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Friday, June 1st, 7 p.m.

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## From the Director



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We live . . . in the intersection of a cultural and religious tension. We are people of the present day, eager to embrace the many discoveries and possibilities that a new century holds.

We are also part of a religious community of saints that stretches backward through thousands of years and across many cultures and continents. Negotiating these two realities is a daily challenge of discipleship and faithfulness.

We teach the faith in the midst of this challenge to persons who are caught in the same tension. Somehow, we must find ways to communicate "the old, old story" to hearts, minds, and ears trained to hear only what is new.

Karen Marie Yust  
E. Byron Anderson  
*Taught by God:  
Teaching & Spiritual  
Formation*

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These are times that call for Christians, indeed, all persons of good will, to witness to their values. As this is being written, Rutgers Women's Basketball Team members ARE VOICING their "hurt, anger, and disgust" at the way they were referred to by popular radio personality Don Imus on national network radio. A few days earlier politician Newt Gingrich insulted Spanish speakers by referring to their language as "the language of the ghetto". At the heart of these widely publicized events are racism, sexism, and an utter insensitivity and absence of respect for others.

All of this, of course, is played out against the worst of our culture's devotion to wealth and power, for both are to be easily found in belittling others. It is important to remember that those who engage in such disrespect are well supported for their behavior, and surely many who consider themselves "good Christians" are among those who applaud them.

Is there a better way for Christians to go? One denomination, the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church, has brought a rabbi on staff. Why? Rabbi Joshua Martin Siegel explained in a recent interview on National Public Radio, "I think the essence of spirituality is humility, the capacity to truly listen to and respect and love others." Noting that Jesus called for loving enemies, he added "that's the heart of the issue. Who's at the center? You? Or is it something larger than yourself to which you owe allegiance, to which you must give deference and try to follow its ways." Rabbi Siegel's presence among United Methodists helps them to remember.

At The Resource Center we try to remember. Our mission statement is "to resource churches, schools, agencies, and individuals for ministry in a diverse and ever-changing world. Behind that brief statement are two core values that have guided our ministry since our doors opened in 1985: a profound appreciation for the diversity of God's world, and the imperative to practice Biblical hospitality - - a radical respect for every child of God.

These are the values that underlie everything we do. When we schedule educational events, consult with patrons, or purchase resources for our shelves, it is done in light of those core values. We invite our readers, our patrons, our friends and supporters to join us in affirming them anew.

Faithfully,  
*Judith FaGalde Bennett*  
Executive Director

## From Our President

The Resource Center Board of Directors appreciates the historical and ongoing support of patrons and supporters - - individuals, congregations, judicatory offices, and others. We are especially grateful for the hospitality of Ginter Park Baptist Church while building renovations are underway on the BTSR campus and the welcome experienced at our satellite locations in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and Manakin Episcopal Church. It is exciting to see the increased visitation by our patrons in 2007 and the enthusiasm of our staff and Board of Directors. WE look forward to successfully resourcing and serving the Central Virginia community in 2007.

*Nancy C. King*, President  
Board of Directors

## SAVE THE DATE!

Outstanding Christian Educators Banquet 2007 November 2, 6:30 p.m., Bon Air Baptist Church  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Israel Galindo, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Teachers Toolbox:

10 Great Ideas You Can Use This Sunday  
Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Tracey Herzer  
Executive Director, LeaderResources



Tracey spends her time writing and training for various programs, and came to LeaderResources from parish work as Youth Minister and as Director of Christian Education. She has been senior trainer for Journey to Adulthood and is currently President for her denomination's association of Christian Educators. Tracey is the author of *WorkshopCycles*, a rotational Sunday School curriculum, a trained Godly Play teacher, and an EFM mentor, and offers consulting services, retreats and parenting seminar leadership.

### WORKSHOPS OFFERED

*Wisdom of the Web* - June Hardy Dorsey, Associate for Lay Ministry, St. Thomas Episcopal Church; *Hands-On Creativity*, Rev. Suzanne Stovall Vinson, Minister of Christian Education, Ginter Park Baptist Church; *Singing Our Faith with Children*, Jo Blandford, Director of Christian Education, Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church; *Bible Stories Alive! With Children!*, Denise Bennett, Chaplain/Educator, The Hermitage.

Registration \$50 (\$45 TRC members) \$5 additional for lunch or bring your own; drinks provided

Call for group rates. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/18  
CEUs available.

### Healing Stories

Thursday, October 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



Workshop Leader: Denise Bennett  
Storyteller, Musician, Author

In a world that has so many high tech ways to communicate, why do something as low tech as telling a story? Come to this participatory workshop to learn how stories can be healing for both the teller and the listener. Helpful for teachers in churches or schools, leaders using workshop rotation in Sunday School, staff of early childhood programs, pastors who want to use stories well in preaching - - anybody and everybody who loves good stories!

**Denise Bennett** is Chaplain/Educator at The Hermitage, a published poet and songwriter, and a popular storyteller/musician in Virginia and beyond. She has just presented her first one-woman show, "The Heart's True Scale", at Richmond's Firehouse Theatre. She has undergraduate and graduate degrees in drama and musical theater, and an M. Div. from Union-PSCE.

Registration: \$45 (\$40 for TRC members)  
\$5 additional for lunch or bring your own; drinks provided.  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE 10/15

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Jesus tended his body by resting when he needed to rest & by sleeping when he needed to sleep.

When we focus only on Jesus' teaching, preaching & healing, we may overlook this fact. . . Jesus did get tired. He did not ignore the need for rest.

He did not try to keep on until he had nothing more to give. Several times in the Gospels we read that Jesus left the crowd before they were ready for him to leave . . . He withdrew to a boat, to a mountain, or to some other deserted place . . .

In much of our society, rest & sleep are not highly valued. Most job descriptions call for forty hours of work a week; however, many bosses expect fifty hours while others in the office are working sixty. How can we rest when facing such expectations and job competition?

Mary Jane Gorman  
*Tending Body, Heart, Mind & Soul:*  
*Following Jesus in Caring for Ourselves*

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The congregations of the first-century church endeavored to create inclusive assemblies built on the foundation laid by the message & example of Jesus & empowered by the Holy Spirit . . . (they) did struggle internally with the ethnocentrism & the bigotry of society, but a theology of oneness enabled them to prevail in their efforts at developing inclusive congregations. When possible (they) were multiracial and . . . included people from across the many other lines that divided first-century society - - economics, gender, culture, language, disease . . .

The New Testament model is a congregation united by faith in Jesus Christ. . . The spirit of the first-century church can return to congregations in the United States during the twenty-first century.

There is no better time for such a visitation of the Spirit. The possibilities of this new millennium & a more demographically diverse society in the United States . . . make the 21st century *the century of multiracial congregations.*

Curtiss Paul DeYoung, et al  
*United by Faith:  
The Multiracial Congregation  
as An Answer to the Problem  
of Race*

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Outstanding Christian Educators Appreciation Banquet 2007  
*Honoring Those Who Teach*  
Friday, November 2, 6:30 p.m.  
Bon Air Baptist Church 2531 Buford Road in Richmond  
Dr. Israel Galindo, Keynote Speaker



Dr. Israel Galindo is Professor of Christian Education at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. A graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with M.R.E., M.Div., and Ed.D. degrees, he has done additional study at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Before coming to B.T.S.R. he was a congregational educator in Vienna, Virginia. He has also served as hospice chaplain, school principal, and adjunct faculty or visiting professor at various colleges and seminaries. A founding member and Executive

Director of Educational Consultants, Dr. Galindo's diverse audiences include national denominational groups and local judicatories, public and private school systems, corporations and businesses. He is also the author of numerous articles and books, among them: *The Hidden Lives of Congregations, The Craft of Christian Teaching, El Arte de la Enseñanza Cristiana, 10 Best Parenting Ways to Ruin Your Child; 10 Best Ways to Ruin Your Teenager, A Family Genogram Workbook, and How to Be the Best Small Group Leader in the Universe.*

Looking for Ways to Help The Resource Center???

FIRST, take the time with a church group or family and friends to:

- ✓ Visit one or all three of our locations,
- ✓ Check out resources and
- ✓ Attend events and programs.

REMEMBER The Resource Center, its staff, and its Board of Directors in your prayers.

And there are always the ongoing NEEDS of:

- ✓ Funding
- ✓ Non-cash gifts of resources, office supplies & equipment, and refreshments
- ✓ VOLUNTEER time, according to your own gifts and passions, to:
  - Process** (prepare) and shelve resources
  - Publicize & prepare** for events and programs
  - Maintenance & set-up** of equipment, furnishings, etc.

For 2007 there is an urgent need for **volunteers**, as well as a **Coordinator of Volunteers**, and a weatherproof **space** (like a garage) in which to store and refurbish furnishings for our relocation back to the B TSR campus in early 2008 - - preferably nearby or an easy drive from our Ginter Park location.

If you can help in any of the above areas, give us a call at 358-8306 (toll-free 888-241-5132), or e-mail us at resourcecenter@cavtel.net. Thanks!



## New Relationship with Smyth & Helwys

We are delighted to inform our patrons that we will now have the complete line of Smyth & Helwys curriculum offerings at The Resource Center. Pictured at right discussing the new partnership with David Cassady, Executive Vice President/Publisher, Smyth & Helwys (center) are

Nancy King, President, TRC Board of Directors, and the Rev. Marty Canaday, Minister of Christian Formation at Derbyshire Baptist Church.

## Major Additions to Our Bible Reference Shelves

The Rev. David H. Smith, a retired United Methodist minister in the Virginia Conference, has given The Resource Center a treasure trove of Bible reference works, including a nearly-complete 44-volume set of the Anchor Bible Series. Also included were various works by Rudolph Bultmann, Reinhold Neibuhr, William Barclay, Karl Barth, Hans Kung, and others. The collection was given to honor the ministry of Rev. Smith's wife, educator and author Judy Gattis Smith. It will greatly enhance our ability to serve patrons who come to TRC to prepare for Bible study group leadership, or seminarians working on sermon preparation. Many thanks, Rev. Smith!



## Lifetime Achievement Awards 2006

Honorees at the 2006 Outstanding Christian Educators Banquet pictured (lt. to rt.): Judy Gattis Smith, educator, author of numerous

books for use with children; Dr. Isabel W. Rogers, professor for many years at Union-PSCE,; Dr. Gloria C. Taylor, professor of Christian Education, Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University.

## TRC Welcomes Ecumenical Guests

Participants at the 2006 Curriculum Conversations Relating Theory & Practice, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, toured The Resource Center. Pictured (lt. to rt.) are Dr. Robert G. Fulbright, (Smyth & Helwys), Dr. Robin Porter Smith, AME national staff, Rev. Garland F. Pierce, NCC Associate General Secretary for Education.




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Blogs are the new way to tell stories online. Every day, millions of people read & share stories online. . . . These stories don't exist in a vacuum; they are part of a larger conversation - - between teachers & parents, voters & candidates, friends & families, businesses & customers.

Is the story of your church being told? Is your church part of the conversation?

There is a new passion for authentic communication. People want to be part of an open & honest conversation.

As this community & this conversation grow, organizations that are not part of it become increasingly irrelevant.

One-way communication is no longer enough . . .

The case for blogging comes down to a single point. Blogging is simply a new way to tell stories. In the same way that we seek out new modes of worshiping, preaching, & reaching out, we must find new methods of sharing stories.

The message doesn't change when the methodology changes.

If the methodology fails to change, however, we begin to distance ourselves from the people we are called to reach & we risk becoming irrelevant.

Brian Bailey

*The Blogging Church:  
Sharing the Story of Your  
Church Through Blogs*

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## NEW RESOURCES

### Bible

- The New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible (Vol. 1)*- Katharine Doob Sakenfield, ed. (Abingdon)  
*On a Mission [No Experience Necessary Unit 6]*- Kelly Fryer & Rolf Jacobson (Augsburg) [also DVD]  
*It's Your Call [No Experience Necessary Unit 7]*- Kelly Fryer & Rolf Jacobson (Augsburg) [also DVD]  
*The Letter to the Hebrews*-Daniel J. Harrington (Liturgical Press)  
*Hope in God in Times of Suffering* (Women of the ELCA)  
CD-ROM: *Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* (Parsons Technology)

### Christian Education – General

- Graced Vulnerability*- David H. Jenson (Pilgrim Press)  
DVD: *Voices of Young Adults* (Episcopal Church Center)  
*What a Story*- Nate Lee (Abingdon)  
*From BC to PC*- Nancy Spence & Jane M. Connell (Abingdon)

### Christian Education – Children

- VIDEO: *Samson & Delilah (The Greatest Adventure Stories from the Bible)*- William Hanna & Joseph Barbera (Turner Home Entertainment)  
DVD: *The Animated Hero Classics :Maccabees* (Nest Family Entertainment)  
*The Animated Hero Classics: Maccabees, Activity Book* (Nest Family Entertainment)  
*Meeting God's Word*-Brenda Gilliam, Ron Hester, Doug Jones, et. al. (Abingdon)

### Christian Education – Youth

- Guiding Young Teens through Life's Losses*-Phyllis Vos Weizman, et.al (Twenty-Third Publications)  
*Pop Culture, Leader Guide & Student Book*-Sarah Arthur (Abingdon)

### Church

- The Kingdom-Focused Church*- Gene Mims (Broadman & Holman)  
*12 Steps to Congregational Transformation*-David C. Laubach (Judson Press)  
*How to be the Best Christian Study Group Leader*-Israel Galindo (Judson Press)  
*From Nomads to Christians*- Diana Butler-Bass & Joseph Stewart-Sicking (Alban Institute)

### Church-Denominational

- A Guide to Religious Ministries for Catholic Men & Women* (Religious Ministries)  
*A Dictionary for Episcopalians*-John N. Wall (Cowley)  
*Religious Liberty and Church State Separation*-J. Brent Walker (Baptist History & Heritage Society)  
*An Introduction to the Baptists*-Charles W. Deweese (Baptist History & Heritage Society)  
*A Short History of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Movement*- Pamela R. Durso (Baptist History & Heritage Society)  
*Freedom: The Key to the Baptist Genius*-Charles W. Deweese (Baptist History & Heritage Society)  
*Who Interprets for the Baptists?*-E. Glenn Hinson (The Baptist History & Heritage Society)  
*The Baptist Identity*-Walter B. Shurden (Smyth & Helwys)  
*Our Baptist Tradition*-William Powell Tuck (Smyth & Helwys)  
*Women Deacons & Deaconesses*-Charles W. Deweese (Baptist History & Heritage Society)  
*Welcome to the Church Year*-Vicki K. Black (Morehouse)

### Church & Society

- What Does It Mean to Be Poor?*-Joyce Smith (Woman's Missionary Union)  
VIDEO: *It's Not About the Food*-Charity Spatzbeck-Olsen, producer (Paraclete Press)

- The Shalom of God in the Midst of Empire*-Rebecca J. Kruger Gaudino (PCUSA)  
*Living Faithfully in the Public Square*-James Watkins (Witherspoon)  
*Creating a Habitat for Humanity*-Jonathan T. M. Reckford (Fortress Press)  
*Homosexuality & Christian Faith*- Walter Wink, ed. (Fortress Press)  
*For the Peace of the Whole World*-Mavis Anderson, Bonnie Block, Ann Hafften, et. al. (Augsburg)  
*Free in Christ to Serve the Neighbor*-Task Force on Sexuality (ELCA)  
DVD: *Free in Christ to Serve the Neighbor* (English/ Spanish)- Task Force on Sexuality (ELCA)  
*The Ambivalence of the Sacred*-R. Scott Appleby (Roman & Littlefield)

### Church Year

- Walking the Way of Sorrows*-Katerina Katsarka Whitley (Morehouse)  
*The Symbols Speak* (English/Spanish)-Lisa Flinn & Barbara Younger (Abingdon)  
*Take Time for Christmas* (English/Spanish)-Peg Augustine & Emmanuel Vargas (Abingdon)  
*One Surprising Night* (English/ Spanish)-Peg Augustine & Emmanuel Vargas (Abingdon)  
*A Rooster's Tale* [Reproducible Easter Drama for Children] (Abingdon)  
*Wonder of Easter* (English/ Spanish)-Peg Augustine & Emmanuel Vargas (Abingdon)  
*Take Time for Easter* (English/Spanish)-Peg Augustine & Emanuel Vargas (Abingdon)  
*One Surprising Morning* (English/ Spanish)-Peg Augustine & Emmanuel Vargas (Abingdon)  
*Stars, Angels, Shepherds & King* Patrick Messick Augsburg)

### Family Ministry

- Faith Question for Families*-Janet M. Corpus (Augsburg)  
*A Family Genogram Workbook*-Israel Galindo, Elaine Boomer & Don Reagan (Educational Consultants)

### Life Stages

- Settling In*-Richard L. Morgan (UpperRoom)  
*When You Lose Your Job*-Donna Bennett (Augsburg)  
VIDEO: *More than Baby Blues*-Charity Spatzbeck-Olsen, producer (Paraclete Press)  
*Josh*-Stephanie Jeffs & Jacqui Thomas (Abingdon)  
*Jenny*-Stephanie Jeffs & Jacqui Thomas (Abingdon)  
*When a Lifemate Dies*-Susan Heinlein, Grace Brumett & Jane- Ellen Tibbals, eds. (Fairview Press)  
*Guiding Young Teens Through Life's Losses*- Phyllis Vos Wezeman, Jude Dennis Fournier & Kenneth Wezeman (Twenty-Third Publications)  
*Wipe the Tears*- Phyllis Vos Wezeman, Anna L. Liechty & Kenneth R. Wezeman (Pilgrim Press)

### Mission

- Mission Possible!*-Martha Bettis Gee (Global Ministries UMC)  
*Global Mission Handbook* (ELCA)

### Multicultural

- Church Growth from an African American Perspective*- Donald Hilliard Jr. (Judson Press)  
*Growing Healthy Asian American Churches*-Peter Cha, S. Steve Kang & Helen Lee, eds. (IVP Books)

*The Africana Worship Book*-Valerie Bridgeman Davis & Safi yah Fosua, eds (Discipleship Resources)  
*Folk Wisdom of Mexico* (Spanish/English)-Jeff M. Sellers (Chronicle Books)  
*Las Parábolas de Jesús* (Español)-Jaime Serrano (Publications International, Ltd.)  
*Fiesta Cristiana* (Español)-Joel & Raquel Martínez (Abingdon)  
*Growing the African American Church*-Carlyle Fielding Stewart III, ed. (Abingdon)  
*Selling Swimsuits in the Artic* (Korean)-Adam Hamilton (Abingdon)  
 CD: *Global Praise* (Global Ministries UMC)  
*Island Counting*-Frane Lessac (Candlewick Press)  
*My Little Island*-Frane Lessac (Harper Collins)  
**Spirituality**  
*Kindred Souls*-Stephanie Ford (Upper Room)  
*Where the Rivers Flow*-Scott Walker (Smyth & Helwys)  
*The Spiritual Abraham Lincoln*-V. Neil Wyrick (Magnus Press)  
*The Way of Prayer* (Leader's Guide, Participant's Book)-Marjorie Thompson (Upper Room)  
*The Way of Transforming Discipleship* (Leader's Guide, Participant's Book)-Stephen Bryant (Upper Room)

*Spirited Men*-Brian Doyle (Cowley Publications)  
**Theology**  
 DVD: *The Great Story*-Michael Dowd (www.TheGreatStory.org)  
 DVD: *Evolutionary Christianity*-Michael Dowd (www.thegreatstory.org)  
 DVD: *Celebrating Evolution*- Michael Dowd (www.thegreatstory.org)  
*Genetics!* (ELCA)  
**Urban Ministry**  
*Urban Churches, Vital Signs*-Nile Harper (Wipf & Stock Publishers)  
*Urban Disciples*-Jenell Williams Parks & Margot Owen Eyring (Judson Press)  
**Worship**  
*Healing Liturgies for the Seasons of Life*-Abigail Rian Evens (Westminster John Knox)  
*Read the Way You Talk*-Jack Hartjes (Liturgical Press)  
*Upper Room Worship Book*-Elise S. Eslinger, ed. (Upper Room)  
*Wonderfully Made*-Kristin Limberg & Tera Michelson (Augsburg)

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