

ANNOTATED RESOURCE GUIDE

This Resource Guide attempts to summarize some of the books and organizations that are useful in supporting this ministry and program. It does not pretend to be exhaustive. It is offered as a starting point.

We cannot emphasize enough how important it is for leaders to preview books and other information, and to make an informed decision as to whether the material is appropriate for their use. What may be acceptable content to some folks may be unacceptable to others, and each worshiping community must take the responsibility for determining suitability.

We have divided the guide into four parts:

- Books
- Organizations (a list of hotlines and helplines are included at the end of this section)
- Youth Ministry Certification Programs
- Publishers and Distributors

A. Books

This section is divided into several categories: Youth Ministry, Parenting and Classroom Management; Bibles and Bible Study; Games; Self; Spirituality; Society; Sexuality; Pilgrimage; and Children's Books. The books we have listed here are, for the most part, not intended for use in class, but for use by the group leaders in developing their own concepts for leading the program.

Youth Ministry, Parenting and Classroom Management

Initiation to Adulthood: An Ancient Rite of Passage in Contemporary Form, William O. Roberts, Jr. (New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1982).

The book that provided the background for the rites of passage that shape J2A. An important text for those who want to understand the basic structure of the program.

The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry, Kenda Creasy Dean, Ron Foster and Rita Collett (Upper Room, 1998).

A foundational book on relational youth ministry; provides the philosophical underpinnings of J2A.

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, Steven Covey (Fireside, 1990).

Every so often, a book emerges from the "popular culture" which seems to possess a deeper sensibility than its title suggests. In this volume, Covey has written a clear thesis on the nature of effectiveness. His work has helped us define what we term, •the six skills of adulthood. •.

Tips for Raising Teens: A Primer for Parents, Robert J. McCarthy (Paulist Press, 1998).

How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk, Adele Faber, Elaine Mazlish, Kimberly Ann Coe (Avon Books, 1999).

Get Out Of My Life But First Could You Drive Me and Cheryl to the Mall?: A Parent's Guide to the New Teenager, Anthony E. Wolf, Ph.D. (The Noonday Press, 1992).

It's Not Fair: Jeremy Spencer's Parents Let Him Stay Up All Night! A Guide to the Tougher Parts of Parenting, Anthony E. Wolf, Ph.D. (The Noonday Press, 1996).

Why Did You Have To Get A Divorce? And When Can I Get A Hamster?, Anthony E. Wolf, Ph.D. (The Noonday Press, 1998).

When Kumbaya Is Not Enough: A Practical Theology for Youth Ministry, Dean Borgman (Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1997).

Kids Taking Charge: Youth-Led Youth Ministry, Joni Schultz and Thom Schultz (Group Publishing, 1991).
Especially appropriate for YAC leaders and youth.

Would You Rather.....? 465 Provocative Questions to Get Teenagers Talking, Doug Fields (Zondervan Publishing, 1996).

Better Safe Than Sued, Jack Crabtree (Group Publishing, Inc., 1998).
An extensive description of safety concerns every youth leader needs to be aware of interspersed with stories to make the concerns concrete and real. To order, call LeaderResources, 800-941-2218, or go to www.LeaderResources.org.

Great Fundraising Ideas for Youth Groups, David & Kathy Lynn (Youth Specialties Books, a division of HarperCollins Publishers).

More Great Fundraising Ideas for Youth Groups, David & Kathy Lynn (Youth Specialties Books, a division of HarperCollins Publishers).

The Teaching Church: Moving Christian Education to Center Stage, Eugene C. Roehlkepartain (Abingdon Press, 1993).
Includes research data to support the importance of Christian Education, and an outline of changes necessary for it to be effective.

Rites and Symbols of Initiation: The Mysteries of Birth and Rebirth, Mircea Eliade (Spring Publications, 1994).
Eliade's book investigates the roles of rituals and symbols in primitive societies. This is but one of his many insightful works on understanding what it means to be human and has helped us develop rituals in the *Journey to Adulthood* program.

To Dance with God: Family Ritual and Community Celebration, Gertrude Mueller Nelson, (Paulist Press, 1987).

Coming of Age: Traditions and Rituals Around the World, Karen Liptak (Millbrook Press, 1994).
Great resource for parents and leaders seeking more information about the process, structure, and necessity of coming-of-age rituals.

Will Our Children Have Faith? John Westerhoff (Living the Good News, 2000).

This classic work, re-issued by Morehouse Publishing, provides some of the foundational thinking in the movement from education as information transfer to education as faith formation in the field of Christian Education.

Teaching Your Children Values, Linda and Richard Eyre (Fireside, 1993).

The Human Cycle, Colin M. Turnbull (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1983).

This work clearly defines the stages of development which human beings undergo. It has helped formulate the human development concepts which undergird the curriculum.

Sacred: Growing Up in America, George H. Gallup, with Wendy Plump (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1996).

This book is based on a Gallup survey on the opinions of teens about the world that surrounds them. In 81 brief pages, statistics are offered and experts offer their views on violence in home and schools, teen sex, teen health, drugs, cigarettes and alcohol, teen suicide and the absolute need to teach values. It offers a factual underpinning to the issues which J2A seeks to address and generally supports the approach we take to those problems.

Disorganized Religion: The Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults, Sheryl A. Kujawa, ed. (Cowley Publications, 1998).

Resource Book for Ministries with Youth and Young Adults in the Episcopal Church, Sheryl A. Kujawa, with Lois Sibley (Episcopal Parish Services, 800-903-5544).

A potpourri of short articles on every youth-related issue imaginable. It includes game suggestions, ways to address various topics, how to develop a youth ministry•a highly valuable resource for every youth minister; useful for all denominations.

Handbook for Young Adolescents. (Episcopal Parish Services, 800-903-5544).

Introductory resources for youth advisors working with 10-15-year-olds

Handbook for Older Adolescents.(Episcopal Parish Services, 800-903-5544).

Introductory resources for youth advisors working with 16-19-year-olds

The New Church•s Teaching Series

Volume 1: *The Anglican Vision*, James E. Griffis, 1997

Volume 2: *Opening the Bible*, Roger Ferlo, 1997

Volume 3: *Engaging the Word*, Michael Johnston, 1998

Volume 4: *The Practice of Prayer*, Margaret Guenther, 1998

Volume 5: *Living with History*, Fredrica Harris Thompsett, 1999

Volume 6: *Early Christian Traditions*, Rebecca Lyman, 1999

Volume 7: *Opening the Prayerbook*, Jeffrey Lee, 1999

Volume 8: *Mysteries of Faith*, Mark McIntosh, 2000

Volume 9: *Ethics after Easter* (available Summer 2000)

Volume 10: *Christian Social Witness* (available in 2001)

Volume 11: *Horizons of Mission* (available in 2001)

Volume 12: *Christian Wholeness* (available in 2001)

A Guide to the New Church's Teaching Series, Linda L. Grenz (available Summer 2000)

These volumes seek to reveal the distinctive vision that Anglicanism offers the people of God today. Each book includes a study guide and list of additional resources. A good resource for youth leaders to gain basic

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information about the topics. Developed for the Episcopal Church but several volumes will work well in any denomination (e.g., those on the Bible, prayer, early Christian traditions, the mysteries of faith, ethics, and wholeness). To order, call Cowley Publications, 800-225-1534, or go to www.cowley.org.

An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church: A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians, Don S. Armentrout, Robert B Slocum, editors (Church Publishing, Inc., New York, 1999).
If youth group leaders are teaching in an Episcopal environment, they should be thoroughly familiar with these terms. Other denominational leaders may find it helpful if the •Episcopal language• in the program is not easily translatable!

The Best Time to Act, Paul Burbridge (Hodder & Stoughton, 1999).
Chancel drama theatre book written by the leaders of Riding Lights, a theatre company associated with a church in York, England.

Spiritual Life: The Foundation for Preaching and Teaching, John H. Westerhoff (Westminster Press, 1994).
Especially good for youth leaders.

A Dictionary for Episcopalians, John N. Wall (Cowley Publications, 2000).

Bibles and Bible Study

Access Bible (Oxford University Press, 1999).

A Bible with study aids specifically designed to be used with curriculums. To order, call LeaderResources, 800-941-2218, or go to www.LeaderResources.org.

In Dialogue with Scripture: An Episcopal Guide to Studying the Scriptures, Linda L. Grenz, editor (Episcopal Parish Services, 800-903-5544).

This book contains several articles on Bible study, fifteen Bible study methods, helps for group leaders and an extensive annotated resource guide.

The Doubleday Pocket Bible Guide, Linda L. Grenz (New York: Image, Doubleday, 1999).

Each book of the Bible is summarized in a couple of paragraphs followed by an outline of the book and the famous passages in it. Several new Bible study methods, the complete Revised Common Lectionary, lists of people, places, key words, a time line and a series of maps make this handy little book an ideal overview and reference book. Great for leaders and as Rite-13 gifts. To order, call LeaderResources, 800-941-2218, or go to www.LeaderResources.org.

The Cotton Patch Version of Luke and Acts: Jesus • Doings and the Happenings, Clarence Jordan (New Win Publishing, 1973).

This original translation, by its use of vernacular language and by placing the scenario in the context of modern Georgia and other southern states, provides interesting and valuable insights into the Gospel narratives which help in their retelling.

The Message: The New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs, Eugene Peterson (Navpress, 1998).

The Message is a paraphrase of the Bible. Can be an excellent tool for youth and adult ministry, and for getting people started reading the word of God.

The Way of the Wolf: The Gospel in New Images, Martin Bell (Ballantine Books, 1983).

These new perspectives on the Gospel message might serve as models for re-presenting Bible stories in class.

The Kingdom Within: The Inner Meaning of Jesus • Sayings, John A. Sanford (Harper San Francisco, 1987).

Sanford is a trained Jungian psychologist, and this is the perspective he brings to the parables of Jesus. Accordingly, the insights that he provides are invaluable to the leader who seeks to teach those parables.

Offering the Gospel to Children, Gretchen Wolff Pritchard and John Westerhoff (Boston: Cowley Publications, 1992).

The Catholic Youth Bible: New Revised Standard Version: Catholic Edition, Brian Singer, editor (St. Mary's Press, 2000).

One Minute Bible 4 Students: With 366 Devotions for Daily Living, Doug Fields, John R. Kohlenberger (Editor) (Broadman and Holman, 1999).

Games

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Play It! • *Great Games for Groups*, Wayne Rice and Mike Yaconelli (Zondervan Publishing House, 1986).

Includes 400 indoor and outdoor games, divided into games for small and large groups, mixers, relays, quiet games and seasonal games.

Play It Again! • *More Great Games for Groups* (Zondervan Publishing House, 1993).

This volume includes 200 more indoor and outdoor games, water games, volleyball and ping-pong games, relays and quiet games.

Great Games for City Kids, Nelson E. Copeland, Jr. (Zondervan Publishing House, 1991).

The New Games Book: Play Hard, Play Fair, Nobody Hurt, Andrew Fluegelman, ed. (New York: Doubleday • Dolphin Books, 1976).

More New Games!, Andrew Fluegelman (New York: Doubleday • Dolphin Books, 1981).

New Games for the Whole Family, Dale N. Lefevre (Perigee, 1988).

The New Games Treasury: More Than 500 Indoor and Outdoor Favorites with Strategies, Rules, and Traditions, Marilyn Simonds Mohr, Roberta Cooke, Illustrator (Chalice Press, 1997).

Self

Please Understand Me: Character and Temperament Types, David Keirsey and Marilyn Bates (Del Mar, CA.: Prometheus Nemesis Book Company, Fifth Edition, 1984).

A working knowledge of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicators (MBTI) is helpful in working with groups of young people. A word of caution, though: *We do not recommend giving young people the MBTI instrument*. However, we feel that the insights afforded by this book and that by Isabel and Peter Myers (*see below*) are most valuable. Accordingly, we highly recommend this for background reading for group leaders.

Gifts Differing, Isabel Briggs Myers, with Peter B. Myers (Palo Alto, CA.: Consulting Psychologists Press, 1995).

This book provides a more in-depth examination of the MBTI than Keirsey and Bates.

On Death and Dying, Elizabeth Kübler-Ross (Collier Books, June 1997).

Young people, beginning with Rite-13, are beginning to wrestle with issues of death and dying. Teenage suicide is for too many a reality. We regard this as essential reading.

Adam and Eve and Pinocchio: On Being and Becoming Human, Willard Gaylin (New York, Viking, 1990).

The Marriage Journey: Preparations and Provisions for Life Together, Linda Grenz and Delbert Glover (Cowley Publications, 1996).

Designed for use by couples preparing for marriage, this book may be useful to YAC groups which choose to focus on marriage as a vocation. Each chapter has questions for the couple to discuss and a set for a group to discuss. To order, call LeaderResources, 800-941-2218, or go to www.LeaderResources.org.

Finite and Infinite Games: A Vision of Life as Play and Possibility, James P. Carse (Mass Market Paperback, 1994).

This book raises some important questions about why and how we play.

The Dream of God: A Call to Return, Verna J. Dozier (Cambridge, MA: Cowley Publications, 1991).

Provides valuable perspectives on the ministry of the laity, of which Christian education is but one aspect. Good for YAC groups focusing on vocation and destiny.

Choose Life: A Vocational Discernment Program for Youth, Episcopal Peace Fellowship (New York: Episcopal Church Youth Ministries Office, 1992. 800-334-7626).

An excellent curriculum, particularly suited for older J2A and YAC participants. It examines values clarification, military service, draft registration and conscientious objection. Deeply rooted in the Bible, it is a fine resource.

The Choice Is Yours: A Teenager's Guide to Self-Discovery, Relationships, Values, and Spiritual Growth, Bonnie Parsley and M. Scott Peck (Fireside, 1992).

Building Self-Esteem Through The Museum Of I: 25 Original Projects That Explore And Celebrate The Self, Linda R. Zack, M.Ed. (Free Spirit Publishing, 1995).

The Hurried Child: Growing Up Too Fast Too Soon, David Elkind (Perseus Press, 1989).

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The Drama of the Gifted Child: The Search for the True Self, Alice Miller (Basic Books, 1996).

A Tribe Apart: A Journey into the Heart of American Adolescence, Patricia Hersch (Ballentine Books, 1999).

Money Matters for Teens Workbook: Age 11-14, Larry Burkett, Todd Temple (Moody Press, 1998).

My Feelings Are Like Wild Animals: How Do I Tame Them? A Practical Guide To Help Teens (And Former Teens) Feel And Deal With Painful Emotions, (Paulist Press, 1998).

Ups and Downs: How to Beat the Blues and Teen Depression, Susan Klebanoff and Ellen Luborsky (Price Stearn Sloan, 1999).

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens: The Ultimate Teenage Success Guide, Sean Covey (Simon & Schuster, 1998).

Spirituality

The Spiritual Life of Children, Robert Coles (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1991).

Dr. Coles has thoroughly illuminated the rich and intricate spiritual life that all children possess and which tends to be dismissed by adults too lightly.

A Spiritual Formation Workbook, James Bryan Smith (HarperSanFrancisco, 1999).

Provides an introduction to exercises in five dimensions of the spiritual life. Best for J2A or YAC groups.

Care of the Soul: A Guide for Cultivating Depth and Sacredness in Everyday Life, Thomas Moore (HarperPerennial Library, 1994).

On the *New York Times* bestseller list for nearly a year, this book seems destined to become a classic for personal spiritual development. We highly recommend this for background reading for group leaders.

The Rule of Benedict: Insights for the Ages, Joan Chittister OSB (Crossroads, 1999).

Highly recommended reading on St. Benedict's Rule of Life. Takes the lay and monastic reader through the daily reading cycle of The Rule, a tradition shared in common through the centuries by religious and lay Benedictines alike. Use with lessons on prayer and the religious life.

Seeking God: The Way of St. Benedict, Esther DeWaal (The Liturgical Press, 1984).

Another book on the Rule of St. Benedict. To order, call LeaderResources, 800-941-2218, or go to www.LeaderResources.org.

The Rule of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (Cowley Publications, 1997. 800-225-1534; www.cowley.org).

Useful for those interested in a contemporary rule of life for a monastic order. Use with the lesson plan on the religious life.

Living in the Presence: Spiritual Exercises to Open Our Lives to the Awareness of God, Tilden Edwards (Harper San Francisco, 1995).

Tilden Edwards is the director of the Shalem Institute in Washington, D.C. His spiritual exercises are always interesting and fulfilling and may be readily adapted for class use. Especially good for J2A and YAC groups moving into deeper spiritual practices.

Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home, Richard J. Foster (San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1992).

The author's approach to Christian spirituality is lively and illuminating. He touches on many aspects of Christian spiritual practice and discipline, and his books serve as excellent guides to planning and conducting youth retreats (see also the following title).

Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth, Richard J. Foster (Harper San Francisco, 1988).

Creative Worship Ideas: Meaningful Ways to Involve Teenagers in Worship, Lois Keffer (Group Publishing, 1993).

Sadhana: A Way to God, Anthony de Mello (Image Books, 1984).

Father de Mello, a Jesuit priest, offers Christian prayer exercises based on eastern religious forms.

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Contemplative Prayer, Thomas Merton, Thich Nhat Hanh (Image Books, 1971).

Written towards the end of Merton's life, this is a book about contemplation. The prose is clean and, sparse•Merton at his quietest.

A Seven-Day Journey With Thomas Merton, Esther De Waal, Henri J. Nouwen (Servant Publications, 1993).

7-day meditations on the best of Merton's contemplative writings. Good basic introduction to Thomas Merton, who was a prolific writer and Trappist monk.

Finding Grace at the Center, Thomas Keating (St. Bede's Publications, 1988).

Father Keating provides a superb introduction and detailed guidance to the Christian method of Centering Prayer.

Awakenings, Thomas Keating (Harper Collins, 1990).

A great source for prayer focus and insight into scripture, presented with utter simplicity.

Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer, Richard Rohr (Crossroads Publications, 1999).

Going Home: Jesus and Buddha as Brothers, Thich Nhat Hanh (Riverhead Books, 1999).

Reconciliation: Preparing for Confession in the Episcopal Church, Martin L. Smith, SSJE (Cowley Publications, 1985. 800-225-1534).

Daily Prayers for Busy People, O'Malley, William J., S.J. (Winona, MN: St. Mary's Press, 1996).

This book has some wonderful ideas for praying with young people. It uses a four-week cycle with three sets of prayers for each day. Each session opens with a brief prayer (Presence), several readings, both Biblical and secular, and a closing prayer (Offering).

Grace Happens: Stories of Everyday Encounters with Grace, Bob Libby (Cowley Publications, 1994. 800-225-1534).

The Forgiveness Book, Bob Libby (Cowley Publications, 1992. 800-225-1534).

Devotional Classics: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups, James Bryan Smith and Richard J. Foster, Editors (HarperSanFrancisco, 1993).

The New Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education, Joseph P. Russell, ed. (Cowley Publications, 1996).

Themes and suggestions to easily plan the Sunday morning scripture reflection time.

The Lay Contemplative: Testimonies, Perspectives, Resources, Virginia Mans and Mary Frohlich, editors (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2000).

Finding the Mystic Within You, Peggy Wilkinson (Institute of Carmelite Studies, 1999).

The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality, Fr. David Reinhart (Doubleday, 1999).

The Mystic Heart: Discovering a Universal Spirituality in the World's Religions, Brother Wayne Teasdale (New World Library, 1999).

Angels of Grace, Anselm Gruen (Crossroads, 1998).

Heaven Begins with You: Wisdom from the Desert Fathers, Anselm Gruen (Crossroads, 1999).

Centered Living: The Way of Centering Prayer, Fr. M. Basil Pennington (Liguori Publications, 1999).

Spiritual Journey: 1000 Young Adults Share the Reconciling Experience of Taize with the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey (Morehouse Publishing, 1994).

Society

Experiencing More with Less: An Intergenerational Curriculum for Camps, Retreats, and Other Educational Settings, Meredith Sommers Dregni (Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1983).

Ideas for retreats and weekend and Sunday afternoon experiences to help teenagers (and others) examine life-styles, especially in an age of conspicuous consumption.

The Eucharist and the Hunger of the World, Monika K. Hellwig (Sheed & Ward, 1992).

The slimness of this book belies the richness of its content. This is the most powerful theological statement we have read regarding world hunger, and is worth reading for its insights into our own spiritual condition as inhabitants of that part of the globe that knows little or no material need.

World Hunger: Twelve Myths, Francis Moore Lappé and Joseph Collins (New York: Grove Press, 1998).

This book was developed primarily for young people and provides good background material for developing lessons that focus on world hunger as a paradigm of human need.

Jubilee 2000: The Year of the Lord's Favor (Episcopal Parish Services, 800-903-5544).

Jubilee 2000 began as a worldwide movement to cancel the crushing international debt of impoverished countries. This resource is designed to help congregations, groups and individuals explore ways they can participate in Jubilee. Developed by LeaderResources and published by the Episcopal Church.

[See also the New Church's Teaching Series, especially *Ethics After Easter*, *Christian Social Witness*, and *Horizons of Mission*.]

Sexuality

Changing Bodies, Changing Lives: A Book for Teens on Sex and Relationships, Ruth Bell (Time Books, 1998).

A Spirituality Named Compassion: Uniting Mystical Awareness with Social Justice, Matthew Fox (Inner Traditions International Ltd., 1999).

Fox is not the easiest author to read, and some may find his ideas unpalatable. However, we do recommend the chapter on •Sexuality and Compassion• as a discussion starter for the youth leaders as they prepare to lead sessions on sexuality.

The Chalice and the Blade: Our History, Our Future, Riane Eisler (Harper SanFrancisco, 1988).

The Sacred Dimensions of Women •s Experience, Elizabeth Dodson Gray (Wellesley, MA: Roundtable Press, 1988).

Sexism and God-Talk: Toward a Feminist Theology, Rosemary Radford Ruether (Beacon Press, 1993).

You Just Don •t Understand: Men and Women in Conversation, Deborah Tannen (New York: Ballantine Books, 1991).

Our Selves, Our Souls and Bodies: Sexuality and the Household of God, Charles Hefling, ed. (Cowley Publications, 1996).

Essays on human sexuality which can stimulate a discussion amongst youth leaders or members of a YAC group.

Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls, Pipher, Mary, Ph.D. (Ballantine Books, 1995).

Real Boys: Rescuing Our Sons from the Myths of Boyhood, William Pollack, Ph.D. (Owl Books, 1999).

Pilgrimage

(These books can be ordered by calling LeaderResources at 1-800-941-2218)

The Art of Pilgrimage: The Seeker's Guide to Making Travel Sacred, Phil Cousineau (Berkeley, CA: Conari Press, 1998).

Soulfaring: Celtic Pilgrimage Then & Now, Cintra Pemerton, O.S.H. (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1999).

On Pilgrimage, Douglas C. Vest (MA: Cowley Publications, 1998).

The Road to Canterbury, Shirley du Boulay (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1994).

Glendalough: A Celtic Pilgrimage, Michael Rodgers and Marcus Losack (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1996).

A Guide to Monastic Guest Houses, second edition, Robert J. Regalbuto (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1998).

FaithTalk, Merton P. Strommen & Charles Bruning (Minneapolis, MN: Youth & Family Institute of Augsburg College).

Children's Books

Young people often *love* children's books—especially when the setting is right. These are great for late-night, around-the-campfire, in-the-middle-of-the-sanctuary, on pilgrimage, on-top-of-a-hill, or high drama times.

The Prince Mammoth Pumpkin: A Parable, James P. Adams (Paulist Press, 1998).

Everybody Needs A Rock, Baylor Bird (Aladdin Paperbacks, 1987).

The Table Where Rich People Sit, Baylor Bird (Atheneum, 1994).

Stellaluna, Janell Cannon (Harcourt Brace & Company, 1993).

A Small Miracle, Peter Collington (Alfred A. Knopf, 1997).

The Empty Pot, Demi (Henry Holt and Company, 1990).

Mean Soup, Betsy Everitt (Voyager Picture Books, 1995).

Does God Have a Big Toe?: Stories About Stories in the Bible, Marc Gellman (HarperCollins Publishers, 1989).

God's Mailbox: More Stories About Stories in the Bible, Marc Gellman (Morrow Junior Books, 1996).

You Are Special, Max Lucado (Crossway Books, 1997).

Oh, The Places You'll Go!, Dr. Seuss (Random House, Inc., 1990).

The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein (HarperCollins Publishers, 1986).

The Missing Piece, Shel Silverstein (HarperCollins Publishers, 1976).

Noah's Ark, Peter Spier (Picture Yearling, 1992).

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, Judith Viorst (Simon and Schuster, 1987).

The Velveteen Rabbit, Margery Williams (Henry Holt and Company, 1983).

Old Turtle, Douglas Wood (Pfeifer-Hamilton, 1992).

B. Organizations

AIDS National Interfaith Network (ANIN), 1400 I St. NW, Suite 1220, Washington, DC 20005
(☎ 202-842-0010; www.thebody.com; email: aninken@aol.com).

Offers compassionate support, preventative education, technical assistance, and referrals.

Alternatives for Simple Living, 5312 Morningside Ave., P.O. Box 2857, Sioux City, IA 51106
(☎ 800-821-6153; www.SimpleLiving.org; email: Alternatives@SimpleLiving.org).

An international non-profit organization providing resources for responsible living, equipping people of faith to challenge consumerism and live justly.

American Anorexia/Bulimia Association, 418 E. 76th St., New York, NY 10021 (☎ 212-734-1114).

Boys • Town USA (www.boystown.org; National Child Abuse Hotline: ☎ 800-448-3000).

Family and youth support services, workshops, parenting assistance; geared toward working with at-risk youth and families.

Bread for the World, 1100 Wayne Ave., Suite 1000, Silver Springs, MD 20910

(☎ 800-82-BREAD; www.bread.org).

This is a nationwide Christian citizens • movement which lobbies Congress • on behalf of poor and hungry people in the United States and overseas. • Well worth joining for the excellent educational materials which it and its subsidiary, the Bread for the World Institute, produce on hunger and poverty issues.

The C.S. Lewis web site: www.drzeus.net/cslewis/

Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov/)

Multiple resources regarding health topics A-Z. Excellent source for information about STD •s, HIV/AIDS, smoking, substance abuse, women •s and men •s health issues, and travelers • health concerns (for pilgrimage).

Children •s Defense Fund, 25 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001 (☎ 202 •628 •8787; www.childrensdefense.org; email: cdfinfo@childrensdefense.org).

This group is an advocacy organization for the rights of children. It has many materials relating to children and sponsors a Children •s Sabbath on October 15-17 each year.

Church World Service, 28606 Phillips St., Elkhart, IN 46515 (☎ 800-297-1516;

www.churchworldservice.org; email: cws@ncdcusa.org).

Church World Service is the relief, refugee resettlement and development arm of the National Council of Churches. It is also the sponsor of CROP walks. It has a magnificent film library, and all its audiovisual materials are available for free loan to churches. CWS publishes a list of CROP walks in your area •☎ 800-456-1310 or online.

Contemplative Outreach, Ltd., P.O. Box 737, 10 Park Place, Suite 2B, Butler, NJ 07405 (☎ 973-838-3384; www.centeringprayer.com).

Website for Fr. Robert Keating and the Method of Centering Prayer.

Covenant House, 460 W. 41st Street, New York, NY 10036 (☎ 212-613-0300; www.covenanthouse.org; email: chny@covcorp.org).
One of the best sources of information on homeless children in America. They publish several booklets telling stories of these kids.

DramaShare, 82 St. Lawrence Crescent, Saskatoon Saskatchewan, S7K 1G5, Canada (☎ 877-DO-DRAMA).

Ecunet: faith communities online: www.ecunet.org.
A network of people related to faith communities who communicate with one another through the Internet.

Heifer Project International, P.O. Box 808, Little Rock, AR 72203 (☎ 800•422•0474; www.heifer.org; email: info@heifer.org).
This organization addresses overseas and domestic rural development issues through providing livestock. Classes may sponsor animals to be sent abroad from rabbits and bees to goats and, yes, heifers. An excellent program.

Information Center for Children & Youth with Disabilities, P.O. Box 1492, Washington, DC 20013-1492 (☎ 800-695-0285; www.nichcy.org; email: nichcy@aed.org).
NICHY is a project of the Academy for Educational Development in cooperation with the Office of Special Education Programs, US Department of Education. Excellent resources for information about concerns such as Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Dyslexia, Downs Syndrome, etc. Resources available in English and Spanish.

LeaderResources, 38 Mulberry Street, Box 302, Leeds, MA 01053-0302 (☎ 800-941-2218; www.LeaderResources.com; email: info@LeaderResources.org)
An Episcopal consulting and publishing organization that works with congregations, dioceses and groups to develop education and training materials. Distributes those materials on reproducible print masters, computer disk and via the Internet. Publishes *The Journey to Adulthood* and other materials in the areas of Christian Formation, Lay Ministry and Leadership Development.

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (www.health.org).
An information service of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention of the US Department of Health & Human Services.

National Eating Disorders Organization, 445 E. Greenville Rd., Washington, OH 43805 (☎ 614-436-1112; www.laureate.com/eating/nedomerg.asp; NEDO Home).

National Episcopal AIDS Coalition, 1925 K Street NW, Suite 220, Washington, DC 20006 (☎ 202•628•6628 or 202-872-1511; www.\neac.org; email: neaction@aol.com).
This organization is worth contacting if only to get the *Surgeon General's Report to the American Public on HIV Infection and AIDS*. This is offered in collaboration with the Center for Disease Control National AIDS Clearinghouse. This report should be in the hands of every teenager.

The Odyssey Channel (☎ 800-841-8476; www.odysseychannel.com).
A guide to family television programming on the Odyssey Channel.

Oxfam-America, 26 West Street, Boston, MA 02111-1206 (☎ 617•482•1211; www.oxfamamerica.org; email: info@oxfamamerica.org).

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This group is a source of quality educational materials, especially relating to their Fast for a World Harvest held each year on or around Thanksgiving.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (various locations; TeenWire.com, Planned Parenthood.org).

Publications on family communication, contraception, and health. TeenWire.com is a safe place for teens to talk about sexual health. Planned Parenthood created this website to provide uncensored, unbiased sexuality and sexual health information on the Internet for teens.

The Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School, 513 Pound Hall, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 02138 (☎ 617•495•1684; www.law.harvard.edu; email: pon@law.harvard.edu).

We were impressed by the materials this group produces on conflict resolution. Much of this is particularly aimed at high school students and is applicable to J2A and YAC classes.

Spirituality and Health: The Soul-Body Connection (www.spiritualityhealth.com).

US Department of Education Publications (www.ed.gov/pubs/stats).

Listing of statistical tables, charts and studies produced by the National Center for Education.

World Food Day - U.S. National Committee for World Food Day, 2175 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20437 (☎ 202•653•2404; www.gsu.edu).

Endorsed by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), this group is in its 19th year, working with a coalition of over 450 churches and secular organizations worldwide to sponsor the annual World Food Day activities on/around October 16. Each year a teleconference on issues related to world food production and hunger is held.

World Vision, 800 West Chestnut Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016-3198 (☎ 626-303-8811; www.wvi.org).

WV is an international partnership of Christians which operates in the area of overseas relief and development in over 80 countries. WV produces excellent written and audiovisual materials. Of particular use for youth work is their structured fast which comes with good support information and a fine video.

Youth Ministry Resources (www.gospelcom.net).

An interdenominational Youth Ministry Central: includes hundreds of website links for youth ministry, including fundraising resources, ideas and games, urban ministry, and general resources.

Denominational Centers

The Anglican Church of Canada, Church House, 600 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2J6, Canada (☎ 416-924-9192; www.anglican.ca).

Catholic Community (a world-wide Catholic search engine: www.community.catholic.org).

Church of England, Fielden House, 13 Little College Street, London, SW1P 3SH (☎ 020-7898-1866; fax 020-7898-1881; www.cofe.anglican.org).

Disciples of Christ (Christian Church), P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (☎ 317-635-3700; www.disciples.org).

The Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017 (☎ 800-334-7626; www.dfms.org or www.episcopalian.org; email: ecc@dfms.org).

The Church Center is a source for many valuable youth resources, curriculums, etc. Particularly valuable are their materials on stewardship and on the United Thank Offering (UTO) as well as The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. The local diocesan office may also carry some of these materials.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), Churchwide Offices, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631 (☎ 773-380-2700; resource information service: ☎ 800-638-3522; www.elca.org).

Moravian Church (www.moravian.org • homepage)
Lists all official boards and offices of the Moravian Church.

Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA), 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202 (☎ 502-569-5000; www.pcusa.org).

United Church of Christ (UCC), Office of Communication, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115 (☎ 216-736-2222; www.ucc.org).

United Methodist Church (☎ 800-251-8140; www.umc.org; email: inforseiv@umcom.umc.org).

Hotlines/Helplines

mentalhelp.net: the oldest and largest online mental health directory, with an index of over 9,300 resources.

National AIDS Hotline, English: ☎ 800-342-AIDS (2437), Español: ☎ 800-344-SIDA (7432), Hearing Impaired: ☎ 800-AIDS TTY (243-7889).

National AIDS Treatment Information Service, ☎ 800-448-0440.

National Hotlines: www.find-a-therapist.com: lists numerous national hotlines, including 24-hour suicide prevention listings by state. Includes the following:

National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse: ☎ 800-CHILDREN
Child Abuse National Hotline: ☎800-252-2873; 800-25ABUSE
CyberTipline for reporting the exploitation of children: ☎ 800-843-5678
National Domestic Abuse Hotline: ☎ 800-799-SAFE (7223)
Childhelp USA: ☎ 800-4-A-CHILD
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Issues: ☎ 800-549-1749
Cocaine National Hotline: ☎ 800-COCAINE
Elder Abuse Hotline: ☎ 800-252-8966

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Friends of Battered Women and Children: ☎ 800-603-HELP
KID SAVE: Shelter, mental health referrals, sexual abuse treatment, family counseling;
for kids and adolescents in crisis: ☎ 800-543-7283
NAMI: National Alliance for the Mentally Ill: ☎ 800-950-NAMI
National Youth Crisis Hotline: ☎ 800-HIT-HOME, 800-448-4663
National Runaway Switchboard: ☎ 800-621-4000
SAFE (Self-Abuse Finally Ends): ☎ 800-DON•T-CUT, 800-366-8288

C. Youth Ministry Certification Programs

Journey to Adulthood Institute. A week-long summer training program for J2A youth leaders and coordinators developed through LeaderResources, the publisher of the *Journey to Adulthood* program. Contact Toni Daniels at General Seminary, 212-243-5150 or 888-487-5649.

Associates in Ministry Certification. Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Youth ministry specialization through Certification Schools at Wartburg Theological Seminary. Contact Center for Youth Ministries, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 333 Wartburg Place, Dubuque, IA 52003-7797 (☎ 319-589-0220; www.WartburgSeminary.edu; email: cym@wartburgseminary.edu).

Certificate in Youth and Theology. Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry and School of Continuing Education. Contact Princeton Theological Seminary, P.O. Box 821, Princeton, NJ 08542-0803 (☎ 609-497-7914; www.ptsem.edu; email: iymc@ptsem.edu).

Certificate Program in Youth Ministry. Roman Catholic. Developed by the Center for Youth Ministry Development, sponsored by universities/dioceses from around the United States. Contact the Center for Youth Ministry Development, P.O. Box 699, Naugatuck, CT 06770 (☎ 203-723-1622; fax 203-723-1624; email: cmd@cmnon-line.com).

Certification in Youth Ministry. Perkins School of Theology Youth Ministry Institute. Contact School of Continuing Education, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, P.O. Box 750133, Dallas, TX 75275-0133 (☎ 214-768-2293; www.smu.edu; email: perkins@mail.edu).

Certification in Youth Ministry. The United Methodist Church. Contact annual conference Board of Ordained Ministry, or General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, section of Deacons and Diaconal Ministries, P.O. Box 340007, Nashville, TN 37203-7048 (☎ 615-340-7400; fax 615-340-7048; www.gbhem.org).

Educator Certification (no specialization in youth ministry available). Presbyterian Church (USA). Contact Presbyterian Church (USA), 100 Witherspoon Street, M003, Louisville, KY 40202-1396 (☎ 502-569-5000; www.pcusa.org).

The Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia. 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304 (☎ 703-370-6600; fax 703-370-6234; www.uts.edu - see MACE/YM Masters of Arts programs).

Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. 2122 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201-2976. (☎ 847-328-9300; fax 847-328-9624; www.swts.nwu.edu). Degrees offered: MTS, M.Div., M.Div./MTS, Certificate in Young Adult Ministry.

D. Publishers and Distributors

The following list is provided to facilitate finding various resources.
You can call most places and ask for a current catalog.

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www.abingdon.org
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(800) 397-2282
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(Associated with the Roman Catholic Church)

American Bible Society
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New York NY 10023-7505
(212) 408-1200
www.americanbible.org
(Non-denominational, independent)

Augsburg Fortress Press
100 South Fifth Street
Suite 700
Minneapolis MN 55402
(800) 328-4648
www.augsburgfortress.org
(Owned by the Lutheran Church)

The Bible Reading Fellowship
P.O. Box 380
Winter Park FL 32790-0380
(407) 628-4330; (800)749-4331
www.biblereading.org
Email: brf@biblereading.org
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