Licensed Lay Worship Leaders Resource Guide

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First developed & written by Richard Weigand in March-2020, with added submission by Marilyn Fortin. Subsequently updated with additional submissions in March & April-2022 --- by Rev. Cathy Gradante, Susan Pleasance, Rev. Stobie, Paul Kneebone & Evelyn Chambers (submissions from 2019 LLWL meeting)

*To prevent duplication -- if a particular website-book, etc. mentioned in more than one submission, we try to only include the first time it was submitted – with some exceptions.

United Church Resources

The "Gathering" Magazine – One of the best and least costly magazines that is a wonderful resource for creating liturgical worship services. This publication can be found on the United Church Bookstore website. https://ucrdstore.ca/search?type=product&q=gathering *Now expanded version available online, plus print.

United Church website - <u>https://www.united-church.ca/worship</u>

United Church Bookstore - <u>https://ucrdstore.ca/</u>

Web Sites of Interest

On a personal note, I use websites for research and not for copying and printing a message for the weekly worship service. For me, part of the worship bulletin and message preparation is learning the spiritual message and growing my personal relationship with God. [<u>Richard Weigand</u>, LLWL]

Revised Common Lectionary

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu//

For each week, the RCL website has added scriptural reflections based on a featured art image, as well as RCL prayers for worship.

Bible Gateway

https://www.biblegateway.com/

A wonderful resource for various bible translations and study resources for the deeper spiritual and cultural meanings. They also have a great store for purchasing study bibles, etc.

Christian History Institute

https://christianhistoryinstitute.org

This is a very scholarly publication that is fully accessible in downloadable pdf format. A balanced study with each issue looks at key Christian beliefs by prominent scholars.

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Submitted by Rev. Cathy Gradante:

I would offer the following links for excellent resources with lectionary commentaries that people can sign up to receive weekly:

https://www.journeywithjesus.net

https://www.saltproject.org/

Another excellent commentary can be found here: https://www.davidlose.net/tag/in-the-meantime/

And of course, people can always wade through the multitude of resources on <u>www.textweek.com</u> - but a word of caution that some of it is pretty dated.

Liturgical resources can be found here: <u>https://re-worship.blogspot.com/</u> <u>http://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/</u> (Gord Waldie is a UCC minister)

Resources for children's time: http://worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com/ https://dskidsermons.com/ https://www.illustratedministry.com/ (they have some freebies - most have to be paid for - but excellent!)

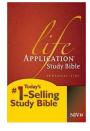
Submitted by <u>Susan Pleasance</u>, LLWL – other **Websites** and **Magazines**

Dollar Store Children's Sermons Holy Textures John Shearman's online Lectionary Lectionary Liturgies blogpost On the Chancel Steps Seasons of the Spirit/Whole People of God online background material Singing from the Lectionary Storypath Worshiping With Children blogpost

Other submissions by Richard Weigand:

Themed Study Bibles

Life Application Study Bible (NIV)



The *Life Application Study Bible* is today's #1-selling study Bible, containing notes that not only explain difficult passages and give information on Bible life and times, but go a step further to show you how to "take it personally," as God's Word speaks to every situation and circumstance of your life! It's the one Bible resource that incorporates today's top scholarship in answering your real-life questions and includes nearly 10,000 Life Application notes and features designed

to help readers apply God's truth to everyday life.

https://www.amazon.ca/Life-Application-Study-Bible-Personal/

The Bible – Designed to be read as living literature

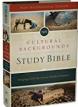


This updated edition of the Bates bible (first published to enormous acclaim in 1936) appears at a time of increased interest in the Bible as literature. What does it offer new readers? Traditional chapter and verse numbers have been removed, and the books, especially narrative material, are divided into sense units. Poetry is printed in verse, and characters are identified in dramas (Job and Song of Songs). Material believed to hinder readers' enjoyment and understanding (genealogies, legal codes, repetition) has been omitted. Finally, the King James Version (KJV) is

used because of its stature as a classic. Still, the question remains whether readers are attracted to the Bible as a literary classic or as scripture. If the former, all the editorial work can be justified. If the latter, it is debatable whether there is any "clutter" that needs to be deleted. In addition, the KJV is possibly not the best choice for presenting the Bible as "living literature" to people in the late 20th century. While this volume may inspire many to read the Bible for the first time, it is not the last word in "reading Bibles."-- Craig W. Beard, Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham

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Cultural Background Study Bible (NIV)



CONTEXT CHANGES EVERYTHING

You've heard many Bible stories hundreds of times, but how many behind-the-scenes details are you missing? Sometimes a little context is all you need to discover the rich meaning behind the stories of Scripture.

That's what the *NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible* provides. Every page is packed with expert insight into the customs, culture, and literature of Bible times. These fascinating explanations will serve to clarify your study of the Scriptures, reinforcing your confidence and bringing difficult passages of Scripture into sharp focus.

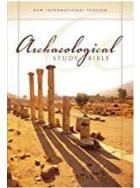
Discover new dimensions of insight to even the most familiar Bible passages as you take a behind-the-scenes tour into the ancient world.

The Bible was originally written to an ancient people removed from us by thousands of years and thousands of miles. The Scriptures include subtle culturally based nuances, undertones, and references to ancient events, literature and customs that were intuitively understood by those who first heard the Scriptures read. For us to hear the Scriptures as they did, we need a window into their world.

The *NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible*, with notes from Dr. John H. Walton (Wheaton College) in the Old Testament and Dr. Craig S. Keener (Asbury Theological Seminary) in the New Testament, brings to life the ancient world of Scripture for modern readers.

https://www.amazon.ca/Cultural-Backgrounds-Study-Hardcover-Letter

Archaeological Study Bible (NIV)



Readers who desire a more intimate knowledge of the historical context of the Bible will appreciate the NIV Archaeological Study Bible. Full of informative articles and full-color photographs of places and objects from biblical times, this Bible examines the archaeological record surrounding God's Word and brings the biblical world to life. Readers' personal studies will be enriched as they become more informed about the empires, places, and peoples of the ancient world. Features include: • Four-color interior throughout • Bottom-of-page study notes exploring passages that speak on archaeological and cultural facts • Articles (520) covering five main categories: Archaeological Sites, Cultural and Historical Notes, Ancient Peoples and Lands, the

Reliability of the Bible, and Ancient Texts and Artifacts • Approximately 500 4-color photographs interspersed throughout • Detailed book introductions that provide basic, at-a-glance information • Detailed charts on pertinent topics • In-text color maps that assist the reader in placing the action "

https://www.amazon.ca/Archaeological-Study-Bible-NIV-Illustrated-Biblical

John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg

Any books by either or both of these authors is a wonderful resource for a deeper understanding of the historical, social, religious world in which Jesus lived.



In *The First Christmas* Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan—top Jesus scholars and authors of *The Last Week*—help us see the real Christmas story buried in the familiar Bible accounts. Basing their interpretations on the two nativity narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Borg and Crossan focus on the literal story—the inner truth rather than the historical facts—to offer a clear and uplifting message of hope and peace. With *The First Christmas* readers get a fresh, deep, and new understanding of the nativity story, enabling us to better appreciate the powerful message of the Gospels.

https://www.amazon.ca/First-Christmas-Gospels-Really-Jesus



Top Jesus scholars Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan join together to reveal a radical and little-known Jesus.

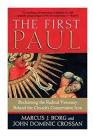
As both authors reacted to and responded to questions about Mel Gibson's blockbuster *The Passion of the Christ*, they discovered that many Christians are unclear on the details of events during the week leading up to Jesus's crucifixion.

Using the gospel of Mark as their guide, Borg and Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus's final week of life. They begin their story on Palm Sunday with two triumphal entries into Jerusalem. The first entry, that of Roman governor Pontius Pilate leading Roman soldiers into the city, symbolized military strength. The second heralded a new kind of moral hero who was praised by the people as he rode in on a humble donkey. The Jesus introduced by Borg and Crossan is this new moral hero, a more dangerous Jesus than the one enshrined in the church's traditional teachings.

The Last Week depicts Jesus giving up his life to protest power without justice and to condemn the rich who lack concern for the poor. In this vein, at the end of the week Jesus marches up Calvary, offering himself as a model for others to do the same when they are confronted by similar issues. Informed, challenged,

and inspired, we not only meet the historical Jesus, but meet a new Jesus who engages us and invites us to follow him.

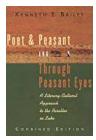
https://www.amazon.ca/Last-Week-Gospels-Really-Jerusalem



Continuing in the tradition of *The Last Week* and *The First Christmas*, world-renowned New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan use the best of biblical and historical scholarship to expose the church's conspiracy to silence Jesus's most faithful disciple, the apostle Paul.

https://www.amazon.ca/First-Paul-Reclaiming-Visionary-Conservative

Parables



This volume is a combined edition of <mark>Poet and Peasant and Through Peasant Eyes,</mark> Kenneth Bailey's intensive studies of the parables in the gospel of Luke.

Bailey begins by surveying the development of allegorical, historical-eschatological, aesthetic, and existential methods of interpretation. Though figures like Jeremias, Dodd, Jones, and Via have made important advances, Bailey sees the need to go beyond them by combining an examination of the poetic structures of the parables with a better understanding of the Oriental

culture that informs the text.

Bailey's work within Middle Eastern peasant culture over the last twenty years has helped him in his attempt to determine the cultural assumptions that the teller of the parables must have made about his audience. The same values which underlay the impact of the parables in Christ's time, Bailey suggests, can be discovered pg. 5 today in isolated peasant communities in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq. Because time has made almost no impact in these cultural pockets, it is possible to discern, for example, what it meant 2,000 years ago for a friend to come calling at midnight, or for a son to ask for his inheritance prior to his father's death.

In addition to illuminating the cultural framework of the parables, Bailey offers an analysis of their literary structure, treating the parabolic section as a whole as well as its individual components. Through its combination of literary and cultural analyses, Bailey's study makes a number of profound advances in parabolic interpretation.

Bible Studies

I am pleased to authorize any of the LLWL's in our district to use any portion or all of the material from these three bible studies researched and presented by me to the Adolphustown Conway Community of Faith over the past three years.

https://www.a-cuc.ca/bible-study

Parables of Jesus Mary Magdalene The Apostle Paul

Submitted by Marilyn Fortin, LLWL:

My go-to resource is the UCC webpage and I also use the Gathering Magazine as well as the Worship for All Seasons II, Selections from Gathering – Year A magazine.

I also like <u>www.prayasyoucan.com</u> for different perspectives on the passage. Feasting on the Word shares brief essays on exegetical, theological, homiletical and pastoral challenges to the text. Texts for Preaching, A Lectionary Commentary Based on the NRSV-Year A is an excellent resource.

Submitted by Rev. Janet Stobie:

My name is Rev. Janet Stobie. My husband Tom is a member of your LLWL group. Since my retirement from full-time pastoral ministry, I have been growing and enjoying my writing ministry. At this point I have written nine books. My goal in writing is to inspire and provide resources for both clergy and laity.

Short Stories

- Breakthrough Moments/ Threads of Scripture in the Fabric of Life
- Can I Hold Him? /Christmas Stories for All Ages
- A Child Speaks/Hear the Voices of the Children of the Bible

Jesus was the greatest story teller of the midrash tradition. These stories bring a new perspective, encouraging both preacher and congregant to apply the scripture to their daily lives. The use of monologues brings a freshness to preaching the word. Rosemary Lambie, Executive Minister of ECORC, reviewed Breakthrough

Moments saying: "These stories challenge our faithful behaviour in difficult but believable situations...may this book become a treasured resource in your personal collections worn out from use."

Worship Resource:

• Dipping Your Toes in Small Group Devotions

Written in response to the expressed needs of our United Church Women, this resource contains 44 full devotional worship services that include hymn choices, scripture, call to worship, reflection, prayers, and discussion questions. Clergy and laity find it easy to use when leading worship. Each reflection can be the basis of a full sermon. It has been enthusiastically received in United Churches across Canada. Rob Dalgleish of EDGE, UCC Network of Ministry Development, reviewing Dipping Your Toes said: "Dipping Your Toes is an excellent, practical worship planning resource that comes out of the rich experience of a long-time practitioner. Even more than that, it is a learning tool to unleash the gifts of lay people and deepen their discipleship in service to make ministry possible in ways it wasn't before. A MUST GET."

Children's books:

- Spectacular Stella
- Elizabeth Gets Her Wings

These little books are great resources for the Young and Young at Heart time. They teach children and adults that they are each God's beloved child, special as God created them. The purchaser has my permission to scan the illustrations into their computer and use them as a power point while telling the story.

Novels: The Catalpa Creek Series:

- Fireweed
- To Begin Again

LLWL's like clergy need to take time to rest, relax and care for their own needs. These two novels offer hours of relaxation and life learning. They challenge readers to consider their own responses to everyday issues.

I offer you a list of my books and their uses. They are all available through me: revjanetstobie@gmail.com and many are available on Amazon.ca.

You can learn more about me, my books and my blog at www.janetstobie.com

Submitted by Susan Pleasance:

Magazines and blogs

News websites: CBC, CTV, Global, Toronto Star, Globe and Mail Dollar Store Children's Sermons Holy Textures John Shearman's online Lectionary Lectionary Liturgies blogpost On the chancel steps Seasons of the Spirit/Whole People of God online background material Singing from the Lectionary Storypath Worshiping With Children blogpost

<mark>Books</mark>

101 Hymn Stories 101 More Hymn Stories 150 Stories for Preachers and Teachers 500 Illustrations – Stories from Life for Preaching and Teaching 601 Quotes About Marriage and Family A Barrel of Fun A Child Speaks A Time with Our Children – Year A, Year B, Year C Amazing Grace And She Said – Monologues on Biblical Women Augsburg Sermons for Children – Series A, Series B, Series C Before the Amen Bread For the Journey Children's Sermons – Year A, Year B, Year C Come As a Child – Volume 1, Volume 2, Volume 3 Come, Let Us Worship Deep Blue Bible Storybook Flames of the Spirit Forbid Them Not – Year A, Year B, Year C Fresh Illustrations for Preaching and Teaching Fresh Winds of the Spirit – Book 1, Book 2, Gathered by Love Gifts in Open Hands (Book) Good News for Kids – Series A, Series B, Series C Hidden Women of the Gospels Keeping Holy Time – Year A, Year B, Year C **Kindred Sisters** Lead by Love Lectionary Story Bible – Year A, Year B, Year C Lectionary Tales for the Pulpit – Cycle A, Cycle B, Cycle C Lectionary Worship Aids Cycle A, Cycle B, Cycle C Lights, Camera... Faith! Cycle A, Cycle B, Cycle C Living God's Way Living the Christ Life New Testament Lesson Maker Object Lessons – Old Testament – Series A, Series B, Series C **One Thousand Windows** Pastoral Prayers to Share – Year A, Year B, Year C

Prayers For All Seasons – Year A, Year B, Year C Prayers to Share – Year A, Year B, Year C *Reaching for Rainbows* Read, Wonder, Listen Resources for Preaching and Worship – Year A, Year B, Year C Responsive Prayers – Year C, Year A, hoping to buy Year B Serendipity Bible Sermon Seeds Spark Story Bible Stories Seldom Told Taught By Love The Children's Bible in 365 Stories The Jesus Storybook The Storyteller's Companion to the Bible – Volumes 1 to 12 Thespian Theology – Cycle A, Cycle B, Cycle C To Dance with God Touch Holiness – Resources for Worship Touch With the Word When We Gather – A book of Prayers for Worship Worship for All Seasons II – Year A, Year B, Year C Worship For All Seasons – Volume 1, Volume 2, Volume 3 You Can Preach to Kids Too!

Submitted by Paul Kneebone, LLWL ---- hopefully sources not already mentioned:

<mark>Websites</mark>

Frederick Buechner – Quote of the Day <u>Quote of the Day — Frederick Buechner</u> Frederick Buechner - Weekly Sermon Illustration <u>Blog — Frederick Buechner</u> Henri Nouwen Society – Daily Meditation <u>Meditation Landing - Henri Nouwen</u> Red Letter Christians --- including Daily Waking Up Devotionals (edited by Tony Campolo & Shane Clairborne) <u>Red Letter Wake Up 12.21.21 (mailchi.mp)</u>

Bibles

CEB – Common English Bible <u>Common English Bible</u> The New Oxford Annotated Bible – New Revised Standard Version – An Ecumenical Study Bible The New Testament from 26 Translations (Zondervan Publishing House)

Commentaries

The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible – an Illustrated Encyclopedia *Tyndale New Testament Commentaries* (20-book series)

Books

Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation (Stephanie Sellers) The Irresistible Revolution – Living as an Ordinary Radical (Shane Clairborne) Common Prayer – A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals (Shane Clairborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, Enuma Okoro) pg. 9 Submitted by <u>Evelyn Chambers</u> --- **Worship Resources Shared by LLWL's** February 29, 2019 -- LLWL meeting at Cambridge Street United Church

*There may be <u>some duplication</u> with <u>other</u> earlier submitted materials

Websites/Blogs/ Commentaries

United Church of Canada website United Church website - https://www.united-church.ca/worship Progressive Christianity- John Spong Sharp Edges. com Soft Edges. com Yale Old & New Testament Storypath.com N.T. Wright Bible Commentaries ww.workingpreacher.org www.sermons4kids.com Rev-o-lution.org BibleGateway.com Sermon Central Barclay's Commentaries Feasting on the World Feasting on the World Children's sermons Short Stories by Jesus- Amy-Jill Levine Universal Spirit- Don Collett **Dollar Store Children's Stories** A, B, C Lectionary Commentary- William Craddock agnusday.org Barbara Brown www.worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com storypath.upsem.edu season.online.ca Singing from the Lectionary.com lectionaryliturgiesblogspot.com adventurnwrapped.com johnshearmanlectionary.com hymnswithoutwords.com faithformationjourney.org holytextures.com onthechannelsteps.wordpress.com seedstuff.blogspot.com spirit-net.ca sundayschoolzone.com https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu// https://christianhistoryinstitute.org Tips for Grace Filled Living-Janet Stobie

Books/Lectionaries

Seasons of the Spirit On the Channel Steps John Shearman Lectionary Worshipping with Children Center for Action & Contemplation -Richard Rohr (books and Facebook site and Daily Devotions) Henri Nouwen Cynthia Bourgouis (author) Autobiographies- Rumi People of the Bible Seasons Fusion- Wood Lake Publishing Cruden's Concordance Once They Were Hats-Frances Woodhouse Smile God Loves You (based on the Gospels-Lavern Franzen Everyday Parables & More Everyday Parables by Everyday Psalms & Everyday Parables-James Taylor

<mark>Children's Books</mark>

Dipping Your Toes- Janet Stobie Coast to Coast- R.C. School TGYT- Alban Institute Devine Service for the C.A.F. Trash Revolution-Breaking the Waste Cycle Erica Fyvie (for Minutes for the Environment) Jesus Storybook Bible for Children- Sally Lloyd Jones Children's Lectionary Story Bible The First Christmas, The Last Week, The First Paul-Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan— Poet and Peasant and Through Peasant Eyes, Kenneth Bailey's

Periodicals / Newsletters

Progressive Christianity newsletter Texts for Preaching, A Lectionary Commentary Based on the NRSV-Year A Worship for All Seasons II, Selections from Gathering – Year A Feasting on the Word

Prayers

If Darwin Prayed- Rev. Bruce Sanguin Prayers for All Seasons Prayers to Share/Pastoral Prayers to Share by David Sparks Worship in the City www.prayasyoucan.com

Bibles

The Message Bible The Good New Bible NRSV Inclusive Bible The Amplified Study Bibles Joyce Myer Bible

RVC

Life Application Study Bible The Bible – Designed to be read as living literature *NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible* Archaeological Study Bible (NIV) Oremus Bible Browser

<mark>Music</mark>

Hymn and Song books Anthems smallchurchmusic.com Everyday songs and artists Music- Country, Pop, Inspirational, Crossover

Online Devotionals

My Daily Minute- Rev. Paul Ivany, Norval UC Daily Wisdom- Christian Meditation Daily Devotional-United Church of Christ Society of Saint John the Evangelist Daily Blessing-Dominion Sisters Frederick Buechner Quotes of the Day Daily Mediations with Matthew Richard Rohr Daily Meditations from the Action & Contemplation Season ENCORE Tips for each Sunday-Seasons of the Spirit Ministry Matters-United Methodist Progressing Spirit: Explorations in Theology, Spirituality and the News Christian Century Gospel according to Starbucks

Grand River Book Store (at Five Oaks) --- http://www.grandriverbooks.ca/

Submitted by Paul Kneebone, LLWL ---- partial 2013 compilation by Jackie Childerhouse – Librarian

Again, there will be some <u>duplication</u> with above submitted materials

AVEL --- Audio Visual Educational Library (video lending library) --- <u>http://www.avelgrandriver.com/index.html</u>

Bibles --- New Revised Standard version (NRSV), New King James version (KJV), New International version (NIV), Good News Bible (paraphrased version), The Message (MSG – by Eugene Peterson, the Bible in Contemporary Language) and Bible Gateway (searchable online Bible in dozens of languages and translations) --- http://www.biblegateway.com/

Commentaries

The New Interpreters Bible set (12-volume set: \$800) ---

<u>http://www.abingdonpress.com/forms/DynamicContent.aspx?id=119&pageid=620</u>; *HarperCollins Bible Commentary* (James L. Mays -1 volume - \$63, almost "Coles Notes") ----<u>http://www.harpercollins.com/browseinside/index.aspx?isbn13=9780060655488</u>); *Zondervan Bible Commentary* (F. F. Bruce – one volume - \$50) --- <u>http://zondervan.com/9780310262640</u>;

Old Testament commentaries --- by Walter Bruggermann

- 1) Presbytery Resource Centre --- check to see if your presbytery has one
- Gathering lectionary readings, sermon sparks, prayers, etc. Tool, not a crutch! ---<u>http://www.united-church.ca/planning/lectionary#gathering</u> (including other useful downloads and websites)
- 3) Mandate magazine --- http://www.ucrdstore.ca/magazines/mandate
- Christian Century (U.S. magazine) Living by the Words (reflections on the Lectionary) ---<u>http://www.christiancentury.org/</u>
- 5) Text this Week --- http://www.textweek.com/
- 6) Working Preacher.org --- <u>http://www.workingpreacher.org/</u>
- 7) Norvall United Church Daily Minute --- <u>http://www.norvalunited.ca/index.php/connect-online/my-daily-minute</u>

The Un-Official United Church Handbook

Voices United CD

Prayer Books

Out of the Ordinary; The Cup of our Life (Joyce Rupp) Daily email reflective piece Prayer for a Planetary Pilgrim (Edward Hays) Talking with God in Old Age – Meditation & Prayers (Missy Buchanan) Praying in the Messiness of Life

<mark>Kids' Books</mark>

Wishes (Jean Little) The Short and Incredibly Happy Life of Ripley

Kids' Bible

The Family Story Bible (Ralph Milton) --- <u>http://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664221084/the-family-story-bible.aspx</u>

Children of God Storybook Bible (Desmond Tutu) --- http://zondervan.com/9780310719120)

OTHER Books

- This United Church of Ours (Milton)
- o Ordered Liberty (William S. Sherwin) Readings in the history of the UCC
- Liturgy Wild Goose group (UCPH)
- Creative Ideas
- o Just in Time series
- o The New Brown Bag series children's' sermons
- Seeing our Faith (Janet Hodgson)
- Prayers and Ideas for Healing Services (Ian Cowie)
- o Lenten Series (Lucy Lund Hoga)
- o Just in Time! --- Pastoral Prayer in Public Place (F. Belton Joyner Jr.)
- o Red Bird (poems by Morry Oliver)
- o Jesus 24/7
- Guide to the Bible (David Bruce)
- Faithful Moments Prayers, Graces & Seasonal Celebrations for Families (compiled by Jackie Harpur)
- o Abingdon Preacher Annual (2013) edited by David Mosser
- o Daily Feast
- Feasting on the Word (12 volumes)
- Red Bird Poems (by Morry Oliver)
- N.T. Wright (WJK Westminster John Knox Press)