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NEW DVDS FOR WORSHIP AND STUDY:

AMERICA'S HOUSES OF WORSHIP, 62-minutes with no study guide, PBS Home Video. Thirteen historically and architecturally significant places of worship from cathedrals to synagogues are explored in this visual tour. In the first segment, discover five houses of worship that trace their roots to the earliest days of the nation. The next four are buildings designed by noted architects who leveraged their skills to create new exterior forms. The final segment focuses on churches that incorporate unusual construction, elaborate mosaics, or breakthrough multimedia technology.

BILL MOYERS ON FAITH AND REASON, 7-part series, 57minutes each with no study guide, The Moyers Collection. In this series, Moyers explores the complex region between faith and reason, engaging in conversations with some of the world's noted writers and thinkers. The insights that emerge – about the creative process, the importance of myths and stories, and the human condition – prove as valuable as any scholarly treatise or theological tract.

CHRISTIANITY'S FAMILY TREE, What Other Christians Believe and Why with Adam Hamilton, eight 15-20 minute presentations with leader's and pastor's guide, Abingdon Press. Based on Hamilton's book by the same name, this series presents an overview of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. The traditions that he examines are Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism. For each group, Hamilton gives a brief history, outlines major beliefs, and describes some things we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own Christian faith.

LIVING FULLY, DYING WELL with Rueben Job, eight sessions with video segments of 8 to 10 minutes, leader's guide, and participant book, Abingdon Press. Our best decisions about life's most important events are seldom made in a time of crisis. *Living Fully, Dying Well* is designed to assist us in making careful, wise, and prayerful preparation for meeting life's most important moments. Topics include biblical and social perspectives on age and growing older, which practical legal decisions are important for everyone, what happens when we die, and how we can live each day to the fullest. This study is appropriate for youth and adults.

THE MORMONS, 4-hours with no study guide, PBS Home Video. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is one of America's fastest growing religions and boasts more than 12 million members today – more than half of whom live outside the United States. The birth of Mormonism and its history form one of America's great neglected narratives. Uncover the complexities and controversies of the Mormons' story through interviews with members of the church, writers and historians, and supporters and critics to get to the truths behind this often misunderstood religion.

NOOMA – NAME, 11 minutes with study guide, Flannel. Rob Bell is back with the latest in this popular series. We all compare ourselves to others. Some of us even wish we were someone else. But why are we so concerned with what other people think, say, or look like? Maybe if we really knew our true selves, we wouldn't focus so much on other peoples' lives and live more in tune with the life God wants for us.

PIONEERS OF THE SPIRIT, 24 minutes with no guide, Parish of Trinity Church and distributed by Vision Video. There are six segments in this series:
Augustine of Hippo – a brilliant 4th-century theologian and prolific writer
Teresa of Avila – one of the most colorful mystics of the Medieval period
Julian of Norwich – received sixteen startling images of the crucified Christ that forever changed her life
Hildegard of Bingen – a German nun and abbess, she was also an intellectual, writer, composer, and artist
Ignatius Loyola – founded the Society of Jesus, which eventually received papal approval and is still active in education and missions
William Blake – his ability to tap the depths of Biblical imagery remains a gift to the ages

SIMPLY ENOUGH, straight talk from Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne on Simple, Just Living, 71-minute feature with a study/action guide, Alternatives for Simple Living. Campolo and Claiborne have created an intensely personal dialog about the foundations of the Christian life and voluntary simplicity. This pointed-yet-hopeful video has current relevance to the yearnings of today's Christian. In addition to six 12-minute segments on issues especially relevant to young adults, bonus footage captures more of their conversation. Included with the DVD and guide are a number of publicity pieces.

WHERE DO I GO NOW, GOD? a 6-week study with video clips, workbook, and leader's guide, Abingdon Press. Restless Hearts *Where Do I Go Now, God?* is a study for young adults that will help them reflect upon who they are, upon what they want to do with their lives, and upon God's presence and care in the midst of their vocational journey. Questions such as "Who Am I?" "Who did God create me to be?" "How does God want me to live?" "What am I to do with my life?" are explored in this study.

NEW RESOURCES FOR CHURCH LEADERS:

CHURCH TREASURER'S MANUAL compiled by the Financial Network Group of the PCUSA. If your church is changing treasurers at the end of this year or if your present treasurer wants to brush up on procedures, this manual has been produced for them. There is a copy in the resource center or the document can be downloaded from this website:

<http://www.dvcb.com/Treasurers%20Manual4-01-04.pdf>.

TRANSFORMING CHURCH, Bring Out the Good to Get to Great by Kevin G. Ford, Saltriver. When it comes to determining whether your church is truly effective, there is one thing that matters: *Is the church transforming its local community, its members, and itself through the power of God?* This book is about churches that have the courage to embrace change and to confront adaptive issues in order to become transforming churches. Ford draws upon his research to establish five key areas in which your church can improve.

TRIBAL CHURCH, Ministering to the Missing Generation by Carol Howard Merritt, The Alban Institute. Merritt dismantles the wall of stained glass that often separates mainline churches from people under forty. Combining real-life stories, personal reflections as a thirty-something, and current research, the author affords congregations a clearer, more compassionate view not only of the "missing generation," but of themselves and ministry.

WHEN MOSES MEETS AARON, Staffing and Supervision in Large Congregations by Gil Rendle and Susan Beaumont, The Alban Institute. The authors have taken the best of corporate human resource tools and immersed them in a congregational context, providing a comprehensive manual for supervising, motivating, and coordinating staff teams. Rendle and Beaumont give both detailed and big-picture guidance on hiring, job descriptions, supervision, performance evaluations, staff-team design, difficult staff behavior, and more.