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**June 21 is National Aboriginal Day of
Prayer.**

Documentaries:

Topahdewin: The Gladys Cook Story

Gladys Cook was a highly respected healer. Her life journey was marked by great hardships and immense courage. This documentary, produced by Lisa Barry of the Anglican Church of Canada, profiles this spirit-filled woman and her extraordinary gifts. Berkeley Studio

Niigaanibatowaad: Frontrunners

At a special ceremony at the opening of the 1989 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba, seven First Nations men in their fifties entered the stadium in war canoes. One of them held the Games torch. In 1967 when Winnipeg first hosted the Pan American Games, ten outstanding athletic teenage boys were chosen to run 800 kilometres over an ancient message route with the Games torch. When the runners arrived at the stadium, they were not allowed to enter with the torch. Instead, a non-Aboriginal runner was given the honour. Thirty-two years later, the province of Manitoba issued an official apology. National Film Board

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Pacifist, Nazi Resister

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a young German theologian who offered one of the first clear voices of resistance to Adolf Hitler. Bonhoeffer openly challenged his church to stand with the Jews in their time of need, and eventually joined a plot to kill Hitler. Extensive research in the U.S. and Europe brings to life this amazing story of moral courage. Extraordinary archival footage is interwoven with interviews with friends, family and students of Bonhoeffer, with historians and theologians, and with the words of Bonhoeffer himself, read by Klaus Maria Brandauer. Front Run Features

A Land Twice Promised

Storyteller Noa Baum, an Israeli who began a heartfelt dialogue with a Palestinian woman while living in the United States, weaves together their memories and their mothers' stories. She creates a moving testimony illuminating the complex and contradictory history and emotions that surround Jerusalem for Israelis and Palestinians alike. EcuFilm

For Pastoral Care Groups

The Grit and Grace of Being a Caregiver

This best-selling video is full of wisdom and inspiration for professional and lay caregivers alike. Seven guidelines help define one's role and one's task when caring for another. Examples include "The healthiest way to care for another is to care for yourself", and "to be close you must establish boundaries." The conclusion is a stirring affirmation of caregiving's rewarding possibilities. Willowgreen

You Can be an Even Better Caregiver: (Perfect Companion to The Grit and Grace of being a Caregiver.) A 'momism' is one of those saying that our moms used over and over, which we swore we'd never use with our own kids. "Eat your spinach - it makes you strong" "Don't cross your eyes, they may get stuck that way." What if our mothers knew more than we gave them credit for? What if their momisms has something valuable to say about how we do our caregiving, if we only look at them in that context? Delightful and insightful, full and warm, all at the same time. Willowgreen

Creativity and Spirituality

Everyday Creativity with DeWitt Jones

Everyday Creativity teaches a surprising truth about creativity-that it's not a magical, mysterious occurrence, but a ready tool that enables you to look at the ordinary and see the extraordinary. Everyday Creativity shares Jones' inspirational stories, memorable locations and stunning examples of his work. StarThrower

Common Bushes Afire

Near the beginning is the story of the burning bush from the book of Exodus in the Old Testament: "Take off your shoes, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." Near the end are the words from Elizabeth Barrett Browning: "Every common bush is afire with God." Throughout is photography of urban life, cathedrals, stained glass windows, and nature. People of all faiths remark about this presentation's beauty and its meaning for their lives. Willowgreen

Also available DeWitt Jones leadership development programs, including: **Focus Your Vision, Celebrate What's Right with the World and For the Love of It.** StarThrower.

For Children

The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe –

Based on the famous novel from author C.S.Lewis, comes an enchanting tale of four children and their magical adventures through the wardrobe. Join Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy as they journey to the mystical land of Narnia, where it is always winter, but never Christmas! With help from Aslan the Lion, our heroes must risk everything to free Narnia from the cold. But little do they know the danger they will face should they fall into the clutches of the frigid and terrifying White Witch. Vison Video

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7. ***The Nature Principle: Human Restoration and the End of Nature-Deficit Disorder – Richard Louv***

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