

Christian Education Associate Resources for Further Study



REFORMED THEOLOGY RESOURCES:

Books

Book of Confessions: Study Edition, revised. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017.

Burgess, John P. *Confessing our Faith: The Book of Confessions for Church Leaders*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018.

McKim, Donald K. *Presbyterian Beliefs, Revised Edition: A Brief Introduction*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017.

McKim, Donald K. *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers (rev. ed.)*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017.

McKim, Donald K. *More Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers (rev. ed.)*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017.

Rigby, Cynthia L. *Holding Faith: A Practical Introduction to Christian Doctrine*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2018.

Rogers, Jack. *Presbyterian Creeds: A Guide to the Book of Confessions*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1985.

Online Courses

Union Presbyterian Seminary's Pathways to Learning Online Course: Reformed Theology
www.upsem.edu/leadership-institute/pathways-learning-leadership-2

Opening Doors to Discipleship www.odtd.net

- Course C: Presbyterian/Reformed Faith

Online Resources

Theocademy video series

- An Introduction to Reformed Theology - <http://www.theocademy.com/reformed-theology>

Basics of Reformed Theology webinar led by Dr. Cynthia L. Rigby

<https://apcnet.org/project/basics-of-reformed-theology/>

www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/theology

Workbooks and Studies

Being Reformed studies and workbooks found at www.pcusastore.com

- Theology for Presbyterians
- More Theology for Presbyterians

Recommended downloadable studies from www.thethoughtfulchristian.com

- What Do Presbyterians Believe?
- Common Theological Questions Study Pack
- What Happens When We Pray?

HUMAN GROWTH & FAITH DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES:

Books

Kathleen Cahalan and Bonnie Miller-McLemore, eds. *Calling All Years Good: Christian Vocation throughout Life's Seasons*. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans 2017.)

Mimi Larson & Robert Keeley, eds. *Bridging Theory and Practice in Children's Spirituality: New Directions for Education, Ministry, and Discipleship*. Zondervan, 2020.

Bonnie Miller- McLemore. *Reimagining Childhood from a Christian Perspective*. Fortress Press, 2019.

Jeremy Paul Myers. *Liberating Youth from Adolescence*. Word & Worlds Books/Fortress Press, 2018.

John Roberto. *The Seasons of Adult Faith Formation* (kindle edition) Lifelong Faith Publications, 2015.

Online Courses

Opening Doors to Discipleship www.odtd.net

- Course A: Teaching Skills – Session 2 (how children and youth learn) and Session 3 (understanding adult learning)

Online Resources

Articles from Lifelong Faith and Faith Formation Learning Exchange: <https://www.lifelongfaith.com>
<https://faithformationlearningexchange.net>

Sarah Blakemore, “Mysterious Workings of the Adolescent Brain”
https://www.ted.com/talks/sarah_jayne_blakemore_the_mysterious_workings_of_the_adolescent_brain

Understanding Multiple Intelligence Theory at MI Oasis <http://multipleintelligencesoasis.org/>

Overview of adult theories "Four Adult Developmental Theories and their Implications for Practice" by Baumgarten
<http://www.ncsall.net/index.html?id=268.html>

Institute for Youth Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary: <http://ivm.ptsem.edu>

Fuller Youth Institute: www.fulleryouthinstitute.org

Workbooks and Studies

Recommended downloadable studies from www.thethoughtfulchristian.com:

- How Spirituality Develops Through Our Lifetime
- Children's Spirituality
- Tween Spirituality
- Adolescent Spirituality
- Mid-Life Spirituality
- Older Adult Spirituality

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS RESOURCES:

Books

PCUSA Constitution: Book of Order (particularly Directory for Worship)

Benedict, Daniel, *Patterned by Grace: How Liturgy Shapes Us*. Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2007.

Duck, Ruth C. *Worship for the Whole People of God: Vital Worship for the 21st century*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

Gambrell, David. *Presbyterian Worship Questions and Answers*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2019.

Vann, Jane Rogers. *Worship Matters: A Study for Congregations*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2011.

Online Courses

Opening Doors to Discipleship www.odtd.net

- Course C: Presbyterians/Reformed Faith - Worship and Sacraments Session

Union Presbyterian Seminary's Pathways to Learning Online Course: Worship and Sacraments
www.upsem.edu/leadership-institute/pathways-learning-leadership-2

Online Resources

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-do/faith-worship/>

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/faq/>

www.reformedworship.org

Theocademy video series: An Introduction to Reformed Worship
<http://www.theocademy.com/reformed-worship>

Workbooks and Studies

Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding series (Baptism, Lord's Supper)
www.pcusastore.com

Recommended downloadable studies from www.thethoughtfulchristian.com:

- [Worship 101](#)
- [Children in Worship](#)
- [Communion 101](#)

BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION RESOURCES

Books

The New Oxford Annotated Study Bible, 4th ed.

Book of Order, current edition

Book of Confessions, current edition

Brueggemann, Walter & Linfelt, Tod. *An Introduction to the Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination*, 3rd ed. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, 2020.

Carroll, John T. *Jesus and the Gospels: An Introduction*. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, 2016.

Hayes, John H. and Holladay, Carl R. *Biblical Exegesis: A Beginner's Handbook*, Third Edition. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007.

Junior, Nyasha. *An Introduction to Womanist Biblical Interpretation*. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, 2015.

Mayfield, Tyler D. *A Guide to Bible Basics*. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, 2020.

Soulen, R Kendall, & Soulen, Richard N. *Handbook of Biblical Criticism*, 4th ed. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, 2011.

Wilda, Gafney C. *Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction To The Women Of the Torah And The Throne*. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, 2017.

Sacra Pagina Commentaries

Online Courses

Opening Doors to Discipleship www.odtd.net

- Course B - Bible Background

Union Presbyterian Seminary's Pathways to Learning Online Courses:

- www.upsem.edu/leadership-institute/pathways-learning-leadership-2
- Biblical Interpretation
- Old and New Testament Survey (self-directed)
- Teaching the Bible

Online Resources

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/resolutions/scripture-use.pdf

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/bible/>

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/the-bible-ii/>

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/biblical-interpretation/>

Theocademy video series - www.theocademy.com

- Biblical Interpretation for Teaching and Preaching: <http://www.theoacademy.com/interpretation>
- An Introduction to the Old Testament: <http://www.theoacademy.com/old-testament>
- An Introduction to the New Testament: <http://www.theoacademy.com/new-testament>

Workbooks and Studies

Being Reformed series: Reading the Bible for Understanding www.pcusastore.com

The Bible From Scratch: The Old Testament for Beginners (by Donald L. Griggs)
<https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/0664225764/the-bible-from-scratch.aspx>

The Bible From Scratch: The New Testament for Beginners (by Donald L. Griggs)
<https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/0664225772/the-bible-from-scratch.aspx>

Recommended downloadable studies from www.thethoughtfulchristian.com

- Bible 101
- Biblical Interpretation 101
- [How to Study a Bible Passage](#)
- [The Importance of Context](#)
- [Tools for Bible Study](#)
- [Types of Literature in the Bible](#)
- When and Why the Bible Was Written

PRESBYTERIAN POLITY, PROGRAM, AND MISSION RESOURCES

Books

The Book of Order, current edition

May be downloaded from <http://www.pcusa.org/oga/boo/boo-online.htm>

Chapman, Williams C. *Finding Christ in the Book of Order*. Witherspoon Press, 2003.

Gray, Joan S. and Joyce C. Tucker. *Presbyterian Polity for Church Leaders, 4th ed.* Geneva Press, 2012.

Johnson, Jr, Earl S. *Selected to Serve: A Guide for Church Leaders*. Geneva Press, 2012.

Wilton, Carlos. *Principles of Presbyterian Polity*. Geneva Press, 2016.

Online Courses

Union Presbyterian Seminary's Pathways to Learning Online Course: Polity and Administration
www.upsem.edu/leadership-institute/pathways-learning-leadership-2

Online Resources

Historic Principles, Conscience, and Church Government, adopted by 195th General Assembly (1983) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/historic-principles-conscience-and-church-governme/>

Theocademy videos www.theocademy.com

- Lessons 8 & 9 of Elders and Deacons Lessons <http://www.theocademy.com/lessons-for-ruling-elders-and-deacons>

Presbyterian Mission Agency website: www.presbyterianmission.org

Workbooks and Studies

Eason, Steven P. *Making Disciples, Making Leaders: A Manual for Presbyterian Leader Development, Second Edition*. Geneva Press, 2016.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THEORY & PRACTICE RESOURCES

Books

- Berryman, Jerome W. and Sonja M. Stewart. *Young Children and Worship*. Westminster John Knox Press, 1989.
- Brown, Peter C., Henry L. Roediger, and Mark A. McDaniel. *Make It Stick: The Science of Successful Learning*. Belknap Press, 2014
- Caldwell, Elizabeth. *God's Big Table: Nurturing Children in a Diverse World*. Pilgrim Press, 2011.
- Crutchfield, Carmichael, D. *The Formation of a People: Christian Education and the African American Church*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2020.
- Everist, Norma Cook. *The Church as Learning Community: A Comprehensive Guide to Christian Education*. Tennessee: Abingdon Press, 2002.
- Griggs, Donald L. *Teaching Today's Teachers to Teach*. Abingdon Press: Nashville, 2003
- Keeley, Robert J. *Shaped by God: Twelve Essential Practices for Nurturing Faith in Children, Youth, and Adults*. Faith Alive, 2010.
- McKinney, Lora-Ellen. *Christian Education in the African American Church: A Guide for Teaching Truth*. Pennsylvania: Judson Press, 2003.
- Roberto, John. *Seasons of Adult Faith Development*. Lifelong Faith Publications, 2015.
- Seymour, Jack L. *Teaching the Way of Jesus: Educating Christians for Faithful Living*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2014.
- Wimberley, Anne. *Nurturing Faith and Hope*. Wipf and Stock, 2010.

Online Courses

Opening Doors to Discipleship www.odtd.net

- Course A: Teaching Skills - Sessions 1, 4-12

Union Presbyterian Seminary's Pathways to Learning Online Course:

- Teaching the Bible

Online Resources

Life Long Faith Associates:

- "Reimagining Faith Formation" <http://www.reimaginefaithformation.com/>
- "Faith Formation Learning Exchange" <http://www.faithformationlearningexchange.net/>

Curriculum Evaluation: PCUSA Quicksheet on Choosing Sunday School Curriculum
https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/quicksheet_32_choosingcurriculumfinal.pdf

Workbooks and Studies

Recommended downloadable studies from www.thethoughtfulchristian.com:

- The Art of Asking Good Questions
- Learning as We Teach



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