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# Daring Discipleship

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resources, workshops, and opportunities

## Loaves and fishes

<sup>35-36</sup>When his disciples thought this had gone on long enough—it was now quite late in the day—they interrupted: "We are a long way out in the country, and it's very late. Pronounce a benediction and send these folks off so they can get some supper."

<sup>37</sup>Jesus said, "You do it. Fix supper for them."

They replied, "Are you serious? You want us to go spend a fortune on food for their supper?"

<sup>38</sup>But he was quite serious. "How many loaves of bread do you have? Take an inventory."

That didn't take long. "Five," they said, "plus two fish."

<sup>9-44</sup>Jesus got them all to sit down in groups of fifty or a hundred—they looked like a patchwork quilt of wildflowers spread out on the green grass! He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples, and the disciples in turn gave it to the people. He did the same with the fish. They all ate their fill. The disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. More than five thousand were at the supper. (Mark 6:35-44 The Message)

## Programs:

**Starting Well – Emmanuel College** *Reading the Context for Ministry* June 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**GOVERNANCE and MINISTRY:** Building Effective Partnership Among the Leaders of the Church, with the **Rev. Dan Hotchkiss, Alban Institute Senior Consultant** and author. June 15 – 17, Waterloo, ON. Congregational Governance - that enables mission & ministry. [www.conciliationservices.ca](http://www.conciliationservices.ca) , or 519-742-2280.

## Litany

Leader: This has gone on long enough, O God...

All: ... this want and this need in our world,  
this bleeding off of natural resources,  
this war and poverty, this hoarding and poverty.

L: Speak a word of Benediction, O God.

All: Send your prophets, your ministers, the leaders of the nations... to feed the world, to restore creation, to bring peace, to do the work of your Reign.

L: But Jesus says: *You do it. Fix it.*

All: Are you serious, O Jesus?

L: But he is quite serious: *How many resources do you have really? Take an inventory?*

All: We have little. We have much. We have more than we need, but not enough for the world.

L: He takes the little, he takes the much, he takes what is offered and in blessing and sharing, the Reign of God is worked.

All: Amen.

**More Franchises: A Second Cup** -June 19-21, 2010 - Over 100 workshops of exciting, emerging ministry practice. Rob Dalglish  
[rdalglei@united-church.ca](mailto:rdalglei@united-church.ca) ext 4111

**The Journeys of Black Peoples:** Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton. AB June 24-27. phone 1-800-268-3781 ex 4137 or see GC website for more information.

## (Programs Cont'd)

**Exploring World Religions - Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islam, Jewish, native, Rastafarian, Sikh, Taoist, Wicca, Zoroastrian from both an informational and experiential perspective. July 11-17, 2010 in Toronto:** [www.worldrelgions.ca](http://www.worldrelgions.ca) and to register [encounter@worldreligions.ca](mailto:encounter@worldreligions.ca) or 529-822-0099.

**SnowStar Institute Annual Conference:** Ecofeminism, the Jewish Jesus, and the future of Religion. April 7-10 in Stratford, ON. Speakers: Amy J Levine, Brandon Scott, Chris, Kraatz, Jr., Glen McDougal, Karen Warren: Register at: [www.snowstarinstitute.org](http://www.snowstarinstitute.org).

**Certificates in Trauma Counseling for front-line workers.** Level 1: June in Toronto. Call 416-972-1935 x 3235.

The Hincks-Dellcrest Centre and Gail Appel Institute offer **Trauma and Resiliency Programs** on a regular basis in Toronto. See <http://www.hincksdellcrest.org/>

## Resources:

**Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary** Westminster John Knox A 12 volume lectionary series. A theological, pastoral, exegetical and homiletical comment are included for each week. Each lectionary year has four volumes. (Augsburg-Fortress Canada)

**The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Bible** by Jim Bell and Stan Campbell published by Alpha books in 1999 is a possible resource to use with people whose Bible literacy is low but who are interested in a quick and breezy introduction so that

they can begin to enter into the conversation.

**The Stewardship Study Bible :** "The NIV Stewardship Study Bible was created to be a companion in your journey toward becoming a mature and effective steward. . . Stewardship is not just about what we do; it is ultimately about who God is and who" (God) "desires us to become." Zondervan 2009.

**Sunday School Curricula -** Think ahead to next year: contact Barbara at the Conference office to borrow the curricula

sample suitcase, or the Youth Ministry package. Included in the **Youth Ministry package** is this month's book of the

### BOOK OF THE MONTH

*Go Deep: Spiritual Practices for Youth Ministry* by Doris E. Kizinna. A book for leaders engaged in Youth Ministries it offers spiritual practices for leaders as they discern their call to this ministry with tools, practices and programs for use in their work with youth. Kizinna, Doris E. *Go Deep*. Kelowna: Copper House, 2009.

## Websites:

**A Site for studying the Greek New Testament:**

<http://www.greattreasures.org/gnt/main.do>. This site is not particularly user-friendly but similar to some purchasable software offers good materials for free.

**A few sites for free printable Bulletin Covers and Graphics for Bulletin Covers:**

**Good News for the Diaspora:** <http://www.scholia.net/bulletins.htm>

**Gilead Institute:** <http://www.gilead.net/bulletins/bulletins.html>

**Cerezo Barredo's weekly gospel illustration:** <http://www.servicioskoinonia.org/cerezo/>

**The Painted Prayerbook :** <http://paintedprayerbook.com/the-painted-prayerbook/>. With original artwork by Jan Richardson, this blog explores the intersections of writing, art, and faith with a weekly reflection on a lectionary text.