



# AVEL RESOURCES

## Summer Movie Nights at YOUR church! Preview fall Studies!

Want to keep connected with your small groups in the summer?  
Looking for new ideas for your small group studies for fall?

Summer is a perfect time for your group to host "movie night" or to preview resources for Fall Programming.

Whether you're planning a community barbecue/film night, or a weekly fall study for your small group:

**AVEL can help!**



AVEL (Audio Visual Educational Library) is a national network of The United Church of Canada's video lending library.

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*Do you want to keep those small group connections going in the summer or extend an invitation to newcomers in your community? Host a movie night at your church!*

*It's easy: Find a cool spot in your church building, set up chairs or comfy cushions, a DVD or VCR or data projector, make some popcorn and lemonade AND CALL AVEL!*

*Whether you choose a thought-provoking documentary, a meditative piece to stimulate spontaneous discussion or a feature length movie presentation, AVEL has it.*

### **The Box, The Book and the Preacher**

On this 37-minute DVD Mark MacDonald offers an incisive analysis of the churches' history with Aboriginal peoples in North America, describing the spirituality of the church as that of a box (building) a book (Bible), and a preacher. The first national indigenous bishop for the Anglican Church of Canada speaks from his own experience of the mainstream church in Aboriginal communities. He offers stories, subtly powerful images, and new ways of looking at ancient scriptures as guides to help us all recover the power of the gospel for today and to find our way out of the box and into God's mission in the world. UCC

### **Our Land – My People – The Struggle of the Lubicon Cree**

This DVD shows the resource exploitation on the Lubicon way of life and their traditional economy. Over \$148B has been extracted from Lubicon land, and the Lubicon have not seen a penny. Running Time: 30 min.

Amnesty International

### **Sankofa: Histories and Heritages of Black Peoples in the UCC**

This DVD introduces diverse histories and heritages of Black peoples in the United Church; helps make connections between faith, identity, and culture; facilitates a deeper understanding of the United Church's commitment to becoming an intercultural, anti-

racist church; and inspires faith-filled work toward active change on a personal, congregational, and societal level. Running Time: 60 min. UCC

### **Poor No More**

Poor No More looks at Canada's social structures and poverty levels in comparison with how other are responding to poverty. DVD Running Time: 53 min. UCC

### **The Devil Operation**

The Devil Operation focuses on mining in Peru and was produced with support from the United Church. Running time: 69 min. UCC

### **Rediscovering the Labyrinth (DVD)**

Join the Reverend Dr. Lauren Artress, author of *Walking a Sacred Path*, as she presents this remarkable tool for transformation. From ancient origins to contemporary applications, the labyrinth is a crucible for change, a blueprint for the sacred meeting of psyche and soul, a field of light, a cosmic dance. Ecuofilm ***Lauren Artress will be at Five Oaks October 22-27, 2011. Visit [www.fiveoaks.on.ca](http://www.fiveoaks.on.ca) for details!***

### **Soul, Community, Creation**

Moderator Mardi Tindal invites you to participate in God's abundant wholeness and healing of soul, community, and creation. She also prays that you will encourage one another and celebrate the witness and work undertaken for the sake of God's creation. The Moderator draws hope and inspiration from the prophetic words of the General Council's Task Force on the Environment. Running Time 9:35

**Try these titles, available in both VHS and DVD:**

**Hildegard** ". . . a feather carried by the breath of God" Vision Video

**Shadowlands**: A man and woman – their love and pain, life and death, faith and despair. Vision Video

**Babette's Feast**: "Delectable! A fable told with passion, intelligence and sumptuousness" – Los Angeles Times. Vision Video

**Wisdom of the Path and Streams in the Desert**:

A Photo inspiration Willowgreen

**Crapshoot: The Gamble with our Wastes** a

documentary by the National Film Board of Canada

**Niigaanibatowaad: Frontrunners** a documentary by the National Film Board of Canada

**Summer is a great time to preview for fall programming. From Living the Questions and available now:**

- Living the Questions and Living the Questions 2.0
- Countering Pharaoh's Production Consumption Society today
- Saving Jesus and Saving Jesus Redux
- Uppity Women of the Bible First Light
- Eclipsing Empire
- Jesus for the Non-Religious
- Paul: An Appealing or Appalling Apostle
- Victory and Peace or Justice and Peace

*We offer DeWitt Jones leadership development programs, including: *Everyday Creativity*, *Focus Your Vision*, *Celebrate What's Right with the World* and *For the Love of It*. Running time 20 minutes. StarThrower. DVD **New from StarThrower: Differences and We are the Ones: both of these four-minute inspirational programs would enhance your summer worship experience!***

*You may also borrow Videos for your personal viewing this summer – we have lots of great titles to choose from.*

**Read a life-changing book this summer!**

- ***Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost their Meaning and Power – and How They Can Be Restored – Marcus Borg \$27.99***
- ***The Seven Spiritual Laws of Superheroes – Harnessing our Power to Change the World – Deepak Chopra, with Gotham Chopra \$27.99***
- ***Fragments of Your Ancient Name – Joyce Rupp \$25.00***
- ***An Altar in the World – Barbara Brown Taylor \$16.99***
- ***Putting Away Childish Things – Marcus Borg Now in Paperback! \$16.99***
- ***For young readers: A Hare in the Elephant's Trunk – Jan L. Coats \$12.95***
- ***What are you Doing? – Elisa Amado \$16.95***

**These titles are available at Grand River Spiritual & Educational Resources, or contact your local Presbytery Resource Centre or UCRD.**

**Need more information?  
Just ask Jackie or Kathy!**

