTION - 2 - BARRIERS TO INTIMACY

SEE PART ! DESCRIPTION - 50 mins (1990)

INTIMACY: THE LOVING CONNECTION - 3 - NURTURING INTIMACY

SEE PART ! DESCRIPTION - 50 mins (1990)

INTIMACY: THE LOVING CONNECTION - 4 - INTIMACY AND SEX

SEE PART ! DESCRIPTION - 50 mins (1990)

INTIMATE ENCOUNTERS: A DOCUMENTARY ON MIXED MARRIAGES

In this documentary couples share their different linguistic (English, Urdu, Persian, Spanish), cultural (North American, European, Asian), religious (Christianity, Hindu, Muslim, Bahai) backgrounds and stories. Their Children share their conflicts with their Families and communities. As well, a psychiatrist shares his thoughts. - 64 mins

INVITING & ENGAGING CHURCH (THE) - TAPE 1

This series helps us describe who we are as a congregation, and helps us identify our mission. It employs different biblical models to suggest new understandings of the church in a 'post Christian' era.

Tape 1 has three sections:

1. Introduction
2. A Tent in the Wilderness - ministry through small groups.
3. A Temple For all Nations - techniques for effective hospitality. - 36 mins

INVITING & ENGAGING CHURCH (THE) - TAPE 2

Tape 2 has two sections, continuing from tape 1:

4. Public Well of Eternal Life - This program centres on outreach.
5. A Table on the Way - This program describes ministering to those who are temporarily in our midst. - 24 mins

IT'S A GIRLS WORLD - A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT SOCIAL BULLYING

It's a Girl's World is a documentary about social bullying - specifically how girls use their power to hurt each other - presented as films, a radio program and a website, with support materials for Parents and educators.

It's a Girl's World takes us inside the tumultuous Relationships of a clique of popular 10-year old girls. Playground bullying captured on camera shows a disturbing picture of how these girls use their closest friendship to hurt each other - with shunning, whispering and mean looks - to win social power within the group. By comparison, the tragic story of a 14-year old girl who killed herself after enduring months of rumours and verbal threats is a stark reminder that social bullying can spiral out of control.

It's a Girl's World shatters the myth that social bullying among girls is an acceptable part of growing up. - 149 mins (2004)

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IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY

Produced for children, this stewardship resource encourages viewers to see themselves as part of a community and that each person has something different and special to add to that community. - 15 mins (1992)

JAZZ LITURGY (A) THE GOOD SAMARITAN

This program is a UCTV/CBC co-production. The Jazz Liturgy was performed in Hamilton, Ontario at Olivet United Church, June 1989. The performance features many of Canada's top jazz Musicians. When you borrow this resource from AVEL, it is accompanied by a copy of the original 'order of service'. - 60 mins (1991)

JEREMIAH

Jeremiah is an eight-session video which brings to life the complexity of the prophet Jeremiah and his love-hate relationship with God. Using visual material from Palestine and interviews with four of the top Christian and Jewish Jeremiah scholars, the exceptional poetry and prose of Jeremiah becomes just as meaningful for twentieth century Christians as it was for the people of Jeremiah's own time. - 120 mins. (1989)

JEREMIAH - SESSION I

The book of Jeremiah is an anthology of four different kinds of writings. The study takes you through the historical background, which is so important to understanding the Book of Jeremiah as well as an in-depth look at the various writings.

There are 8 sessions.

1. The Anthology Called Jeremiah - 13 mins (1987)

JEREMIAH - SESSION II

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

2. Jeremiah's Call & Josiah's Reform - 14 mins (1989)

JEREMIAH - SESSION III

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

3. Conflict with Jehoiakim - 14 mins (1989)

JEREMIAH - SESSION IV

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

4. Confessions or Blasphemy - 13 mins (1989)

JEREMIAH - SESSION V

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

5. Baruch and The Scroll - 13 mins (1989)

JEREMIAH - SESSION VI

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

6. The Fall of Judah - 13 mins (1989)

JEREMIAH - SESSION VII

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

7. Prophets & Priests - 13 mins (1989)

JEREMIAH - SESSION VIII

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

8. The New Covenant - 15 mins

JESUS

Jesus was filmed on location in Israel in Biblical Settings with a cast of more than 5000 Israelis and Arabs. Virtually every word is taken directly from the Gospel of St. Luke. - 120 mins

JESUS I NEVER KNEW (THE) (KIT)

Now your church or Bible study group can share the same exciting dynamics and discoveries as Yancey's group, as you too encounter the Jesus you've never known. In 14 riveting sessions, you'll experience the insights, the impact, the energy, the challenges, and the life changes. You'll press beyond popular notions and stereotypes of Jesus to obtain fresh, uncluttered perspectives on history's central figure, his radical claims, his challenging teachings, and his effect on other.....including you.

Tapping the drama and immediacy of motion pictures, the Jesus I never Knew curriculum will engage your hearts, minds, emotions, and senses as you compare well, and little - known film portraits of Jesus with the Jesus of the Bible. This remarkable program will spark discussion, interaction, application and growth. Together, you'll share life-changing discoveries about God. The Bible and yourselves.

Best of all, you'll come face to face with the most compelling, creative, challenging, fearless, unpredictable, and ultimately, satisfying person anyone can know, Jesus Christ. - 120 mins (1998)

JOSHUA - JUDGES - CONTAINS ALL 8 STUDY SESSIONS

SEE INDIVIDUAL VHS FOR DESCRIPTION - 120mins (1987)

JOSHUA - JUDGES - SESSION I

Eight sessions of Bible study on video. The two books in this study cover a period of over 200 years in the history of the area of the world usually called Palestine, today the modern state of Israel. This video raises important questions coming out of this period of the Old Testament.

There are 8 sessions in this series.

1. Invasion and Conquest of Canaan - 17 mins (1987)

JOSHUA - JUDGES - SESSION II

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

2. Possessing the Land of Canaan - 17 mins (1987)

JOSHUA - JUDGES - SESSION III

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

3. The Division of the Land - 18 mins (1987)

JOSHUA - JUDGES - SESSION IV

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

4. The Religion of Yahweh - 17 mins (1987)

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JOSHUA - JUDGES - SESSION V

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

5. Judges: Faithful Leaders or Religious Fanatics - 13 mins (1987)

JOSHUA - JUDGES - SESSION VI

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

6. Gideon and Samson (15 min) - 15 mins (1987)

JOSHUA - JUDGES - SESSION VII

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

7. Women in the Time of the Judges - 14 mins (1987)

JOSHUA - JUDGES - SESSION VIII

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

8. The Movement Toward Nationalism - 9 mins (1987)

JOURNEY TO EASTER

Easter, the feast of Resurrection, is a celebration of eternal life....of our faith in the promises of Jesus. It is a time to rejoice in the newness in our hearts and in the earth. This new life was bought for us at great cost the suffering and death of Jesus. We commemorate this mystery during the 40 days proceeding Easter which we call LENT.

Franciscan Communications has prepared this video program to help you on your Lenten journey toward Easter with greater insight and participation. Your host is Father Anthony Scannell, Capuchin, President of Franciscan Communications and of UNDA International. Father Scannell guides you, in his warm, informal way, through scripture, story and music to a more personal and prayerful understanding of what Lent and Easter are all about.

The themes for this seven part program are:

- I: A JOURNEY APART (18 mins)
- II: A CHANGE OF HEART (10 mins)
- III: WHO YOU ARE? (12 mins)
- IV: LOST AND FOUND (13 mins)
- V: THE SERVANT COMES (11 mins)
- VI: THE WAY OF THE CROSS (17 mins)
- VII: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (9 mins)

If you will take some time to view these programs during each of the six weeks of Lent and on Easter itself, your journey toward Easter is sure to be a richer, more meaning one. - 90 mins

JUBILEE CALL (THE): SET THE DEBT CAPTIVES FREE!

This is a panel discussion on the Jubilee campaign for debt cancellation that took place as part of the Annual General Meeting of the Division of World Outreach, The United Church of Canada, February 7, 1999. - 20 mins (1999)

JUSTICE - THE HUMAN DIEMENSION

This video talks about people who are in conflict. Some have committed crimes or been victims of crime. They are people like us. They are in pain and are angry and in conflict. The video explores alternative ways of facing and dealing with these feelings. - 27 mins

KAMLA

Concern over the growing numbers of children being sold into prostitution in Asia prompted the Women's Information Centre of The Foundation for Women in Thailand to produce a video and introduce educational programs into the school system for parents, teachers and children. The video highlights the 'Kamla Project' designed to raise awareness and offer alternate possibilities for income sources to families, in an effort to help keep children out of the sex trade. - 18 mins (1990)

KEEPERS OF THE FIRE

This video profiles contemporary Canadian native women who are on the front lines in the fight for the survival of their people in the forest and the city, in the courts and the legislatures, in the long houses and in the Media. These are the women who keep the fires of hope and determination burning in aboriginal communities right across this land. - 55 mins (1994)

KEEPING THE EARTH (RC)

This video offers religious and scientific perspectives on the environment and calls us to be good stewards of the earth. - 27 mins (1996)

KEEPING THE VISION ALIVE - SAVING HEALTHCARE IN CANADA

Faith & the Common Good worked for several years - particularly during 2002 - to create an opportunity for inter-faith dialogue on the state of health care system in Canada so we could mobilize faith communities to participate in the public process created by the Romano commission, raise public awareness of the faith-based values underpinning public policy decisions on the health care systems, and influence the direction of the national health care system. To this end, we developed an educational video with accompanying workshop guidelines and carried out regional workshops in 15 cities across Canada.

We produced an educational video Keeping the Vision Alive along with our workshop guidelines to hold a discussion and mobilize people on the issue.

In February of 2002 a number of members of F&CG participated in a faith-based consultation of the health care system in Ottawa, hosted on Parliament Hill by the Canadian Council of Churches. Speakers included Michael Rachis and Nancy Kenny. A summary of this day is available on the Canadian Council of Churches Commission of Justice and Peace web page. - 12 mins (2002)

KENTANZA - PART 1 - WILLIAM CHANSA AND THE SYSTEMS

A four part video series about the Central East portion of Africa, including the countries of Kenya, Zambia, Zaire and Tanzania. The series documents the struggle of this area in Post Colonial times. Told through the life of William Chansa, we are apprised of the different systems that are in place today that impact both negatively and positively on that area. - 23 mins

KENTANZA - PART 2 - THE SOUND OF A WOODEN BELL

THE SOUND OF A WOODEN BELL shows the world systems in action. How simply they work, how they trap us, and the urgent need for us to begin now the work of changing them. - 23 mins

KENTANZA - PART 3 - THE WORLD IS OURS TO SHAPE

THE WORLD IS OURS TO SHAPE deals with International, Political, Trade, Class, Military and Foreign Aid Systems, how they too trap us and therefore need to be changed - 20 mins

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KENTANZA - PART 4 - I SEE A GREAT LIGHT

I SEE A GREAT LIGHT traces the connection, past and present, between the church and Kentanza and the world's systems and shows the need for another change in a new sense of mission in which Kentanzans and Canadians can begin to take steps together. - 21 mins

KERYGMA: THE ADVENTURE OF LEARNING

Kerygma is an exciting, challenging, interdenominational program of biblical study. For those who would like to know more about this program this videotape provides engaging and enthusiastic testimonials from a number of Canadian families who have been using this study program. - 27 mins (1990)

KID'S TALK TV: INSIDE / OUT (KIT)

Why teach media literacy in the church? The answer is simple. Because the children in our churches want to figure out how biblical stories relate to the stories they watch on television and in the movies. Of course elementary school age children - especially nine, ten and eleven year olds - are not asking explicit questions about Jesus' relationship to Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Terminator" character. Yet their encounter with the media characters implicitly challenges them to decide whether the Terminator or Jesus is more real.

Elementary children live in the now. They still have concrete conceptions of religion, their primary spiritual interest is figuring out what Jesus did while he was on earth, and why he did it. If they find Jesus' actions interesting and comprehensive, they will consider acting in similar ways, if they find the Terminator more believable, they will emulate him. Because they have limited abstract reasoning abilities, they need our help to "decode" the values - the "whys" behind Jesus' and the Terminator's actions. Because they are developing their independence, they need our permission to evaluate different points of view in search of their own connections. - 60 mins (1996)

LAMB OF GOD, THE

The Saviour's last week of mortal life has been referred to as the greatest week in history. Nearly one-third of the text in the four gospels focuses on the events of these pivotal days. The video takes viewers into the midst of these events, allowing them to feel the emotion, the reality, and the wonder as The Son of God atones for the sins of the world. - 25 mins (1993)

LANGUAGE OF GRACE

Three United Church pastoral charges from different regions of Canada describe their successful attempts to use inclusive language in their worship and corporate life.

Each section is approximately 10 mins.

- 1) Cabri United Church & Pennant United Church, Saskatchewan
- 2) First United Church, Ottawa (a 6-minute segment is on Spirit Connection, December 8, 1997)
- 3) St. Andrew's United Church, North Bay, ON - 32 mins (1997)

LAST HARVEST (THE)

This is a chronicle depicting the story of a Canadian Japanese family's struggles, hardships and triumph. They endured displacement during the Second World War, racism in their new life as prairie farmers, and eventually were forced, by economic circumstances to leave their farm home. This is a personal story, which demonstrates the interconnection with political and economic climates of Western Canada. - 50 mins (1993)

LAY LITURGIST (THE)

This is a resource to help lay people to prepare for reading the scripture during worship. - 17 mins (1993)

LENT A TIME OF RENEWAL

Lent is a time of spiritual rebirth, a time to remember what it means to be followers of Jesus and to live out the promises of our Baptism.

This 7 part program, focused on the Sunday gospels of Lent, will lead you to discover yourself what your Baptismal commitment really means. Using true stories, drama, music and visual meditation. Father Anthony Scannell opens up for you the themes of Lent: such as facing temptation, and reorganizing Jesus as "living water," "light of the world," and "Resurrection and life."

In his warmly human and prayerful way, Father Tony helps you make the season of Lent a very personal preparation for Easter, when you renew the promises of your Baptism.

The program includes:

- Week One: DON'T TEMPT ME (19 mins)
- Week Two: OPEN YOUR EYES (17 mins)
- Week Three: BUBBLE UP (16 mins)
- Week Four: GIVE ME LIGHT (12 mins)
- Week Five: LOOSEN UP (18 mins)
- Week Six: HERE'S HOPING (18 mins)
- Easter: HAPPY EASTER (5 mins)

View one of these segments during each week of Lent and on the Vigil of Easter, and your Lenten Experience is sure to be a richer, more memorable one. - 105 MINS

LENTSCAPE - 1. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

LentScape takes the viewer through the events of Lent, weaving each Biblical story with an issue implicit in the story. Each issue is addressed by the host and five panellists.

1: This first episode deals with the question, 'Is popularity worth it?' - 29 mins (1998)

LENTSCAPE - 2. THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

2: This second episode deals with the question, 'When is anger justified?' - 29 mins (1998)

LENTSCAPE - 3. THE FOOTWASHING

3: This third episode deals with the question, 'How do we choose our leaders?' - 29 mins (1998)

LENTSCAPE - 4. THE BETRAYAL

4: This fourth episode deals with the question, 'How do I know God's will?' - 29 mins (1998)

LENTSCAPE - 5. THE TRIAL

5: This fifth episode deals with the question, 'Is justice ever served?' - 29 mins (1998)

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LENTSCAPE - 6. THE CRUCIFIXION

6: This sixth episode deals with the question, 'What price Faith?' - 29 mins (1998)

LENTSCAPE - 7. THE RESURRECTION

7: This seventh episode deals with the question, 'Can people really change?' - 29 mins (1998)

LET FREEDOM RING

The process of doing, not the end result, that was the value of the project. The making of an opera, a 5-month project at Samuel Hearne Senior Public School in Scarborough. Written and produced by the students in co-operation with the Canadian Theatre Company, inspired by their own lives, coming to Canada, learning to be Canadians, the story of violence in the countries from which they came and the violence in their new Canadian society. - 56 mins (1997)

LETTERS OF JOHN (RSV) SERIES

Few modern scholars believe the five books of John were written by the same person. It is supposed that the books were written by five people who knew one another and who would have had similar ideas about the Christian Faith. In this video study-tape scholars look at what we know about John of Zebedee and discuss the characteristics and purpose of the John Letters.

The sessions are:

1. The John Community
2. The Conflict in the Community
3. The Letters and the Gospel
4. The Themes and Gnosticism - 60 mins (1991)

LISTENING TO SOUL PAIN

This video is meant to raise awareness of the effects of trauma on the human spirit and emphasize that complete healing requires attention to the spiritual concerns which surface in the wake of the experience. While the spiritual struggles may begin almost immediately following the event, the most intense pain of the spiritual conflict is often encountered only many months, or even years, after - 25 mins (2000)

LITTLE BROWN BURRO (THE)

This is an animated Musical story about a forlorn, rejected burro, who, with the help of a desert rat, and through his participation in the events of the first Christmas, finds self-confidence and pride. - 30 mins (197)

LIVING AND RISKING: OUR HERITAGE AND OUR FUTURE

The story of The United Church of Canada from Union in 1925. Useful for church membership classes, intermediate church school classes, Church Boards, UCWs, any one wanting to get a picture of the development of The United Church of Canada. - 13 mins (1985)

LIVING GOD'S WAY

This video sampler is an adaptation of six Bible stories for Children from Ralph Milton's Bible storybook 'Living God's Way'. A variety of different Storytelling techniques are used, including: animation, illustration, dramatization, Storytelling and puppets. The stories are: God Makes a Promise (adapted from Noah's Ark); Miriam Saves Her Brother; A Loving Father (adapted from the Prodigal Son); Joseph's Coat of Many Colours; Two Brave Women (adapted from the story of Naomi and Ruth); David and Goliath. (Each story is approximately 5 mins in length.) - 30 mins (1994)

LIVING STONES

This is the story of the Women's Training Centre Community in Morogoro, Tanzania. Women from around the country are selected on the basis of their leadership potential to take courses at the Centre. Courses offered range from ecologically responsible agricultural skills and day care to business training, all with a view to participants sharing their learning when they return home. The Environment is one of Christian caring and Stewardship awareness. The Women's Training Centre is supported by churches in Tanzania and by the Mission & Service Fund of The United Church of Canada. - 19 mins (1998)

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome and the Kingdom of God

Join preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossman on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire, This 12 session DVD and web-based study explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today.

DVD 1:

1. Empire
11. Jesus
111. Mission
- 1V. Character
- V. Vocation
- V1. Cities

DVD 2:

- V11. Letters
- V111. Ethics
- 1X. Theology
- X. Eschatology
- X1. Icons
- X11. Eclipse - (2008)

LIVING THE QUESTIONS (DVD)

Living the Questions is a 12 week DVD and web-based small group study exploring beyond the traditions and rote theologies in which so many people and local churches seem to be stuck. Ideal for Christian invitation, initiation and spiritual formation, Living the Questions will help seekers and "church alumni/ae" alike in discovering the significance of Christianity in the 21st Century and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world. - 6.5 hours

LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0 (DVD)

Living the Questions 2.0 features thirty of today's leading religious voices and is comprised of 21 sessions that may be offered in sequence or as three independent flights of seven units each. There are downloadable and printable session guides with corresponding readings and discussion questions. - 7 hours (2007)

LIVING TOGETHER INTO ONE HOPE

Produced in celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Canada - Korea Partnership in Mission, this video tells the story of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK). The United Church of Canada has worked in formal partnership for over 20 years with the PROK. - 14 mins (1998)

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LIVING WITH MONEY: COMPLETE CURRICULUM PACKAGE - (KIT)

Living with money is an Ecumenical adult education program for congregations. Four video segments which can support a four, six eight or 12 week teaching and discussion programme.

1. MAKING MONEY - This segment defines money and asks why money is such a taboo subject in our culture. Participants are asked to define money for themselves and look at how the subject of money has functioned as a taboo in their own lives. (24 mins)

2. KNOW YOUR MONEY - Ynow Your Money - Each of us has a unique and personal relationship to money. This segment explores the various "money styles" each of us may have experienced and how money impacts us at the deepest personal level. It asks the question, "How much is enough?" (19 mins)

3. MAKING PEACE WITH MONEY - What does the Bible say about money? This segment looks at the God of abundance and how our personal spiritual values are expressed in our attitudes towards and our use of money (24 mins)

4. BALANCING LIFE'S LEDGER - How do we get a grip, or balance, on our own personal relationship to money? What does God really require of us, and what does the church want or need from us financially? In this segment Stewardship is defined and discussed. (22 mins) - 89 mins (2003)

LOS QUINCHOS - THE STREET CHILDREN OF MANAGUA, NICARAGUA

Los Quinchos School is geared towards teaching street Children in Managua, Nicaragua. This Mission & Service supported work is a response to otherwise non-existent formal education for child street vendors. - 12 mins (1994)

LOST AT HOME

This video addresses the problems of an internally displaced people and how we can help. Using situations found in Sri Lanka, we are helped to understand the plight of the displaced persons and the importance of assistance from the outside world. - 19 mins (1998)

LUKE: TAPE 2 - EYEWITNESSES AND SERVANTS OF THE WORD

Series of seven videocassettes in which Dr. James A. Sanders, Old Testament scholar and theologian, presents a stimulating, unique approach to scriptural study of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Each cassette runs 27 mins. NOTE: These cassettes are intended for in-depth Bible Study.

There are 5 tapes in this series - 27 mins (1984)

LUKE: TAPE 3 - JESUS' WAY OF TEACHING AND PREACHING SCRIPTURES

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 27 mins (1984)

LUKE: TAPE 4 - LUKE, THE Christian DEUTERONOMIST

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 27 mins (1984)

LUKE: TAPE 5 - GRUMBLING OF THE FAITHFUL

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 27 mins (1984)

LUKE: TAPE 7 - THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH AND THE CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSUS

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 27 mins (1984)

M & O CONFERENCE VIDEO

The video provides stories from four outreach ministries and one supported congregation: Laundry Coop in the Ottawa Presbytery House of Lazarus in the Seaway Valley Presbytery Comm. To Aid Refugees in the Montreal Presbytery Eglise St. Jean in the Consistoire Laurentien and Quebec-Sherbrooke Youth in the Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbytery - 20 mins (2002)

M & P 101

A light-hearted guide on how to have an effective Ministry and Personnel Committee in your church. - 25 mins (2001)

MACARONI AND CHEESE, AGAIN!

This segmented video is designed to help Children ask questions around work and money. Done in puppetry style the story unfolds as Anne learns that her father has just lost his job. From this point Anne begins to ponder the meaning of work. Issues explored include the value of work, "will there be work for me when I grow up?" and "what makes us rich and what makes us poor?" - 18 mins (1995)

MAGIC FLUTE (THE)

A fable for children showing that things can be harmful or not, depending on how they are used and with what intent. No narration. - 8 mins (1989)

MAKE A LITTLE DIFFERENCE

Refugee children around the world describe their hopes and hardships. British students discuss the rights of Refugees and speak passionately about making the world a better place. Suitable for use with Children 9 and older. One of the Children's resources for the 1997-99 mission study theme, 'Uprooted Peoples'. - 13 mins

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MAKING EVERY MOMENT COUNT

After multiple, unsuccessful chemotherapies, Mikaela knows that she has a choice she can let her brain tumour, grow "and just go away, up to heaven," or she can put up with "needles and pokes and all that stuff and make it go away, and even perhaps it might come back." Sometimes she feels ready to stop her treatments, but then she thinks about how much her mother will miss her.

Thoughtful and evocative, this new video addresses the complex issues surrounding end-of-life care for children. Psychologist and award-winning filmmaker Leona Kuttner, PhD, profiles five children with the threatening illness, and the Families and health professional who support them. The file clearly shows that, despite popular belief, children talk about end-of-life issues if given proper support, and that doing so can help both them and their families cope with the realities of their situation.

The file focuses on the emotional and psychological aspects of paediatric palliative care. It features deeply caring physicians, nurses, therapists and other working with families whose children range from newborns to teenagers. Their care place in hospital, in hospice programs and at home. Designed for health and social service professionals and students, this program is also compelling viewing for families and anyone caring for seriously ill children, as well as for the general public.

Dr. Leona Kuttner is also the producer of two groundbreaking films on paediatric pain management. - 39 mins (2005)

MARTIN THE COBLER

A retelling of one of the most beautiful of Leo Tolstoy's folktales. It is used for all seasons, especially Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter. - 28 mins (1976)

MATTER OF INTEREST (A): PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT

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Produced by the Christian Aid - Leeds Animation Project, this video shows the impact of the debt crisis on both Families in a developed country and Families in developing countries. It is simply clear, humorous and easy to follow. The program ends with stories of action to counter the effects of the debt crisis. - 13 mins (1992)

MAYBE ONE? A THEATRICAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED CHURCH (DVD)

From working out the Basis of Union to leading the way in confronting social issues, the United Church of Canada has consistently generated controversy. Although it is not easy, the people of the United Church always adapt to change and face new challenges with determination. The story is captured in this 70 min. video and is told in an engaging and often humorous way. - 70 mins (2007)

MAYBE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A DIFFERENT GOD

The story of the struggle of a Presbyterian congregation in the United States to call and keep the Reverend Jane Spahr as their minister. Jane Spahr is a self-proclaimed lesbian. Even though the nominating committee unanimously supported her, other congregations in Rochester, New York, banded together to officially bar her from taking up her position, because of her sexual orientation. - 28 mins (1993)

MEANING OF MYSTERY (THE): BAPTISM AND COMMUNION

This is an informative video that explains the meaning of the sacraments of Baptism and Communion in the Reformed Church tradition. Different aspects of the service of worship are explored and the ways in which baptism and communion celebrate community. - 45 mins (1992)

MEETING JESUS: 3. THE SYROPHOENICIAN WOMAN

This series is designed to stimulate study and discussion of stories about encounters with Jesus. In THE SYROPHOENICIAN WOMAN, Jesus meets a Gentile woman, responds as a Jew, is admonished, and becomes the one who changes. - 15 mins (1994)

MEETING JESUS: 4. THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

In THE WOMAN AT THE WELL Jesus shocks his followers by breaking social taboos, and proclaims his messiahship to an outcast. - 20 mins (1994)

MIDDLE CLASS, THE SLIPPING CLASS

Two Canadian cities are picked for this exploration of how people who had never expected to be unemployed are coping with this situation and how churches are reaching out with support and friendship. In Whitby, Ontario, we meet several people who are preparing an entrepreneurial future with the joint help of church, community college, and government; in Vancouver, British Columbia, we visit several couples who are struggling to find employment and talk with church groups who offer support. Originally broadcast on Spirit Connection on April 1, 1996. - 30 mins (1996)

MISS AMY AND MISS MAY

This videotape is the story of two early suffragettes in Jamaica - one black, one white - both middle class. Amy Bailey and May Farquharson have been friends for 60 years and are still active in their 90's. Their unlikely friendship and the brave, unconventional and fulfilling lives these Women have led, spanned the most exciting moments of Jamaica's recent history, covering periods of some eighty years. - 40 mins (1991)

MISSION PROGRAM 2005 - LOS QUINCHOS SCHOOL

This DVD contains four segments listed below:
Los Quinchos: Street Vendors of Managua, Nicaragua
Los Quinchos 2002: The Least of These
Peace, What Peace? Confronting Central America's New Economic War
Rayo-X (The X-Ray) - 60 mins (2004)

MOMS, DADS AND OTHER ENDANGERED SPECIES

Pat Hurley points out that Parents deserve:

- (1) Respect even if you don't get your own way;
- (2) Honesty not half truths just to get them off your back;
- (3) Communication this takes practice;
- (4) Gratitude how many times did you say thank you;
- (5) They deserve the greatest love - (1986)

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MONTREAL & OTTAWA CONFERENCE - REGIONAL STORIES

This video is a collection of some of the stories produced by or about the Montreal & Ottawa Conference up to March 1991. They are listed in their order on tape.

Genesis Revisited

Doug Hall's reflection on the environment

Orleans new church dedication

Oka crisis

Nativity play at Kahnawake - 30 mins. (1991)

MORE FRANCHISES THAN TIM HORTONS:

1. CROSS-COUNTRY CHECK-IN:

"SHOULDN'T THE UNITED CHURCH JUST THROW IN THE TOWEL?"

Journalist Stevie Cameron talks with Emmanuel College President Peter Wyatt on how an outreach ministry like Out of the Cold can revitalize a congregation, and why the church needs to stay. - 43 mins (2008)

MORE FRANCHISES THAN TIM HORTONS:

2. WHO ARE WE FOR GOD'S SAKE?

BUILDING THE PAST

Introduced by Peter Wyatt, Emmanuel College professor Phyllis Airhart looks back at the United Church's attempts not to become an Anglo-Saxon sect, and the Rev. Michael Blair responds that there's still a long way to go. - 68 mins (2008)

MORE FRANCHISES THAN TIM HORTONS:

3. FAITH NEIGHBOURS

Author Amir Hussain discusses the meeting points between Islam and Christianity and how sacred stories migrate from faith, illustrating universal themes and truths. - 35 mins (2008)

MORE FRANCHISES THAN TIM HORTONS:

4. UNLIKELY UTOPIA: THE SURPRISING TRIUMPH OF CANADIAN PLURALISM

Enviro-nics President Michael Adams shows the unique blend of factors that is helping Canada manage its changing population and what it has to do to ensure continued stability. - 50 mins (2008)

MORE FRANCHISES THAN TIM HORTONS:

5. THE FILMS OF NORMAN JEWISON

United Church minister the Rev. Rob Oliphant pays homage to Jewison's ground-breaking work and how the messages in his films are relevant to the church, if only people will look and act. - 51 mins (2008)

MOTHER WOVE THE MORNING

Carol Lynn Pearson performs a powerful dramatization of sixteen Women throughout history in search of God the Mother. A Palaeolithic woman, an Egyptian priestess, a biblical woman, a Gnostic woman, a medieval witch, a Shaker deaconess, and others from history speak their lives and show that the human family has always longed for its Mother in Heaven. The video is accompanied by a book containing the scripts of each segment. - 135 mins (1992)

MOUNTAIN (THE)

Done in animated-cartoon style this video is the story of The Mountain and the townspeople living around it who continue to scale its heights even though many suffer injury or worse falling off The Mountain. Eventually the townspeople discover that they can learn to appreciate the beauty of The Mountain and continue to climb if they respect the dangers and take safety precautions. This is an allegorical tale that could be used by various groups in discussion about problem solving, overcoming addictions or dealing with negative situations. - 15 mins (1991)

MOVING FORWARD: NEVER TURNING BACK

Capture the flavour of the Beijing conference - 25 mins (1996)

MOZAMBIQUE: EDITA'S VILLAGE

Mozambique: Edita's Village (from A Child's View video series) This 5-minute video produced by the Mennonite Central Committee illustrates the daily activities from a child's perspective in rural Mozambique. Edita is a young girl living in the village of Malema in the northern province of Nampula. This video would be appropriate for use with Children 5 years and up, intergenerational groups, and with adults. - 5 mins (1999)

MUFFINS FOR GRANNY (DVD)

In the late 1880's and for the following 100 years, the government of Canada imposed a policy of assimilation that required every First Nation's child be placed in Residential Schools. Parents who refuted these laws were placed in jails and their children as young as 5 years old, left in the hands of strangers.

With this documentary, first time filmmaker, Nadia McLaren invites you to fall in love with the spirit of her Ojibway Granny when we are shown the precious, vintage 8mm family footage. With nothing left hidden we are welcomed home inside the stories of seven First Nation's Elders who speak the familiar language of tears and of laughter, the ancient language of hearts. - 88 mins (2007)

MWE BANA BANDI

Mwe Bana Bandi (You, my Children) tells about the daily activities of children in a Zambian village, by following them through a day from the time they wake up to evening story-telling time. This video tells its story through superb footage of the children and through the music that is both their work and play. - 29 mins (1990)

MY HEALTH CARE - I DECIDE

This video features interviews with patients in nursing homes and hospitals, family members and health care practitioners. The program provides an overview of the kinds of decisions facing family members and health care practitioners in crisis situations where there is an unconscious patient and no guidance as to their wishes. - 23 mins (1992)

MY HEALTH CARE - UNDERSTANDING MY CHOICES

In this video examples of life-threatening illnesses, both reversible and irreversible, are discussed and health care options are presented. This video will help people understand the options outlined in the personal health care chart that is part of an advance health care directive a formal document that outlines people's wishes in the event of illness. - 14 mins (1992)

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MY MOTHER; MY FATHER

The video is designed for youth and adults who wish to explore and discuss the many issues around the care of aging parents. The video shows four real-life families each struggling in their own ways with the stresses and changes involved in caring for a frail older parent. - 33 mins (1991)

NAMES OF MONEY (THE) (REVISED)

Intended to assist people to think about their money in Christian terms, to think about how the use of their money indicates the priorities in their lives and to have a look at the Biblical passages around the use of money. - 10 mins (1995)

NANNY & ISAIAH - THE SECRET OF THE SECOND BASEMENT

In this contemporary Christmas story, a homeless little girl discovers the warmth of Jesus' love in a secret basement dwelling. This video features the Peppercorn Puppets. - 30 mins (1984)

NANNY & ISAIAH - WELCOME THE SAVIOUR

This is another Nanny and Isaiah Adventure with the Peppercorn puppets. Two orphans travelling together on a starry night meet an old shepherd who shares good news that angels have brought to him - a Saviour was born that very night in Bethlehem. They all want to go meet the new Saviour, but are unsure they will be welcome. The outcome reminds us that the Saviour welcomes all. - 21 mins (1984)

NATIVITY (THE)

All roads lead to Bethlehem as God fulfills a prophecy and a promise to mankind and a Child is born in a stable beneath a shining star. On a sure footed donkey, Mary and Joseph make their difficult journey from Nazareth, where Mary will give birth to her son. The three Magi ride their camels out of distant lands to worship the new born king. From Jerusalem, mad King Herod sends his Roman legionnaires, mounted on fine horses, to find the child he fears, and the bidding of the Angel of the Lord humble shepherds make their way on foot from their fields and flocks to pay homage to the Christ Child. - 32 mins

NEW HEART (A): A NEW SPIRIT

Stewardship resources featuring collection of Spirit Connection segments illustrating how Mission and Service dollars are being used through the church. - 16 mins (1992)

NO ADDRESS

This National Film Board production documents the lives of many of our young native people who leave their homes and move to Montreal and are confronted with the realities of joblessness, homelessness, poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, and prostitution. Shown are some of the band-aids offered by various organizations such as the Native Friendship Centre. - 56 mins (1989)

NO DISTANCE BETWEEN US

This video, produced through the Progressive Muslim Association of Ontario, the Durham School Board, and Durham Police Force explores issues and stereotypes that we are confronted with in our everyday lives.

A group consisting of Christians and Muslims, lay and clerics, police and teachers, as well as Youth, guide us through sections on aspects of Islam including jihad, the role of Women; Racism and societal responses.

Each section can be used separately for discussion. - 48 mins (2004)

NUTS TO MACARONI

This video for Children aged 6 to 10 years highlights the Jubilee issues of forgiving debts, what is enough, and new beginnings. Puppets play out the story about a little girl, Anne, whose father hasn't been able to find a job. Meanwhile, in her yard, there are squirrels that are having a hard time, too. A sequel to 'Macaroni and Cheese, Again'. - 11 mins (1999)

ON THE AGING OF PARENTS: 1 A GUIDE FOR ADULT CHILDREN

This is the first part of a six-part series on aging, designed to be practical resource to help people cope and grow as they deal with the common problems of aging. This first part provides an overview of issues facing parents and adult children. These issues range from denial of aging to dealing with a parent's unsafe driving. - 21 mins (1992)

ON THE AGING OF PARENTS: 2 LOVE CAN HURT

Seven min dramas on this tape focus on wills, power of attorney, the nursing home decision, sibling rivalry, dealing with a long distance relationship with a parent's or as neighbours, the role of family conference as support in the decision-making process. - 26 mins (1992)

ON THE AGING OF PARENTS: 3 CLOSING THE GAP

This is the third part of a six-part series on aging, designed to be a practical resource to help people cope and grow as they deal with the common problems of aging. This program deals with issues around generational stereotypes. - 26 mins (1992)

ON THE AGING OF PARENTS: 4 HOW CAN I HELP?

In this program four different vignettes about depression are portrayed that raise important questions about coping with depression at any age. - 43 mins (1992)

ON THE AGING OF PARENTS: 5 GRIEF...A HOPEFUL JOURNEY

This program is designed to help people understand the grief process and to help themselves and others in the healing process. - 43 mins (1992)

ON THE AGING OF PARENTS: 6 AGEISM: GOLDEN YEARS OR LEADEN?

The last program in this series presents common incidences of age stereotyping, looks at how to identify ageism, and taking responsibility and action to reduce/eliminate discrimination against older adults. - 43 mins (1992)

ONE GOSPEL, MANY CULTURES

As part of the World Council of Churches discussion of gospel and culture, Canadian congregations have been involved for the past three years in a study that asks, 'what is gospel and what is culture in the Canadian context?' These discussions have looked at a wide range of issues such as aboriginal rights, multi-culturalism, and gender. This video presents case studies, which reflect the themes that have emerged. - 23 mins (1996)

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OPENING DOORS INVITING GENEROSITY (DVD)

Opening Doors: Inviting Generosity is a Stewardship Development training video for every member Stewardship visitation. This instructional video shows what the "ask" involves and what words to use when approaching church members for monetary contributions to their church community in the at home Environment. Bev, a church volunteer, meets with church members in their homes to share their church's story and ask for financial commitment for the coming year. Viewers walk through practical and down-to-earth steps in Bev's visits. - 36 mins (2004)

OUT: STORIES OF LESBIAN AND GAY YOUTH

There are two parts to this video, about 20 mins each. Part one highlights the relationships between the youth interviewed and their families. The second part of the video focuses more on what it is like to be lesbian or gay in our society. - 39 mins (1993)

OXFORD Bible SERIES: 1 ADAM AND EVE

This is part of a Bible study series for children on ten videotapes. The illustrated stories include original text with drawings; each video contains an average of five different stories.

There are 10 videos for this series.

The stories included on this video are: - In The Beginning - Adam and Eve - Noah and the Great Flood - Abraham, Friend of God - Isaac Finds a Wife - 30 mins (1992)

OXFORD Bible SERIES: 10 THE FIRST EASTER

The stories included on this video are: - The First Easter - Good News for Everyone - Paul at Damascus - Paul and Friends - Paul the Prisoner - 30 mins (1992)

OXFORD Bible SERIES: 2 LET MY PEOPLE GO

The stories included on this video are: - Jacob and Esau - Joseph the Dreamer - Joseph the King of Egypt - The Princess and the Baby - Let My People Go! - 30 mins (1990)

OXFORD Bible SERIES: 3 SAMSON THE STRONGMAN

The stories included on this video are: - Journey into the Promised Land - The Battle of Jericho - Gideon Fights for God - Samson The Strongman - Ruth's New Family - 30 mins (1992)

OXFORD Bible SERIES: 4 DAVID AND GOLIATH

The stories included on this video are: - God Speaks to Samuel - A King for Israel - David and Goliath - King David - Solomon's Golden Temple - 30 mins (1992)

OXFORD Bible SERIES: 5 ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL

The stories included on this video are: - Elijah asks for Bread - Elijah and the Prophets of Baal - Naaman's Dreadful Secrets - Enemies All Round - Jeremiah and the Great Disaster - 30 mins (1992)

OXFORD Bible SERIES: 6 DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

The stories included on this video are: - King Nebuchadnezzar's Golden Statue - Daniel and the Lion's Den - Queen Ester Saves Her People - Nehemiah's Greatest Day - Jonah Runs Away - 30 mins (1992)

OXFORD Bible SERIES: 7 THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

The stories included on this video are: - A Baby called John - The First Christmas - When Jesus Was Young - Jesus' Special Friends - Jesus the Teacher - Jesus Gives the People Food - 30 mins (1992)

OXFORD Bible SERIES: 8 SECRETS JESUS TOLD

The stories included on this video are: - Secrets Jesus Told - The Story of the Good Samaritan - The Story of the Sower - The Story of the Two Brothers - The Story of the Great Feast - 30 mins (1992)

OXFORD Bible SERIES: 9 JESUS THE KING

The stories included on this video are: - The Story of the Lost Sheep - Come Down, Backhaus! - Mary, Martha and Lazarus - People Jesus Met - Jesus the King - Jesus on Trial - 30 mins (1992)

PACIFIC ECUMENICAL FORUM 1990 (THE)

For the first time delegates from three ecumenical groups who were part of the wide Christian community and also part of the wider Pacific community met in Hawaii to facilitate the building of trust, the sharing of ideas and the development of strategies to work together. The process was one of witnessing and sharing. Out of this time came a commitment to address issues of the abuse of power by superpowers in the economic development of the Pacific and also the military presence of super powers. - 29 mins (1991)

PALESTINE: THE MUCH PROMISED LAND

Since 1948 many Palestinians have had to leave their homeland. Three Palestinian Refugees tell their stories. The video also provides a brief history of how the persecution of the Jewish peoples began an influx of Immigration to Palestine from Europe and Russia, which began in the 1940's. Further background information explains the reasons for the emergence of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the 1960's. - 25 mins (1990)

PARABLE

At the end of a circus retinue rides a white clown on a donkey. He never speaks. He only acts. But he manages to do several things that make for him devoted followers and embittered opponents. - 25 mins

PARABLES FROM NATURE: SERIES 1

Using the method of Jesus' parables to convey the concepts of good and bad behaviour, these engaging stories do not preach their message, but rather guide the children to an understanding through involvement with the experiences of the cartoon characters.

1: The Wind and The Seed; The Fairy Ring; The Pearl of Great Price - 25 mins (1987)

PARABLES FROM NATURE: SERIES 2

2: Speedy the Snail; Bruno The Beaver; Justus the Ant - 25 mins (1987)

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PARABLES FROM NATURE: SERIES 3

3: Corky the Crow; Silly Excuses; House of the Wren - 25 mins (1987)

PARABLES FROM NATURE: SERIES 4

4: The Busy Bee - School Days in the Ocean - Dr. Retriever's Surprise Series - 25 mins (1987)

PARABLES FROM NATURE: SERIES 5

5: Peppy the Pup; Chucky Chipmunk; Bushy the Squirrel - 25 mins (1987)

PARABLES FROM NATURE: SERIES 6

6: Bootsie the Lamb; The Feather that was Lost; Commencement at the Obedience Academy - 25 mins (1987)

PARABLES OF PETER RABBIT (THE) - EPISODE 1 - FRIENDS

An innocent game of "catch" becomes the Adventure of a lifetime when four unsuspecting children stumble upon the burrow of Peter Rabbit. Peter uses upbeat stories and a special story based on The Parable of the Good Samaritan to share what it means to be a true friend. -

PARABLES: A NEW LOOK AT FAMILIAR STORIES

This video takes a new look at the meaning of several parables through a combination of artistic expression, scholarly debate, and expert commentary. Joanne Dewey, New Testament professor, and Walter Wangerin, Jr., professor and author offer their insights and perspectives in four 15-minute segments covering "The Good Samaritan", "The Talents", "The Prodigal Son", and "The Unjust Steward." - 60 mins (2000)

PARADISE LOST

PARADISE LOST is a plea for the right of everyone to an unpolluted environment. Birds, butterflies and other creatures cannot survive the air pollution caused by people's interventions. Animated. No narration. - 4 mins (1989)

PARENTING ADOLESCENTS

This video is a study of the ways culture and family influence adolescents. The primary message is that parents cannot raise their children alone; that the community, especially the faith community, is essential to the process. The video is divided into segments, and a study guide provides both intergenerational and adults-only questions for the segments. There is also a youth ministries supplementary segment with questions. - 56 mins (1997)

PARENTING IN CHANGING TIMES - 1 - WORKING PARENTS

This series examines some of the particular challenges facing today's parents and ways to live gracefully with them. It also offers many practical suggestions and ideas for resources to individuals and congregations.

This is a 6 part series - 30 mins (1993)

PARENTING IN CHANGING TIMES - 2 - PARENTS OF TEENAGERS

SEE PART 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1993)

PARENTING IN CHANGING TIMES - 3 - PEOPLE WITH AGING PARENTS

SEE PART 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1993)

PARENTING IN CHANGING TIMES - 4 - SINGLE PARENTS

SEE PART 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1993)

PARENTING IN CHANGING TIMES - 5 - BLENDED FAMILIES

SEE PART 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1993)

PARENTING IN CHANGING TIMES - 6 - PARENTS LIVING APART FROM THEIR CHILDREN

SEE PART 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1993)

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PATHS OF GRACE (DVD)

This series of four programs was produced as a Lenten study for 2002 but is a study, which can be used throughout the year. It looks at the meeting of Native and Christian spiritual traditions through the eyes and voices of four aboriginal Canadians.

Feb 12 **BROKEN RELATIONSHIP**: Mr. Obonsawin explains how first nations people see the land, how they care for it and share it. The Europeans brought a very different view of the land with them as well as toward the people who were already living on it. The relationship between the people went awry from the beginning.

Feb 19 **SUFFERING : SHARING THE CONVERSATION**: Pearl Cornell, a member of the Ojibwa Nation, was born in New York State and moved to the Cape Croker Reserve in Ontario several years ago with her mother, who was born there. She is the mother of two grown children and works as a crisis worker in the community. Her mother left Cape Croker at the age of 10 for a residential school. She ran away from the school at 15, moved to the U.S. where she married and became the mother of five children. Pearl talks eloquently of her mother's spiritual journey to healing and her own quest for belonging after she moved to the reserve.

Mar 12 **FORGIVENESS**: Reverend Maggie McLeod speaks about the path to forgiveness and emphasizes how crucial it is to begin the healing process. Aware of and acknowledging the brokenness and pain she sees all around her, Maggie also talks about the natural inclination to want to move swiftly through the healing process, but that each person can only move at a pace that is comfortable for them. So as a church, we must include everyone, even if it means moving more slowly.

Mar 19 **GRACE**: The Very Rev. Stan McKay is currently working as co-director of the Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre. Stan grew up in Fisher River, Manitoba and was raised in the Methodist tradition. He initially became a schoolteacher, but his grandmother's spiritual influence helped guide him towards studies in Theology and a call to ministry. Since the church's apology to First Nations peoples in 1986 at the Sudbury General Council and subsequent statement, Stan says there has been a period of darkness, of waiting. The process of understanding has not yet happened says Stan and until the impact has reached every person at the grassroots level, there cannot be a response. He compares this time of waiting to the darkness that is part of Lent. - 120 mins (2002)

PATHS OF GRACE 1. BROKEN RELATIONSHIP (FEB.12, 2002)

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (2002)

PATHS OF GRACE 2. SUFFERING (FEB. 19, 2002)

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (2002)

PATHS OF GRACE 3. FORGIVENESS (MAR.12, 2002)

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (2002)

PATHS OF GRACE 4. GRACE (MAR. 19, 2002)

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (2002)

PATHS OF GRACE Vol. I - BROKEN RELATIONSHIP AND SUFFERING (2003) REPEAT FROM FEB 12 AND 19 2002

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 60 mins (2002)

PATHS OF GRACE Vol. II - FORGIVENESS AND GRACE (2003) REPEAT FROM MARCH 12 AND 19 2002

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 60 mins (2002)

PEACE TO THE CITY: STORIES OF HOPE - TAPE 1

Peace to the City! Is a global campaign of the World Council of Churches' Programme to Overcome Violence? With a focus on seven cities around the world, the campaign highlights creative models of community rebuilding. Each locally produced video shares imaginative efforts to overcome violence through cross-community work to build bridges between and reconcile communities drawn into conflict by violence.

Introduction to the series (23 mins)
Rio de Janeiro "Peace to the City" (28 mins)
Belfast "We Want Peace" (28 mins)
Boston USA "God Among the Children" (28 mins) - 112 mins (1998)

PEACE TO THE CITY: STORIES OF HOPE - TAPE 2

Kingston, Jamaica "Together Against Violence" (28 mins)
Durban, South Africa "No Magic Formula for Peace" (28 mins)
Suva, Fiji "Where the Rivers Meet" (28 mins)
Colombo, Sri Lanka "Voices for Peace" (28 mins) - 122 mins (1998)

PEACE, WHAT PEACE?

Kathy Price, from the Inter Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America (ICCHRLA), reports on a desperate economic life in Central America. From Guatemala and El Salvador, she finds that the war of bullets is replaced by the war of hunger and poverty. Some efforts are being made to set up people-centred economic alternatives for communities where there is no real Peace without economic survival. - 30 mins (1997)

PEOPLE CALLED TO SPEAK (A)

This video is about the work of the Presbyterian Church with indigenous peoples in rural Guatemala. It is a powerful story of Faith in action. Features the late Manuel Saquic and his wife Maria. The story was produced by Eva and Jim Manly as a result of their time in Guatemala with Project Accompaniment. The video can be used with UCPH book by Jim Manly, 'The Wounds of Manuel Saquic'. - 30 min (1997)

AVEL Videos in the Ottawa Resource Centre

PERSONAL BUT NOT PRIVATE: THEOLOGY AND STEWARDSHIP

This video course provides opportunities for groups of Christians to explore how belief and action come together in Stewardship. This adult study course asserts that governing bodies of the church have a responsibility to use their resources carefully. It raises questions of Theology and Stewardship through examining 3 situations that ask 'How can the church's governing bodies be Faithful stewards?'

The 4 sections are:

- 1-Deciding to Care: Personal & Corporate Stewardship;
- 2-Taking Care of Our Language: Corporate Stewardship in a Congregation;
- 3-Building & Grounds;
- 4-Local Concern & National Response. - (1991)

PILGRIMAGE TOWARDS RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

With a great deal of assistance from area churches and drawing on the Faith and wisdom contained in the 1996 Report to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, the group organized gatherings called Nurturing Deep Understanding and Hope. These gatherings were process-oriented and designed to facilitate a larger, ongoing process the Pilgrimage Towards Right Relationships. Drawing on the first four gatherings (starting in 2001), this video outlines the group's process and spirit. This taste of their experience is meant to nurture your understanding and hope while proposing an alternative way to educate about the complex and damaged Relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Canada. - 27 mins (2003)

PLACES OF WORSHIP

This set of slides with guide first provides the viewer with an overview of the history of architecture of Christian places of Worship from the earliest days of Christianity through to this century. It then describes what takes place during worship and how the design of a Worship space can enable participation in those acts. - 16 mins (1992)

PLAYING FAIR - TAPE 1: CAROL'S MIRROR

This is a 4 - part series of discussion-starters about Racism, respect and equality, for Children

Carol is interested in playing the lead in her school's annual play. The only problem is that the school puts on Snow White every year, and Carol is not white. After much lively debate, Carol and her classmates find a solution. - 14 mins (1992)

PLAYING FAIR - TAPE 2: MELA'S LUNCH

Mela's Lunch is the story of the unsteady beginnings of a friendship between Mela and Allison. Having just immigrated to Canada from India, Mela is trying hard to make friends and get used to her new surroundings. Peter and other classmates make her feel unwelcome and out of place. At first, Allison goes along with the group. - 14 mins (1992)

PLAYING FAIR - TAPE 3: HEY, KELLY!

Kelly - during a friendly game of tag, Robert calls Kelly a racist name and a fight ensues. The principal gives them a task to do during detention. While working together, Robert and Kelly learn to cooperate and also find out that they have something in common. - 15 mins (1992)

PLAYING FAIR - TAPE 4: WALKER

Walker is a young Aboriginal foster child whose only playmate is his dog. Jamie is a lonely young white boy who is afraid of dogs, and has some strange ideas about Aboriginal people. Walker ignores the racist jeering and taunting of the bigger boys and reaches out to Jamie. Together, they find friendship and understanding. - 14 mins (1992)

POLITICS OF FOOD, (THE) - VOLUME 1

The Global Scale of Hunger and Poverty. We examine Sudan as a case study of agricultural policy, which did not work. It was once considered the "breadbasket" of the Arab World, but now teeters on the brink of famine. Why? - 52 mins (1987)

POLITICS OF FOOD, (THE) - VOLUME 2

The United States is the world's biggest producer of Food. American agricultural policies affect U.S. farmers and the Food growers around the world. Recent changes have an effect on both. - 52 mins (1987)

POLITICS OF FOOD, (THE) - VOLUME 3

Brazil has been a textbook study in economic miracle making. Its policies have been very successful in terms of gross production statistics but they haven't helped the poor and the hungry who increase daily. Pressure for political change is increasing. - 52 mins (1987)

POLITICS OF FOOD, (THE) - VOLUME 4

Bangladesh was once described as the basket case of the Third World, fated to forever rely on handouts for the survival of its people. Can it ever hope to support itself? We examine Kerala, a poor but self-sufficient society in southern India. It suggests ways Bangladesh can free itself from its role as a perpetual charity case. - 52 mins (1987)

PORTRAITS OF THE PROPHETS: AMOS

The core of this video is an interview between a contemporary television interviewer and the prophet Amos. Amos is role played by a leading Canadian Biblical scholar. - 40 mins (1989)

PORTRAITS OF THE PROPHETS: EZEKIAL

The core of this video is an interview between a contemporary television interviewer and the "prophet" Ezekiel. Ezekiel is role-played by a leading Canadian Biblical scholar. - 42 mins (1989)

PORTRAITS OF THE PROPHETS: HOSEA

The core of this video is an interview between Hosea and a contemporary television interviewer. Hosea is role played by a leading Canadian Biblical scholar. - 40 mins (1989)

PORTRAITS OF THE PROPHETS: JEREMIAH

The core of this video is an interview between a contemporary television interviewer and Jeremiah, role-played by a leading Canadian Biblical scholar. - 44 mins (1989)

PRAYER: DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE? (DVD)

In this DVD Philip Yancey guides you in exploring Prayer: What is it? How does it work? Does it work? Does Prayer change God or us? Or both? - 90 mins (2007)

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PRAYING IN THE MIDST OF LIFE - 1. QUESTION ABOUT PRAYER

Led by Ron DeBene, this is a series of six videos designed to help strengthen personal Prayer life. Each program is approximately 23 mins long. - 23 mins

PRAYING IN THE MIDST OF LIFE - 2. FINDING GOD

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 23 mins

PRAYING IN THE MIDST OF LIFE - 3. KNOWING GOD'S WILL

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 23 mins

PRAYING IN THE MIDST OF LIFE - 4. PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 23 mins

PRAYING IN THE MIDST OF LIFE - 5. LEARNING THE BREATH PRAYER

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 23 mins

PRAYING IN THE MIDST OF LIFE - 6. RETREATING AT ANY TIME

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 23 mins

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

This videocassette, (using different styles of animation & real-life actors) in four parts takes us through the Advent season, giving meaning to each of the four Sundays in Advent. Could be used in church schools, membership classes, mid-week groups, women's group, worship, etc. A warm, informative, delightful presentation. - 60 mins (1987)

PRIME TIME PARENT - (KIT)

This is a workshop kit intended for use by groups who are interested in television and the effect it may have on our Children. It contains a training manual, a training video (18 mins), a clips video (60 mins), activity cards, backgrounders, handouts, and evaluations sheets. This resource was produced by the Alliance for Children & Television for Health Canada. - 78 mins (1995)

PRINCIPLES OF Christian STEWARDSHIP - 1 & 2 - THE STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY & THE THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP

This resource is presented in four sessions on two videocassettes. A study guide and curriculum have been produced to correspond with the videotaped seminar facilitated by Dr. Hilbert Berger. The seminar examines four different areas of Christian Stewardship;

Session 1: The Stewardship Journey
Session 2: The Theology of Stewardship - 90 mins (1989)

PRINCIPLES OF Christian STEWARDSHIP - 3 & 4 - Christian GROWTH AND STEWARDSHIP & THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH: CORPORATE STEWARD

SEE SESSION 1 & 2 FOR DESCRIPTION

Session 3: Christian Growth and Stewardship
Session 4: The Nature of the Church: Corporate Stewardship - 90 mins (1989)

PROPHETS SPEAK (THE) - 2 AMOS

This is an 8 part study series.

The words of the Old Testament prophets are explored in terms of the societal issues existent and those emerging in their life and times. The programs combine the illustrative discussions of a panel of educators and with the scholars playing the parts of the prophets in television-style interviews. The interviews continue to examine these men, their prophecies and the life and times, which heralded these prophecies. In order to achieve the female perspective in one program, Hosea is interpreted through the eyes of his wife, Gomer. A study guide is available from the book room. - 30 mins (1989)

PROPHETS SPEAK (THE) - 4. FIRST ISAIAH

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1989)

PROPHETS SPEAK (THE) - 5. JEREMIAH

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1989)

PROPHETS SPEAK (THE) - 6. EZEKIEL

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1989)

PROPHETS SPEAK (THE) - 7 SECOND ISAIAH

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1989)

PROPHETS SPEAK (THE) - 8. JONAH

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1989)

PUT THE CHILD FIRST

This training package includes a videocassette, a series of guidelines and manuals. The package is designed to educate and enable people who care for children, to respond to cases of suspected child abuse and neglect, in a sensitive and responsible manner. The package is part of a national training program committed to prevention of further abuse and neglect of children. - 16 mins (1989)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH FOR YOUTH II: 2 WHO DO YOU WANT TO BECOME?

Young people were interviewed on issues and faith questions, and their responses are presented as food for thought to stimulate discussion. Includes study guide. - 17 mins (1994)

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QUESTIONS OF FAITH FOR YOUTH II: 3 HOW MUCH STUFF DO YOU NEED?

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 17 mins (1994)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH FOR YOUTH II: 4 HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT?

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 19 mins (1994)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH FOR YOUTH II: 5 WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT VIOLENCE?

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 17 mins (1994)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH FOR YOUTH II: 6. IS LOVING YOURSELF EASY?

SEE TAPE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION - 16 mins (1994)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH II: 1 WHO IS JESUS?

Well-known non-secular writers and thinkers are interviewed on camera around a series of questions; these are questions that each person struggles with as their faith changes along with their daily lives. The thoughts and reflections are compiled in these sections: - 25 mins (1989)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH II: 2 WHAT'S THE USE OF THE Bible?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1989)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH II: 3 WHO'S GOT THE TRUTH?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1989)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH II: 4 HOW DO WE RIGHT THE WRONG?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1989)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH II: 5 WHAT GIVES YOU FAITH?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1989)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH II: 6 WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1989)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH III: 1 WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY FAITH?

This popular series addresses, as the title suggests, the questions of Faith with which many people struggle at some point in their faith journey. The people interviewed in the videos are well known in both the secular and church worlds as writers and thinkers. - 25 mins (1991)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH III: 2 WHY WORSHIP?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1991)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH III: 3 WHAT'S RELIGION GOT TO DO WITH SEX?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1991)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH III: 4 WHAT ARE THE MORAL DILEMMAS?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1991)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH III: 5 REMEMBER SIN AND SALVATION?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1991)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH III: 6 WHAT ABOUT GRACE AND MIRACLES?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1991)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH IV: 1 WHAT'S THE NATURE OF HUMAN NATURE

Contain basic questions of belief and meaning come to us over and over in our lives. Sometimes we think we've gone beyond them. But the world and circumstances of our lives change and so, in every generation, we struggle to find new meaning that fits what we now know. In this series a variety of contemporary thinkers reflect on such issues. We hope that what they say will provoke responses in you and will help in your struggle with the questions. - 24 mins

QUESTIONS OF FAITH IV: 2 WHOSE LIFE IS SACRED

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 24 mins

QUESTIONS OF FAITH IV: 3 WHOSE WORLD IS IT?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 2N mins

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QUESTIONS OF FAITH IV: 4 WHAT'S THE HOLY SPIRIT?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 24 mins

QUESTIONS OF FAITH IV: 5 WHAT'S RELIGION

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 24 mins

QUESTIONS OF FAITH IV: 6 WHY HOPE?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 24 mins

QUESTIONS OF FAITH V: 2 WHOSE MONEY IS IT? (RC)

Prominent contemporary thinkers explore questions such as why it is hard for us to talk about our money, what Faith has to do with money, and how to be Faithful in a consumer society. - 19 mins (1994)

RAINBOW (THE) - N.T. I JESUS COMES INTO THE WORLD - JESUS BEGINS HIS MISSION

Ten New Testament Bible stories taken from the words and teachings of Jesus. The stories are illustrated and accompanied by a script, songs and pictures written and drawn by Judith Klein, a French Canadian artist and Christian educator. As with the Old Testament 'Rainbow' series, this series may be used as a complete curriculum in itself, as supplementary material, or for midweek groups and vacation school. (Translated from the French.) - 14 mins (1991)

RAINBOW (THE) - N.T. II GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE - LEARNING TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 11 mins (1991)

RAINBOW (THE) - N.T. III JESUS CALLS FOR A CHANGED WAY - THE HEALING OF THE BODY & SPIRIT

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 11 mins (1991)

RAINBOW (THE) - N.T. IV THE REIGN OF GOD IS NEAR - GOD INVITES THE HUMBLE TO A FEAST

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 12 mins (1991)

RAINBOW (THE) - N.T. V JESUS GIVES HIS LIFE - JESUS LIVES

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1991)

RAINBOW (THE) - O.T. I GOD CALLS ABRAHAM & SARAH - THE BIRTH OF ISAAC

These Old Testament Stories are illustrated and accompanied by a script, songs and pictures written and drawn by Judith Klein, a French Canadian Artist, and Christian educator. This series may be used as a complete curriculum in itself, as supplementary material, or for midweek groups and vacation school. (Translated from the French) - 11 mins (1991)

RAINBOW (THE) - O.T. II JOSEPH IN EGYPT - MOSES SAVES GOD'S PEOPLE

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 14 mins (1991)

RAINBOW (THE) - O.T. III SAMUEL IN GOD'S SERVICE - DAVID THE SHEPHERD BECOMES KING

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 12 mins (1991)

RAINBOW (THE) - O.T. IV GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE PROPHETS - MARIAM'S CONFIDENCE IN GOD

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 13 mins (1991)

RAINBOW (THE) - O.T. V ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MESSIAH - THE BIRTH OF Jesus

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 14 mins (1991)

RECIPE FOR VITALITY (A): CHALLENGES FOR SMALL MULTIPOINT PARISHES

This video follows participants in an Anglican consultation on congregational development. The meeting was to affirm the life of small congregations, and to identify components, which lead to vitality in these congregations. The learning and strategies were to be shared by the participants with other parishes, particularly the common ingredients of the 'recipes for vitality'. - 26 mins (1993)

RECITS DE L'ANCIEN TESTAMENT

Le matériel comprend pour chaque volet: un video, un cahier d'accompagnement pour les adults et pour des enfants. Les vibrantes couleurs des aquarelles réalisées par Judith Bricault, les suggestions d'activités et les récits d'actualisation permettront aux enfants de découvrir dans la richesse de La Bible le lien qui existe avec leur propre vie. - 60 mins

RECITS DE L'ANCIEN TESTAMENT: LE PEUPLE DE DIEU

Le matériel comprend pour chaque volet: un video, un cahier d'accompagnement pour les adults et un pour chacun des enfants. Les vibrantes couleurs des aquarelles réalisées par Judith Bricault, les suggestions d'activités et les récits d'actualisation permettront aux enfants de découvrir dans la richesse de la Bible le lien qui existe avec leur propre vie. - 60 mins (1994)

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RECITS DU NOUVEAU TESTAMENT

Le matériel comprend pour chaque volet: un video, un cahier d'accompagnement pour les adults et pour des enfants. Les vibrantes couleurs des aquarelles réalisées par Judith Bricault, les suggestions d'activités et les récits d'actualisation permettront aux enfants de découvrir dans la richesse de la Bible le lien qui existe avec leur propre vie. - 58 mins

RED BOOTS FOR CHRISTMAS

The video Red Boots for Christmas is based on a story written many years ago in Germany. Hans the shoemaker learns about the joys of sharing and fellowship and the spirit of Christmas after he is visited by an angel who brings the promise of a very special gift. - 30 mins (1995)

RE-EXAMINING BAPTISMAL FONTS

This video provides a historical exploration of the use and design of the baptismal font and discusses how the use of water in the sacrament of Baptism has become minimized in contemporary times. The renewed theology of the sacrament of baptism calls us to re-examine the design and placement of the baptismal font. This video will be especially helpful to church development and property committees, but will also help people to understand how the use of fonts can enable the ministry of The Whole People of God through Baptism. - 36 mins (1991)

REFINING FIRE, SUSTAINING GRACE: 75th ANNIVERSARY

The United Church of Canada has a history of tackling difficult issues and taking tough stands. This video traces the journey, pointing to some of the key events and decisions. Through interviews with leaders in the church, four main areas are highlighted: inclusiveness, the United Church as part of Canada, the United Church as part of the world, and the future. - 30 mins (1999)

REGINA MINISTRY AND GREENING OF SACRED SPACES: OCTOBER 28, 2007 (DVD)

October 28 2007

Faced with poverty on its doorstep, Know United Church in Regina opens its doors to meet its neighbours and work with them for justice. The second part of this program deals with new energy-saving programs for churches, temples, and mosques that reduce their ecological footprint. Produced by faith and the Common Good, this documentary shows what congregations can do to become part of the green revolution - 29 mins (2007)

RENOVATIONS 2000 - HIGHLIGHTS

This tape is an introduction to various workshops and their leaders and the Music and theme of the Renovations event held in Toronto in May 2000. Also available are individual tapes of the workshops. - 15 mins (2000)

RENOVATIONS 2000 - DICK TOWNER - THE CHALLENGE OF MATERIALISM IN THE POST-MODERN ERA

Renovations 2000 was a mission leadership conference held in Toronto in May 2000. It was part of The Embracing Transformation Project of The United Church of Canada. - 60 mins (2000)

RENOVATIONS 2000 - HAROLD PERCY - EVANGELISM IN THE POST-MODERN ERA

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 80 mins (2000)

RENOVATIONS 2000 - HERBERT O'DRISCOLL - MISSION IN THE POST-CHRISTENDOM ERA

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 80 mins (2000)

RENOVATIONS 2000 - JANET WOLF - VIDEO HAS THE FIRST 35 MINS FROM OPENING WORSHIP AND THE LAST 31 MINS FROM THE CLOSING WORSHIP

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 66 mins (2000)

RENOVATIONS 2000 - JEFF WOODS - PRACTICAL STEPS IN CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 87 mins (2000)

RENOVATIONS 2000 - JIM WALLIS - INTEGRATING SOUL FAITH AND SOCIAL FAITH

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 75 mins (2000)

RENOVATIONS 2000 - LINDA MCCOY - NEW WORSHIP MINISTRIES

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 68 mins (2000)

RENOVATIONS 2000 - WALT KALLESTAD - LEADERSHIP IN A NEW CULTURE

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 75 mins (2000)

REVELATION - SESSION 3

The Book of Revelation to John is filled with images and symbols. It was written in the First Century for First Century Christians and deals with First Century issues. It is, however, an important book for us because it is a superb statement of the faith of the church in trying times.

There are 8 sessions.

3. The worship of the Emperor (14 min) - 14 mins (1989)

REVELATION - SESSION 4

SEE TAPE 3 FOR DESCRIPTION

4. The Inland Cities (13 min) - 13 mins (1989)

REVELATION - SESSION 5

SEE TAPE 3 FOR DESCRIPTION

5. The Heavenly Throne & the Lamb (15 min) - 15 mins (1989)

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REVELATION - SESSION 6

SEE TAPE 3 FOR DESCRIPTION

6. The Beasts of the Revelation (11 min) - 11 mins (1989)

REVELATION - SESSION 7

SEE TAPE 3 FOR DESCRIPTION

7. The Final Judgement (11 min) - 11 mins (1989)

REVELATION - SESSION 8

SEE TAPE 3 FOR DESCRIPTION

8. The Heavenly Jerusalem (14 min) - 14 mins (1989)

REVELATION - THE STANDARD VIDEO Bible STUDY NEW TESTAMENT SERIES.

Certainly the most unique book in the New Testament. This video combines footage of the magnificent ruins of seven cities of The Revelation and interviews with four of the world's top apocalyptic scholars. This is an eight-session study on one 120-minute video with a leader's guide and a sample student book. - 109 mins (1990)

RIGHTS FROM THE HEART, PART 1

This is one part in a series of a collection of animated films based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Each story on this video addresses a different article in the convention as a theme - e.g. - 'Children have the right to learn with dignity'. Various artists have illustrated each of the short films on the video and each are quite beautiful and captivating in their own way; all are done without words. A special user's guide for leaders has been produced to accompany the video. - 36 mins (1992)

RIGHTS FROM THE HEART, PART 2

This is the second part in a series of a collection of animated films based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The seven films included in this video are intended for Children 9 to 12, and run for various lengths, all without words. A special user's guide for leaders accompanies the video. - 44 mins (1995)

RISING WATERS: GLOBAL WARMING AND THE FATE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

This video puts a personal face on the already noticeable effects of rising water levels in the South Pacific Island Nations of Samoa, Kiribati, and the Marshall Islands. The climate change caused by the effects of increased pollution has already resulted in rising temperatures and an increase in violent and damaging storms. This in turn has meant rising water levels, danger to fresh water supplies, erosion, habitat changes for fish, destruction of coral reefs and crop damage. Some islanders have had to relocate their buildings and graveyards. Some are trying to erect seawalls to replace the dead coral reefs. Others are already preparing for relocation of entire communities and nations. In the video we see the disappointing results of efforts to have polluting nations reduce their contributions to this problem. And we are shown how even the island of Manhattan in New York is already suffering damage. - 60 mins (2000)

ROBERT'S DREAM

This video for children tells the story of Robert, a boy who doesn't want to go to church. The one night he travels in his dreams to visit children in churches in the past, present, and future, and learns that the church can be fun. - 25 mins

ROCKEFELLERS (THE)

This video is from a television program about the history of the Rockefeller family. It presents a fascinating study of the acquisition and sharing of wealth by a family, which continues today in their tradition of piety and religious devotion along with tough business practices. Viewers will be encouraged to talk about the stewardship of money, to connect money and spirituality, and to discuss the stewardship of all of life. - 50 mins (1994)

RYAN'S WELL

Ryan's Well is the story of one young boy's determination to make a difference in the world. Through perseverance and determination, Ryan Hreljiac from Kemptonville Ontario in central Canada has raised over \$500,000 to build wells and to buy equipment to improve the lives of his pen pal Jimmy Akana and the people of Angola, Uganda.

In this moving documentary we will meet Ryan and his friends who helped to raise the money, and the generous neighbours. - 25 mins (2001)

S.P.L.A.S.H.

This animated video is about our waterways and the demands put on them today. An army of droplets, led by the Chief, tell the story of what happens to them from the time they fall as rain till they reach their destination. - 12 mins (1980)

SACRED & SECULAR: 1 BILL PHIPPS

As broadcast on Spirit Connection, this is a compelling series of in-depth interviews conducted by host Royal Orr with six Canadians describing how they integrate their Christian faith with their daily lives.

Program 1: Rt. Rev. Bill Phipps, the Moderator of The United Church of Canada, talks about what Lent and the Gospel mean in his life. - 29 mins (1997)

SACRED & SECULAR: 2 GAIL REID

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

Program 2: Gail Reid, the managing editor of Fellowship Magazine, celebrates the victory of the Resurrection and the season of reconciliation. - 29 mins (1997)

SACRED & SECULAR: 3 SENATOR ANNE COOLS

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

Program 3: Senator Anne Cools is a long-time activist who believes strongly in speaking on behalf of Christian principles, even when people disagree. - 29 mins (1997)

SACRED & SECULAR: 4 PAUL HENDERSON

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

Program 4: Paul Henderson is a dedicated and passionate lay minister who shares the Good News of God's transforming presence. - 29 mins (1997)

SACRED & SECULAR: 5 SUSAN EAGLE

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

Program 5: Rev. Susan Eagle, a United Church minister and advocate for the marginalized, reflects on the schizophrenic aspects of ministry with the poor and affluent. - 29 mins (1997)

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SACRED & SECULAR: 6 BILL CARR

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

Program 6: Bill Carr is a theologically-educated actor and humorist who believes that suffering and joy are integral and balancing parts of the Lenten story. - 29 mins (1997)

SACRED LAND, SCARRED LAND

Stories of tragedy and courage relating to the exploitation of traditional lands of Aboriginal peoples including the Lubicon in Alberta, the Embera Katio in Colombia, the Nuer in Sudan, and the people of Marinduque, Philippines. (There is a short version of the tape - 18 mins - for those groups which have a limited amount of time for study). - 28 mins (2000)

SACRED LAND, SCARRED LAND (SHORT VERSION)

Stories of tragedy and courage relating to the exploitation of traditional lands of Aboriginal peoples including the Lubicon in Alberta, the Embera Katio in Colombia, the Nuer in Sudan, and the people of Marinduque, Philippines. This is a short version of the tape for those groups which have a limited amount of time for study. (The longer version is 28 mins). - 18 mins (2000)

SACRED STORIES

Three storytellers - Frederick Buechner, Maya Angelou, and James Carroll - share their personal stories and give insights into the use of story in revealing God's presence in our lives. These three novelists lead the viewer to discover the power of memory to heal, the value of telling secrets and the possibilities of changing the future by forgiving the past. - 80 mins (1990)

SACRED TRUST: Part 1 BOUNDARIES, POWER, AND VULNERABILITY - KIT

A SACRED TRUST is a program of four training videos and a facilitator's guide. It is designed for clergy and seminarians, consists of four training videos (approximately 22 mins each) and a comprehensive facilitator's guide with background information, discussion questions, and suggestions for role-plays and other interactive exercises.

The videos address critical topics, including:

- Video 1: Boundaries, Power and Vulnerability
- Video 2: Dating, Friendships, Dual Relationships, Gifts
- Video 3: The Pulpit, Transference, Hugging and Touch, Intimacy
- Video 4: Personal Needs and Self-Care, Red Flags, Final Reflections - 22 mins (2003)

SACRED TRUST: Part 2 DATING, FRIENDSHIPS, GIFTS, DUAL RELATIONSHIPS - KIT

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 23 mins (2003)

SACRED TRUST: Part 3 THE PULPIT, TRANSFERENCE, HUGGING & TOUCH, INTIMACY - KIT

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 22 mins (2003)

SACRED TRUST: Part 4 PERSONAL NEEDS & SELF - CARE, RED FLAGS, FINAL REFLECTIONS - KIT

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 22 mins (2003)

SAMUEL (1 & 2) VOLUME ONE

The two books of Samuel contain the history of the time when Israel went from a confederation of twelve tribes to a united kingdom under one monarch. It covers the time from the birth of Samuel to just before the death of King David, a period of approximately 100 years.

There are 2 Volumes.

Volume I:

1. From Egypt to the Judges
2. The Prophet Samuel
3. The Ark of the Covenant
4. Israel Wants a King
5. Saul, Israel's First King
6. Samuel Turns Against Saul - 90 mins (1991)

SAMUEL (1 & 2) VOLUME TWO

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

There are 2 Volumes.

Volume II:

7. David in Saul's Court
8. David's Outlaw Years
9. David Becomes King
10. Jerusalem and the Ark of the Covenant
11. Bathsheba and Tamar
12. Absalom's Revolt - 90 mins (1991)

SAND CASTLE (THE)

THE SAND CASTLE is a fable done in 'sandimation' about the Sandman and the creatures he creates. The engaging characters work together to build a home and then celebrate its completion. The wind then intrudes and blows the house down. - 13 mins (1977)

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SAVING JESUS (DVD)

Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right / Saving Jesus is a revolutionary DVD-based small group exploration of Jesus Christ for the third millennium. Featuring leading religious voices of our day, the 12-week program includes a printable participant reader and facilitator guide offering discussion questions. The basic format for each weekly 1 - 1 1/2 hour session includes conversation around the readings, a 20-minute video segment and guided discussion. Matthew Fox, Amy-Jill Levine, James Forbes and a host of others for a conversation around the relevance of Jesus Christ for today,

Themes

- 1) Introduction: Jesus through the ages
- 2) Who was Jesus? Featuring Matthew Fox
- 3) What Can We Know About Jesus (and How)?
- 4) The World into Which Jesus Was Born Featuring John Dominic Crossan
- 5) Jesus' Birth: Incarnation
- 6) Teachings of Jesus: Wisdom Tradition Featuring Bernard Brandon Scott
- 7) Jesus' Program: The Kingdom of God Featuring John Dominic Crossman
- 8) Jesus' Ministry of Compassion
- 9) Killing Jesus, Part One: Who Killed Jesus? Featuring Jesus? Featuring Amy-Jill Levine & Helen Prejean
- 10) Killing Jesus, Part Two; The Atonement Featuring Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker
- 11) The Resurrection of Christ Featuring James Forbes
- 12) Why Jesus is Worth Saving Featuring Marcus Borg - 90 mins

SEA OF TROUBLES - CBC - THE JOURNAL

We are given a realistic rendition of the discoveries of Christopher Columbus and subsequent explorers and invaders to the continent. Instead of glorifying the discoveries we are made aware of the atrocities and the negative impact the arrivals had on the people already living here. - 31 mins (1991)

SEARCH FOR HEALING

This award-winning documentary is about the painful memories of former Native students in residential school and their search for healing. - 24 mins (1993)

SEARCHING FOR SPIRITUALITY- #1

Joan Chittister, Benedictine nun, teacher, author, sociologist leads six other seekers on the search for wholeness. They explore ten attributes that form a Christian spiritual life. Five programs on two tapes.

Tape 1:

1. Seeing God in Others (24 mins)
2. Finding God in Daily Life (22 mins) - 46 mins (2000)

SEARCHING FOR SPIRITUALITY - #2

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

Tape 2:

3. Understanding Others as God Understands Us (21 mins)
4. Falling Into the Presence of God (24 mins)
5. Receiving Others Kindly (22 mins) - 67 mins (2000)

SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT

This program shares personal stories of people facing turning points in their lives and asking questions of faith that are all part of the seasons of the spirit. Connecting these stories to the Christian seasons helps viewers to reflect on some of their own experiences, both individually and as communities.

I. Advent Story (15 mins) Maria Waits - the story of a mother and her children from El Salvador who are given sanctuary in a church in B.C.

II. Christmas Story (12 mins) Laura and Jason Discover Gifts the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany are about making a difference in the world. This story is about two young adults who learn about making differences through their work in Tanzania.

III. Lent Story (8 mins) John seeks light giving up old ways involves struggle and self-examination in a Lenten time of darkness and preparation before the light and joy of Easter. John speaks of the devastation and change faced by him and his Nova Scotia community through the impact of changes in the fishing and boating industry.

IV. Easter Story (15 mins) Diane finds courage an Easter celebration with the Gryba family at Third Avenue United Church in North Battleford, SK. Five year old Daniel has had a long battle with cancer. This is the story of his mother, Diane, and her courage and hope that go beyond inspiring. - 52 mins (1997)

SECRET OF THE SECOND BASEMENT

In this story, the puppet friends, Nanny and Isaiah meet for the first time. Nanny a lonely and homeless little girl discovers the warmth and love of a 'family' of homeless people living in a secret church basement. - 30 mins (1984)

SELFISH GIANT (THE)

An animated (cartoon-style) story based on the Oscar Wilde fairy tale about a giant who builds a wall around his garden to keep out the neighbourhood children. It is an allegory for underlying Christian themes of healing and hope. - 27 mins (1991)

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SEVEN STORYTELLERS OF FAITH (DVD)

The 1997 Spirit Connection Lenten Study Series features seven prominent personalities sharing his or her faith and ideas about such questions as the image of God, what gives life meaning, and the problem of evil

Episode 1; John Dominic Crossan, author of the Historical Jesus', talks about his research into the real personality of Jesus and the controversy it has created.

Episode 2; Robert Fulghum, author of 'All I really Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten' on faith's joy and surprise in the face of darkness.

Episode 3; Madeleine L'Engle, author of a Wrinkle in Time' talks about how science and faith form a dynamic balance.

Episode 4; Brian Wren on hymn writing and social justice, contributor to Voices United,

Episode 5; Tex Sample author of 'Hard Living People' on the painful courage of convictions,

Episode 6; Anet Wolfe, a Methodist Minister in downtown Nashville, talks about living and dealing with deep hate and discrimination,

Episode 7, Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy who endured four years of shackled imprisonment in Lebanon talks about his journey back into the light. - 154 mins

SEVEN STORYTELLERS OF FAITH: 1 - JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION

John Dominic Crossan, author of 'The Historical Jesus', talks about his research into the real personality of Jesus and the controversy it has created. - 22 mins (1997)

SEVEN STORYTELLERS OF FAITH: 2 - ROBERT FULGHUM

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION

Robert Fulghum, author of 'All I Really Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten' on faith's joy and surprise in the face of darkness. - 22 mins (1997)

SEVEN STORYTELLERS OF FAITH: 3 - MADELEINE L'ENGLE

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION

Madeleine L'Engle, author of 'A Wrinkle in Time' talks about how science and faith form a dynamic balance. - 22 mins (1997)

SEVEN STORYTELLERS OF FAITH: 4 - BRIAN WREN

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION

Brian Wren on hymn writing and social justice, contributor to 'Voices United'. - 22 mins (1997)

SEVEN STORYTELLERS OF FAITH: 5 - TEX SAMPLE

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION

Tex Sample author of 'Hard Living People' on the painful Courage of convictions. - 22 mins (1997)

SEVEN STORYTELLERS OF FAITH: 6 - JANET WOLF

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION

Janet Wolf, a Methodist minister in downtown Nashville, talks about living and dealing with deep hate and discrimination. - 22 mins (1997)

SEVEN STORYTELLERS OF FAITH: 7 - TERRY WAITE

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION

Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy who endured four years of shackled imprisonment in Lebanon, talks about his journey back into the light. - 22 mins (1997)

SHADOWLANDS (C.S. LEWIS)

This video explores the faith crisis encountered by C.S. Lewis prior to and after the death of his wife. It follows his journey out of the shadow lands of depression back to a realization that 'real life has not even begun yet.' - 75 mins (1985)

SHARED MINISTRY

This video tells the stories of four ecumenical shared ministries, highlighting such issues as sharing a building, developing different styles of worship, education about each other's traditions and values, decision making, appointments of clergy, joys and frustrations. - 28 mins (1994)

SHARING OUR SONG OF FAITH - COMPLETE SERIES 2007

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 120 mins (2007)

SHARING OUR SONG OF FAITH - COMPLETE SERIES 2007 (DVD)

Each generation of The United Church of Canada has created a statement of faith that reflects the church's understanding of what it means to be God's people in the time. Our newest statement is called "A Song of Faith". It embraces the present spirit of the church in a poetic and memorable style. In the series, guests from different faith traditions are invited to enter a conversation about programs in the series, including a special show for Easter Sunday focusing on the Resurrection.

Mar 11 - Program One: God and Creation
Mar 18 - Program Two: Brokenness, Grace, and Healing
Mar 25 - Program Three: Jesus, God's Love Incarnate
Apr 1 - Program Four: Hope beyond Life
Apr 8 - Program Five: Resurrection - 120 mins (2007)

SHOPPING BAG LADY

Mildred Dunnock portrays an old lady who lives under a bridge in Central Park, N.Y., all her belongings in shopping bags. She meets some teenage girls with little sympathy for the old. The film movingly depicts the breaking down of the barriers of age, thoughtlessness and selfishness between one of the girls and the old lady. - 21 mins (1975)

SHORT HISTORY OF GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE UCC

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 30:mins (2005)

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SHORT HISTORY OF GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE UCC (DVD)

The Rev. Chris Ferguson, former Executive Minister of Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit of the General Council Office of the United Church of Canada, shares his perspective on this vital topic. - 30 mins (2005)

SIDE-BY-SIDE (DVD)

A celebration of United Church Women (UCW) and their contributions. At a local or the national level, women in the United Church have long supported one another and their communities. Whether it is listening to a friend or raising funds for Sunday school equipment or new incubators for a local hospital, each act is an expression of their faith. The year 2002 marks 40 faithful years of the UCW. - 30 mins

SILENCE UPSTAIRS (THE)

Video for anyone struggling to know how to best deal with the pros and cons of maintaining elderly parents in their own home. The video vividly portrays the problems that can arise in a family that keeps its aging parent at home - problems for the family and also the elderly parent. Excellent discussion starter. - 11 mins (1987)

SILENT FAMINE (THE)

In 1995 and 1996, the heaviest rains in living memory destroyed dams, irrigation systems, roads, and crops, wiping out most of the harvest in North Korea. The United Nations has declared that there is less food per capita in North Korea than anywhere else on earth. This video was made from footage taken during a visit by Canadian Food Grains Bank delegates. - 15 mins (1997)

SIMPLE WAY (THE) I: 4 ENVIRONMENTAL SIMPLICITY

Winnipeg AVEL has series 1 and 2 of THE SIMPLE WAY. There are 6 videos in each series. These 12 videos, hosted by Fred Penner, are about voluntary simplicity - a movement which encourages frugality and spiritual fulfillment.

4. Environmental Simplicity - This is a program illustrating the fact that people's everyday efforts to change can preserve what we have, rather than expanding and consuming indefinitely - A "voluntary simplicity" resource for the Jubilee, Year 2 Mission Theme. - 25 mins (1998)

SINGING PARTNERS

Congregations of St. James, Simcoe, Ontario and Webster Memorial, Jamaica are twinned through song and work, illustrating partners in mission relationship. Originally broadcast on Spirit Connection, Dec. 10, 1990. A core resource for DWO 'twinning' study process. - 7 mins (1990)

SINGLE PARENTING (DVD)

Single Parenting explores the basics of parenting from the unique perspective of a single parent. Sessions cover building support systems, time management, multiple households, and forgiveness.

Each DVD contains four sessions with 15 mins of video including three segments of video for each class.

Week 1 - Coping As A Single Parent

Week 2 - Leading Your Family Along The Right Path

Week 3 - Confronting Challenges Of Discipline

Week 4 - Providing For Your Family's Needs

With the proactive parenting series, you don't have to be a "parenting expert" to lead a class or small group. With DVD segments from Jim Williams, a well-known author and national speaker, it's easy to coordinate a class, facilitate discussions and help lead a group of parents through a period of leading, growing and sharing. - 60 mins (2004)

SIX LEADERS VOL 1: - DONALD REEVES, CHUNG HYUN KYUNG, WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN

SEE INDIVIDUAL VHS FOR DESCRIPTION - 120 mins

SIX LEADERS VOL 2: - SAM KEEN, JOAN CHITTISTER, JOHN SPONG

SEE INDIVIDUAL VHS FOR DESCRIPTION -

SIX LEADERS: - CHUNG HYUN KYUNG

This is the second program in a series of reflections from six important Christian thinkers. Professor Chung Hyun Kyung teaches at Ewha Women's University and is renowned for both her feminist and Asian theologies. In this program Chung is asked several questions relating to her theology and beliefs around death and life after death, religious teaching and the relationship between culture and religion in her life. - 28 mins (1993)

SIX LEADERS: - DONALD REEVES

This is the first part in a series of reflections from six important Christian thinkers. This Lenten study series could be used by individuals or by study groups; Mardi Tindal prepared a guide for use with this video series. Canon Donald Reeves of St. James Church, Piccadilly and BBC presenter responds to a question of Faith 'In order to be Faithful, from whom must the church learn?' Reeves' primary themes in this program are justice making, repentance, and the quest for holiness. - 28 mins (1993)

SIX LEADERS: - JOAN CHITTISTER

This is the fifth program in a series of reflections from six important Christian thinkers. Sr. Joan Chittister is formerly a Benedictine prioress and a principal in the area of Christian spirituality and monasticism. In this program Joan Chittister offers her thoughts about images of God. - 28 mins (1993)

SIX LEADERS: - JOHN SPONG

This is the final program in a series of reflections from six important Christian thinkers. Bishop John Spong of the Diocese of Newark has distinct views on uses for scripture, corporate sin, marriage and relationships with others. - 28 mins (1993)

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SIX LEADERS: - SAM KEEN

This is the fourth program in a series of reflections from six important Christian thinkers. Dr. Sam Keen, author, myth maker and storyteller, contributing editor to 'Psychology Today', comments on faith, authority (biblical and personal) and morality. - 28 mins (1993)

SIX LEADERS: - WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN

This is the third program in a series of reflections from six important Christian thinkers. Dr. William Sloane Coffin of Riverside Church in New York and of Yale University is asked about his thoughts on grace, sin and salvation. - 28 mins (1993)

SPECIAL PLACES: TAKING CARE OF GOD'S WORLD

Special Places is a two-part video resource to help children, youth and teachers expand their understanding of stewardship to include concern for all of God's creation.

Part I (11 mins) is a visual story, which provides a backdrop for three Native American storytellers.

Part II (14 mins) features a workshop in which Christian educators handle the issues raised in Part I. Special Places is a two-part video resource to help children, youth and teachers expand their understanding of stewardship to include concern for all of God's creation. - 25 mins

SPIRIT CONNECTION - FINAL SHOW DECEMBER 30, 2007

Spirit Connection December 30, 2007 Final Show

A look back on 20 years of Spirit Connection, the United Church's television show that blazed a new path for religious television, showcasing good news and inspiring stories from across the church in Canada and overseas. A look back at 20 years of broadcasting through the memories of the people behind the scenes. - 28:30 mins (2007)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 1997 - DECEMBER

Dec 1 - SPECIAL NO PLACE TO CALL HOME

Official estimates now place the number of uprooted people at more than 50 million - women, men, children - ordinary people who through no fault of their own have been forced to leave their homes and livelihood. Some are victims of civil war, others of persecution or political intimidation; many are economic refugees who leave in order to survive. This program explores the root causes of today's uprooted people. It tells stories of tremendous courage in the face of almost overwhelming odds and it bears witness to models of compassionate sharing. This documentary will move you: to anger, perhaps to tears, hopefully to action. (28:30)

Dec 8 - THE IMPACT OF 'THE DECADE'

In 1998, the member churches of the World Council of Churches launched a ten-year project called The Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women in Church and Society. The stories in this program reflect the lives of women today. * In 'Sounding the Bamboo,' women from ethnic backgrounds deepen friendships, bring other women into the fellowship of the church and explore ways to participate fully in Canadian life. (6:00) * Former United Church Moderator Lois Wilson points out that, during The Decade, we became more aware of the obstacles women face within the church and how our theological understandings of the Bible must change. (5:41) * 'Language of Grace' examines how First United Church in Ottawa has worked to include everyone in the language of worship. (6:00) * A Scottish woman living in a Glasgow slum declares war on the forces of injustice that have kept her in poverty, always on the edge of life. (5:00)

Dec 15 - SPECIAL: THE PEACE BROKERS

The Peace process in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa is aided through 'Practical Ministries' - a small group of peace workers who crisscross a large section of the province, teaching tolerance, peace and reconciliation. It is a story about forgiveness, faith and fellowship in a land wracked with violence for too many years. (29:30) (This program won a Bronze award at the World Fest competition, which drew entries from over 123 countries)

Dec 22 - A CHRISTMAS THEME

The nativity, re-enacted in many cultures and many places, is a testimony to the power of Luke's telling of the birth of Christ - a story that resonates across the centuries, bringing the meaning of Christmas out of the shopping malls and into our lives. United Church Moderator, Bill Phipps, speaks about the different feelings and the intensity of these feelings that the Christmas season evokes. He remembers his family's celebrations when he was a child and how these traditions continue in his life today. As well as personal and Biblical stories, we re-tell true stories, like The Christmas Miracle Child, and legends, such as 'The Story of the Chimes,' that express the wonder and joy of Christmas.

Dec 29 - SPECIAL

Christian Faith in a Violent World. This documentary, shot on locations across North America, illustrates the efforts by church people on this continent to mediate in situations of conflict and violence. This video could be used as a companion study to The Peace Brokers broadcast on Dec. 15. (29:30) - 150 mins (1997)

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SPIRIT CONNECTION 1997 - JANUARY

Jan 6 - SPIRIT CONNECTION AT NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CONFERENCE.

JAN 13 - OUTREACH ACROSS CONTINENTS AND RELIGIONS, INCLUDING "FAITH TO FAITH" PROGRAM.

JAN 20 - YOUTH ON A SPIRITUAL QUEST - INCLUDES Christian ROCK FESTIVAL.

JAN 27 - HOPE IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS - POSITIVE SIGNS IN ZAIRE. - 150 mins (1997)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 1998 - DECEMBER

Dec 7 - SPECIAL: The Uprooted in Our Midst

This video begins with an overview of the reasons why people are uprooted and goes on to tell three stories of Canadian church folk responding to the global tragedy. Wawanesa Pastoral Charge in Manitoba helps a refugee family from Eastern Europe find housing and work in their rural town (6:30). In Vancouver, Chown Memorial United Church and Chinese United Church work to build bridges of understanding (8:00). Bellefair United Church in Toronto persevere in their efforts to help an Ethiopian family and, although the mother dies before she was to come to Canada, her children are allowed entry and re-unification with a relative (8:00) (total 29:30)

Dec 14 - REGIONAL: SASKATCHEWAN STORIES

Spirit Connection's host, Royal Orr talks with people in Saskatchewan about situations that touch their lives. At File Hills Reserve, a member of the congregation talks about hurt experienced by himself and other Native people in the residential school system and the impact of the Apology in healing the pain. (7:30). Bill Wall, the Executive Secretary of Saskatchewan Conference explains why the United Church has issued a formal Apology to Native People (6:20). The 'Social Gospel' continues to be reflected in prairie views on Community Building (4:50). Life on the farm has changed greatly and while many farmers have had to leave the land, farming is and hopefully will continue to be means for families to find value and meaning in life. Those interviewed see both challenges and hope in their society which is experiencing dramatic change in its traditional economic base and its increasingly diverse population. (9:00) (Total - 30:00)

Dec 21 - THE MAGNIFICAT

Host Royal Orr listens to Christian Women in the Middle East as they read Mary's famous song, The Magnificat, and talk about the significance they see for women today of Mary's response to her pregnancy. What he found out may surprise and enlighten you. The land where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth provides the backdrop for this unique presentation in which commentary and words of scripture are interwoven with music and art. Some of the music used in this program was performed by the choir of Deer Park United Church, Toronto. (27:30)

Dec 28 - SPECIAL: POCKETFULS OF FAITH - BRAZIL

We visit Christian Base Communities in Brazil which offer empowerment to the marginalized, bringing them hope and conviction that they can indeed build a better tomorrow for themselves and their children. (29:00) - 120 mins (1998)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 1998 - FEBRUARY

Feb 2 - HEALING AND FAITH

Faith has a role in the healing of body and spirit, as seen in these stories of people helping people cope with the physical and emotional stresses in their lives. Some congregations are adding a Parish Nurse to their staff to provide pastoral and nursing care.(7:30) Rev. Coral Prebble and Rev. Lawrence Pushee join host Royal Orr to talk about ways in which their churches are involved in healing ministries.(9:03) And Rev. Bev Williams discovers the healing power of nature in capturing its beauty on film. She's carried that knowledge back into her ministry at Millbank Hampstead United.(5:30). Spirit Watch includes: the Ice Storm appeal by the United Church; the theme of World Day of Prayer service, prepared by Women from Madagascar, is 'Who is my neighbour?' Ten Days for Global Justice focuses on Fair Trade Coffee; in May, the Ethnic Ministry Council is sponsoring a consultation to pull together a church resource for Black History Month; two books on healing - Timeless Healing and Healers at Work. (4:00)

Feb 9 - SPECIAL: THE CLASS OF 57

In the summer of 1997, a graduating class of United Church theological students held a re-union. Ken Gallinger talks with them as they share stories and reflect upon their lives as ministers over the past forty years. Their experiences underscore the degree to which our society and our expectations have changed, but also show many ways the practice of ministry remains the same today (29:30).

Feb 16 - COMPASSION & CELEBRATION

The United Church in B. C. Conference - At First United Church, Vancouver, staff and Volunteers maintain the mission which has operated on that site for over 100 years continuing to bring warmth, food, advocacy and caring to hundreds of people who live in extreme poverty.(8:04) Brian Thorpe, Executive Secretary of B. C. Conference of the United Church, discusses the challenges of the church in a rapidly changing society.(6:00) Ryerson United Church in Vancouver has achieved a remarkable transformation in congregational life. Within the context of a large congregation, small units for study, worship and fellowship have evolved; Youth programs are thriving; worship practices reflect diversity.(7:30) And on Sunday afternoons at St. Andrew's-Wesley United, a jazz vespers service is warmly appreciated by many who are drawn there by the music, and who have their spiritual life nourished (5:20).

Feb 23 - SPECIAL: THE CLASS OF '97

A sequel to The Class of '57. Ken Gallinger talks with six recent graduates of theological schools as they compare their current experiences in congregations to that of ministers who began their work 40 years earlier. Much has changed -- but some frustrations and satisfactions remain the same. (29:30) - 120 mins (1998)

AVEL Videos in the Ottawa Resource Centre

SPIRIT CONNECTION 1998 - OCTOBER

Oct 19 - FAITH AND ECONOMY

Is the pursuit of wealth a Christian goal? On the premiere show of the 11th season, Moderator Bill Phipps talks with host Royal Orr about a faith perspective on the economy (2:45+8:56). Poverty has a serious impact on 20% of Canada's children: interviews with single parents and professionals working with young mothers help dispel stereotypes about the causes of poverty (6:56). A community kitchen program lets youth develop life skills and some practical techniques for preparing food (4:30). Hosted by Royal Orr. (29:30)

Oct 26 - CUBA TODAY: THREE FAITH PERSPECTIVES

Three Cubans reflect on their Faith - how their beliefs and values have developed and changed over the years of life in Cuba since the revolution. A special, taped in Cuba in the spring of 1998. During the Batista years, Cuba was known as the playground of the Western world. Following the Castro-led revolution of 1959 it became a socialist state and the object of sanctions, raids, and a crippling trade embargo imposed by successive USA government administrations. But what's really going on in Cuba? Is it as oppressive as some people say? How about the churches? Are they really free or are they subject to government harassment? This video provides three Faith perspectives on the contemporary Cuban reality - from Yzel Perez (a Methodist) who stayed; Tony Ramos (a Baptist) who left; and Carlos Ham-Stanard (a Presbyterian) who, but two years old in 1959, has grown up all his life as a Christian in post-revolutionary Cuba. This documentary lays to rest many myths and raises some significant questions, particularly for Christians in North America. Hosted and produced by Rod Booth (30:00). - 60 mins (1998)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 1999 - APRIL

Apr 5 - FORUM: FAITH AND ECONOMY

Host Royal Orr moderates a discussion between Bill Phipps and a panel of people interested in how faith underlies economic policy. Bill Phipps says the world has made the market a god. This discussion explores with Bill Phipps the faith base of the world's economy and the need for finding a moral basis for the economy. The members of the panel offer their perspectives and spirited exchanges of points of view challenge our priorities. (29:30)

Apr 12 - DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM

Spirit Connection's host, Royal Orr, travels to Jerusalem and the Negev Desert of Israel to bring us the story of two young women social activists, one Bedouin Israeli and the other Jewish Israeli. Their lives reflects two very different realities in one country. Both young women are trying to find a place for themselves in the often confounding and disparate society of Israel and to bring understanding between people of different cultures. (29:30)

Apr 19 - SPIRITUAL WORK IN A SECULAR WORLD

Stories of hope through building relationships. Bonnie Greene explains the United Church involvement with other churches in the situation of Kosovo - helping Refugees and building bridges between people for the future of that region. (8:00) In British Columbia, Sikhs and Christians gather to learn about each other, share concerns and consider future projects together. (4:30) In Alberta, a church organizes an innovative way of keeping in touch with their congregation through a program called Commune-I-Care. (3:06) Spirit Connection celebrates the ministry of Rod Booth who retired in this month from his position of Director of Media Resources and Executive Producer of Spirit Connection. (11:00) - 90 mins (1999)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 1999 - DECEMBER

Dec 6 - THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTSWORLD WIDE

Removing the land mines from Kosovo villages and farms is a dangerous but essential task so that people can return to their lands and lives (8:35). Rod Booth speaks of the mandate of Action by Churches Together (ACT) working on behalf of the World Council of Churches in Kosovo and other regions of the world (7:57). A documentary of the World Council of Churches efforts in Bangladesh where the economy and lives of people have been devastated by floods (6:00). Baffour Ainoa, a social activist from Ghana, discusses interchurch action and the Canadian Jubilee Coalition seeking relief from international debt for Third World countries (4:30).

Dec 13 - HUMAN RIGHTS IN CANADA

Featuring the Montreal Men's Choir - Chorale Accueil de Bonneau, this is a story of homeless men in Montreal who formed a choral group that now travels the world (7:27). Royal Orr talks with Donna Bomberry, the Indigenous Ministries Co-ordinator of The Anglican Church about the perspectives of indigenous people with regard to land claims and other Human Rights (6:03). A selection of comments by Canadians from many walks of life about poverty and its devastating impact on individuals and on our society (6:00). A youth revival takes place under the leadership of a pastor who drew on the young people's interest in music to build strong bonds of respect between the youth and others in the congregation (4:30). Hosted by Royal Orr.

Dec 20 - A CHRISTMAS CARD

The timeless story of Jesus' birth, told in familiar carols and drama, moves us to reflect on God's relationship with the world. It's re-telling by a cast of all ages and of multicultural backgrounds. It's a Christmas card to share with friends and family (and it includes some comments by some of the young angels about what Christmas means to them.) Hosted by Royal Orr. (29:30)

Dec 27 - NO PLACE TO CALL HOME

in Kosovo, and in many other places. In Kosovo, Refugees flee war, their numbers adding to the 50 million uprooted people in the world. What are the underlying causes of uprootedness? This program traces the enormous growth in refugees and uprooted people throughout this century. It is a story that raises questions about how this recurring situation can be overcome and the world made safer for ordinary people caught up in forces beyond their control. (This is an update of the program that won Gold at the Worldfest-Houston competition in 1998.) Hosted by Royal Orr. (29:30) - 120 mins (1999)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 1999 - FEBRUARY

Feb 1 - AFRICAN HERITAGE

Host Royal Orr talks with Archbishop Desmond Tutu in an exclusive interview during a visit to Canada. Bishop Tutu comments on the importance of an apology in the process of reconciliation, an apology that is not only stated but also acted upon. (10:00) Two congregations preserve and celebrate their African traditions with music that is central to their worship - Ghana Calvary Methodist United (8:30) and Communauté Chrétienne de Bethel. (5:46) Host Royal Orr displays some current books available from United Church Book Rooms.

Feb 8 - FORUM: THE APOLOGY

How can churches help heal the relationship between Native and non-Native people in Canada? Callers from across the country express their views. In studio, host Royal Orr and guest Aleace Davidson of St. Clair United Church in Sarnia discuss these comments. (27:30) - 60 mins (1999)

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SPIRIT CONNECTION 1999 - JANUARY

Jan 4 - SPECIAL: THE HOMELESS

Taped on the streets of Canadian cities, this program lets us see the faces and stories behind the statistics of homelessness. In Toronto, a sleep-out on Yonge St. by homeless people helps raise consciousness about those others who fall between the cracks of our social safety net for a variety of reasons - such as lack of affordable housing, inadequate services for psychiatric survivors, abusive homes, addictions or lack of job skills (25:15)

Jan 11 - FORUM: MENDING THE WORLD

The United Church has committed itself to working with people of all faiths and those with no specific faith designation to help mend the world. This Spirit Connection forum provides an opportunity for callers from across Canada to pose questions to the panel about how congregations and communities can build the bridges of trust and cooperation needed. (29:30)

Jan 18 - REGIONAL: YUKON STORIES

Host Royal Orr travels to the Yukon to meet people whose strong spiritual life is reinforced by their sense of community. In a setting of overwhelming natural beauty, an interest and care for the environment is shared by those whom he interviewed. And the good times roll - as we see women finding recreation and friendship in the natural hot springs in Whitehorse; and congregational members finding joy in their church life. (29:30)

Jan 25 - SPECIAL: SALTY CHRISTIANS

the World Student Christian Movement. The World Christian Student Movement provided the inciting experience for many of those who have taken leadership in the World Council of Churches. This documentary gives a vivid overview of the student movement from the heady days of its beginnings, through the stresses of the Cold War period, to its present status on the campus in Canadian universities. Universities have changed drastically, but the need for a place to develop spiritually as young adults remains. (29:30) - 120 mins (1999)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2000 - APRIL (RC)

Apr 24 - LOOKING AHEAD: EASTER PEOPLE

The 12th season of Spirit Connection reflects faith in God's purpose for all people with stories that illustrate people working together to bring hope, as Jesus did in his ministry on earth.

Interview with the Moderator: Bill Phipps talks with Royal Orr about his three years as Moderator, speaking in particular about the Moderator's Consultation on Faith and the Economy and about the relationship with First Nation peoples. Phipps expressed his belief that the United Church can offer leadership to Canadians in rectifying the past injustices to First Nations people and building new relationships, a process that he feels will take some decades to accomplish. (In 2 parts -- 4:00 and 6:00)

Television Ministry: In recognition of the United Church's use of film, video and television to communicate the work of the church over the past forty years, a collage of images, conversations, and events traced highlights of these efforts. (11:00)

A Rural Congregation: The closing story celebrates the life of a rural congregation on Denman Island, British Columbia. Here a community of worshippers gathers to praise God with music and word, and follows this with the community of fellowship an informal lunch is provided in the "loaves and fishes" manner (4:23).

Note: There is only one program on this tape. The other programs in April are contained on the Lenten Series tapes, "A Common Soul". - 30 mins (1999)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2000 - DECEMBER (TELLING THE CHRISTMAS STORY THROUGH MUSIC)

Dec 13 - ADVENT

What better way to celebrate this joyous time of year, than through music? Two United Church choirs - a youth group called the One Liturgically Hip and the other a traditional group from Eglinton - St. George's United church, bring their own different expressions of the season to you in "gladsome" song. Also: a Christmas message from the Moderator. - 30 mins (2000)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2000 - NOVEMBER (WHEN A BIRD HAS WINGS: HAITI)

Earlier this year Spirit Connection met with church members in Haiti where the struggle continues to bring about social justice in the shadow of free trade liberalization and to reduce the poverty that limits the opportunities of the majority of the people. - 30 mins (2000)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2001 - APRIL (NATIVE JUSTICE)

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (2001)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2001 - APRIL (NATIVE JUSTICE) (DVD)

As the Ten Commandments point out, the actions of one generation are felt by the generations that follow. In Canada, the impact of decisions and policies with regard to the Relationships between the newcomers from Europe and the Native people already present in North America are being played out in our time. From matters of land rights to the establishment of residential schools, Canadians today are seeking to find ways of bringing about reconciliation and a new relationship between Native and non-Native people. - 30 mins (2001)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2001 - DECEMBER - MARY'S JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 60 mins (2001)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2001 - DECEMBER - MARY'S JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM (DVD)

Dec 11 - BLESSED AMONG WOMEN

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is one of the strongest women in the Bible but she is also a figure in the Koran. Spirit Connection looks at the woman at the centre of the Christmas story and her place in several faith communities. (30 mins)

Dec 18 - JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

SPIRIT CONNECTION celebrates Christmas in rural Ontario with a "Journey to Bethlehem". Marking their 5th anniversary, this interactive pageant, complete with carol singing and a marketplace, attracts over 800 people each year to the magical background at Five Oaks. (30 mins) - 60 mins (2001)

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SPIRIT CONNECTION 2001 - FEBRUARY - "DAY BY DAY: THE REBUILDING OF KOSOVO"

Over the past two years, the United Church, as a member of the World Council of Churches, has been involved in helping the people of Kosovo rebuild their lives and their country. This documentary gives a graphic account of the challenge of nongovernmental organizations and church groups who are still trying to broker Peace and bring about reconciliation - an investment in the future - in a country where past injustices continue to fuel anger and resentment between ethnic groups. - 30 mins (2001)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2001 - JULY - BETTY BRIDGMAN

Highlights the life and work of Betty Bridgman - a life of mission, service and partnering. Betty Bridgman is a woman who has dedicated her whole life to the work of The United Church of Canada and its partners in Africa. - 30 mins (2001)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2001 - JUNE - MOZAMBIQUE

STRIKING THE ANVIL: Mozambique - June 13, 2001

Mozambique - a country still battling the vestiges of colonialism and a brutal internal war that lasted 17 years. Recent droughts and floods have added to the woes of a people left with little in the way of resources to rebuild their lives. Yet, in spite of this, the people of Mozambique have continued to tackle their problems head on. In this documentary the United Church's partners tell the story of their beloved country and its commitment to, against all odds, shake the shackles of repression, globalisation and poverty. - 30 mins (2001)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2001 - MARCH - SOUL MAPS

Mardi Tindal, former host of Spirit Connection, continues her life-long concern for each person's need to find spiritual wholeness. Her recent book, SOUL MAPS, examines the particular issues for people approaching the mid-years of life. Spirit Connection showcases the documentary based on Mardi's book. (March 14, 2001) - 30 mins (2001)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2001 - NOVEMBER - CHANGING CHURCH

The United Church of Canada is changing rapidly. But the news is far from dismal. There are growing congregations and a new zest is taking hold among the membership. Spirit Connection looks at the stories of hope and renewal within the church and its congregation.

Nov 13 - THE CHANGING CHURCH (Part 1)

The first program profiles the growth in Victoria Avenue United in Chatham, a congregation that split apart in 1988; the impact Voices United is having on Worship; a thriving Youth group at Edmonton's Korean and Avondale United; and a conversation on 'Who is in the Pews!' (28:30)

Nov 20 - THE CHANGING CHURCH (Part 2)

The second program looks at preaching through the words of Rev. Anthony Bailey in Ottawa; ministry with Children in Fall River, N.S.; a conversation about the new mission theme, "Children's Stories: Is Anybody Listening?" a visit with the unique community that is University Hill United in Vancouver; and a discussion on stewardship; how ministers start the conversation. (28:30) - 60 mins (2001)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2002 - APRIL - THE OPEN TOMB; DIGITAL CHURCHES!

Apr 9 - THE OPEN TOMB

The important and problematic symbol of Christian Faith. Interviews with United Church minister Frank Hamper and Mt. Sinai Hospital Chaplain, Betty Calvin. Music from the Union United Church Men's Choir, of Montreal, Quebec. (30 mins)

Apr 16 - DIGITAL CHURCHES!

Across the United Church of Canada, digital technology is transforming the way people Worship! A look at how digital technology is changing Worship and filling the pews. Sermons are being illustrated by video clips and hymns appear in PowerPoint. Sunday services live on the Web are attracting a wider congregation and reaching those who cannot come to church. How is the digital age changing people's spiritual experiences? (30 mins) - 60 mins (2002)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2002 - BEADS OF HOPE (NOV. 24, 2002)

BEADS OF HOPE

This Spirit Connection program, originally broadcast on Nov. 24, 2002, looks at the HIV/AIDS pandemic gripping the world, with a focus on The Beads of Hope Campaign, the special appeal of The United Church of Canada to help address the crisis.

This program has three parts:

Interview with Stephen Lewis, United Nations Special Envoy on AIDS. (10:50 mins)

Interview with Suzanne Matala, Christian Council of Zambia (9 mins)

A personal story from Canadian long-term survivor, John Burch (4:47 mins) - 30 mins (2003)

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SPIRIT CONNECTION 2002 - DECEMBER

Dec. 1 - SONG FOR PELE (original broadcast was Nov. 22, 1999)

In the town of Barbareton, South Africa a white woman, referred to as Mother Sophia, has opened her home despite the sometimes hostile disapproval of her neighbours to care to black babies, who have been neglected or abused or afflicted with AIDS. As word of Mother Sophia's mission spreads, people, both black and white, assist with funding and volunteer time.

Dec. 8 - ADVENT: TELLING THE CHRISTMAS STORY THROUGH MUSIC

What better way to celebrate this joyous time of year, than through music? Two United Church choirs - one a youth group called the Liturgically Hip and the other a traditional group from Eglinton-St. Georges United Church bring their own different expressions of the season to you in gladsome song. (Repeat)

Dec. 15 - BLESSED AMONG WOMEN

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is one of the strongest women in the Bible but she is also a figure in the Koran. Spirit Connection looks at the woman at the centre of the Christmas story and her place in several faith communities. (Repeat)

Dec. 22 - JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Spirit Connection celebrates Christmas in rural Ontario with a "Journey to Bethlehem". This interactive pageant, complete with carol singing and marketplace attracts over 600 people each year to the magical background at Five Oaks. (Repeat)

Dec. 30 - A CHRISTMAS CARD

The timeless story of Jesus' birth, told in familiar carols and drama, moves us to reflect on God's relationship with the world. It is a retelling by a cast of all ages and of multicultural backgrounds. It is a Christmas card to share with friends and family. (Repeat) - 120 mins (2002)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2002 - JANUARY - TOGETHER AGAINST VIOLENCE: CONSCIOUS CONSUMERS

Jan 8 - TOGETHER AGAINST VIOLENCE

A documentary on the innovative work being done by the S-Corner community coalition in Kingston, Jamaica to deal holistically with the systemic problems of unemployment and Violence in one neighbourhood. The work is now part of the "Peace to the City" network, Decade to Overcome violence, World Council of Churches. www.wcc-coe.oth (30 mins)

See also in AVEL the Peace TO THE CITY videos.

Jan 15 - THE CONSCIOUS CONSUMERS

Meet several Families from different Faiths (Buddhist, Jewish, Islam, and Sikh) who are buying consciously rather than conspicuously as they live their Faiths in a world that encourages shopping as a fast track to happiness. The 20-minute documentary is hosted by former United Church Moderator, Rt. Rev. Bill Phipps. It is followed by an interview with host Royal Orr and Jim Marshall, Program Officer for Economic Justice and Social Well Being, The United Church of Canada. They discuss what it means to be a conscious Christian consumer. (Total program is 30 mins) - 60 mins (2002)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2002 - JUNE - McCLURE; INDIA TODAY

June 11 - McCLURE

A look at the life and work of medical missionary, Dr. Robert McClure in India and China. (30 mins)

June 18 - INDIA TODAY

Interview with Muslim Human Rights activist about living in India as a minority. (30 mins) - 60 mins (2002)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2002 - MAY - UCW; THEOLOGY IN A CANOE

UCW (May 14, 2002)

Divided into 3 sections. The first (6 mins) and third (5 mins) sections are discussions with Royal Orr, host of Spirit Connection, and Anne Martin, National Staff, Ministry with Women, and with Joan Brailey, UCW member from Burns United Church, Mono Centre, ON.

The second section is "SIDE BY SIDE" (16 mins). At the local or the national level, Women in the United Church have long supported one another and their communities through the joys and sorrows of life. Whether it's listening to a friend or raising funds for Sunday School equipment or new incubators for a local hospital, each act is an expression of their Faith. This year marks 40 Faithful years for the UCW.

THEOLOGY IN A CANOE May 21, 2002 (30 mins)

Each year the Five Oak's Education & Retreat Centre offers an opportunity for people to explore the Theology of creation. Join Royal Orr as he travels with Bruce Gregersen, Stan McKay and others, on a canoe trip through the lakes of Algonquin Park. - 60 mins (2002)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2002 - NOVEMBER

Each segment is a 30 minute programs.

Nov 3 - VOICES FOR A JUST PEACE

Taped in July 2002 in the West Bank and Gaza, the voices of Christian and Arab Palestinians and Jewish Human Rights workers call for an end to the Violence on both sides and a just Peace.

Nov 10 - FOR THE BOYS:

Canadian Airmen return to meet the Belgian Families who sheltered them in 1944.

Nov 17 - THE LEAST OF THESE:

Los Quinchos 2002 A unique school in Nicaragua, supported by many international organizations including The United Church of Canada, that works with Children who make their living selling on the streets of Mangua.

Nov 24 - BEADS OF HOPE:

The United Church of Canada has launched "The Beads of Hope Campaign" to run from December 2002-December 2004. This program has three parts:

Interview with Stephen Lewis, United Nations Special Envoy on AIDS. (10:50 mins)

Interview with Suzanne Matala, Christian Council of Zambia (9 mins)
A personal story from Canadian long-term survivor, John Burch (4:47 mins) - 120 mins (2002)

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SPIRIT CONNECTION 2003 - ADVOCATING PEACE IN A TIME OF WAR (SPECIAL)

February 2, 2003. (30 mins)

Includes two sections of interviews with people on the street.

Royal Orr is in discussion with

1) Bruce Gregersen, Asia Area Secretary and Rev. Riad Jarjour, General Secretary, Middle East Council of Churches (13 mins)

2) Choice Okoro, Human Rights & Reconciliation Initiatives, The United Church of Canada; and Kate Leadbeater, Media Relations, Students Against Sanctions & War in Iraq. (8:30 mins) - 30 mins (2003)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2003 - DECEMBER

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 113 mins (2003)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2003 - DECEMBER (COMPILATION- DVD)

Dec 7 - DEAF MINISTRIES

In this program, the United Church looks at ways to answer the needs of the Deaf and hearing challenged members of its congregations. Program includes a profile of Helen Bickle, lay pastoral Deaf minister.

Dec 14 - HOLY & HOMECOMING ADVENT #1

In this program, choirs from several churches perform Christmas Music, Choice Okoro, national staff person shares her memories of Nigerian Advent/Christmas celebrations. Chris White talks about his new book, Our 12 days before Christmas.

Dec 21 - HOLY & HOMECOMING ADVENT # 2

Choirs from several churches perform Christmas Music, Sandi Hill lights candles for an Advent Liturgy, with teachings of the Medicine Wheel. Fair Trade and alternative gifts for Christmas; shopping at Ten Thousand Villages.

Dec 28 - BLESSED AMONG WOMEN

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is one of the strongest Women in the Bible but she is also a figure in the Koran. Spirit Connection looks at the woman at the centre of the Christmas story and her place in several Faith communities. - 142 mins (2003)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2003 - JANUARY 5 & 12 (WHEN A BIRD HAS WINGS; THE HIDDEN STORY)

WHEN A BIRD HAS WINGS: HAITI (originally aired Sept. 11, 2001)

Spirit Connection met with church members in Haiti where the struggle continues to bring about social justice in the shadow of free trade liberalization and to reduce the poverty that limits the opportunities of the majority of the people. (30 mins)

Jan 12, 2003

THE HIDDEN STORY: CONFRONTING COLOMBIA'S WAR

An analysis of the roots of state terror and Canada's connection to the worsening Human Rights situation in Colombia, featuring the powerful testimony of Men and Women who risk their lives each day to build Peace with social justice in Colombia. (30 mins) - 60 mins (2003)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2003 - MAY

SPIRIT CONNECTION MAY 2003 has 5 episodes (includes April 27, 2003)

Apr 27 - THE ARCHITECTURE OF WORSHIP

What are congregations doing to change their spaces to keep pace with changing styles of Worship and who they are as communities? We look at two United Churches (Eglinton-St George, Toronto and Humber Valley) that have made changes to their sanctuary and the positive results. There is an interview with J. Douglas Bryden, consultant for church redevelopment, about the "how-to" aspects of making physical change and church development trends. The "Minute for Mission" is about the Gathering Spot. There is an interview with Dr. Wilson Metebe, General Secretary, Christian Council of Tanzania, and Usuli Mtebe, nurse/midwife. The program concludes with an Easter message with the Rt. Rev. Marion Pardy.

May 4 - CAMPING AND MINISTRY WITH YOUTH

The "heart & soul of it" - cooperative spirit at Pearce Williams Camp, a story of a congregational youth group, interview about camping ministry and youth ministry with Youth themselves. The "Minute for Mission" is about CRC (Christian Resource Centre) in downtown Toronto. (total program 30 mins)

May 11 - McCLURE

A look at the life and work of medical missionary Dr. Robert McClure in India and China. (This 30 minute program first aired on June 11, 2002.)

GOD'S PEOPLE - AMONG ALL GOD'S PEOPLE tells the story of the evolution of mission in India during the 20th century; from foreign church mission outposts, to independent, indigenous movements. A look at how our understanding of mission has changed; the new exciting partnerships it has created and the uncomfortable challenges that linger from our past. (Two-part story)

May 18 - Part I (20 mins)

Interview with Rev. Bruce Gregersen, Area Secretary for South Asia and the Pacific (6 mins)

May 25 - Part II (20 mins)

Interview with Rev. Chris Ferguson, Executive, Justice Global and Ecumenical Relations (7 mins) - 150 mins (2003)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2003 - NOVEMBER

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 142 mins (2003)

AVEL Videos in the Ottawa Resource Centre

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2003 - NOVEMBER COMPILATION (DVD)

Nov 2 - AFFORDABLE HOUSING - EDMONTON

Part II in a series on affordable housing. Garneau Place in Edmonton, Alberta is a United Church congregation that built assisted housing for seniors besides the church building and now runs the facility for the care of seniors in the congregation and the community.

Nov 9 - REMEMBERANCE DAY 2003

In this program, a United Church member, retired Commander, Wendall Brown recalls life aboard the WWII naval corvettes. Native elder, Vern Harper, a veteran of the Korean War talks about his experiences. This is the 50th anniversary of the end of the Korean War and we visit a Korean congregation here in Canada, to ask how they see the anniversary.

Nov 16 - AFFORDABLE HOUSING - TORONTO

Part III in a series on affordable housing. The Fred Victor Centre is over 100 years old. It was a Methodist and now United Church centre that works with the hardest to house people in Toronto, Ontario with great success.

Nov 23 - WESLEY 300 ANNIVERSARY

A Legacy in Canada. Methodism was the largest founding denomination of The United Church of Canada in 1925. A look at its influence and the teachings of its founder, John Wesley, on the 300th anniversary of his birth.

Nov 30 - BEADS OF HOPE FIRST ANNIVERSARY - TRINIDAD

HIV/AIDS infection rates are growing in the Caribbean. The churches in Trinidad are working to create awareness among young people about the dangers of the disease and how to prevent it. An interview with East and Central Africa Area Secretary Lee Holland provides an update on the Beads of Hope campaign. - 142 mins (2003)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2003 - OCTOBER

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 114 min (2003)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2003 - OCTOBER COMPILATION (DVD)

Each segment is 28:30 mins

Oct 5 - SEASON PREMIERE

Join us for a snapshot of General Council and a Feature interview with the new General Secretary, Jim Sinclair, about where the church goes from here.

Oct 12 - CHURCHES IN ARGENTINA PART I

Beef farmers from Clyde Alberta have suffered three years of loss yet they are still talking about how to give more to their churches.

Also, Basta: Building a new Argentina Part I. In Spanish, 'Basta' means 'enough', and that's what Argentians are saying about economic policies of globalization that have brought their country to collapse. Half the population now lives below the poverty line. But churches and partners aren't sitting still. They're challenging the system and creating new ways forward. The program begins with an interview with the documentary's producer, Kathy Price.

Oct 19 - CHURCHES IN ARGENTINA PART II

Want to be inspired? Tune in to Part II of Basta: Building a new Argentina for stories of hope and resistance from the southern most tip of our hemisphere, where churches and communities are showing by doing that a more just and inclusive world is possible, and what can we do? An interview with Jim Hodgson, Area Secretary for the Caribbean and Latin America, provides some answers.

Oct 26 - AFFORDABLE HOUSING - ST. JOHN'S AND YOU
WELCOME ME.

In this program, part I in a three part series, learn how the United Church funds a major initiative, the Stella Burry Community Services, named for a former United Church deaconess, that deals with the hidden problem of homelessness in St. John's. - 114 mins (2003)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2003 - RESPONDING TO WAR (MAR 23, 2003)

This program includes:

A visit to St. John's United Church in Halifax where Peace activists and military families share the pews. (7:25)
An interview with Maj. Laurelle Callaghan, a United Church Chaplain who served in Afghanistan (8:00)
Prayer by Hal Llewellyn (2:00)
An interview with Dale Hildebrand, KAIROS - Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, on how people can continue to advocate peace in a time of war (7:30)
Prayer by Moderator Marion Pardy (1:20) - 28 mins (2003)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2004 - APRIL - MAY COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 114 mins (2004)

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SPIRIT CONNECTION 2004 - APRIL - MAY COMPILATION (DVD)

EPISODE 1: SANCTUARY

A Montreal congregation provides sanctuary for a Columbian refugee family (directed by Kathy Price). Chris Ferguson interview. Beads of Hope petition presented in Ottawa. Eleanor Scarlett interview.

EPISODE 2: THE FUTURE OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY

Profiles Ross & Laura Lockhar, Dryden, ON. Vancouver School of Theology discussion re: financial concerns & solutions. 2nd-career minister, Brenda Ottawa re: challenges & joys of sole ministry in a rural charge. Interview re: directions in congregational ministry.

EPISODE 3: BRANCHING OUT

"Wildlife" at Camp Big Canoe. Interview with Wendell White re: United Church camps. Planning & preparation for Youth exchange - from Ontario to Newfoundland. Images of wilderness in Algonquin Park.

EPISODE 4: FIRST COMES LOVE, THEN COMES MARRIAGE?

Newlywed bliss to seasoned harmony - marriage through eyes of 3 couples. With divorce rates up & people choosing to live common-law what continues to draw couples to the altar, & why are same-sex couples eager to be included? - 114 mins (2004)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2004 - DECEMBER

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 113 mins (2004)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2004 - DECEMBER COMPILATION (DVD)

Dec 5: BEYOND THE BEADS OF HOPE: TANZANIA

HIV/AIDS is decimating Tanzania's young adults and leaving thousands of children orphaned jeopardizing recent strides in economic development. Churches are shouldering the burden of care, including nearly 40 percent of the nation's health centres. Partners provide a variety of programs aimed at reducing the stigma HIV-positive people face and ending the deadly silence that has enabled this pandemic to explode.

Dec 12: BEYOND THE BEADS OF HOPE: MOVING FORWARD

A look back at the "Beads of Hope" advocacy campaign launched in 2002 by the United Church in response to the global HIV/AIDS pandemic and how the world's perspective on HIV/AIDS has changed in two years.

Dec. 19: CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas is a season rich in traditions and Music that convey the spirit of the holiday season. Some of the most popular carols have been with us for generations. Tune in to Spirit Connection for a gift of Music that will treat your senses to the joy and splendour that are Christmas.

Dec. 26: ARCHITECTURE OF WORSHIP

What are congregations doing to change their spaces to keep pace with changing styles of Worship and who they are as communities? We look at two United Churches that have made changes to their sanctuary, with positive results. An interview about the "how-to" aspects of making physical change and church development trends. This program also includes an interview with guests, Wilson and Usuilii Mtbebe from Tanzania. - 114 mins (2004)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2004 - NOVEMBER

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 113 min (2004)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2004 - NOVEMBER COMPILATION (DVD)

Nov 7 - LEAD 2004

An innovative event that encouraged people to try an edgier approach to congregational leadership. Filmed on location this past summer at Banff, Alberta.

Nov 14 - THE UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER - 175th ANNIVERSARY

A venerable and vital force in the life of the church, The Observer is the first in a long-standing tradition of United Church magazines.

Nov 21 - CLERGY IN POLITICS

Why would a nice United Church minister want to go into politics? Spirit Connection looks at two who ran for office. Interview with Bill Blaikie, ordained United Church minister and MP, re-elected to the House of Commons six times since 1979.

Nov 28 - BEYOND THE BEADS OF HOPE - MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambique has endured civil war and natural disasters, but now it is facing another challenge. The country has been left with little infrastructure to help stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. Yet grassroots groups and the churches have organized to help affected families and to create exciting programs that reach young people through film, music, and drama. - 114 mins (2004)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2004 - OCTOBER (COMPILATION 3 EPISODES)

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 142 mins (2004)

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SPIRIT CONNECTION 2004 - OCTOBER (COMPILATION 3 EPISODES) (DVD)

Oct 3 - SEASON PREMIERE

A profile of the Right Rev. Peter Short, the 38th Moderator of The United Church of Canada. An update with the Rev. Jim Sinclair, General Secretary of the General Council of the United Church, on where the church and government are over the question of refugees seeking sanctuary in congregations.

Oct 10 - LIFE AMID THE TENSION: CHURCHES IN CUBA

The United Church has always maintained a strong relationship with churches in Cuba. In recent years, American churches have been renewing their ties with Cuban churches. But the "war on terror" has restored tensions and put Cuba back in the sights of people who would like to see a "regime change," and this is making life difficult for the Cuban churches. The program includes an interview with Jim Hodgson, the church's Area Secretary for the Caribbean and Latin America.

Oct 31 - FIRST COMES LOVE, THEN COMES MARRIAGE?

From newlywed bliss to seasoned harmony marriage through the eyes of three couples. With the divorce rate up, and more people choosing to live common law, what continues to draw couples to the altar, and why are same-sex couples eager to be included? What are some of the blessings and some of the pitfalls of getting married today? What is the glue that holds couples together? Find out if these three duos have the answers.

Not included in this compilation are the Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 episodes: Healing at Lac Ste. Anne - Part 1 and Healing at Lac Ste. Anne - Part 2 ...(must be ordered directly from The National Film Board). - 142 mins (2004)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - APRIL - MAY COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 86 mins (2005)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - APRIL - MAY COMPILATION (DVD)

March 17 COMMUNITY MINISTERS

April 24 COLUMBIA WEAVING HOPE

May 1 HEALTH AND WELLNESS - 86 mins (2005)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - DECEMBER COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 114 mins (2005)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - DECEMBER COMPILATION (DVD)

Dec 4 - JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Spirit connection celebrates Christmas in rural Ontario with a "journey to Bethlehem" this interactive pageant complete with carol singing and a marketplace, attracts hundreds of people each year to the magical atmosphere at Five Oaks

Dec 11 - BLESSED AMONG WOMEN

Mary, the mother of Jesus is one of the strongest Women in the Bible but she is also a figure in the Qur'an. Spirit connection looks at the woman at the centre of the Christmas story and her place in several Faith Communities

Dec 18 - CHRISTMAS AT METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH

Join us for the joy that is Christmas in a Musical celebration at Metropolitan United Church in downtown Toronto. Familiar carols performed by the senior choir are a resounding and uplifting addition to the season.

Dec 25 - A CHRISTMAS CARD

The timeless story of Jesus' birth, told in familiar carols and drama, moves us to reflect on God's relationship with the world. It's retold here by a multifunctional cast of all ages. It's a Christmas card to share with friends and family - 114 mins (2005)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - JANUARY - FEBRUARY COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 114 mins (2005)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - JANUARY - FEBRUARY COMPILATION (DVD)

Jan 16 - DEAF MINISTRY

In this program the United Church looks at ways to answer the needs of the Deaf and hearing challenged members of its congregations. Program includes a profile of Helen Bickle, lay pastoral Deaf minister.

Jan 23 - THE MONEY SHOW

Jesus talked a lot about money but the subject still makes church people cringe! Here is a show all about money, what our Theology says, and how to move beyond guilt to start a meaningful discussion about giving.

Jan 30 - COMMUNITY MINISTRIES & THE TSUNAMI RESPONSE

Community ministry is a vital part of what The United Church of Canada is all about. This is where day-to-day justice work, advocacy, and attention to specific local needs are addressed in very practical ways. Also in this show, interviews with national staff Gary Kenny and Margaret Sumadh about the United Church special appeal for tsunami relief, and with eumenical chaplain Ralph Wushke.

Feb 06 - LISTEN: A JOURNEY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Moved by the news stories of the Fishing Crisis in Newfoundland and its effects, particularly on the young people there, a group of Ontario teens wanted to do something to show their solidarity. Their congregation rallied around and raised money to travel to Newfoundland. This is the tale of their encounter with a social issue that has altered the face of a province. - 114 mins (2005)

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SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - MARCH - APRIL COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 84 mins (2005)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - MARCH - APRIL COMPILATION (DVD)

Mar 27 - ARTS & SPIRITUALTY

Expressions of Spirituality come in many forms. In this half hour, a number of artists share their understanding of their Faith and the gospel in the tangible, visual ways. Among them is a young woman who explores biblical figures in her canvases, using her paintings to initiate conversation about the Bible with youth and we visit a potter from the prairies who finds a sense of peace while creating pottery for everyday use.

Apr 3 - NATIVE ISSUES

An encounter with Chief Perry Bellegarde at the Treaty Four Pow Wow in Saskatchewan addresses the need to create healthy native communities. Then, a panel of the church's Aboriginal Elders in Winnipeg discuss the challenges facing their future and look to the church for support.

Apr 10 - WEBSIGHT - CONNECTING YOUTH FOR GLOBAL
JUSTICE

In this program, Youth at a Confirmation event at Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre discover Website, a multimedia resource designed to connect youth in action around social justice issues globally. A second segment highlights a celebratory Sunday service led by youth at Wesley Urban Ministries, which has had close ties to many united Church congregations and is marking its 50th anniversary this year. - 29 mins (2005)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - NOVEMBER COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 114 mins (2005)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - NOVEMBER COMPILATION (DVD)

Nov 6 - THE POWER OF THE GRACE: CANADIAN
SERVICEWOMEN OF THE SECOND WORLD
WAR

These are some of the untold stories of the Canadian Women who served during wartime. Some toiled in cold damp British offices, breaking secret codes, while others worked in hospital corridors and under tarpaulins caring for dying and wounded soldiers. Sixty years later they talk, many for the first time, about their experiences. This documentary was produced by Vancouver filmmaker Alison MacLean.

Nov 13 - PROFILE OF MARGARET STOREY: 40 YEARS IN
KOREA

Margaret Storey, United Church overseas personnel just retired this past August after 40 years of service with The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea. Margaret has spent most of her life living and working in Korea, as a teacher, nurse and advocate for the rights of the disabled.

Nov 20 - FRENCH MINISTRIES

The United Church of Canada proudly presents its first television broadcast in French (with English subtitles) with stories about United Church Francophone congregations, our connection with our Acadian roots, Aujourd'hui Credo magazine at 50, and a conversation with Pierre Goldberger about the future of French in the church.

Nov 27 - LISTENING TO THE SPIRIT - PREPARING THE WAY
(ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION)

Ministers and members of the church's Aboriginal congregations gather to celebrate their spiritual heritages and talk about their challenges and hopes for the future. - 114 mins (2005)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - OCTOBER COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 142 mins (2005)

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SPIRIT CONNECTION 2005 - OCTOBER COMPILATION (DVD)

Oct 02 - ACCOMPLISHMENTS WORKING IN JAMAICA

Spirit Connections 18th season opens with a visit to Jamaica and a look at the endeavours of two Canadians who work with the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. They talk passionately about their sense of call and the changing nature of mission.

Oct 9 - RAISING SPIRITS: FARM WORKERS FROM JAMAICA

Every year, hundreds of Jamaican workers come to Canada during the planting and harvest seasons. The money they send home is vital to their families and their labour is essential to Canadian farmers. We meet some of these people and learn about the church's role in supporting them while they are away, from home.

Oct 16 - TOPAHDEWIN: THE GLADYS COOK STORY - PART 1

Gladys Cook is a highly respected healer. Her life journey is marked by great hardships and immense Courage. This two-part documentary, produced by Lisa Barry of the Anglican church of Canada, profiles this spirit-filled woman and extraordinary gifts.

Oct 23 - TOPAHDEWIN: THE GLADYS COOK STORY PART 2

This inspiring story concludes

Oct 30 - FAITH AND POPULAR CULTURE

Themes of faith and spirituality are frequently portrayed in popular cultures through print, cinema, television, and on the internet. This program features some specific examples of talks with both creators and those who provide a theological perspective and practical ideas on how congregations can use popular culture to broaden worship and education. - 142 mins (2005)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - APRIL - MAY COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 114 mins (2006)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - APRIL - MAY COMPILATION (DVD)

Apr 16 - A LIGHTER LENS OF THE CHURCH

Throughout the church year, we observe both solemn and reflective times, but there is a lighter side to church. In this program we profile an upbeat speaker / cartoonist who combines faith and humour. We visit with a photographer who looks at the church through the lens, and Royal Orr talks with two United Church Clergy who share some stories about the lighter side of ministry.

Apr 23 - A PLACE FOR ALL

When congregations change, the buildings they inhabit need to change too. In this program we look at how accessibility is not just about ramps, but is an issue of justice. And a fledgling congregation spreads its wings.

Apr 30 - TAKING ACTION: SMALL ARMS

A hot topic, concern around the increase in handgun violence across the country is growing. On this program a United Church Community Ministry supports the surrounding community to find ways to decrease youth violence, and looks at Project Ploughshares' initiative to rally Canadians to find ways to reduce violence worldwide and press for government control of small arms.

May 07 - INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

This half-hour update on overseas stories includes an interview with Allan Slater. Who travelled to Iraq with Canadian Peacemaker teams. Two Youths stories, one from inner city Nairobi and one a report from Mozambique on the arrivals of anti-retroviral drugs, and an update from Tanzania on the progress in the help for people with HIV/AIDS. - 114 mins (2006)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - DECEMBER COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 57 mins (2006)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - DECEMBER COMPILATION (DVD)

Dec 3 - COMMUNITY VIOLENCE

From paramilitary Violence in Columbia to school shootings in Canada, the church finds itself on the front lines. This program provides an update on what churches locally and internationally are doing to respond and what is needed to help stop upheaval in communities. This program includes a story about how the church helped Montréal residents put September 2006 Dawson College shootings into a faith context. Also included is a story from Latin America, which a community comes to grips with the loss of their young people, through parliamentary ferocity. We also include an interview about Project Ploughshares' initiative to rally Canadians to find ways to reduce violence worldwide and to process for government control of small arms.

Dec 10 - BEYOND GRIEF

The journey from grief and loss to healing is a personal one, but it can also be shared particularly when a person is part of a nurturing community of Faith and friends. In 1990 Father Michael Lapsley, then a university chaplain at the height of Apartheid in South Africa, received a letter bomb, which not only caused severe physical and emotional damage, but also changed the course of his life. The Rev Jamie Holtom tells an unimaginable loss and his Courageous path to recovery. - 57 mins (2006)

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SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - FEBRUARY COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 114 mins

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - FEBRUARY COMPILATION (DVD)

Feb 5 - A DECADE OF CARING AND SHARING

A rare look at a little-known but enormously effective agency. Action by churches together (act). Based in Geneva and supported by the World Council of Churches. Act responds immediately to crisis throughout the world, whether through the efforts to house and support refugees fleeing civil strife in Sudan, or by rebuilding villages after natural disasters in Nicaragua. The United Church of Canada is part of the act alliance.

Feb 12 - DAY-BY-DAY, STEP-BY-STEP

This documentary examines some of the reconstruction efforts of local people in southern India and NGO's, and church partners in the aftermath of the tsunami of December 2004. Their stories showcase the small and kindnesses that make up the slow process recovery.

Feb 19 - WAITING FOR A SOLUTION

For refugees in Kenya, life is very difficult. Some live in organized United Nations camps, while others without rights of legal status in the country migrate to the cities in search of jobs. This program follows a group of United Church young people as they get a first hand look at the work of National Council of Churches in Kenya and other church agencies, with and on behalf of refugees in their country.

Feb 26 - COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

In this program we feature two exceptional approaches to Community Ministry. The Jane-Finch ministry in Toronto is a community development model funded by Toronto-West Presbytery, providing a variety of services to their community. An interview with Judy Shand, mission strategist for the presbytery, explains the concept behind this kind of ministry. The Davenport-Perth Ministry presents a unique partnership of a congregation with government to create services for the community. - 114 mins (2006)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - MARCH COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 57 mins (2006)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - MARCH COMPILATION (DVD)

Mar 5 - FAITH AND POPULAR CULTURE 2

What are movies saying to us about life? Love good, and evil? Host Royal Orr tasks with the United Church leaders and cinema fans Bonnie Greene and Rob Oliphant about how to turn movie viewing into a spiritual experience, and United Church Minister Neil Young discusses the mysteries presented in the still controversial book the Da Vinci Code.

Mar 12 - OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Across the country, United Churches support outreach work. This program highlights three projects; the adult day program supported Centenary-Queen Square in Saint John New Brunswick, the Bissell Centre in Edmonton, Alberta, and the innovative programs at Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United in New Westminster, British Columbia. Learn about the unexpected benefits they have each brought to their congregations. - 57 mins

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - NOVEMBER COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 114 mins (2006)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - NOVEMBER COMPILATION (DVD)

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SERVICEWOMEN OF THE SECOND WORLD
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The untold stories of the Canadian Women who served during wartime. Some toiled in cold damp British offices, breaking secret codes, while others worked in hospital corridors and under tarpaulins caring for dying and wounded soldiers. Sixty years later they talk, many for the first time, about their experiences. Vancouver filmmaker Alison MacLean produced this documentary.

Nov 12 – AFFIRMING CONGREGATIONS

Creating inclusive communities and embracing diversity, regardless of sexual orientation, is vital to the life and work of Affirming Congregations, and Ministries. Here are two stories of United Church congregations who have made the choice to be Affirming Congregations. One story comes from Saint John, New Brunswick, and the other from Edmonton, Alberta. An interview about the history of the Affirming Congregation Program and its meaning follows these two stories.

Nov 19 – BORDERLESS

This documentary tells the stories of several undocumented workers in Canada, who are struggling against the odds to work and build a future for their families. The documentary is followed by an interview about this often invisible workforce and Canadian Immigration policies. Gemini – nominated filmmaker Min Soak Lee, directs Borderless.

Nov 26 – MORE THAN JUST BOOKS: UNITED CHURCH
RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION

The United Church Publishing House has new offerings throughout the year. This program highlights two exciting new UPCH titles. Streams of Faith by Lois Wilson, and Seismic Shifts by Christopher White. Accompanying Spirit Connection host Royal Orr on a tour of United Church Resource Distribution Centre, meet the people who help bring you the resources you need. And learn more about what URCD has to offer from Worship to giftware. - 114 mins (2006)

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SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - OCTOBER COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 86 mins (2006)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2006 - OCTOBER COMPILATION (DVD)

Oct 15 – CHANGING TIMES (19th SEASON PREMIERE)

Introducing David Giuliano, the new Moderator of the United Church of Canada, elected at the 39th General Council. The church's newly appointed General Secretary of the General Council, Nora Sanders, talks with the host Royal Orr about her expectations for the near future. This program will also include highlights from the proceedings of 39th General Council, held in Thunder Bay, Ontario in August 2006. General Council is the church's national gathering, held once every three years to discern, decide, and provide guidance for the overall direction of the church.

Oct 22 – A NEW FACE: ST. JUAMES UNITED CHURCH,
MONTREAL

For nearly 80 years. St James United Church in Montréal has been hidden from Ste. Catherine Street West by other buildings, which blocked the church from public view. In the last few years the now restored and beautiful face of St. James. The re-emergence of the building mirrors the re-emergence of the congregation as "the church in the heart of the city, with the city at heart."

Oct 29 – PEOPLE OF FAITH SAY STOP HIV and AIDS

Aids 2006, an international gathering held in Toronto this August was a time for people living with HIV/AIDS, advocates, and community leaders. Scientists, health care providers. Donors, and policy makers to focus on the key challenges in collective efforts to provide HIV/AIDS care and treatment and to prevent new infections. Churches play a unique role in these ongoing efforts. At ecumenical meetings a week before the conference, Church delegates discussed new opportunities for reaching even the most marginalized with dignity and hope. This program includes interviews with an ecumenical partner and with a United Church representative, who both talk about what this means to congregations. - 86 mins (2006)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2007 - APRIL - MAY COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - 86 mins (2007)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2007 - APRIL - MAY COMPILATION (DVD)

Apr 22 - ARTS AND CULTURE

Two United Churches in Ontario and Quebec have galleries that provide spiritual inspiration. We visit Beaconsfield United Church, Quebec, showing paintings by Shelly Freeman, and Trinity United Church, Ottawa's, Ontario, showing paintings by Jausz Czuban. "The Manitou Collection: Celebrating the Spirit of the People," is a touring exhibition of paintings by Anishinaabe artists. Includes interviews with artists Melvin Madahbee and Leland Bell, and others involved in bringing the collection to a wider audience. Interview with David MacDonald about the upcoming federal settlement with First Nations peoples. Interviews with Elders and respected community members from Standing Buffalo, Saskatchewan, about perpetuating traditional culture in their community.

Apr 29 - HIGHLY MUSICAL

"More Voices", Songs from the new hymnal and reactions from congregations; Linnea Good and Nancy Reeves in concert-presenting the "God Detectives", - a collection of engaging illustrated stories that encourage Faith development for Children and Families. - 86 mins (2007)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2007 - FEBRUARY - MARCH COMPILATION

SEE DVD FOR DESCRIPTION - (2007)

SPIRIT CONNECTION 2007 - FEBRUARY - MARCH COMPILATION (DVD)

Feb 04 – NEWFOUND CHURCH

Church for people who don't like church: From the web to the pews – Emerging Spirit and Wonder café. The meeting House – a mega Christian Church in Southern Ontario interview with Liz Aitkin's of South Roberts, as agency responsible for design of the Emerging Spirit campaign. Streeters at Emerging Spirit training for congregations. Pathways congregations story an update on how this nomadic congregation is a year later.

Feb 11 – BUILDING A CHURCH: THE METHODISTS OF
COLUMBIA

The Methodists of Columbia are part of a young South American Church that has heard God's call to create community with the poorest and most oppressed people in society. By reaching out to the poor, the Columbian Methodist Church is attracting new members from all backgrounds where excited by its Wesleyan vision of social grace and its practical commitment to serve "the latest of these"

Feb 18 – POWER WITHIN

For those who believe, Prayer is powerful healing tool. Personal stories from people of various faiths attest to the positive effects of prayer on their lives. This show is adapted from the award winning, hour long, Anglican Video program. The Power Within: Healing Through Prayer, which is hosted by Peter Downie, and filmed in Canada, the U.S. and U.K.

Mar 04 - MEN'S SPIRITUALITY

Men's Ministry story from North Bramalea United Church. Matthew Fox in conversation with Royal Orr and a studio audience, about Men's Spirituality and reclaiming mysticism in the church. - 114 mins (2007)

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SPIRITED FAMILIES

'Spirited Families' is a four part interactive video focussing on the relationship of Faith to family living. It's goal is to enable Families to nurture, strengthen and celebrate family Relationships in whatever family structure they find themselves. It might be used as an introduction to or along with the 'Active Parenting' video series, also available in AVEL. - 48 mins (1993)

STAND TOGETHER WITH WOMEN

This video provides an overview of the lives of Women in countries around the world, and possible roles for the churches in supporting Women's struggles and celebrating Women's strengths. A number of statements are included by both Men and Women in support of decade goals. - 20 mins (1991)

STANDING BEFORE US - WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Celebrating 50 years of Women in ministry, this video shows pictures of Women - lay, commissioned, ordained - who have made outstanding contributions to ministry, each in her own way. Also pictures of some of the types of ministry in which they have been involved. All this is done against a background of Music with very meaningful lyrics. - 28 mins (1988)

STANDING TALL

Seven young people share how they heard the news when a loved one died, their feelings, what helped and how they moved on. The video is aimed at teens, Parents, teachers and everyone involved with Youth. - 20 mins

STARTING OVER: REFUGEE VOICES

This is a video resource for groups, which are preparing to sponsor under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. It shares the insights and first-hand accounts of newcomers' experiences in order to provoke discussion and to motivate reflection on the role of the sponsorship group and the issues of private sponsorship. - 20 mins (2001)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

Children, ages 6 - 12, are helped to view and understand Jesus' journey from his trial to his place of death, following the 'Via Dolorosa', stopping at each of the stations of the cross for reflection. Children are encouraged to think of ways they can follow Jesus' example and be helpful and caring to others and to have Courage and Faith. In addition to the study guide, each video is accompanied by a booklet, 'A Bible Way of the Cross for Children' by Gwen Costello. Also, comes with the written Cross - Generational Good Friday Service by Lynda Katsuno for "Seeds & Sowers." - 15 mins (1997)

STEPS IN A JOURNEY

This video has been produced to accompany the print magazine by the same title. Ralph Milton, the author of the print piece, hosts the video. Both are intended to convey a sense of what the United Church believes and means to its members. A useful tool for church orientation and membership classes, as well as for groups interested in discussing United Church beliefs and practice. - 30 mins (1987)

STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION FROM SPIRIT CONNECTION (A)

This Video includes the following segments, repeated twice, to create a long - running presentation for Stewardship events:

Mov 18 1996: WORK, MONEY, AND MEANING

Downtown economic enterprise development (5 min)
Action for Employment discusses benefits of a 32 - hour work week (10 min)

Dec 09 1996: RECLAIMING SABBATH

Rabbi Cohen talks with Mardi Tindal about Jewish Sabbath (5 mins)

Dec 19 1996: DEEDS OF LOVE KINDNESS: Church - Based
Community Outreach

Project Genesis in Montreal (7 mins)
Adbusters fights consumerism (2 mins)

Jan 20 1997: OUTREACH ACROSS CONTINENTS AND
RELIGIONS

The Cedars in Kitchener (7 mins)

Apr 19 1999: SPIRITUAL WORK IN A SECTOR WORLD

In BC, Christians and Sikhs share concerns (5 mins)
In Alberta Commune - I - Care (3 mins)

Nov 20 2002: CHANGING CHURCH

Stewardship - how ministries start the conversation (5 mins) - 98 mins

STICKS AND STONES: NAME - CALLING

School Children, played by puppets, are aided by a teacher or friend to help them resolve difficult situations. The program is designed to help Children develop positive problem solving skills. The process includes: naming and claiming feelings; talking to someone you trust; finding supportive adults; mutual empowerment: saying you're sorry; developing empathy; taking action. - 14 mins (1998)

STILL KILLING US SOFTLY

This is the updated version of a 'Killing us Softly', the very popular film discussing magazine ad images of Women. Jean Kilbourne, Ed.D., does a witty and provocative job of getting us to see those ads with new understanding of their power to distort our image of others and ourselves. - 32 mins (1992)

STORY KEEPERS - (THE) - COME WITH MARCUS

Starting with the ministry of John the Baptist, the Baptism of Christ, and the evolving ministry of Jesus Christ and ending with the death of Christ on the cross and the resurrection. Told in delightful animation, this video would appeal to very young family members as well as the older set. - 23 mins (1995)

STORY KEEPERS - (THE) KIT

This kit contains four videos, each one of 90 minutes duration as well as a Storykeepers Teacher's Guide with plans for 14 Storykeeper sessions.

This curriculum allows its students to experience the teachings of Jesus and the danger and excitement of the times. They will thread their way through the catacombs of Rome, flee Nero's soldiers on a wild wagon ride beneath the stars, listen to the parables of Jesus and stand amazed at his miracles. - 90 mins (2000)

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STRAY (THE)

This is about a young 'unwary troublemaker' and the very human shepherd who is responsible for him. Instead of 100 sheep on a pasture, there are 12 active Children at a zoo with a harried chaperone who drives a school bus. The Parable of the Lost Shepherd is brought to life here. - 15 mins (1974)

STUCK WITH THE TRUTH

STUCK WITH THE TRUTH was produced by Canadian Friends of Sabeel for educational purposes. Sabeel, Arabic for "the way" and also "a channel" or "spring" of life-giving water, is an Ecumenical grassroots liberation Theology movement among Palestinian Christians which encourages Women, Men, and Youth to discern what God is saying to them as their Faith connects with the hard realities of their daily life. This 30-minute video is primarily for the benefit of Faith groups seeking insight into the conflict in the Holy Land with the hope that viewers also will be inspired to become active in striving for justice and Peace. - 30 mins (2002)

SWIM TEAM'S SPLASH

This video presents a real-life situation with a moral dilemma that involves bullying. At the end of the presentation, the situation is reviewed, and questions for group discussion given. Using the guide, leaders can help adolescents reflect on their own actions and learn to consider the moral consequences of what they do in the future. - 9 mins (1994)

SYSTEM BELONGS TO GOD (THE) -1- THE WAY THINGS ARE

In this seven part series, Walter Wink, in conversation with Janet Wolf and James Forbes, helps us understand the spiritual forces in the 'powers and principalities'. They offer a new way of thinking and hoping and acting for transformation.

1 - Jesus had a better way than the way things are; he called it 'the Kingdom of God'. - 26 mins

SYSTEM BELONGS TO GOD (THE) -2- GOD WON'T GIVE UP

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

2 - What if indifferent and sometimes evil-seeming institutions were created good and, like us, can be redeemed? - 26 mins

SYSTEM BELONGS TO GOD (THE) -3- WHAT JESUS REALLY SAID

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

3 - A striking new understanding of 'turning the other cheek'. - 17 mins

SYSTEM BELONGS TO GOD (THE) -4- HOW TO FIGHT W/O HITTING

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

4 - How to resist evil without doing evil, turn our weakness into strength, and love our enemies. - 27 mins

SYSTEM BELONGS TO GOD (THE) -5- WHAT IF NATIONS, COMPANIES, & CHURCHES HAD ANGELS?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

5 - Every institution, from nations to Families, has a spirit and it can change. - 24 mins

SYSTEM BELONGS TO GOD (THE) -6- HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

6 - Our view of the world determines how we see God. - 26 mins

SYSTEM BELONGS TO GOD (THE) -7- PRAYING FOR BIG PICTURE

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

7 - Why our Prayers may not be answered and what to do about it. - 26 mins

TAIZE: THAT LITTLE SPRINGTIME

A documentary on a spiritual community in the little town of Taize located in the Burgundy area of France after the Second World War by Brother Roger. It embraces men from all Christian denominations and has become a beacon for young people from many countries who make the pilgrimage. They come seeking God and purpose and meaning for their own lives. - 26 mins (1985)

TAKING STOCK

This is a description of the development of the crisis, which led to closing down the Atlantic Cod Fishery. The video examines the history of the crisis and concludes that there are ecological limits, which must not be passed in the quest for economic gain. - 48 mins (1994)

TAKING THE PULSE OF CANADIAN HEALTH CARE

This is a resource kit on health care in Canada, designed to provide congregations with information on and stimulate discussion about the current health care crisis. The kit contains a video divided into three segments / workshops. - 49 mins (1992)

TALE OF TWO MOSQUES (A)

The story of the building of two mosques in Edmonton, one in the late 30's, the other, the early 80's. It gives important insights into the Canadian Moslem community. - 30 mins (1988)

TALK TO ME

This is a segmented video, accompanied by a user guide. Secondary school students from B.C. discuss a variety of issues such as Racism, Immigration, gender inequality, class, and homophobia. Useful as a discussion-starter. - 45 mins (1995)

TALKING ABOUT GOD: Part 1 - WHAT'S YOUR EXPERIENCE OF GOD?

This Faith development series for adults could be used at any time of year. Throughout time people have struggled with questions about the concept of God and how God fits into our daily lives. This Faith development series could be used year round and is designed to help adults talk about their ideas of God. There are seven parts in this series: - 24 mins (1998)

TALKING ABOUT GOD: Part 2 - HOW DO YOU TALK ABOUT GOD?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 24 mins (1998)

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TALKING ABOUT GOD: Part 3 - WHO ARE YOU TO GOD?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 24 mins (1998)

TALKING ABOUT GOD: Part 4 - WHERE IS GOD IN YOUR LIFE?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 24 mins (1998)

TALKING ABOUT GOD: Part 5 - WHAT IS GOD DOING?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 24 mins (1998)

TALKING ABOUT GOD: Part 6 - WHOSE SIDE IS GOD ON?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 24 mins (1998)

TALKING ABOUT GOD: Part 7 - HOW CAN BELIEVERS LIVE TOGETHER?

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 24 mins (1998)

TALKING ABOUT SEX: A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES - KIT

This kit includes a video which discusses issues of puberty and Sexuality from both the Parents' and the teens' perspectives. Colourful animated line drawings are used to illustrate different scenarios, questions and situations. It addresses difficult to discuss questions specific to changes in girls and boys. Also included in the kit is a guide for Parents/teachers/leaders and a booklet for participants (grades 5 -9) with activities, puzzles, quizzes and worksheets. - 30 mins (1996)

TAMBOGRANDE: MANGOS, MURDER, MINING (DVD)

Adventurous pioneers transform Peru's harsh northern desert into a fertile valley of mango and lime orchards. But all they've worked for is threatened when gold is discovered under their land. In the midst of chaos, a martyr's vision united the farmers and leads them down a revolutionary path of non-violent resistance. - 85 mins (2007)

THAT'S A FAMILY!

Children from various different family configurations describe their family activities, and explain the meaning of words that relate to their situation (e.g. "guardian", "divorce", "lesbian", "adoption"). They talk about other people's reactions to their family unit, and their own feelings about what people say. But they all agree that a family is "people who love each other and take care of each other". An extensive discussion teaching guide is provided by the producers of the video. - 35 mins (2000)

THERE IF WE NEED IT!

THERE IF WE NEED IT is a discussion about some of the issues involved in growing older. Divided into 3 sections

Part 1: The pros and cons of private health care, and whether that would serve some of our elderly better (5:30 min)

Part 2: The kind of housing facility options, which are or should be available. (5 min)

Part 3: Whether assisted Suicide should be an option. (3:30 min) - 15 mins (2001)

THEY ARE REFUGEES

Prepared for Children, to help understand why people are Refugees, where they go, what they eat, what their schooling is like, etc. - 10 mins (1981)

THINKING POSITIVE

This video is designed for teenagers in rural areas, to provoke discussion about the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS. Teenagers are encouraged to assume responsibility for their own sexual behaviour. Although filmed in a small community in Newfoundland, this video is relevant to the experiences of teenagers everywhere. - 24 mins (1993)

THIRST

"Thirst" is a remarkable film. The looming freshwater crisis is the greatest Environmental and Human Rights crisis of our time. Not surprisingly, the move is on by powerful corporations and governments to commodify and cartelize the world's water supplies for power and profit. Thirst is the story of this assault and the fight to stop it."

Global corporations are rapidly buying up local water supplies. Communities suddenly lose control of their most precious resource. Thirst, a character-driven documentary with no narration, reveals how water is the catalyst for explosive community resistance and globalization.

A piercing looks at the conflict between public Stewardship and private profit. - 62 mins (2004)

THRIVING CHURCH SYSTEM (THE): 1 - CHANGING PARADIGMS

The original workshop title of this series is 'TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS IN CHALLENGING TIMES'. It is a series of four videos designed for use by congregations and presbyteries, in retreats and small groups. The first segment is: Changing Paradigms for the 21st Century. - 34 mins (1995)

THRIVING CHURCH SYSTEM (THE): 2 - WHY SOME CHURCHES DECLINE

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 45 mins (1995)

THRIVING CHURCH SYSTEM (THE): 3 - CHANGING LEADERSHIP

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1995)

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THRIVING CHURCH SYSTEM (THE): 4 - ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 25 mins (1995)

TIME TO MOURN: A TIME TO DANCE (A)

A teacher training film for teachers of primary aged Children. In the demonstration class the teacher talks with 6, 7, and 8 year olds about death and life, using the making of bread together as a vehicle for discussion. Might also be used during a Worship service. - 27 mins (1981)

TIPI TALES COLLECTION 1

Tipi tales are Adventures in story and song. Elizabeth, Junior, Russell, and Sam play, laugh and grow together in the forest surrounding the home of their great-grandparents. Each story centers around the daily challenges faced by cousins as they seek to understand each other and the world around them. Music by Fred Penner

The Children learn the tools from enchanting forest animals who embody the seven ancient aboriginal laws.

Each episode is 1/2 hours in duration.

Episode 1 - Tree Of Love
Episode 2 - The Winner
Episode 3 - The Loser
Episode 4 - Pudgy Bear - 120 min (2003)

TIPI TALES COLLECTION 2

Each episode is 1/2 hours in duration.

Episode 1 - Thunder
Episode 2 - The Promise
Episode 3 - Tree House
Episode 4 - The Race - 120 min (2003)

TIPI TALES COLLECTION 3

Each episode is 1/2 hours in duration.

Episode 1 - Girl Who Cried Windigo
Episode 2 - Big Whopper
Episode 3 - Little Girl Lost
Episode 4 - Too Many Words - 120 min (2003)

TIPI TALES COLLECTION 4

Each episode is 1/2 hours in duration.

Episode 1 - Last Laugh
Episode 2 - The Song
Episode 3 - Sleepy Time
Episode 4 - POW WOW - 120 min (2003)

TIPI TALES COLLECTION 5

Each episode is 1/2 hours in duration.

Episode 1 - Rabbit Hop
Episode 2 - Fly A Kite
Episode 3 - Friends
Episode 4 - Missing Pie Mystery - 120 min (2003)

TIPI TALES COLLECTION 6

Each episode is 1/2 hours in duration.

Episode 1 - All About Me
Episode 2 - Stand Up
Episode 3 - Chocolate Snatcher
Episode 4 - Picking Berries - 120 mins (2003)

TIPI TALES COLLECTION 7

Each episode is 1/2 hours in duration.

Episode 1 - Tummy Ache
Episode 2 - Runner Boy
Making of Tipi Tales from the Sharing Circle - 120mins (2003)

TO BE A WOMAN

This video is a collection of stories about Women in three African countries, Ghana, Uganda, and Zambia and about how they cope with the system as they work towards social and economic subsistence. - 42 mins (1992)

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE: THE NGO'S

This video portrays the wide opportunities available for those who join with a Non-Governmental Organization to help make a difference in issues that confront global society. - 13 mins (1999)

TO SEEK JUSTICE AND RESIST EVIL: TOWARDS A GLOBAL ECONOMY FOR ALL GODS PEOPLE

The Jubilee Call: Set the Debt Captives Free, a 20-minute video, is a cri de coeur from three global partners as they tell stories and offer analysis of the impact of the global economy on them.

Rayo-X is a 27-minute video to show the ways in which Hurricane Mitch made visible the root causes of poverty and Environmental degradation.

Striking the Anvil: Mozambique is a 28-minute program, which documents the economic and social devastation of Mozambique following years of brutal colonization and civil war. - 82 mins (2002)

TOGETHER IN MISSION

This video was produced as part of the Division of Mission in Canada and the Division of World Outreach report to the 34th General Council in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The video shows us how The United Church of Canada enters into God's mission both with partners around the world and here in Canada and how the U.C.C. helps us all respond to this call through education for mission and through action for justice and life. - 30 mins (1992)

TOWARD JUSTICE & RIGHT RELATIONSHIP: A BEGINNING

This is a five session video (66 mins) to go with the study guide for congregations and church groups as they explore the legacy of Indian residential schools and forge new Relationships with First Nations Peoples.

Session 1: The Very Reverend Stan McKay; Mac Saulis; and Perry Shawana (10 mins)
Session 2: Perry Shawana (9 mins)
Session 3: Wally McKay and Pearl Cornell (32 mins)
Session 4: The Very Reverend Stan McKay (8 mins)
Session 5: Rev. Maggie McLeod; and Mac Saulis (7 mins)

Other AVEL videos suggested for use:

In Introduction (page 4 in guide): WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH (14 mins)

In Session 1 (page 14 in guide): babakueria (30 mins) - 66 mins (2003)

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TOWARDS HEALING

This is the story of healing and the effects of Peace building after the genocide in Rwanda. Focuses on what motivates people to work for healing and reconciliation and how the people of Rwanda are dealing with the trauma of the genocide, exploring issues of economic justice, power and Human Rights. Originally broadcast on Vision TV on April 8, 1998. - 58 mins (1997)

TRADING FUTURES - LIVING IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY

Exploring what is happening in the Global Economy; how it is affecting Canadians and the Environment; presenting some possible alternative economic models. - 96 mins (1994)

TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS: 1 MISSION INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

This resource is intended for use by local congregations to help them discover and implement a new vision of life and mission. It is a resource for the 1993-95 mission theme 'Mission into the 21st Century', divided into six sessions, and recorded on two videotapes. Segments are:

1. The reality of change
2. Future active leadership
3. The role of laity in the church of the future - 40 mins (1995)

TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS: 2 MISSION INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION

4. Organizing small group ministries
5. worship for the seeker sensitive church
6. Where is our church going? - 40 mins (1995)

TRANSFORMING WORSHIP: NEW WINDOWS TO GOD

Worship, and the Music that so enriches it, has never been a static thing. It has changed, been adapted, and rediscovered so that each generation might experience the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is not change for change's sake, but rather an honest attempt to find God within the framework of our present culture speaking to the people of this generation in language, music, and image that honour their experience. Transforming worship will guide your congregation's worship committee as it begins this exciting but often daunting task of looking anew at how we praise God. - 23 mins (2001)

TURNING DOWN THE HEAT

This video, narrated by David Suzuki, is subtitled, 'The New Energy Revolution'. It looks at the crisis of global warming and offers ideas for renewable energy and energy conservation as economically viable solutions to climate change. Examples of these alternative sources of power are highlighted. - 49 mins (1999)

TV TALKBACK: FAMILY VALUES AND VIEWING (RC)

'Skip' a cool, on-screen cartoon character keeps showing up on television sets in homes where families are having problems with TV viewing. He has lots to say on the subject, as he watches Parents and children try to find positive ways to include TV in their family life. - 15 mins (1991)

TWELVE MONTHS (THE) (SHARING IS ALWAYS IN SEASON)

This animated production is based on a Czech folktale, with themes similar to those in Cinderella and the story of Joseph. It is the story of a young girl who lives with her stepmother and stepsister, who are unkind to her. In return, the girl responds only with acts of love. In the end, the earth and the whole community are blessed by her acts of kindness. - 13 mins (1985)

UNDERSTANDING GRIEF - THE COURAGEOUS JOURNEY

Gordon Lang, bereavement counsellor, introduces the concept of grief, with excerpts from other programs in the series. He shares his own story of leaving religious life and finding a new identity and career. - 25 mins

UNITED CHURCH IN QUEBEC (THE)

A number of spokespersons from the United Church in Quebec respond to present day unrest in the province, expressing fears surrounding the threat of separation, changes in the constitution and the place of the church in the midst of the unrest. - 14 mins (1996)

UNITED FOR PEACE - NOV 04 2007

This program launches the church's United for Peace campaign. Filmed this fall, the main part of this documentary gives voice to our partners in Israel and Palestine who are working on both sides to bring about a peaceful resolution to the long-standing turmoil in the region. It also highlights other aspects of the campaign that congregations can incorporate into their Worship and mission lives. This was a November 4, 2007 Spirit Connection - 29 mins (2007)

UNITED IN ACTION

This is a Mission and Service Fund video which tells four mission stories: Growing Food in Gaspé; The Bicycle Club in Cabbagetown (Toronto); Face to Face with Connie Mabusela of Zimbabwe; The China Partnership. - 10 mins (1995)

UNPLUG YOUR KIDS - (KIT)

This video was developed as a tool offering information and expert advice that will help families make better media choices by teaching and promoting responsible media habits to parents and children. It shows how kids learn their values, attitudes and behaviours from the mass media and offers concrete suggestions for how to use the media in a healthy way. - 15 mins (1996)

URANIUM

This video clearly presents the stance that uranium mining constitutes a serious threat to the environment, the health of the native people living in that environment and the uranium miners, and illustrates why both Saskatchewan and All Native Circle Conferences are concerned about uranium mines. - 48 mins (1991)

VELVETEEN RABBIT (THE)

Based on the Children's story book - a toy horse tells a new toy rabbit that 'You're not real until somebody really loves you.' The rabbit then becomes real through the little boy's love. This is a "read-along" video. - 30 mins (1991)

VINEYARDS, TALENTS AND TAXES: THREE Bible STORIES

This video features three biblical parables from the New Testament as told to a studio audience by Fran Hare. Also included are dramatizations by Fran Hare and Chris Levan. The parables are: The Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16); The Talents (Luke 19:11-27); and The Coin with Caesar's Face (Mark 12:13-17). This resource was developed for the mission theme 'Work, Money & Meaning'. - 56 mins (1996)

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VOYAGE OF REDISCOVERY

This video tells the story of Frank Brown, a Heiltsuh Indian from the village of Bella Bella on the central coast of British Columbia. It is a story of his journey to find healing and hope in his life through a process of rediscovery of his native identity. He overcame major personal odds to become one of the most creative contributors to both aboriginal and non-native people. This is the story of his process of healing and transformation. - 45 mins (1990)

WALTER FISH

Poor Walter Fish is beached and alone and unable to persuade uncaring, self centred passers by to help him back into the water. While this cartoon style parable is designed for adults, it can be used with youth and children as a discussion-starter. - 6 mins (1976)

WAY OF THE LONGHOUSE

A video about the Six Nations Confederacy, the Haudenosaunee, explaining the traditional way of the longhouse and the revival of interest in native spirituality. The video shows a culture that is part of the 20th Century, while expressing its own spirituality. - 13 mins (1991)

WE WERE THERE - 1 - ANNAS & CAIAPHAS

This is a series of six programs featuring key witnesses to the events of Easter week. In each program, the actors present the drama once, and then stop to discuss the scene with the director, and then present the drama again. After each drama, a panel discusses the presentation. - 30 mins (1996)

WE WERE THERE - 2 - SIMON PETER

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1996)

WE WERE THERE - 3 - PILATE & PROCULA

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1996)

WE WERE THERE - 4 - JUDAS

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1996)

WE WERE THERE - 5 - NICODEMUS & THOMAS

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1996)

WE WERE THERE - 6 - MARY MAGDALENE AND JOANNA

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 30 mins (1996)

WELCOME THE STRANGER

Peppercorn Puppets present the "new-old" story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. The two children, friendless and alone in the world are frightened, hungry and tired from walking a long distance. Suddenly they are thrilled to be witnesses to the angels' appearance and hear the angels' song on that first Christmas Eve. -

WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

This is a brief overview of The United Church - the people, the beliefs, the activities, and the structures. Also available in other languages. - 9 mins (1994)

WHAT DECADE? (RC)

This video was produced as an invitation to get involved in the two-year mission study theme, 'The Economic Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women'. It provides an introduction to the issues that education and action throughout 'The Decade' can help to change. - 9 mins (1991)

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

The story of Christmas in animation as seen through the eyes of a young boy and his puppy. - 10 mins (1988)

WHEN THE DAY COMES

This is one of four videos on care giving and caring communities produced by the National Film Board. This video tells the stories of how four different women are caring for an elderly loved one. They discuss how constant care giving takes its toll both emotionally and physically and offer some suggestions for self-help. - 29 mins (1991)

WHERE ARE THE BEANS?

In 1993 many farmers in the Honduras who raised a good crop of beans did not end up with enough food to feed their families. This video searches out the answer to the question, 'Where are the Beans?' Many of the reasons cited led to global economic policies and the connections between people living in Central and North America. - 13 mins (1995)

WHO CAN BE SPONSORED? PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES TO CANADA

This video was produced for the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program to provide Canadian groups contemplating refugee sponsorship with an understanding of the criteria used by the Government of Canada to screen refugee applicants overseas. - 20 mins (2000)

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

This video, converted from filmstrip, portrays the variety of ways in which Jesus has been and is perceived. It leaves the viewer with the question of how he/she perceives Jesus. Excellent for Worship, meditation, discussion. - 20 mins (1994)

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? (DVD)

This video portrays the variety of ways in which Jesus has been perceived. It leaves the viewer with the question of how he or she perceives Jesus. - 14 mins (2007)

WHO GETS IN?

This documentary shot in Canada, Africa and Hong Kong provides the answer to who gets into Canada and raises issues about the nature of Canadian Immigration policy. The video could have been shot in any other place in the world with the same impact and shows the difference between the terms, immigrants and Refugees. - 52 mins (1991)

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WHO IS JESUS FOR YOU TODAY?

This is a conversation, hosted by Royal Orr of Spirit Connection, between Bill Phipps, Moderator of The United Church of Canada and Peter Wyatt, General Secretary for Theology, Faith and Ecumenism. It is a discussion of the nature of Jesus - his meaning for each of us, for the United Church, and for the world. This resource may be used in conjunction with the study document, 'Reconciling and Making New: Who is Jesus for the World Today?' - 20 mins (1997)

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

This video was produced during a visit to north India in February 1993 by an Ecumenical Canadian group at the invitation of the Church of North India (CNI). The group included representatives of the Presbyterian, Anglican, and United Churches. Each of these churches have histories of mission work in India dating back to the early nineteenth century. The footage in this video is of the visit to Cuttack and Sambalpur Dioceses. - 28 mins (1993)

WHOLE AND FORGIVEN: 1 - THE MAN LET DOWN THROUGH THE ROOF

There are six segments to this Walter Wink Bible study series; each is designed to involve groups in discussion and study of Biblical texts focused on stories about Jesus and healing. The segments are packaged individually and each is approx. 27-30 mins in length, accompanied by a comprehensive study guide. - 29 mins (1991)

WHOLE AND FORGIVEN: 2 - THE BENT-OVER WOMAN

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 32 mins (1991)

WHOLE AND FORGIVEN: 4 - BLIND BARTIMAEUS

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 33 mins (1991)

WHOLE AND FORGIVEN: 5 - THE WOMAN WITH THE OINTMENT

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 33 mins (1991)

WHOLE AND FORGIVEN: 6 - THE COMPASSIONATE SAMARITAN

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 32 mins (1991)

WHO'S COUNTING? MARILYN WARING ON SEX, LIES & GLOBAL ECONOMICS

Former member of the New Zealand parliament, Marilyn Waring provides her unique and outspoken explanation of global economic theory. This entertaining and provocative video is segmented for discussion purposes and focuses on three areas - global economics, the environment and women and economics. - 94 mins (1996)

WHOSE ECONOMY IS IT ANYWAY?

This dramatic dialogue between two committed church people presents issues of Faith and economic realities in an entertaining and compelling way (originally entitled "On The Brink"). This is a resource for the Moderator's Consultation on faith and the economy. - 18 mins (1999)

WHOSE WORLD VIEW?

The lifestyles and cultures of various developing nations are being threatened by the saturation of American Media and TV programming in their daily lives. This video demonstrates the effects of outside cultural influences upon indigenous expressions. These effects are not only seen as an economic, political and development concern but, for the churches, one of cultural integrity and a matter of justice. - 20 mins (1990)

WILLIAM

William is a small boy who does not seem able to do many things the 'right' way. He isn't bothered by this but is extremely interested in small things of nature. He becomes a hero in an unexpected way. - 15 mins (1978)

WINGS LIKE A DOVE

This video is subtitled, 'Healing for the Abused Christian Woman'. It is devoted to the goal of ending the physical, emotional and spiritual suffering experienced by Christian women in abusive relationships. It provides guidance for suffering women and for clergy and shelter staff and other helpers. It directly addresses the religious issues that may be troubling Women and preventing them from seeking help. - 34 mins (1997)

WINNING AT PARENTING...WITHOUT BEATING YOUR KIDS

This is a program with a humorous approach to daily hassles such as mealtime, bedtime and chores, and not-so-daily hassles such as getting your kid out of the local jail. There is a 54-page study guide, and the tape is segmented into topics such as 'How to Think', 'Allowance', and 'Sex Education'. - 125 mins (1989)

WITH THESE HANDS

Three African women tell their stories, which illustrate the roles of Women as they take responsibility for providing food for their families without much assistance from the Men in their communities. Also their efforts to change their situation. - 33 mins (1988)

WOMAN NAMED MARY, A

One of the major issues facing society and the church today is a sociological trend called the 'feminization of poverty'. This is the American version of 'A Fine Line' (also available in AVEL.) The feminine face of poverty is presented as 'Mary' shares her changed perceptions of society and of her own identity, since 'joining' the ever increasing number of women who find themselves living in poverty. - 30 mins (1989)

WOMEN IN KOREA

This video documents the plight of women in North Korea under a communist regime and life in South Korea under a military capitalist regime. A common thread is the longing in both countries for reunification. - 17 mins

WOMEN IN THE Bible: ONE

First in a series, Women in the Bible, this tape features three stories of Women from the Hebrew Scriptures as presented originally at the Western Women's Conference in the fall of 1992 in Kananaskis, Alberta by Fran Hare. The stories that Fran tells are of HANNAH (I Samuel 1: 1-28), RUTH AND NAOMI (Ruth 1: 16-18, 3: 1-13, 4: 13-17), and RIZPAH (II Samuel 21: 1-14). - 60 mins (1994)

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WOMEN IN THE Bible: TWO

This second in a series, women in the Bible, features three stories of women from the New Testament. The storyteller is Fran Hare, of St. Stephen's College in Edmonton, making a presentation before an audience in Toronto in the fall of 1995. The stories that Fran tells are of JAIROS' DAUGHTER AND THE BLEEDING WOMAN (found in Matthew, Mark and Luke); HERODIAS AND SALOME (from Mark and Matthew); and LYDIA AND THE UNNAMED SLAVE FROM PHILIPPI (found in Acts). - 60 mins (1995)

WOMEN IN THE Bible: THREE

Fran Hare continues her engaging Storytelling in this third in a series of videos, women in the Bible. On this video, Story One tells the stories of the women who were a part of the life and household of David, as recorded in the biblical books of Samuel and Kings. Story Two highlights the stories of the women who accompanied and provided for Jesus during his earthly ministry. - 70 mins (1998)

WONDER STORIES: THE WONDER OF THE BOY JESUS (THE)

WONDER OF THE BOY JESUS was produced to help children explore the context of biblical stories by focusing on the places and historical events of Jesus' life on earth. All the footage, except the artwork, was shot in the Holy Land Israel - 30 mins (1990)

WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH (RC)

Several former residential school students recount their experiences and challenge the viewer to consider whether words, given as an apology, are enough in response to the pain that continues to be experienced in First Nations communities. Bob Smith, the former Moderator of the United Church who delivered the Apology to Native Congregations in 1986, presents giving to The Healing Fund as an opportunity to move beyond words in support of First Nations' healing initiatives. - 14 mins (1997)

WORLDVEST 2007 WINNERS 40th ANNUAL - (DVD)

Oct 22 - A New Face for nearly 80 years St. James United Church in Montreal has been hidden from Ste. Catherine Street West by other buildings, which blocked the church from public view. In the last few years the rundown stores and offices in front of the church have been removed, revealing the now restored and beautiful face of St. James. The re-emergence of the building mirrors the re-emergence of the congregation as "the church in the heart of the city, with the city at heart." - 142 mins (2007)

WORSHIP FEAST "LITURGICAL DANCE"

8 Easy-to-learn dances for worship

Do you have two left feet? Are you rhythmically challenged? Well, get out your dancin' shoes and fear not!

This DVD has step-by-step instructions for each dance, Choreographer Erin Kacos is your friendly instructor and will help you and your group learn and perform dance in worship. Dances are set to a variety of songs including hymns, worship songs, contemporary Christian music, and hip-hop. -

WRESTLING WITH ANGELS - 1 - GUIDANCE, WHY ME?, PRAYER - KIT

Wrestling With Angels examines the questions of life and faith that we deal with day-to-day, such as 'How Can I Question and Still Believe?' and 'Why Is Loving So Hard?'. These questions and more are addressed by six well-known authors / communicators. The two-tape set (77 mins each) is segmented so it can be used with groups as a Lenten study series. - 77 mins (1993)

WRESTLING WITH ANGELS - 2 - FORGIVING, DOUBT, LOVE - KIT

SEE TAPE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION - 77 mins (1993)

WTO: IN WHOSE HANDS?

What is the World Trade Organization? Case studies, explanations, and questions regarding World Trade Organization decisions, sanctions, and effects both positive and negative. This video helps us understand the language of the debate, and to engage in the issues. - 28 mins (2000)

YOUNG AND ON THEIR OWN

This video takes you to the streets of Sao Paulo, Brazil to meet some of these young folk and the people who work with them. Then, in war torn Mozambique, we visit the Musicians of Five Star, their unique homemade instruments bringing hope and joy to others in the midst of civil war. This story both challenges and inspires all who care about Children in the world. - 30 mins (1994)

YOUR CONGREGATIONS VISION: CAN WE HELP YOU ACHIEVE IT?

This video attempts to help congregations explore the potential of what a directed Stewardship program has to offer them. - 12 mins

YOUTH LEADERSHIP: OCTOBER 21 2007

Kofi Hope is a young man with a vision and persuasion. A United Church member from Mississauga, Ontario, he has been front and centre as an advocate for Black Youth and non-violent solutions to social problems. In this program, Kafi gathers an exciting group of like-minded young people from diverse countries, nationalities and religions - all dedicated to changing the world and staying deeply rooted in their Faith. - 29 mins (2007)

ZIMBABWE: ONE SMALL STORY (TITLE1) POWER & PARTNERSHIP (TITLE 2)

ZIMBABWE: ONE SMALL STORY is the story of a small-scale development project in Zimbabwe set against the background of the colonial history of the country and its struggle for economic independence. POWER & PARTNERSHIP explores the history of the western church mission to Black Africa and the changes in mission perspectives. - 53 mins (1989)