

# The Ruth Dudley Resource Center

## Video Catalog

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### ***A.D.: The Compelling Drama of the Early Church (oversize)***

Picking up where the acclaimed *Jesus of Nazareth* left off A.D. vividly re-creates the turbulent years following the death of Christ. In Jerusalem there is strife and fear. Jewish zealots are rebelling against Roman legions. Followers of Christ, fearing for their lives, hide from the Romans. Two men from Emmaus report that they have seen Jesus. Rejoice with Christ's disciples at Pentecost, cry with them at the stoning of Stephen. See the church grow as Paul is dramatically converted, Peter performs wonders, and Philip baptizes the Ethiopian. Then watch the Message spread to the Gentiles. Finally, witness the great triumph of the church despite persecution by Roman rulers. Three videotapes, 2 hours each. 1988. JH-A.

### ***Abstinence Comes to Albuquerque (DVD)***

Hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent by the federal government on abstinence-from-sex-until-marriage education across America. This compelling documentary is a case study of abstinence education coming into one public school system in Albuquerque, N.M. and the firestorm of controversy that ensued. This documentary gives voice to a diverse spectrum of people: teens, parents, public health officials, and educators, right up the line to state officials and national advocates on both sides of this important issue. 29 minutes (Plus Frequently Asked Questions with national experts—60 minutes). 2005. Adults.

### ***Acolytes, Greeters, Ushers***

A three-part video orientation to help those who assist with worship to understand their roles as worship leaders. The flexible design lets you tailor your training to your congregation, regardless of how the responsibilities are assigned. 23 Minutes. 1990. OE - A.

### ***Acts Against Violence - A Maine Study Circle Program***

A summary of how the Study Circles Program helped a group in Maine have discussions about youth violence. 30 Minutes. JH. SH. A.

### ***The Adulteress***

A group of teenage girls confronts one of their members and accuse her of a disloyalty against the group. The girls are angry and demand vengeance, yet are forced to reconsider their actions when a teacher steps in. Viewers are challenged to reflect on times and circumstances when they are quick to judge the actions of others. They are invited to consider the words of Jesus: "Let the one among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone." 9 minutes. 1992. OC - OE.

### ***Advocates for Justice***

Justice themes of pollution, housing, poverty, and the responsibility of the church to serve as advocates are featured in this account of the Washington, DC based "Interfaith Action for Economic Justice" which represents 32 denominations in the task of advocacy. 40 minutes. 1991 SH. A.

### ***Affirming Faith***

Video to use with confirmands and mentors using U.C.C.'s Affirming Faith Resource. Possible additional uses: local church Diaconate or Church Council, any group concerned with program materials to assess or determine faith formation; church education committee, Christian Educator and/or pastor, or any group interested in a new way of thinking about the place of the rite of confirmation in their ministry setting. 17 minutes. 1997. JH. SH. A.

### ***Affirming Persons - Saving Lives***

A curriculum for Christian Education settings produced by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Comprehensive information about HIV/AIDS accompanies written materials for all age groups. Video #1: Facts about HIV/AIDS; introduction to AIDS awareness and prevention; Video #2: Introduces six people who are living with HIV/AIDS. Video #1: 28 minutes. Video #2: 44 minutes. 1993. K. -A.

### ***Affordable Health Care for All. (CD)***

This Power Point presentation describes the current state of health care in the United States and demonstrates how the country can move toward adequate national health care for all. A.

### ***All/Nothing***

A colorful animation of the creation story. Adam and Eve, seemingly unaware of their own glory, desire to have the gifts of all the creatures around them. God lets them understand and experience what it is like to be fish, animal, bird. 12 minutes. 1990. All ages.

### ***Amahl and the Night Visitors***

GE Theater's production of the Christmas classic. Winner of Peabody and Emmy awards. The story of the 3 kings and Amahl who throws away his crutch and walks again. 52 minutes. 1989. OE -A.

### ***The Amazing Book***

A fully-animated musical story with Doc Dickory, Revver, and Dewey Decimole. The animated characters give young children an overview of the Bible. 25 minutes. YC -OE.

### ***The Amazing Children***

In this fully animated episode in *The Amazing Bible Series*, Rikki, Doc Dickory's granddaughter, and Revver are tired of being kids. They want to be grown up because they just don't think kids count for much. But when Doc and Dewey bring the children of the Bible to life through storytelling and song, their attitudes start to change. 25 minutes. 1990. YC -OC.

### ***The Amazing Miracles***

Another episode from *The Amazing Bible Series*. This time Doc, Rikki, Revver, and friends are overjoyed to discover that God is a God of wonders—because if anyone ever needed a miracle, they do! The trouble begins when a test flight of Revver's new airplane accidentally buzzes Giant Cat out of his catnap. The feline captures Doc and friends and things look pretty hopeless—or do they? 30 minutes. 1991. YC - OC.

***America! The Homeless Series***

This is a six-part study series with 3 videos and a study guide to help congregations address the problems of homelessness and affordable housing. The series can be used to assist groups in getting informed or to develop locally focused programs. Titles are: #1 - The New Faces of Homelessness ; #2 - Caregivers...Who and Where?; #3 - Will the Sun Come Out Tomorrow? 29 minutes each. 1991. SH. A.

***America's War on Drugs: ABC News Special***

Asserting that America's war on drugs has not been working, ABC News examines programs being used in other countries which focus on harm reduction. 45 minutes. 1994. SH. A.

***Amistad***

The 1998 Steven Spielberg film with Morgan Freeman, Anthony Hopkins, Djimon Hounsou, and Matthew McConaughey. 2 hours, 35 minutes. Rated R.

***Amistad Revolt***

Tells the story of the revolt on board the schooner La Amistad and how the event led to the founding of the American Missionary Association. 33 minutes. 1996. JH. SH. A.

***Amistad Rising***

This video briefly relates the story of the Amistad and shows how the AMA's commitment to justice and liberation for all persons had its roots in the historical event. The film then focuses on the building of the replica of the ship at the Mystic Seaport. The role of the UCC in the project, particularly that of two Connecticut Conference churches, is highlighted. Individuals from churches speak about the effect of the building project on their own lives. 33 minutes. 2000, OE -A.

***Amy Grant: Find a Way***

A collection of five, single song videos: "Love Will Find a Way," "Angels," "Wise Up," "Don't Run Away," "It's Not a Song." 30 minutes. 1991. JH. SH. A.

***Amy Grant: In Concert***

A color video of Amy Grant on tour. Some of the songs are: "I Have Decided," "Old Man's Rubble," "In a Little While," "My Father's Eyes." 90 minutes. 1991. JH. SH. A.

***Ashley and Adam***

Ashley and Adam are next-door neighbors. Through the experiences these friends share, young viewers can explore the issues of gender. Produced by Friendship Press as a resource for the study on The Churches in Solidarity with Women. 13 minutes. 1992. YC. OC.

***At A Loss for Words (DVD)***

How can we show our care for persons who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth or death of an infant? This DVD teaches spouses, family members, friends, neighbors, and early caregivers—clergy, doctors, nurses, and counselors—how to help and what to say and do. 1997. 30 minutes. A.

***At Death's Door***

A young woman learns her 3-year old has leukemia; a young husband receives a phone call saying his 53-year old father has stomach cancer; a 68 year-old woman's fears are confirmed that her husband has Lou Gehrig's disease. Through these experiences and others, *At Death's Door* will help you acknowledge your emotions about the terminal illness of someone you love, and will guide you in living fully with your loved one through the last months, weeks, or days of your time together. 35 minutes. 1999. A.

***Augustine of Hippo***

A video of the "Pioneers of the Spirit" series. Augustine of Hippo, a bishop in North Africa in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, was one of Christianity's most influential thinkers. A brilliant theologian and prolific writer, his longing for God was restless and relentless. Chronicling his spiritual journey in the Confessions, Augustine is forever pushing the boundaries of self-knowledge in order to understand himself in relation to God. His pilgrimage holds meaning today for anyone searching for the point where God and self meet. 24 minutes. 1998. SH. A.

***The Balancing Act: The Congregation as Emotional System***

Dr. Peter Steinke, consultant and counselor, introduces the concept of the congregation as emotional system. Drs. Ed Friedman and Murray Bowen introduced these concepts, and Dr. Steinke has expanded them for congregations. Using cellular biology and brain/mind research alongside Biblical theology, Dr. Steinke empowers viewers to take responsibility for their own functioning in relationships. An excellent video resource for leadership development. 90 minutes. 1998. A.

***Baptism (oversize)***

This video seeks to provide viewers with a better understanding of the sacrament of Baptism. The package comes complete with videotape and a leader's guide. The 40 minute video contains two versions, a 30 minute version for youth and adults divided into four separate lessons, and a 10 minute version for children's confirmation classes. 1990. OE-A.

***Barrington Bunny***

Barrington is a lonely rabbit looking to share Christmas with a family. He can't join the beavers or the squirrels because he can't swim or climb. Barrington meets a silver wolf who teaches him about his uniqueness and self-worth. 8 minutes. 1991. All ages.

***Being a Gifted Teacher***

Portrays six teaching styles (gifts) which help groups learn: Teacher as learner, instructor, spiritual guide, disciple and caring person. This training resource will help teachers discover new and effective ways to relate to students. 12 minutes. 1985. A.

***A Better Chance for Children***

This video highlights families struggling to provide income and care for their children. It also demonstrates specific actions people in religious communities can take to relieve the suffering of children living in poverty and pain. 15 minutes. 1991. A.

***Between School-Time and Home-Time***

A video produced by the New York State Council on Children and Families in cooperation with the Wellesley School-Age Child Care Project. It illustrates the components of quality child care and is designed to help organizations and agencies build on the strengths and resources to develop high quality programs. It demonstrates how to adapt, create and plan for child care programs. 18 minutes. 1988. A.

***Beyond Death's Door***

A life has ended. Whether the death resulted from illness, accident, or violence, you are facing the deepest of sorrows. You are experiencing shock, disbelief, questioning, guilt, a broken heart. *Beyond Death's Door* provides firsthand understanding of the grief process, and will give you help for your grief journey. 35 minutes. 1999. A.

***Beyond the News: Firearms Violence***

Introduces people who are working against gun violence and offers suggestions for responding from a faith perspective. Four Segments: 1. Troy's story; 2. Good Hands, Bad Hands; 3. Bearing Arms; 4. Open Eyes. 23 minutes. 1995. SH. A.

***The Bible Under Fire***

When the Revised Standard Version of the Bible was first introduced, it was met with some vigorous negative reactions. This video tells that story, and features comments from some of the translators as well as several of the most outspoken critics. 49 minutes. 2000. JH, SH, A.

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This video is designed to encourage local church members to begin the discussion about bisexual orientation and identification. It will not answer all questions about bisexuality. Rather, it is an introduction to three individuals—Charlotte Asher, the Rev. John Selders and the Rev. Darryl Wade Kistler—through their own stories of faith and sexuality. 20 minutes. 2002. A.

***Bonhoeffer, Agent of Grace***

More than just a biographical portrait, *Bonhoeffer, Agent of Grace* sheds light on the little-known efforts of the German resistance. It brings to a wide audience the heroic rebellion of Bonhoeffer, a highly regarded Lutheran minister who could have kept his peace and saved his life on several occasions but instead paid the ultimate price for his beliefs. 90 minutes. 1999. SH. A.

***Bonhoeffer: Memories and Perspectives***

First-hand accounts from Bonhoeffer's family, friends, and students give intimate insight into the struggles, growth, and motivations of Bonhoeffer in ways that will encourage viewers ask anew what it means to be a Christian today. 1983. 90 minutes. SH - A.

***Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Pacifist, Nazi Resister (DVD)***

This documentary (DVD) was first shown on Public Television. Extensive research in the U.S. and Europe brings to life the amazing story of Bonhoeffer's 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. 90 minutes. SH, A.

### ***The Boy King***

Martin Luther King, Jr. was only a boy when he committed himself to follow his father's lead as a fighter for civil rights. The closeness and support of his family were of great importance when he experienced his first racially motivated rejections. 31 minutes. 1989. OE - A.

### ***Bread for the World: Working to End Hunger***

A look at a low-income family, forced to give up their housing but unable to get public assistance. Root causes of low minimum wage and harsh temporary assistance rules are examined. 10 minutes. 1999. SH, A.

### ***Breathe (DVD)***

With everything that we've got going on every day, how many of us ever think about our breathing, about the meaning of breathing? Yet for thousands of years people have understood that our physical breath is a picture of a deeper spiritual reality. In the Bible, the word for "breath" is the same as the word for "spirit." There's an inherent dilemma at the core of what makes us human. We've all be created in the image of God and possess immense power and strength. And at the same time our lives are incredibly vulnerable and fragile. Maybe if we had more insight into the meaning of breathing, we would better understand how God created us as human beings. 14 minutes. SH - A.

### ***Bridge to Forgiveness***

Ted and Lee (of Ted & Lee Comedy) depict the story of biblical brothers Jacob and Esau, and young people speak about their experiences with hurt, anger, and forgiveness. 13 minutes. 2001. JH, SH.

### ***Bridges***

A touching drama bridging 3 generations. The story of a mother's love for her college age son and her ailing, uncommunicative father. It speaks of the universal need for affirmation — especially for those closest to us. 23 minutes. 1989. JH. SH. A.

### ***Bridging the Divides, Seeking Transformation***

Celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AMA and touches the Amistad event. Four 8 to 12 minute segments recount the Amistad, the history of the AMA, the programs supported by the UCC, and the way of the future. Variety of uses include adult education, new members, youth groups, etc. 40 minutes. 1996. JH. SH. A.

### ***Brother Sun, Sister Moon***

A winning award film directed by Franco Zeffirelli in a lively version of the early years of St. Francis of Assisi, who renounced his family's riches and sought his own destiny unencumbered by material possessions. He left a life of comfort to seek instead a spiritual union with the world. 122 minutes. 1989. OE - A.

### ***Building Assets in Youth***

Describes a positive, hopeful and effective way to address youth issues. Search Institute identifies 30 "developmental assets" that young people need to grow up healthy. Many teenagers have only about half of the assets in their lives. The video was developed to inspire and challenge individuals, organizations and entire communities to become "asset builders" for youth. 12 minutes. 1996. JH. SH. A.

***Building Communities of Hope (Heifer Project)***

Small family farms have a tough time surviving in the U.S. and Canada. Heifer Project provides struggling small farmers with a valuable resource—the gift of a quality farm animal. This video shows that HPI does much more. It brings communities together to solve problems and make things happen. 31 minutes. 1998. OE - A.

***Bullying: What Every Adult Needs to Know (DVD)***

As long as there have been schools, there have been bullies teasing, threatening, punching, and kicking their peers. But we know today that bullying has serious consequences for both the victims and the bullies, ranging from low self-esteem to suicide. Young people need guidance from the adults in their lives to deal with bullying in a healthy way. This film educates adults about what bullying is and what they can do to help the young people in their lives when bullying is a problem. 30 minutes. A. (See *Stop Bullying*, a companion DVD for young people.)

***Burning of Black Churches, 1996***

A short video showing results of several black churches burned in the South — property damage, insult to the church and wider communities, and the hope and determination to rebuild. Helpful for starting discussion of racial hate. 7 minutes. 1996. JH. SH. A.

***The Butter Battle Book***

This is the video version of a Dr. Seuss book. The Yooks spread their bread with the butter side up. The Zooks spread their bread, butter side down. And each is convinced that their way of buttering is the best way around. And they're willing to prove it in battle. Sticks lead to stones, till they meet at the wall, each side possessing the worst weapon of all—The Bitsy-Boy bommeroo. Which side will win when the battle's all through? This lighthearted parable, with its serious message about the nuclear arms race, is a timely tale told with warmth, wit and charm by Dr. Seuss. 1989. 30 minutes. All ages.

***Call Me Malcolm (DVD)***

*Call Me Malcolm* is a feature length documentary about one man's journey of faith, love, and gender identity. The film explores being a transgender person of faith with a call to ministry. Malcolm is the principal character of the film, a female to male trans person who takes us on a cross country trip, introducing us to family, friends, and a variety of other people who deepen our understanding of gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, love, faith, and much, much more. 90 minutes. 2004. SH, A.

***Called by the Spirit***

A fast-paced video about the UCC and the mission carried out by national bodies. In their own words, a variety of people tell of the work by the church to reach out to a hurting world and to touch the lives of people within the church. 1987. JH. SH. A.

***Castaways***

The world has never been so crowded, and yet never so lonely, for so many people. Especially adolescents, who tend to feel like castaways. The 6 teenagers interviewed in this compelling and candid 60-minute tape are not actors but real kids who talk frankly about the dilemmas of companionship and rejection. A discussion-starter tape for youth groups. 60 minutes. JH & SH.

***Celebration: 40 Years of Faith***

A high-energy, impressionistic look at the church's past and present. Celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UCC and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Missionary Association. Could serve as a provocative discussion starter in new member classes and youth groups. 9 minutes. 1998. JH, SR, A.

***A Celebration of Help and Hope***

Celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Church World Service and Crop Walk; portrays the ministry and mission of CWS. Shows how individuals and church groups can be involved. 9 minutes. 1998, JH. SH. A.

***Celebration: A Video Series***

The United Church of Christ has a rich and diverse heritage. Yet we sometimes have difficulty claiming who we are and how the church has an impact on our lives. Part One: *Who Do We Say We Are?* is the first in a series of proclamations about the nature of mission and ministry in the UCC. Meet three U.C.C. members from Florida, Montana, and Hawaii. Part Two: *Where All Are Welcome:* Through ministries at Emmaus Homes in Missouri, Evangelica Unida Villa Prades in Puerto Rico, and Old First Reformed Church in Philadelphia, the video shows the varied ways in which UCC members reach out to others and how the United Church of Christ lives into its commitment to be a multiracial, multicultural, open and affirming church, accessible to all. Part Three: *Why We Teach, How We Learn* looks at UCC-related colleges and seminaries. 2001. JH, SH, A.

***Cell Towers Forum: State of the Science/State of the Law***

These three videos document a forum held in December of 2000, examining the possible environmental and biological effects of cell towers, current research, and the implications for scenic and historic sites. 2000. A.

***The Christian Story: A six-part exploration of church history with Martin Marty***

In this series, Dr. Martin Marty takes an overview of church history and uses it to probe the spiritual pilgrimage of the various eras of the church and their relationship to our individual and corporate life today. The six programs: *"What's Your Story?"*; *"The Middle Ages"*; *"The Reformation"*; *"The Church in America"*; *"The Enlightenment"*; and *"The church around the World."* Six 20-minute segments. 2002. JH - A.

***The Christian Year***

Recognizes those themes which are shared by nearly all churches following the Christian yearly cycle. 60 minutes. 1989. OE - A.

***A Christmas Gift***

This video is based on a ballad by Peter, Paul, and Mary entitled "Christmas Dinner." It tells the story in clay animation of a poor young boy who peers into brightly lit windows where tables are laden with food for Christmas dinner and another of a poor old woman with a bare table. Emphasizes sharing. 8 minutes. 1990. All ages.

***Church and Revolution***

An international forum for the voices and music of the Cuban people in an attempt to bring churches in Cuba and the US closer together. 70 minutes. 1999. SH. A.

***Churches in Covenant Communion***

A video to help individuals and congregations understand the movement among participating churches toward unity. A documentary format puts a human face on the plan which has been evolving through 30 years of official consideration. 20 minutes. 1999. SH. A.

***The City That Forgot About Christmas***

An animated video about the true meaning of Christmas. Grandfather tells Benji the story of how Matthew the carpenter changed a sad, gloomy city by telling the children the Christmas story. 25 minutes. 1989. All ages.

***Cloud of Witnesses (CDs)***

Audio journals on youth, church, and culture from The Institute for Youth Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary. Each CD has a theme and includes interviews, sermons, and voices of scholars and pastors, youth and laypeople to feed your soul and encourage your passion for ministry. Volume 4: Vocation; Volume 5: Play; Volume 6, Story; Volume 7, Mission; Volume 8: Belonging to God; Volume 10: For Such a Time as This; Volume 11: Faithful Practices.

***A Clown is Born***

A wordless parable about what it means to be a Christian in today's world. 40 minutes. 1989. A.

***The Clown of God***

An animation of the book by Tommie de Paola. Giovanni, a legendary juggler, is now old and penniless. He returns to his birthplace seeking refuge in the church on Christmas eve. 10 minutes. 1992. All ages.

***Colombia: The Aerial Eradication of Illicit Crops, May 2002***

This 12 minute film about the spraying of cocoa crops in Colombia to control narcotic trafficking was produced by the Narcotics Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Bogata, Colombia.

***Colombia: Caught in the Crossfire***

This Global Ministries video outlines the Civil War in Colombia, the human rights violations, and the displacement of people from rural areas to the cities. The stories of two women "caught in the crossfire" are told: one a former guerrilla and the other a former para-military. 20 minutes. 2003. A.

***Colombia: The Next Vietnam?***

Photographs from a Witness for Peace trip to Columbia make up this slide-show presentation. The narrative provides a very good analysis of the political situation, United States involvement, and human rights issues. 2001. 41 minutes. SH, A.

***Colombians Speak Out about Violence and U.S. Policy***

Filed on a Witness for Peace trip in 2003, visitors to Colombia spoke with refugees, human rights workers, pastors, and organizers. The video covers the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, the role of the United States, causes of the violence and poverty. The people plead to have their story told and heard. 2003. 30 minutes. SH, A.

### ***The Color of Fear***

An award-winning documentary shown on the Oprah Winfrey show. This is a ground-breaking film about the state of race relations in America as seen through the eyes of eight men of various ethnic backgrounds. The video examines the effects racism has had on each one of them. One by one, the men reveal the pain and scars that racism has caused them, the defense mechanisms they use to survive, their fears of each other, and their hopes and visions for a multi-cultural society. A discussion of the film is strongly urged following the showing 90 minutes. 1997. SH. A.

### ***Coming Out, Coming Home (Oversize)***

A drama presentation of personal stories solicited from church members of Spirit of Lakes Church, UCC in Minneapolis, MN, a predominately gay and lesbian congregation. A series of letters between a mother and her gay son provides the framework for the play and underscores a universal and very human struggle for belonging and family. 60 minutes. 1997. SH. A.

### ***Coming to Say Good-Bye: Stories of AIDS in Africa (DVD)***

This DVD is a documentary produced by Maryknoll Productions about courageous people living with HIV/AIDS in Kenya and Tanzania. It is a story of church workers, medical professionals, social workers, and educators who stand by those suffering, especially the thousands of children orphaned by AIDS. The film leads viewers to reflect on the personal and structural aspects of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa: poverty, lack of access to treatment, and the extraordinary social cost. 2003 CINE Golden Eagle Award. JH - A.

### ***Conflict in the Church: Division or Diversity?***

Shows how conflict can be used to strengthen a congregation through examples from fictional churches, church history, and scripture. It offers constructive congregational conflict management skills. 12 minutes. 1988. A.

### ***The Congregation (DVD)***

This is the compelling story of two ministers at a liberal United Methodist church in Philadelphia. The newly-appointed Rev. Fred Day, with a traditional style of worship, causes a bitter divide among the congregation. The church seeks consultants to help re-evaluate his leadership—and their spiritual mission. Meanwhile, the congregation rallies in support of Rev. Beth Stroud in her challenge of Methodist church law banning gays in the clergy. Originally shown on Public Television. 120 minutes. 2004. SH, A.

### ***Connecting Integrity of Creation, Justice, and Peace***

A presentation by Skid Crease, Director of The Periwinkle project. Crease gives a global perspective on the effects of our indiscriminate use of world resources and the destructive results our actions have on creation and the environment. Our connections to the recovery process are well outlined. Contains 2 brief scenes of starving children. 27 minutes. 1992. SH. A.

### ***Connecting Threads (in the stacks)***

A series of videos that use words and music to tell the stories of Global Ministries work in advocacy, development, health care and education. Separate titles are: *Beneath African Skies*, 12 minutes, 2003; *Lilies Among Thorns* (Middle East and Europe) 16 minutes, 2004; *Mountains in the Wind* (East Asia and the Pacific) 21 minutes, 2005; *Against the Current, Toward the Light* (Southern Asia) 14 minutes, 2004. OE, JH, SH, A.

***Cooperative Disaster Child Care Program***

The Cooperative Disaster Child Care Program is a national network of persons who, out of religious faith and/or social concern, prepare and commit themselves to reach out and comfort young children in traumatic disaster situations. 13 minutes. A.

***Cooperative Parish Ministries: Transforming Congregations and Communities***

Cooperative styles of ministry are shown to be the catalyst needed to help congregations rethink their ministries, both to their members and to the communities beyond their doors. Moving and convincing testimonies are woven together as three cooperative parishes — Upper Sand Mountain Parish in rural Appalachia Alabama, the Frankford Group Ministry in urban Philadelphia, and the San Francisco Organizing Project, an ecumenical cooperative in California — share their stories of spiritual revitalization and effective transformation. Raises questions for those challenged to embark on a cooperative journey to strengthen local churches and reclaim the communities around them. 23 minutes. 1997. A.

***Cotton Patch Gospel***

Harry Chapin's music captures the excitement in this exuberant musical. 111 minutes. 1989. JH. SH. A.

***Courage to Hope: Responding to AIDS in Rural China***

Among the 3,300 people who live in Shuangmiao Village, more than 500 are living with HIV. This village has suffered hundreds of AIDS related deaths, leaving scores of orphaned children. This DVD tells their stories and how to join the efforts of Global Ministries to respond. 10 minutes. JH - A.

***The Creation***

Hanna-Barbera's animated re-telling of the Creation Story. 30 minutes. 1992. YC. OC. OE.

***The Creation***

Rabbit Ears' animated re-telling of the Creation Story, narrated by Amy Grant. Beautiful art work. 22 minutes. All ages.

***Creation & One Dynamations***

A colorful, exuberant, and artistic telling of the Creation story. Very short, about 5 minutes in length. Could be used in some worship settings. All Ages.

***Crush***

Meet Ron and Maple: A homeless couple living in a shack beneath an interstate highway. They share their story of living at the very edges of society. 15 minutes. 1989. SH. A.

***A Cry for Help***

Most suicidal young people don't really want to die; they just want their pain to end. Teen suicide is often preventable if people know the signs to look for and the steps to take when they suspect a friend is suicidal. *A Cry for Help* teaches young people to recognize the warning signs and take specific actions to help a friend. 22 minutes. 2001. JH, SH, A.

**Cuba: Three Faith Perspectives**

This video provides three faith perspectives on the contemporary Cuban reality: from Yzel Perez (Methodist) who stayed, Tony Ramos (Baptist) who left, and Carlos Ham-Stanard (Presbyterian) who, but two years old in 1959, has grown up all his life as a Christian in post-revolutionary Cuba. 29 minutes. 1998. SH, A

**CUMBRE: Latino/Latina Leadership Conference**

The "United Church of Christ Latino and Latina Leadership Summit" (April 6-10, 1994) was the first of its kind in the history of the denomination. At the Summit, the context for Latino and Latina leadership empowerment was explored and outlined. This video captures the essence of the Summit. In it, the call of God to the church is heard in the songs, prayers, and witness of God's people. It is an educational resource for all who are interested in ministry with and in the Hispanic community. 1994. JH, SH, A.

**Curing Affluenza**

Series of six videos with Tony Campolo about how to simplify our lives. Being an on-the-go consumer is the American way. It keeps the economy strong, but what is it doing to us and those we love? Explore these questions in each video: #1 - Abundant Life: What is it? #2 - Money: How Poor Does Jesus Want Us to Be? #3 - Time: How Much to I Have to Give Away? #4 - Stuff: How Much Can I Have? #5 - Support: What Will Help? #6 - Next: What Do I Do Come Monday Morning? 23 minutes each. 1999. A.

**Dancing Prophet**

Doug Crutchfield, a black American dancer living in Copenhagen, Denmark, is a prophet — a man so alive with faith and love that it overflows to others, especially the physically challenged and the elderly with whom he tirelessly works. He and his father give differing views on faith and Christian love. 15 minutes. 1989. OE -A.

**Davey and Goliath**

Clay animation figures help children learn about the Christian faith.  
"The Family of God" — Davey and Goliath learn about what it means to be a part of the faith community. 15 minutes.  
"Learning About Forgiveness" — Features two programs on one tape - Not for Sale and What's His Name. 28 minutes.  
"Listen to Your Conscience" — Two stories on one tape - Finders Keepers and The Parade. 28 minutes.  
"Look and Listen" - In these two stories, The Hard Way and The Good Bad Luck, the characters learn to listen to the wisdom of others. 28 minutes. YC -OE.

**David and Goliath**

A Rabbit Ears story of David and Goliath as told by Mel Gibson, using wonderful music and artwork from a children's illustrator. 30 minutes. 1993. YC -OE.

**A Day in the Life of Bonnie Consolo**

Bonnie is an unusual and inspiring woman. She was born without arms, but she leads a normal and productive life. This story challenges viewers to look at their attitude toward life and those who are physically handicapped. 16 minutes. 1990. OE -A.

### ***Death Penalty Series***

A series of three videos that were taped at a conference on the death penalty at First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio, in October, 2002. The quality of the tapes is fair.

*Biblical Issues:* Dr. David Van Dyke, Presbyterian Minister, addresses the biblical issues regarding the death penalty.

*Family Issues:* Rachel Muha whose son was murdered, and Don Huey whose father was murdered and whose son was later killed by a drunk driver, talk about why they oppose the death penalty.

*Legal Issues:* Public defender Gregory Meyers talks about the “failures and foibles” of the death penalty. 30 minutes, each video. A.

### ***Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Memories and Perspectives***

The life story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. First-hand accounts from his family, friends, and students give intimate insight into the struggles, growth, and motivations of Bonhoeffer in a way that will make you ask anew what it means to be a Christian today. 90 minutes. 1983. JH-A.

### ***Devotion, Discipline, Discipleship***

Consists of 3 related lectures, each 16 – 20 minutes in length. Each lecture is divided into 4 segments. Dr. J. Mary Luti explores the meaning of these Christian traditional terms. Drawing on insights from classic Christian Spirituality, Luti invites the viewer to consider God's call to know God more intimately and to develop a devotional life that is genuinely Christian. The nature of our life as followers of Christ is examined through some markers and images of genuine Christian discipleship. 60 minutes. 1993. A.

### ***Differently Abled Leadership in the Church***

A talk with members of the Physically Challenged Task Force for Youth and Young Adults of the Connecticut Conference. Subjects covered include architectural and attitudinal barriers in the local church. 15 minutes. 1989. OE – A.

### ***Discovering Everyday Spirituality***

"As I travel and talk to people...I hear over and over they are hungry for a life that is more substantive, has deep value in it, and is spiritual. People are looking for a spiritual life that is intelligent and related to their every day life." Thomas Moore hosts eight 30-minute programs on four major themes: Story, Place, Activity, and Ritual. Eight 30-minute programs on four videotapes. 1995. SH, A.

### ***Don't Sit On Your Stuff: A Bible Study for Youth***

Ted and Lee—of Ted and Lee Comedy—as disciples Peter and Andrew, explore Jesus' parable of the master and his three servants and figure out that they shouldn't “sit on their stuff.” They lead us to a discussion of what to do with our own “stuff”—our time, money, and talents. 21 minutes. 2002. JH, SH.

### ***Down By the Riverside: Bible Stories as told by Valerie Tutson***

Storyteller Valerie Tutson tells several Bible Stories at Silver Lake Conference Center. With Silver Lake scenes in the background, Valerie tells “The Baptism,” “Woman at the Well,” and “Walking on Water.” 35 minutes. 1999. All ages.

### ***Downside Up Stories: Four Stories from Luke***

The four stories: UP IN FRONT (Luke 4:16–30) When Jesus stood up to read in the synagogue, he announced that God was for all people (6 minutes). UP AT TABLE

(Luke 7:36-50) When Jesus, reclining at a festival table, received a sinful woman, he acknowledged that God overturned her ways (7 minutes). UP A TREE (Luke 19:1-10) When Jesus had Zacchaeus come down from a tree, it was to change his life, to turn him from down to up (6 minutes). UP AT DAWN (Luke 24:13-43) When Jesus made himself known in the breaking of bread at Emmaus, the uplifting power of his resurrection had already turned his hosts from despair to joy (8 minutes). 1996. OE -A.

***The "E" Attitude (DVD)***

Sights, scenes, and reports from the National Youth Event, Tennessee, Summer, 2004.

***Easter in Jerusalem***

The Passover was the time when Jesus went up to Jerusalem to face His fate and the final week of his life. *Easter in Jerusalem* shows the sites of that final journey. Following in his footsteps we see Bethany, where Jesus stayed at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus; the site where He wept over Jerusalem; Gethsemane, and the Via Dolorosa. This video brings to view the present day observances of how Easter is celebrated in Jerusalem. 30 minutes. 2000. JH, SH, A.

***The Easter Story***

Hanna-Barbera's animated story from Mark. It begins with Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and ends with his resurrection and ascent into Heaven. 30 minutes. 1992. YC, OC, OE.

***Ecce Homo: Behold the Man\****

The life of Christ is retold through beautiful art works of the great masters: Goya, El Greco, Van Eyck, DA Vinci, Rembrandt, Raphael and Velazquez. Starting with his birth in Bethlehem Jesus' life is traced with the Pharisees, the Last Supper, his death and resurrection. 30 minutes. 1995. All ages.

***Educating Our Children: Discussing HIV/AIDS in our Community***

With an introduction by Magic Johnson, parents and their children talk about the questions and issues relating to HIV/AIDS. 22 minutes. 1999. OE -A.

***Embracing Difference in Solidarity***

Panel discussion and festival Service of Worship from the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Riverside Church celebrating pluralism. 60 minutes. 1999. SH, A.

***Emmaus House***

Story of Emmaus House in Missouri, a UCC human service agency providing residential care and training for mentally handicapped adults. One of 8 UCC agencies assigned to the CT Conference. 20 minutes. 1989. SH, A.

***Emmaus - Pentecost***

The disciples on the road to Emmaus express their despair at the death of Jesus and at Pentecost. 27 minutes. 1989. OE -A.

***The Empty Chair: Death Penalty – Yes or No (DVD)***

*The Empty Chair* intimately reveals a hidden view of murder's aftermath: Families left behind, their lives torn apart by the random loss of a loved one. The film

documents 4 compelling stories of family members as they relive the brutal details of the murders; express their rage at the justice system that renders them invisible; demand or denounce punishment by death; struggle to forgive and to heal. 42 minutes. 2003. SH, A.

### ***A Eucharist Parable***

A story of Eucharist as a tale of love and forgiveness. Kate, the main character in this story, divorced with a teenaged daughter, is confronted with the reality of her hidden, terminal illness. She invites her alienated brothers to a family Thanksgiving dinner. Kate shares how important the love and support of family are to her. Her openness allows the feelings of the brothers to surface: first anger and hurt, followed by forgiveness and reconciliation. 24 minutes. 1990. JH, SH, A.

### ***Everyone, Everywhere (Mother Teresa)***

Mother Teresa, working with the poor in India, speaks to our feelings of hopelessness at the massive amounts of suffering and misfortune in the world. 27 minutes. 1989. OE -A.

### ***Everything Possible***

This video and study guide are designed to be used as part of a discussion about becoming an Open and Affirming congregation. 1994. 28 minutes. A.

### ***Exploring the Sacred in Death and Dying***

A series of six videos: 1. Saying Goodbye (24 minutes). 2. Living Through Grief (19 minutes). 3. Telling the Stories (23 minutes). 4. Recognizing the Sacred (18 minutes). 5. Communicating (25 minutes). 6. One Family's Story (27 minutes). The videos address the question, "Does the end of life bring nothing but pain, disappointment and loss?" A number of stories are told affirming special moments — "holy moments" — along the journey and give us pointers about how we can identify and savor such moments in our own experience. 1997. SH, A.

### ***Faces on Faith***

Personalities from the Questions of Faith series are questioned about their personal beliefs about God, Jesus, and their faith. Personalities featured are: Hyung Kyung Chung, James Forbes, Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, Madeleine L'Engle, Elisabeth Schussler-Fiorenza, Bernie Siegel, and Desmond Tutu. 26 minutes each. 1991. SH, A.

### ***Faith Amid Change: The Church in China and Hong Kong***

The Christian Church in China survived a revolution, the Red Guards, and the Gang of Four. Today it thrives. In Hong Kong the churches thrived as well, as the once tiny colony burgeoned into a major Pacific Rim commercial center. This video reflects on the changes anticipated by the return of Hong Kong sovereignty to China. There are three segments: 1. The history, life and current situation of the Church in China; 2. The role of the churches in Hong Kong and their apprehensions about the coming changes; and 3. The implications of the rapid growth and change in this region for North Americans. 28 minutes. 1996. A.

### ***Faith and Doubt at Ground Zero***

Explore how the spiritual lives of both believers and non-believers have been challenged in the aftermath of September 11 by difficult questions of good and evil, God's culpability, and the potential for darkness within religion itself. A Public Television *Frontlines* production. 120 minutes. 2002. SH, A.

**Faith Bound Roots**

Explains the mission and illustrates the work of the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM) of the United Church of Christ. 10 minutes. 1997. JH, SH, A.

**Faithful and Wise: Being A Good Steward (DVD)**

This video encourages viewers to expand their giving in every facet of their lives: possessions, time, talents and skills, physical environment, spiritual environment, and money. 6 sessions, about 12 minutes each. 2004. SH, A.

**Faithful Building Series**

A series of five videos designed to help congregations building or renovating their facilities. Features Dr. John Westerhoff and Dr. John Cook. Video #1: Build What You Believe (26 minutes). #2: Symbols, Sacraments, and Spaces (18 minutes). #3: Parking Lot to Pulpit (27 minutes). #4: From Faith to Form (25 minutes). #5. Renovation for Renewal (26 minutes). 1992. A.

**The Fall of Freddie the Leaf**

This strikingly beautiful story told by Leo Buscaglia addresses the questions children often ask about death in a way that will help them appreciate the changes of nature and accept the season of death. 16 minutes. 1992. All ages.

**Families First**

Bill Moyers reports on the crisis in the American social services system and examines a growing movement that has achieved success in keeping families in trouble together with the innovative strategy of working with them in their homes. Visits with families who are dealing with personal crises are shown. 90 minutes. 1992. A.

**Family Fears: Overcoming the Worries that Threaten Our Families**

An interactive video curriculum with five segments, with Leader's Guide and accompanying book by the same title. The five segments address parents' fears. 1. What if our children make a life-dominating mistake? 2. What if our children don't 'turn out right'? 3. What if we fail as a family? 4. What if one of our children dies or suffers a serious accident or illness? 5. What if our children do not live our values and faith? Leader's Guide has programs for each segment. Each workshop is planned for 45 minutes. 100 minutes. 1996. JH, SH, A.

**Family Process and Process Theology: Basic Concepts**

Rabbi Edwin Friedman is the lecturer in this videotape from Alban Institute. The "Existential Categories" touched upon in this tape are: Change, Self (will/responsibility), Caring, Evil (pathology), Perversity, The Past, and Reality. 1991. A.

**Family Spirituality**

Dr. Kathleen Chesto, writer of the F.I.R.E. Program (Family Intergenerational Religious Education), gives insightful and humorous presentation on family life and faith learning in the home. 23 minutes. 1989. A.

### ***A Father and Two Sons***

A new translation of "The Parable of the Prodigal Son" as recorded in Luke 15:11-32. Drawing on contemporary styles of camera work and editing familiar to viewers of music videos, this film faithfully translates the parable from the original Greek, presenting the story in an exciting way that brings its message to today's world. Video fits many different settings where youth gather for Christian worship and education. 20 page guide for discussion and helpful background information. 10 minutes. 1997. JH, SH, A.

### ***The Fig Tree***

Adam, a talented ten-year-old, is about to lose his place on the baseball team, because, as his coach says, he just isn't trying hard enough. He convinces the coach to give him one more chance; yet on the way home, Adam brags about how he "conned" his way back into the game. Viewers are challenged to reflect on responsible behavior, and to consider the words of Jesus: "I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree and found none. Cut it down." 8 minutes. 1992. OC-OE.

### ***The First Valentine***

In this adventure of imagination, young Tess, a shy girl of 13, discovers a new meaning for love on Valentine's Day. Through a very special book, she meets the third century martyr Valentine and his Christian friends. They show her what it means to love others as Jesus loves us, and to receive that love in return. 25 minutes. 1989. OE -A.

### ***Fisk Jubilee Singers***

Choir from Fisk University share their hope for a better world through music. 26 minutes. 1993. All ages.

### ***The Flame (Heifer Project)***

From the coast of Kenya to the mountains of Bolivia, Heifer Project International's Women in Livestock Development (WiLD) program is helping impoverished women worldwide care for themselves and their families. *The Flame* shows how WiLD assists women by providing them with food- and income-producing animals and training in environmentally sound farming, leadership and community development. 15 minutes. 1995. JH - A.

### ***Fliegel's Flight***

Fliegel, a cartoon bird, takes the viewer on a magical tour through Jewish history. Music score based on traditional Jewish and Israeli melodies. Includes video footage from the "six-day war" in present day Israel. 24 minutes. 1996. All ages, adult preview advised.

### ***Footprints on our Hearts (DVD)***

A baby dies. The agony we feel is complex and intense, as it mixes with misplaced guilt, hurt, helplessness, and deep sorrow. This film offers ways to cope with these feelings in the days and weeks of grieving that follow, as it speaks words of understanding, encouragement, and hope for the future. 1997. 30 minutes. A.

### ***For Our Children***

Environmental concerns raise the question, Can we redeem the earth from destruction for our children? Features a grass roots effort of AWARE to face up to the environmental threats such as the Dow Chemical Incineration technology. The 'Friends of Earth' as well as others join in making clear that faith commitment

brings church people to environmental concern. Includes the story of Biddeford, Maine, folk who oppose the 'Trash to Ash' movement in favor of recycling. 25 minutes. 1991. SH, A.

***Forgive Us Our Debts***

This animated film (from the NEST series) for children and families combines a classic parable about forgiveness with the teachings of Jesus to his disciples. Jesus shows his love by teaching that forgiveness is from God, as He instructs Peter to catch a fish where he'll find a coin in its mouth to pay the temple tax. 1991. 30 minutes. All ages.

***Free to Be, You and Me***

Marlo Thomas' classic production of songs and stories for children aimed at true equality between the sexes. 44 minutes. 1989. All ages.

***Freedom of Conscience and the Radical Right***

UCC Teleconference held in 1996, hosted by Andrew Young. 60 minutes. 1996. A.

***From the Bottom Up***

A documentary showing how community-based development movements in the South Bronx, Chicago, rural Minnesota, and South Texas are rebuilding their neighborhoods. 59 minutes. 1991. A.

***Fundamentalism and Violence***

A two hour videotape dialogue featuring Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders following the September 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center. Karen Armstrong, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, Dr. Susannah Heschel, and Rev. Jim Wallis. 120 minutes. 2001. SH, A.

***A Fuzzy Tale***

A happy parable about caring and not being afraid to show it. Everyone is happy sharing warm fuzzies until a rumor about a shortage causes hoarding and unhappiness. One day someone questions the rumor and starts giving warm fuzzies again. 12 minutes. 1989. All ages.

***Game Day!***

A training video to non-skilled competitive games with instructions on how to play them and game playing tips for leaders. The skills used in the games are ones that will equalize the chance for everyone to win, athletic or not. Several games are shown in process. Book recommended in the video: "Play It! Great Games for Groups." 25 minutes. 1993. JH, SH, A..

***Gerard***

A documentary of a Litchfield resident, Gerard, who contracted AIDS. Film deals gently with loving relationships, grieving, loss, AIDS, and homophobia. 15 minutes. 1989. SH, A.

***Get Connected!***

*Get Connected!* is a real life, real world adventure for youth. Filmed on-site at the Global Village at Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Ark., this 17-minute, action-packed

video challenges the prevailing notion of being “wired to the world” as 20 youth from across the U.S. get connected to themselves, their faith and the realities of hunger and poverty around the world. 2000. JH, SH, A.

***The Gift of Years: Aging Creatively in America***

A CBS Television Religion Unit Special, Presented by CBS and the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission in 2003. The film highlights Meg and Robbins Barstow of Wethersfield. 30 minutes. All ages.

***Gifts of Love***

Made by the American Bible Society, the video reviews the history of the oppression of churches and people of faith in the USSR and the liberation of the church about the year 1988 and the subsequent distribution of Bibles. 20 minutes. 1989. OE - A.

***God Bless Africa***

A visit with United Church of Christ missionaries in Zimbabwe in 1991. A video resource to help interpret how Our Church's Wider Mission provides mission work overseas. Meet and learn about the work of UCC missionaries, Allen and Judith Myrick, Amanda Shipman, and Jeri Abbot. 20 minutes. 1992. JH, SH, A.

***God Calls Us***

Highlights of the "La Foret" 1990 National Meeting of Integrity of Creation, Justice, and Peace leaders in the UCC. Called to bring people engaged in social action ministries together to learn from each other and to strategize the most effective ways to work for ICJP. 25 minutes. 1992. SH, A.

***The Gods Must Be Crazy***

For five thousand years, things have stayed pretty much the same for Xi and his fellow Bushmen. Then one day an empty Coke bottle drops magically from the sky, and life goes topsy-turvy in the face of this generous 'gift of the gods.' *The Gods Must Be Crazy* is one of the most original and thought-provoking entertaining comedies ever. It's a movie that looks at us from the other side, and shows us just how crazy we are. A 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox comedy. 109 minutes. 1984. JH, SH, A.

***God's Outlaw: The Story of William Tyndale***

A simple God-seeking man, William Tyndale somehow became one of the most-wanted men in 16<sup>th</sup> Century England and Europe. Pursued by King Henry VIII, Lord Chancellor Sir Thomas More, and the pope's personal legate Cardinal Wolsey, he darted across Europe to avoid capture—always pushing to complete the task that obsessed him: translating the Bible into English and publishing it for his fellow countrymen. 93 minutes. JH - A.

***God's Surprise: The New Faces of Mission***

Discover a new and surprising way to understand Global Ministries' work. The inspiring stories of missionaries told here portray the direction of our ministry with out global partners. A guide is included to assist adult classes and youth group leaders in facilitating a discussion about mission. 15 minutes. 2003. JH, SH, A.

***Good God Questions, Volumes 1 & 2 (DVD)***

Four seminary professors take on troubling questions believers have. Volume 1: Why does God allow suffering? What are bad answers to suffering? What are some personal answers to suffering?

Do Jews, Christians, and Muslims worship the same God? Why did Jesus have to die? How do I know God's will for my life? If I am forgiven, why will I be judged? Volume 2: What is the Trinity? What about my child who is baptized but doesn't believe? What happens to us after death? What do we do with disturbing Biblical passages? How do I know the Holy Spirit is active in my life? Each segment is 7 - 20 minutes in length, allowing time for a class to continue the discussion. Discussion guide available online. 2006. SH - A.

***The Good Samaritan***

An animated version of Jesus' parable from the NEST Family Entertainment Series. 30 minutes. 1989. All ages.

***The Gospel According to St. Bernard***

Twelve video stories show Christian solutions to typical everyday life situations children face. Bernie appears as a live dog to everyone but Daniel and Jennifer. To them, Bernie is a lovable angel sent to earth on special assignment to teach them how to solve their daily problems by applying what God teaches us in the Bible. Each tape has a guide with follow-up questions to help generate discussion, plus activities adaptable to child's age/classroom situation. #1 You Can Handle Anything. #2 Judge Not. #3 Jennifer's Special Birthday. #4 The Golden Rule. #5 The Devil and Macaroni Pizza. #6 The Green Monster. #7 Honesty is the Best Policy. #8 The Diner's Club. #9 The Camphouse Caper. #10 In the Doghouse. #11 For Our Blessings We Give Thanks. #12 Christmas Gift. 25 minutes each. 1996. YC - OE.

***Grandma's Bread: A Eucharist Film***

Seven-year-old Mario's grandmother lives with his family. She is his special friend. A few days before Easter Mario watches Grandma make her special Easter bread and asks her to make the bread for his coming first communion. Unexpectedly, Grandma dies and as Mario's First Communion day approaches, he misses her even more. The making of the bread brings the family together. 17 minutes. All ages.

***Great Generosity, Abundant Blessings***

Why should we give to Our Church's Wider Mission? Three pastors from very different UCC churches respond to this question in this inspiring and challenging video. 2003.

***Greater Than Our Numbers***

Japan's Christian community represents only 1% of the population, but has a surprisingly large influence. This video looks at the Christians' role in Japanese society as it is changing. Includes guides for special program emphasis with youth groups. 32 minutes. 1992. JH, SH, A.

***The Greening of Faith***

Two videos that explore the religious dimensions of caring for the earth. Program 1: Theology and Spirituality. Theologians and environmentalists discuss themes of biblical foundations for ecology; creation spirituality in the Christian tradition; nature as sacramental; and the reconnection of faith and science. Program 2: Ethics. Themes of environment and justice; extension of ethical obligation beyond the human species; the unique role the Church can play in the formation of attitudes and the enabling of change. 30 minutes each. 1994. SH, A.

***Growing Up Online (DVD)***

Nearly every teen in America is on the Internet every day, socializing with friends and strangers alike, “trying on” identities, and building a virtual profile of themselves. This DVD peers inside the world of this cyber-savvy generation through the eyes of teens and their parents, who often find themselves on opposite sides of a new digital divide. 60 minutes. 2008. SH, A.

***The Hands of the Steward***

Introduces six people who talk about different aspects of what stewardship means: Steward of the Good News; Steward of the Church and its Mission; Steward of the Family; Steward with Society; Steward of the Earth; Steward in Peacemaking. 19 minutes. 1987. OE -A.

***Happiness is a Choice***

A film about depression and avenues for seeking help. 49 minutes. 1989. SH. A.

***Hardwired to Connect (DVD)***

This video accompanies the book with the same title. Scientific research shows that personal relationships are critical for children and youth. 15 minutes. A.

***Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas***

This video uses live interviews, music and vivid photography to explore the impact of commercialization on our Christmas celebrations. It gives a variety of ideas to help make Christmas more meaningful. Produced by Alternatives, Inc. 18 minutes. 1991. JH, SH, A.

***He Is Risen***

This video from “The Animated Stories from the New Testament” series tells the story of Jesus resurrection. 25 minutes. 1988. All ages.

***The Hiding Place***

Based on the true story of Corrie ten Boom, her father, and sister Betsie who worked in the “underground” during World War II, helping to save the lives of countless Jewish families. The ultimate price they pay for their efforts is arrest and imprisonment in one of the Nazi Germany’s most dreaded concentration camps. In the midst of monstrous cruelty and suffering, Corrie and Betsie must face the greatest test of their faith in God and their ability to love humankind. 2 hours, 25 minutes. 1975. OE-A.

***Hildegard of Bingen***

Hildegard of Bingen was one of the most remarkable women of the Middle Ages—an Abbess and woman of God, a visionary, naturalist, playwright, mystic, political moralist, and composer. Born in 1098, she was beset by the most extraordinary religious visions from the age of eight—visions which she wrote down, painted, dramatized, and set to music. Yet, despite this outpouring of religious creativity, her visions were called into question, and she was put on trial by the Church in 1148. This the story of events leading up to that trial and of the trial itself. 1992. 52 minutes. A.

***History of the Bible in English (DVD & Video versions)***

A history tour of the Bible “from parchment to publishing.” This film was produced to provide for *Kerygma* study groups a brief history of the development of the English Bible. It may be used as the focus of a Lenten study, in new member classes or in confirmation classes. Study questions are included. 34 minutes. JH - A.

### ***History of Congregationalism***

A lecture by Harry Taylor given at First Church, West Hartford, at a Second Hour Program, 1986. 60 minutes. 1986. SH, A.

### ***A History of Pride, A Future of Promise***

A short video which gives the historical background of black colleges related to the United Church of Christ. 3 minutes. JH, SH, A.

### ***History of the U.C.C.***

Taped at a session for Christian Educators, Harry Taylor, then Associate Conference Minister for the Connecticut Conference, speaks on the rich heritage of the United Church of Christ. 105 minutes. 1989. A.

### ***HIV/AIDS: A Challenge to Us All***

This program from the Pediatric AIDS Foundation is designed to educate parents and teachers of elementary and pre-school students. Includes a guide and 2 videos. 1. A Parent Meeting — offers suggestions as to how an adult can set up a parent meeting in his/her community. 2. Educating Our Children — demonstrates how parents can answer children's questions about HIV/AIDS with age-appropriate responses. 1993. JH, SH, A.

### ***Holy Communion***

This study takes a closer look at the sacrament and the impact it has on our lives today. It explains the ritual, celebration, history, and theology of Holy Communion. The video contains two versions: a 30 minute version for youth and adults divided into four lessons, and a 10 minute version for children's classes. 40 minutes. 1990. OE -A.

### ***Hope Shall Bloom: United Church of Christ Response to the 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes***

The United Church of Christ has been actively responding to the needs of people affected by the hurricanes of 2005. This DVD illustrates what the denomination has been doing, largely through contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing. 2007. OE-A.

### ***How Difficult Can This Be? - Understanding Learning Disabilities***

Richard D. Lavie leads a special workshop attended by parents, educators, and others who participate in classroom activities that can cause frustration, anxiety, and tension in students with learning disabilities. An excellent demonstration of do's and don'ts for teachers in any setting. 70 minutes. 1994. A.

### ***I Am Lovable and Capable (IALAC)***

IALAC establishes the need all people have to give and receive personal affirmations. This program is adaptable to all age levels and is extremely useful in helping people to realize that their behavior and attitudes have a dramatic impact upon others. 15 minutes. 1990. OE -A.

### ***I Have A Dream***

The now-famous speech by Martin Luther King, Jr. 25 minutes. 1989. All ages.

### ***I Have a Friend***

"We don't know what God is like until we get to know all the kinds of people God created." This video portrays children from a wide spectrum of ethnic settings at

play and in various settings. Video provides an excellent way to introduce children and adults working with children to what it means to appreciate and affirm the infinite variety and beauty of all humankind. 10 minutes. All ages.

***I Remember the Amistad***

This video tells the story of the Amistad event, the chronicle of 49 African men and 4 African children who were captured and sold into slavery. Included is a study guide for study, reflection, and action for mission and social justice ministries. 29 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

***In Our Own Words***

More than 30,000 people are helped each year by the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). With over 85 facilities and programs in 25 states, the NBA reaches out to identify people in need, seeking to assist them in realizing their independence and dignity within safe and comfortable environments. 2 versions: one of 15 minutes and one of 7 minutes. JH, SH, A.

***In Search of Reconciliation***

Two videos designed as a study for local congregations interested in Middle East issues. The sessions are titled, Introduction (25 minutes); Judaism (30 minutes); Islam (32 minutes); Christianity (22 minutes); Palestinian and Jewish Homelands (28 minutes); Lebanon and Iran/Iraq Wars (25 minutes); U.S. Involvement and World Peace (27 minutes). Comes with Study Packet. 1989. A.

***In Search of the Wow Wow Wibble Woggle Wazzie Woodle Woo!***

Fantasy, music, and a celebration of the imagination make up the story for the search. Meet Big Booger, Musty Moldy, Melvin, Greasy Grimy Gertie and many more characters. Features Tim Noah. 55 minutes. 1990. OE -SH.

***In the Eyes of a Stranger: Restoring Hope to Refugees***

See and hear how churches can restore hope to refugees through resettlement and advocacy. In response to the plight of refugees, the church has a vital role in welcoming strangers. In the eyes of a stranger, despair turns to hope as refugees begin to imagine a new life in a new land. From UCC Refugee Ministries. 9 minutes. 2003. SH, A.

***In-Between Times: A Time of Pastoral Transition***

An overview of the benefits of an intentional interim to congregations between pastorates. 18 minutes. 1997. A.

***Interview with Rev. Lee Moore - Congregational Church of Naugatuck***

Short piece on the program to give up prejudice for Lent at Congregational Church of Naugatuck. Produced by Fox Network, Channel 61. 3 minutes. 1999. SH, A.

***Interreligious Prayer Service for Victims and Healing***

Prayer service held at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford on September 14, 2001.

***Into All the World Baptizing***

Dr. Henry Gustafson explores the practice of baptism in early Christianity, the Biblical images of baptism, and the relation between Christian baptism and the baptism of Jesus. 22 minutes. 1992. A.

### ***It Takes More Than Love***

A four-session video curriculum on positive parenting designed to help parents and communities inspire interest and add value to the community's future — its children. Goal of the program is to provide a grace oriented framework for an asset-building approach to parenting. Kit contains two teaching videos; parent's guide; reference book (What Kids Need to Succeed); and written curriculum. Video #1, Program 1: Carousels and Commitment; Program 2: Legos and Egos. Video #2, Program 3: Blue Jeans and Boundaries; Program 4: Crayons and Community. Can be used in a group setting in the church or at home. Based on Search Institute study. Each video 20 minutes. 1997. A.

### ***It's All About Evangelism***

Six UCC churches are highlighted in this film, showing diverse but vibrant ministries, and illustrating each one's unique approach to the task of evangelism. "It's All About Evangelism" visits congregations in Oregon, Arkansas, Puerto Rico, Alabama, Arizona, and Maine. 2003. 27 minutes. SH, A.

### ***It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School***

Most adults probably don't see why or how schools should address lesbian and gay issues with young children. With inspiring classroom footage, this video addresses appropriately what is, for many, a very sensitive issue. Video can help educators and parents to re-think their assumptions, shows what actually happens when teachers lead class discussions about gay prejudice, and makes a powerful case that children need to be taught respect for all people, and that this type of education needs to start in elementary school. 78 minutes. 1997. A.

### ***Jesus***

The CBS Mini-Series on the life of Jesus. Two tapes. 240 minutes. 2000. OE – A.

### ***Jesus and His Times***

A series of three videos covering Jesus life from the Anunciation. Two narrators describe the cultural, geographical, and historical background. #1 The Story Begins (61 minutes); #2 Among the People (57 minutes); #3 The Final Days (55 minutes). 1993. JH, SH, A.

### ***Jesus Christ Tape 1***

The geography of the Biblical lands is shown. Viewers will see the countryside that Jesus knew. Narrated by James Fleming, the director of the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies. 30 minutes. 1990. JH, SH, A.

### ***Jesus of Nazareth***

Franco Zefirelli's dramatic account of the life of Jesus, from Nativity to Resurrection, marked by Biblical authenticity, historical accuracy, and dramatic intensity. 3 videos, 127 minutes each. 1989. OE – A.

### ***The Jesus Roast***

A theatrical type event dealing with the humanness of God made man. Focuses on the humanity of the disciples. Full of humor which breaks through time-worn images of Jesus and the disciples. It does not depict an historical event. Based on Luke 22, 24. 40 minutes. 1985. SH, A.

### ***The Jesus Series***

A scriptural pilgrimage to the Holy Land to the sites of Jesus' birth, teaching, and passion, death, and resurrection. Three videos: #1. The Birth of Jesus. (25 minutes) #2. Jesus, the Prophet. (34 minutes) #3. Jesus, the Redeemer (45 minutes). 1997. SH, A.

### ***Jesus Stories***

Three tapes telling the stories Jesus told. They are colorful, live-action videos with a fresh approach to Bible Study. #1 Jesus Teaches — The Lost Coin, The Good Samaritan, and The Log and the Speck (17 minutes). #2 Jesus Cares — Feed the 5000, The Woman Forgiveness (13 minutes). #3 Jesus Heals — Blind Bartimaeus and Zaccheus (17 minutes). 1994. YC - OE.

### ***John Hus***

The history books make little mention of this Bohemian priest and scholar who lived 100 years before Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. Yet John Hus was convinced that the Bible should be presented in the language of the people; that salvation comes by faith in Jesus Christ; and that the Word of God is the final authority. He taught openly in the University of Prague and as a pastor—challenging the abuses of medieval Christendom. Intrigue and false promises weave a powerful story of one man's commitment to faith in Jesus Christ. In the end, Hus was accused, imprisoned, and charged with heresy. Ultimately, he was condemned and burned at the stake as a heretic. 55 minutes. 1980. JH, SH, A.

### ***Jonah and the Whale***

A Rabbit Ears animated story of Jonah and the Whale told by Jason Robards using wonderful music and artwork from a children's illustrator. 30 minutes. 1993. YC - OE.

### ***Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie***

Get ready as Bob the Tomato, Larry the Cucumber, and the rest of the Veggie gang set sail on a whale of an adventure in *Jonah*. Filled with music, laughs and some of the silliest adventurers ever to be swallowed whole, this is the story of Jonah and the whale as you've never seen it before. 83 minutes. 2002. All ages.

### ***Jordan's Stormy Banks***

This video is an attempt to outline the history of the relations between Jews, Christians, and Muslims. It focuses on the conflicts between Israel and Palestine as of 1991 and draws upon the perspectives of Christian denominations and ecumenical bodies for interpretation. 25 minutes. 1991. SH, A.

### ***Joseph & His Brothers***

The biblical story of Joseph, sold into slavery in Egypt by his brothers. From the Hanna-Barbera "Greatest Adventure" series. 32 minutes. OE.

### ***The Journey is Home***

The life of Nelle Morton, feminist, theologian, and human rights activist who died in 1987 at age 82. Nelle speaks of her life and of her book by the same title. 30 minutes. 1989. SH, A.

### ***Journey of the Heart (DVD)***

This production is a portrait of Henri Nouwen, one of the most respected spiritual leaders of our generation. A Roman Catholic priest, professor at Notre Dame, Yale,

and Harvard, and social activist, Nouwen possessed a unique insight into the human condition. *Journey of the Heart* is a thought-provoking look at Nouwen's life, which led him from academia to a radical personal journey to L'Arche, a community of people with developmental disabilities. 56 minutes. JH-A.

***Journey Through the Shadows: Hope for Healing After Someone You Love Has Committed Suicide***

Suicide is an earth-shattering experience...the suddenness, the inability to explain why our loved one chose to end his or her life. What did we do or not do? So much pain and sorrow—how can we survive? *Journey Through the Shadows* offers ways to help survive the grief and shows the survivors they are not alone and that they can make it through this life-changing experience. 35 minutes. 2000. A.

***Journey Toward Forgiveness: From Rage to Reconciliation***

This hour-long documentary (from ABC television) powerfully demonstrates that those who are able to embark on a process towards forgiveness find it to be the path to inner healing. Seven emotional stories of people who have dealt with anger and forgiveness in the face of racial injustice, violent death and terminal illness. SH, A.

***A Joyful Feast for All***

A short video for use by congregations wishing to engage in the discussion of children at Holy Communion. The video looks at Christ Congregational Church, UCC in Brockton, MA, which adopted an Open Table policy for Holy Communion in 1974 welcoming all baptized Christians to the Table, and giving special instruction to children in their kindergarten year. 5 minutes. 1995. All ages.

***Just A Diary***

The life story of Anne Frank is told from the perspective of a 17-year-old Dutch girl who played the part of Anne in a stage performance. Anne's story is with scenes out of the play, historical film material, images of the place where the family hid, and photographs taken from their family album. 30 minutes. 1991. JH, SH, A.

***Kaleidoscope Videos***

Each Kaleidoscope Adult Education curriculum has 6 sessions on a video and comes with a Student Book/Leader's Guide. The following titles are available: Becoming People of the Way (47 minutes); Biblical Women (52 minutes); Bread for the Banquet (37 minutes); God Where Are You (55 minutes); Intimacy (58 minutes); Journey Through the Psalms (63 minutes); Nobody's Child (45 minutes); Pass It On (49 minutes); Stretch Out Your Hand (47 minutes); Thunder on the Right (42 minutes); The Gift and the Promise (60 Minutes). 1991. A.

***Keeping the Earth: Religious and Scientific Perspectives on the Environment***

This inspirational video calls on all Americans to serve as good stewards of the natural world. Prominent scientists and religious leaders offer their perspectives on the need to protect our environment and the diverse species that share it. Narrated by James Earl Jones. 27 minutes. 1996. SH, A.

***Kids Cinema Circle (DVD)***

This DVD is a product of the Spiritual Cinema Circle. The five movies on the disk, ranging in length from 4 to 50 minutes, will entertain children while encouraging them to respect their family and their community. They provide children with

examples of values in action from the gentle values of compassion, kindness, and generosity to the powerful values of courage, confidence, and tenacity. The five films are: Joe, Ryan's Well, Chasing Patterns, Paws, and The Dark. All ages.

***Kids Talk T.V. Inside/Out (oversize)***

An exciting curriculum to help 9, 10, and 11 year olds explore and evaluate the world of television. Videos produced by children with the help of adults. Written materials by the Office of Communication, U.C.C. Kit contains study guide and 8 lesson plans to help develop media literacy with a faith perspective. Scripture references and activities will help children and adults discover ways in which the Bible is relevant to society and to their lives. Raises questions such as "What does God think of stereotyping?" "Does God care about what movies we watch?" "How should we respond to commercials?" 45 minutes. 1997. OE, JH.

***Killiam's Point - 1998 Asian American Conference***

Worship and reflection at Killiam's Point. 50 minutes. 1998. SH, A.

***Korea's Hope: Reconciliation and Peace***

This video seeks to help American Christians understand why the question of North Korea has become such an issue for our government. It centers around the life story of the Rev. Dr. Syngman Rhee who has been president of the National Council of Churches (USA) and moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The video has been produced in the hope that American Christians will come to see the importance of reunification on the Korean Peninsula. 2003. 29 minutes. SH, A.

***La Lucha***

La Lucha is the story of the struggle in El Salvador with the wealthy landowners and the military against the poverty-stricken campesinos/campesinas (people of the country). 57 minutes. 1990. SH, A.

***A Labor of Love***

Overview of mission work supported by the United Church of Christ across the United States. This video offers insight into how mission dollars are spent and how lives are enriched through the church. The video flows from East to West, from sun up to sun down. 25 minutes. 1991. OE - A.

***Landmarks of Faith, A travelogue of American Spirituality: Puritan New England***

The *Landmarks of Faith* series explores America's rich tapestry of religious beliefs by visiting the places where those faiths took root and grew. In this video, *Puritan New England*, you will visit the Congregational Meeting House in Hingham, Massachusetts which is named the "Old Ship." Built in 1681, it is a unique link to the era of the Pilgrims, the Puritans, and the early Quakers. Uncover the stories of Anne Hutchinson, Roger Williams, and the true story of the Salem Witch Trials, on a journey that takes you from Plymouth Rock to the American Revolution. 46 minutes. 1998. OE - A.

***Landmines: Overcoming a Lethal Legacy***

Background for thought and discussion on eradicating landmines. 9 minutes. 1999. JH, SH, A.

***Learning and Leading Series***

Videos that show pastors, worshippers, teachers, and students in worshipping and learning settings. Each has two or three segments. #1 Development

Characteristics of Children Grades 1 – 6 (18 minutes); #3 Room to Learn: Creating a Hospitable Environment and Broadly Graded Learning (39 minutes); #4 Welcoming Children: Guidance and Classroom Management and Pathways to the Spirit: Art, Music and Storytelling in the Classroom (49 minutes); #5 The Meaning of Mystery: The Sacraments of the Church: Understanding Communion and Understanding Baptism (40 minutes). 1993. A.

***Legacy for Efrain (Heifer Project)***

From the Andes Mountains of Bolivia to the Killing Fields of Cambodia and the small farms of Appalachia, struggling families are finding new hope in the form of livestock. *Legacy for Efrain* shows development at its best: families and communities working in partnership to help children live healthy and full lives, empower families and care for the earth. 17 minutes. 1993. OE-A.

***Legacy of Love: An Introduction to Planned Giving from the United Church of Christ***

2003. 15 minutes. A.

***The Legend of the Three Trees (DVD)***

This is a timeless retelling (By Hal Holbrook) of the classic folktale of three distinct trees, each with its own hopes, dreams, and aspirations. Each dreams of becoming great—perhaps a majestic treasure chest, or a magnificent sailing ship, or maybe the tallest tree in the forest. But their dreams don't seem to come true. The trees despair about their existence until they each finally interact with Jesus Christ in his birth, ministry, and ultimate sacrifice. In these experiences, they learn that God has a special purpose for each of them. 2001. All ages.

***Lent - A Time of Renewal***

One segment for each week of Lent; may be easily used with families. True stories, drama and visual meditation of the themes: facing temptation, seeing God in our lives, and new life. 105 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

***Let the Children Come***

As many mainline denominations decline in numbers, churches with strong, relevant children's ministries swell in numbers. This video examines some reasons why. It is designed to be used by church staff, teaching teams, and children's committees to strengthen their own children's program. The video covers three major categories: worship, Sunday School and weekday ministries. 22 minutes. 1992. A.

***Let the Rain Settle It***

This award-winning video explores prejudice. Two boys, one black and one white, get to know one another. Barriers are broken. 13 minutes. 1989. OE, JH.

***Light Amongst the Shadows: How to Help Those You Care for When Suicide Occurs***

In the United States, every 15 minutes a suicide occurs, and the families of those who commit suicide need our support and compassion. *Light Amongst the Shadows* discusses why suicide is difficult to talk about and teaches how to help and what to do when a suicide occurs. 23 minutes. 2000. A.

***Light in the Darkness: The Easter Story***

Beautiful and powerful retelling of the passion story by mimes. Can be used as a devotion or to stimulate study and discussion. Scenes of the various stages of the crucifixion are interspersed with flashback scenes from the last week of Jesus' life. After the final crucifixion scene, the story moves forward with no more flashbacks

to the entombment and resurrection and Jesus' first appearance to the disciples. 15 minutes. 1997. OE -A.

***Lighten Up!: A Religious Response to Global Warming***

This video from the Episcopal Church describes the effects of global warming on the earth and offers specific suggestions for individuals and congregations to help make a difference.

***Like a Roaring Lion***

A dramatic film about negative peer pressure that demonstrates proven ways for making good decisions and shows teens how to say no to alcohol and drugs. 53 minutes. 1990. JH, SH, A.

***Listening for God***

Ten-to-twelve minute interviews introducing the authors featured in the book *Listening for God: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith* — Flannery O'Connor, Frederick Buechner, Patricia Hempl, Raymond Carver, Annie Dillard, Alice Walker, Garrison Keillor, and Richard Rodrigues. The video is designed to help viewers learn about the authors, and enhance their understanding of the ten stories and essays. 1995. SH, A.

***Living Water: The Rite and Meaning of Christian Baptism***

Consists of 3 related lectures, each 16 to 20 minutes in length. Each lecture is divided into 4 segments. Dr. Robin Jensen explores the meaning of Christian baptism throughout history and in different contexts. Part 1 presents the ways Baptism appears in the Bible. Part 2 looks at the metaphors or symbols of Christian baptism and demonstrates the ways these symbols have shaped the baptismal rite. Part 3 follows the changes in baptism from the early middle ages through the Protestant Reformation and into issues for today. 1993. A.

***Living with Money (oversize)***

A complete curriculum kit, with four video segments, each under 25 minutes in length, Leader Guide, and Participant Journal. Segment 1: What is Money? Segment 2: Know Your Money Life. Segment 3: Making Peace with Money. Segment 4: Balancing Life's Ledger. 2003. A.

***Local Heroes, Global Change***

A series of 4 one-hour sessions on one video which presents a new look at the developing world through the eyes of the people who are overcoming poverty and creating positive change. Each session examines, from a different perspective, the gulf that exists between industrial powers and developing nations and how that gap might be narrowed. 1990. A.

***A Long, Hard Road to Freedom: The Abolitionist Movement in Connecticut***

***The Lord is Blessing Me***

Presents an impression of worship and service at Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson, the first with three others to declare themselves a sanctuary for refugees escaping the violence and political oppression in Central America. 24 minutes. 1989. OE -A.

***The Lord's Prayer***

In this video, author Walter Wangerin, Jr., explores the petitions and the structure of the Lord's Prayer. Wangerin sheds light on what the Lord's Prayer reveals about God's nature and our own nature, and on how we should live in relationship with God and one another. Divided into eight segments covering each phrase of the Lord's Prayer. Meant for use with groups of youth. 65 minutes. 2004. JH, SH.

***The Los Altos Story***

A documentary telling why the Rotary Club of Los Altos, California, initiated a project on AIDS. The video speaks about real people, places and events. Learn how one group deals with compassion when faced with the knowledge of AIDS in a family of one of their members and how this led the group to respond to others. 31 minutes. 1995. SH. A.

***Love the Earth and Be Healed***

A series of six videos offering new insights about the way we view the earth's environment. It proposes the earth is in trouble because we stopped loving it in order to use it. If that's the origin of the problem, then we can reverse things. We can start loving the earth and all of creation again, and we ourselves will be healed by being reconnected to all that God called good. 1. Facing Our Dilemmas. 2. In This Web Together. 3. How Much is Enough? 4. Loving Nature. 5. Not in Anybody's Backyard! 6. Celebrating the Earth. 160 minutes. 1995. SH, A.

***Love Is Not a Luxury***

This program tells the remarkable story of a prison in Brazil that has captured the interest of more than thirty countries around the world. It accommodates every kind of prisoner, including some of Brazil's worst. Conditions are simple within this old local prison, yet peace and good order prevail. What holds it together is not punishment and coercion, but forgiveness and trust. The Cursillo program is the catalyst for change within the prison. Cursillo, a short course in Christianity, is responsible for maintaining the Christian atmosphere which is essential for the prison's success. 50 minutes. 1995. SH,A.

***Luke - Part II - Early Ministry***

Filmed in the holy land, this video presents the Lucan miracle stories .A narrator with dramatizations bring the people, places, and events of this time to life. 90 minutes. 1989. OE - A.

***Lyman Coleman -- Video Training for Leaders of Small Groups (oversize)***

Six sessions: small groups, fundamentals, lifecycle of a group, principles of Bible Study, problems and the next steps. 30 minutes each to help train small group leaders. Kit includes six videos, leader's training manual, and participants workbook. 1994. A.

***Mad Mary: A Bad Girl from Magdala, Transformed at His Appearing***

Through Mad Mary women are invited to join Mary Magdalene on her transforming journey from madwoman to glad woman, from the darkness of her seven demons to the bright light of Eastern morning. 60 minutes. 2002. Adult women.

***The Man Who Had to Sing***

A hilarious portrayal of the life of a luckless Charlie Brown-type, a real loser who had only one thing to offer — a song for which the world had no need. 10 minutes. 1989. JH – A.

***Martin the Cobbler***

A beautiful story about a Russian shoemaker who discovers new meanings in life by meditating on old truths. Based on a Leo Tolstoy folktale, "Where Love Is, God Is." Narration is done by Leo Tolstoy's daughter. Video done in clay animation. 28 minutes. 1989. All ages.

***Mighty Times***

*Mighty Times* is the story of how Rosa Parks, through a single act of defiance on a Montgomery bus, inspired a community to unite in its opposition to segregation and change America forever. The film presents the birth of the civil rights Movement as more than a mere history lesson but also as a model for persons who are looking to make a positive change in their communities. The video comes with a curriculum guide. 2002. 40 minutes. JH-A.

***Martin Luther: Heretic (oversize)***

This dramatic, four-session video study course explores the tumultuous 16<sup>th</sup> century and the personal struggles of Luther—a monk plagued by self-doubt, fear, and emotional torment. It follows Luther's 10-year spiritual journey that transforms him from a monk, fearful of God, into a man assured of his salvation—able to take a singular stand against the established church. Four 15-minute segments. 1990. JH-A.

***McGee and Me***

Eleven stories about 11-year-old Nick and his animated friend McGee. #1: The Big Lie; #2: A Star in the Breaking; #3: The Not-So-Great Escape; #4: Skate Expectations; #5: Twister and Shout; #6: Back to the Drawing Board; #7: Do the Bright Thing; #8: Take Me Out of the Ball Game; #9: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas; #10: In the Nick of Time; #11: The Blunder Years. 30 minutes each. 1996. YC – OE.

***Mighty Times***

*Mighty Times* is the story of how one woman, Rosa Parks, through a single act of defiance on a Montgomery bus, inspired a community to unite in its opposition to segregation and change American forever. As the historical event of the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955 and 1956 is described, viewers are introduced to the stories of other heroes who were part of the story. The film presents the birth of the Civil Rights Movement as more than a mere history lesson for the classroom but also as a model for young people who want to make positive change in their communities. Includes viewer guide with classroom activities. 2002. 40 minutes. JH-A.

***Millions of Children are Hungry in America***

In this video Steven Nunn-Miller, Director of UCC Hunger Action, calls UCC congregations to action. In it are outlined the findings of a study done by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). Answers to the 8 questions on the Community Childhood Hunger Identification Project (CCHIP) survey was used to measure the extent of hunger and reflect the kinds of food problems that limited resources create for families. 20 minutes. 1991. OE – A.

**Mind Over Emotions**

A 3-cassette series. Discover Life seminar featuring Dr. Les Carter from the Minnereth-Myer Psychiatric Clinic in Dallas, Texas. The seminars share Biblical insights for gaining control over our emotions. Each session is 45 minutes. #1: Pride Session; #2: Inferiority Session; #3: Worry Session; #4: Depression Session; #5: Guilt Session; #6: Anger Session. 1991. A.

**Ministry in Phrases**

The ministries of the Connecticut Conference, UCC, are presented in this video produced for the Annual Meeting of the Conference, 2004. 30 minutes. 2004. A.

**Minnie Remembers**

Story of an old woman who recalls a past that included warmth and physical closeness as she tries to reconcile the absence of the closeness of her old age. 10 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

**More Fun, Less Stuff: The Challenges and Rewards of a New American Dream**

These days, the American dream seems to be about an endless chase for "more" — more money, more material goods, bigger houses, bigger cars. Unfortunately, this "more is better" version of the American dream has hidden costs. But there are people working to build a new American dream to change the way their companies, organizations and families consume as they improve the quality of life, protect the environment, and promote social justice. 30 minutes. 2002. OE – A.

**More Than We Can Ask or Imagine (OCWM)**

When you give to your local church, your generosity does not stop there, but is shared with others in the church and around the world. A specific portion of your gift, called Our Church's Wider Mission or OCWM, provides the life-blood funding for our UCC Conferences and our national setting. How does this happen? This video will walk you through the process. 12 minutes. 2002. SH, A.

**Moses**

The Hanna-Barbera animated version of the Exodus story. 30 minutes. 1985. All ages.

**Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus**

This video presents the life and work of Mother Teresa with words and pictures (drawings) that even the youngest child can enjoy. Children will learn that Mother Teresa was a person much like themselves: a person whose strong faith and trust in God helped her to make incredible changes in our world. 35 minutes. 1998. YC – OE.

**Music Box**

A man trudging home from work through a dreary, snowy city is surprised by a joyous group of gospel-singing, tuxedoed angels. They give a special gift of love and life to the man: a magical box and the wondrous story of a loving king. A modern parable of the joy-filled life in Christ and our responsibility to share that joy. 28 minutes. 1989. A.

**My Grandson Lew**

This wonderful film is based on the book by Charlotte Zolotow about the mysteries of love and death, of separation and relationships. Lew misses the presence of

Grandpa and all that that presence brought with it. Lew and his mother share memories of Grandpa. 18 minutes. 1991. All ages.

***My Son, My Son***

Two fathers of sons who are homosexuals meet and share their stories. 25 minutes. 1989. SH, A.

***The Names of Money***

Designed to show the importance of money in the life of the Church, and to remind us of the uses of money in the Church. 15 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

***The National Observance of Children's Sabbaths***

This video shows how congregations, religious coalitions, and civic and community groups throughout the United States participate in the Children's Defense Fund's National Observance of Children's Sabbaths on the third weekend of each October. Gives a colorful mosaic of images of worship services from various faith traditions and highlights educational and community service programs. 10 minutes. 1999. JH, SH, A.

***The Nativity***

The Hanna-Barbera's animated production of the story of Jesus' birth. 30 minutes. 1989. YC-OE.

***The New Century Hymnal: The First Hymnal on the Shelf***

A closer look at the New Century Hymnal and how it can enhance worship in churches of various backgrounds. Visual enhancement of hymns sung in various settings throughout the church. An overview of the contents, explanation of page design, insights into historic background, and comments on performance style are among the varied topics discussed. 22 minutes. 1994. All ages.

***New Church Celebration***

"It's the work of many hands, It's the sound of many voices, It's the love of many hearts that make a church." This video uses these words in song and many photographic images to celebrate new church starts in the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ, including New Hope Congregational Church in East Hartford, CT. 4 minutes. 2001. All ages.

***New England Women's Celebration Videos***

Eight videos give highlights of the New England Women's Celebrations IV and V. Friday evening, 1994; Saturday morning worship, 1994; Saturday evening worship 1994; Sunday morning worship, 1994; Back Porch Dance Company, 1998; Gifts of the Bread, 1998; Keynote (Donna Schaper) and Bible Study (Valerie Tutson), 1998; Saturday morning worship (preacher Janet Cooper Nelson), 1998. 60 minutes each. A.

***No Grapes***

Talks about the danger of pesticides for workers in grape vineyards. Produced by the United Farm Workers of America. A Spanish version is available, "Uvas No." 15 minutes. 1993. SH, A.

**Noah and the Ark**

A Rabbit Ears animated story of Noah told by Kelly McGillis with wonderful music and artwork from a children's illustrator. 30 minutes. 1989. YC - OE.

**Noah's Ark**

The Hanna-Barbera version of the story of Noah. 30 minutes. 1985. YC - OE.

**Non-Violence in a Violent World**

This video brings together five teens who share their stories and an audience to explore the question of living in a culture of violence and how to respond. Frank, searching questions and discussion evolve. 41 minutes. 1999. OE - A.

**Now For the Future (DVD)**

The Campaign for Silver Lake Conference Center. May 2006. All ages.

**NRSV: A Standard for Our Time**

A thorough introduction to the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, using a combination of interviews with translators, colorful animated graphics, an direct commentary. 22 minutes. 1991. JH, SH, A.

**On Being Gay**

A conversation with Brian McNaught. A moving video on thoughts of family, faith, and love by one of the most articulate and effective spokespersons for gay rights in this country. The film may be viewed in its entirety or in two 40 minute segments. 80 minutes. 1989. SH. A.

**On Common Ground**

A guided tour of the United Nations' past, present, and future. This videotape features a retrospective of great moments and great leaders in UN history and offers a behind-the-scenes look at the people, art, architecture, and organization of the UN. 30 minutes. 1990. OE - A.

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

A new video is created each year to interpret and promote the work of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Videos include: Partners in the Promise, 1988. Glimpses of God, 1991, Touchpoint, 1992. Fill the World With Love, 1993. Far From the Headlines, 1994. Fabric of Faith, 1995. Dare to Share, 1996. Open Wide Your Hearts, 1997. Through the Eyes of Children, 1998. The Call to Share, 2001. Each video is 8 to 11 minutes in length. OE - A.

**One-Minute Stories**

Shari Lewis and Lamb Chop tell 26 Bible stories using puppetry, animated illustrations, and humor. The stories move quickly and have only brief pauses in-between. 30 minutes. 1993. YC

**One Small Candle**

Allyn Bradford's presentation of William Bradford's "Of Plimoth Plantation." Governor Bradford wrote his history of the Pilgrims from the daily journal he maintained during the group's exodus to Holland, the New World, and throughout his years as Governor of the first permanent English settlement in New England. The story of the American roots of Congregationalism and the UCC. 30 minutes. 1989. SH, A.

***Open and Affirming: Journey of Faith***

This video documents the experiences of 3 UCC congregations exploring the question of whether or not to declare their churches Open and Affirming of lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons. Comes with printed resources about the ONA process and worship resources. 56 minutes. 1992. A.

***Options for Leadership When Your Pastor Leaves***

A video to help promote discussion at a time when the ministerial leadership of the congregation is changing. 15 minutes. 1992. A.

***Panel Discussion on Bias Issues***

Meeting of the Hartford East Association, November 2, 2003.

***Parable***

Now a classic, this film was originally shown at the 1965 New York World's Fair. It is a nonverbal allegory of the Suffering Servant theme. A clown takes the place of the circus members in difficult or dangerous situations, putting upon himself their toil, degradation, and suffering. 22 minutes. 1965. JH, SH, A.

***Parables: A New Look at Familiar Stories***

Uncovering the character nuances and shades of meaning which give the familiar stories their richness and depth, "Parables" offers a vibrant blend of artists, actors, philosophers, Biblical scholars, and expert commentators who offer their unique insights and interpretations. This video contains four 15 minute segments on the following parables: The Good Samaritan, The Talents, The Prodigal Son, and The Unjust Steward. 2000. SH, A.

***Parenting 101: The Basics of Becoming a Proactive Parent (DVD)***

*Parenting 101* helps parents outline a plan for parenting based on their family's priorities and values. The four weekly sessions are: Navigating Through Troubled Waters; Developing a Parenting Plan; Managing the "Balancing Act"; and Keeping Your Family Strong. From the FaithHome ProActive Parenting Series from Abingdon Press. 2004. A.

***Parenting Adolescents - Group Video Series***

This study series for parents of teens features Kevin Huggins. The study kit includes: 2 videotapes, divided into eight segments of about 20 minutes each; small group discussion guide; and Kevin Huggins' book, "Parenting Adolescents." 1991. A.

***A Parent's Meeting: Discussing HIV/AIDS***

An honest and open discussion in town meeting format with educators, parents, and health care providers. 20 minutes. 1999. SH, A.

***Parliament of the World's Religions***

Images from the PWR of 1993 in Chicago, IL, a centennial gathering of the world's religious leaders first held in 1893. Representatives of religious leaders gathered to share traditions, to acknowledge differences, and to consider world issues. 30 minutes. 1993. SH, A.

***Partners for the Glory of God! Our Church's Wider Mission***

An excellent resource for use with church members who want to know more about the ministries their financial gifts support. 17 minutes. 1993. OE - A.

**Partners in Tomorrow's Promise**

A Church World Service film about the Dominican Republic and its problems of hunger and poverty. CWS works in partnership with Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas in the Dominican Republic. 15 minutes. 1992. OE-A.

**Paul: An Apostle to the Nations**

Three videos on the life, ministry, and thought of the Apostle Paul, the great missionary of the early church and the writer of many of the letters in the New Testament. The videos cover: #1 Antioch, Jerusalem, Tarsus; #2 Ephesus, Philippi, Thessalonica; #3 Athens, Corinth, Rome. Each tape, 30 minutes. 1989. OE - A.

**Peace to the City: Parts 1 & 2**

From the World Council of Churches, videos which highlight the role of peacemakers working to counter violence in various cities of the world: Rio de Janeiro, Belfast, Boston, etc. Part 1: 111 minutes. Part 2: 121 minutes. 1998. JH, SH, A.

**Peacemaking in the Home**

A workshop led by Jim and Kathy McGinnis, authors of the book, "Parenting for Justice and Peace." Practical and do-able ways to incorporate peace in the home and into your family are demonstrated. Divided into six segments: #1 Peacemaking in the Home - Affirmation; #2 Family Meetings; #3 Principles - Family Meetings; #4 McGinnis Family Meeting; #5 Discussion of Authority in the Family; #6 A Prayer for the Family. 60 minutes. 1991. A.

**Peege**

A moving portrayal of a family visit to their grandmother in a nursing home. Each family member has a different response ranging from discomfort to guilt to pain in the face of Peege's growing disability. A sad film with a strong loving climax. 28 minutes. 1989. OE - A.

**People Not Mascots**

A look at the use of Native American tribal names and sacred symbols by sports teams in the United States. This video gives us a glimpse into Native American cultural heritage and feelings about their symbols. Comes with a resource packet, "Negative Stereotyping of Native Americans." 28 minutes. 1992. JH, SH, A.

**The People's Voice**

This video documentary tells the dramatic story of the grassroots movement for non-commercial Low-Power FM (LPFM) radio service, which provides oft-times marginalized groups in our society an opportunity to be heard. *The People's Voice* looks at communities and churches embracing the low-power FM movement, even as many of the heavy hitters of the broadcast industry try to shut it down. 14 minutes. 2001. SH, A.

**Peter and Paul (DVD)**

A television mini-series shows the precarious existence of early Christianity. Stars Anthony Hopkins and Robert Foxworth. Universal Studios. 194 minutes. SH, A.

**Pilgrimage in Christ Series**

Four videos designed to communicate the wide diversity and experience in the UCC. #1 In Touch With God - A survey of spiritual renewal in the UCC as understood and practiced by local church members (26 minutes). #2 The Inward

Search — Personal testimonies from individuals and congregations who have experienced spiritual renewal (24 minutes). #3 The Outward Witness — Spiritual renewal as it is evident in worship, ministry within the congregation, and social action (20 minutes). #4 Spiritual Disciplines — A representative sampling of practices which have enhanced spiritual renewal in individuals and church groups (29 minutes). 1990. JH, SH, A.

***The Place God Calls You***

Is ordained ministry the place that God is calling you for your life's work? Five distinct segments, each highlighting a different style of ministry in the United Church of Christ. 17 minutes. 1994. SH, A.

***A Place Prepared***

For children, death seems unreal and at a distance — until it comes close: a grandparent, a father, a mother, a sibling, or a pet dies. Suddenly death becomes real and immediate — and children have questions about what has happened: what does *die* mean? Where is Daddy now? In heaven? Can I go see him? And what is *heaven*? *A Place Prepared* will help you talk with children about death and heaven, and help you to prepare them for the inevitable losses that they will experience throughout their lives. 40 minutes. 2000. A.

***A Place of Our Own: Education with Soul...UCC Related Schools (DVD)***

This documentary offers a glimpse into the landscape of schools with ties to the United Church of Christ. From theological education to engineering, environment to the humanities, these schools educate ecumenical and interfaith leaders who are creative advocates for the common good. 2007. SH - A.

***A Place to Come Back To***

A video that explores mental illness and the role of the church's caring ministry. 29 minutes. 1989. SH, A.

***A Place to Pray: Conversations on the Lord's Prayer***

Three videos — conversations on the Lord's Prayer based on the book by author and teacher Roberta Bondi. Divided into 7 segments. Video #1 — 1. Our Father; 2. Hallowed be Thy name. Video 2 — 3. Your Kingdom come; 4. Give us this day. Video 3 — 5. Forgive as we forgive; 6. Lead us not into temptation; 7. Glory forever. Each video about 55 minutes. 1999. SH, A.

***The Plan of Work***

A video to be used in programs to encourage a variety of educational programs along with the publications, "The Educational Mission of the United Church of Christ" and "Plan of Work for the Educational Mission of the United Church of Christ." Encourages congregations to expand their vision of education and to seek new models for learning in a variety of settings. 21 minutes. 1991. A.

***Portrait of Polynesia***

This video shows us Hawaii, from the beautiful scenery to the pageantry of the dances and the ceremonies of the Polynesian people. 42 minutes. 1993. All ages.

***A Position of Faith***

On June 25, 1972, William (Bill) R. Johnson became the first openly gay person in history to be ordained to the Christian ministry. *A Position of Faith* tells the story of this landmark event and the process that made it possible. Many of the

questions in the film are still be asked throughout the UCC, as well as in other denominations. What should be the determining factors considering a candidate for ordination? How can the church respond faithfully to receive the gifts of ministry of persons who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender? 2003. A.

### ***The Power of Choice***

A series, both entertaining and thought-provoking, designed to help and empower young people to make good choices for their lives. The educational objectives are to stimulate critical thinking about behavior and beliefs; to explore the benefits of knowing one's values; to discover how one's values can serve as a tool for making good choices; and to reveal how living one's values give power over one's life and elevates self-esteem. 30 minutes. 1997. SH.

### ***The Power of Image***

A Friendship Press film on the theme of Gospel, Media, and Culture. The viewer reflects on the power of images and their impact on our attitudes, faith, and world. You will see images from ancient times to the Hollywood of today. Three media experts assist you in making connections and discovering insights. 37 minutes. 1990. JH, SH, A.

### ***The Power of Myth Series***

A six tape series takes the viewer into the world of mythology with Joseph Campbell and Bill Moyers. Each tape is 60 minutes long. #1 The Hero's Adventure — Talks about tales of heroic adventure and discusses how the hero's journey is possible today. #2 The Message of the Myth — Compares the creation story in Genesis with creations stories from around the world. #3 The First Storytellers — Campbell explores the importance of accepting death as rebirth. #4 Sacrifice and Bliss — Discusses the role of sacrifice in myth. #5 Love and the Goddess — Romantic love is explored, and questions are addressed about the image of woman in myth. #6 Masks of Eternity — Provides challenging insights into the concepts of God. 1991. SH. A.

### ***A Prayer for Children***

A poem read by Marian Wright Edelman about all children, from all walks of life. Faces of children are portrayed during the reading. 3 minutes. 1994. All ages.

### ***Praying in Color: The Workshop (DVD)***

The author of the book by the same name, Sybil MacBeth, is shown leading a group in the techniques she discovered for intercessory prayer. 20 minutes. 2007. JH - A.

### ***Precious Love***

This is a well done video portrait of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Contains very graphic scenes of the sick and dying. 29 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

### ***Presence and Proclamation: Portraits of God's Mission Around the World (oversize)***

*Presence and Proclamation* is a video curriculum of 7 sessions. Video segments of 5 - 7 minutes each outline mission work supported by the United Church of Christ, highlighting both the programs and the people engaged in the mission. Comes with leader's guide. 48 minutes. 1992. SH, A.

### ***The Prince of Egypt***

The story of Moses in an animated, full-length feature movie. The film assumes that Moses grows up as best friend of a “brother” born to the royal court. But the truth ultimately sets them at odds as one becomes the ruler of the most powerful empire on the earth, and the other the chosen leader of his people. One hour, 39 minutes. 1999. All ages.

***The Prodigal***

Mark asks his father for his share of the inheritance from the family hardware store. Reluctantly, his father allows it, and his younger son goes out to make his fortune. But on Mark’s return after losing all his money, an interesting scenario develops around Michael, the elder son. Viewers are challenged to put themselves in this classic parable of forgiveness and to consider the words of Jesus: “Let us celebrate because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.” 10 minutes. 1992. OC-OE.

***The Prodigal Son***

An animated retelling of Jesus’ parable from the NEST Family Entertainment Series. 30 minutes. 1988. All ages.

***The Promise (Heifer Project International)***

Eight-year-old Parmatma of India and 9-year-old Beatrice of Uganda have never met, but they share a dream — the hope of a life free from hunger and poverty. Heifer Project International’s children’s video, *The Promise*, shows how HPI animals are fulfilling that dream. A great tool for hunger education and fund raising, *The Promise* illustrates HPI’s time-tested approach for improving the lives of need children worldwide. 10 minutes. 1995. All ages.

***Promise the Children***

Focuses on the rights and needs of children in the United States, with a particular emphasis on children in poverty. 20 minutes. 1991. A.

***Questions of Faith, Series 1***

A six tape series featuring prominent, contemporary thinkers talking about issues of faith and life. #1 Who is God? (18 minutes) #2 What Good is Prayer? (25 minutes) #3 What’s God Got To Do With Evil? (20 minutes) #4 What’s Being Good Good For? (17 minutes) #5 Who Needs Organized Religion? (26 minutes) #6 What Matters Anyway? (21 minutes). 1989. A.

***Questions of Faith, Series 2***

The second series of questions videos. Titles are: #1 Who is Jesus? (25 minutes) #2 What’s the Use of the Bible? (25 minutes) #3 Who’s Got the Truth (21 minutes) #4 How Do We Right the Wrong (26 minutes) #5 What Gives You Faith? (23 minutes) #6 What Happens After Death (27 minutes). 1990. A.

***Questions of Faith, Series 3***

The third series of questions videos. Titles are: #1 What Do You Mean By Faith? (21 minutes) #2 Why Worship? (22 minutes) #3 What’s Religion Got To Do With Sex? (27 minutes) #4 What Are The Moral Dilemmas? (24 minutes) #5 Remember Sin and Salvation? (22 minutes) #6 What About Grace and Miracles? (24 minutes). 1991. A.

#### **Questions of Faith, Series 4**

The fourth series of questions videos. Titles are: #1 What's the Nature of Human Nature? (24 minutes) #2 Whose Life is Sacred? (25 minutes) #3 Whose World Is It? (22 minutes) #4 What's the Holy Spirit? (25 minutes) #5 What's Religious? (24 minutes) #6 Why Hope? (21 minutes). 1992. A.

#### **Questions of Faith, Series 5**

The fifth series of questions videos. Titles are: #1 What Kind of Power Does God Have? (24 minutes) #2 Whose Money Is It? (19 minutes) #3 Can Faith Wipe Out Fear? (22 minutes) #4 How Do You Pray? (25 minutes) #5 How Can We Love Practically Anybody (21 minutes) #6 What's Holiness All About? (20 minutes). 1995. A.

#### **Questions of Faith for Youth, Series 1**

This series features 20 young people talking about their beliefs and values. The titles are: #1 What's God Like? (20 minutes) #2 How Do You Deal with Drugs? (17 minutes) #3 What is Sin? (19 minutes) #4 What's a Friend? (17 minutes) #5 What About Sex? (20 minutes) #6 What Can the Church Do About the Future? (20 minutes). 1993. JH, SH.

#### **Questions of Faith for Youth, Series 2**

The second series of questions videos for youth. Titles are: #1 Why Pray? #2 Who Do You Want to Become? #3 How Much Stuff Do You Need? #4 How Do You Know What is Right? #5 What Can You Do About Violence? #6 Is Loving Yourself Easy? 1994. JH, SH.

#### **Racism in Advertising**

This video is designed to inform consumers on how to monitor ads and products for racism. It points out the buying power of people of color and challenges advertisers to represent their customers fairly and equitably. 14 minutes. 1992. SH, A.

#### **Racism in News**

A look at ways in which the news media affects race relations in the U.S. The focus is on what is covered and how, and on who holds positions of responsibility in the media. 23 minutes. 1992. JH, SH, A.

#### **Raising Children of Divorce: Practical Help for Parents (DVD)**

The divorce of one's parents is a traumatic event in a child's life. The biggest concern for almost all divorcing parents is how their children will be hurt by the breakup and what they should do to help their children. This film gives concrete ways to help children through divorce. Subjects covered: Telling your child about your divorce; Recognizing levels of conflict; Developmental needs of children through the years after a divorce; Helping your child lead a healthy life after divorce. 35 minutes. 2004. A.

#### **Reaching for a Dream**

The story of six people who must combat the "double whammy" of prejudice based on disability and race. 29 minutes. 1991. SH, A.

#### **Reaching Home: The Campaign to End Long-Term Homelessness (DVD)**

*Reaching Home* is the campaign to end long-term homelessness in Connecticut through the creation of 10,000 units of supportive housing. Supportive housing

combines affordable apartments with on-site or visiting support and employment services. It is a better alternative to more expensive and less effective institutional settings and a proven solution to homelessness. 12 minutes. 2004. SH, A.

***Ready, Set, Grow! Resources for faithful and dynamic congregations in the United Church of Christ (DVD)***

This DVD contains two resources: The first features vital UCC congregations. The second features the UCC's Collegium explaining "What Matters" to them as members of the United Church of Christ. 2006. A.

***The Red Balloon***

The classic children's story about a young French boy and his unusual friend. 34 minutes. 1989. All ages.

***Reducing the Risk***

This video helps congregations understand the importance of providing safe church policies for the protection of all its constituencies. A.

***Reducing the Risk II (DVD)***

This DVD version of *Reducing the Risk* is a greatly expanded version of the earlier video on providing safe church guidelines for the protection of everyone in the congregation. 2003. A.

***Reformation Overview***

Six 30-minute programs with a full curriculum about the major leaders of the Reformation. The curriculum supplement provides instruction that is needed for study sessions on key Reformation themes: Knowing and Studying the Scripture; What is the Church? Justification by Faith Alone; God's Providence; Separation of Church and State; Priesthood of All believers. Video #1 John Wycliffe, John Hus, Martin Luther; Video #2 Zwingli and Calvin, The Anabaptists, and William Tyndale. 1997. JH, SH, A.

***Refugees From Bosnia to Indianapolis***

How 11 churches in the Indianapolis area combined their efforts and skills to develop a successful refugee resettlement program. Produced by the Refugee Resettlement Office of the UCC. 7 minutes. 1996. A.

***Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly***

The television program, *Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly*, examines several of the most compelling social questions facing religious institutions and members of faith communities. This video is from the program's fourth season and looks at four different issues: When the Faithful Lose Faith in Marriage; Saving Lives While Saving Souls: Faith-Based Health Care in America; Religion and Public Education: An Emerging Middle Ground; and Who's God? Whose God? 75 minutes. 2001. SH, A.

***Religions of the World***

Explore issues that probe the very core of our existence and gain new understanding about humanity. Travel to exotic locations and observe how religions have shaped cultures, changed history, brought us closer together and thrust us into war. Original footage and vivid imagery provide a fresh perspective on the vast differences and striking similarities of the world's many faiths. Six

videos look at Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Catholicism, and Protestantism. Each tape — 50 minutes. 1998. SH, A.

***Religious Fundamentalism***

A preaching television evangelist; an Amish family in the Pennsylvania country side; the fiery disaster in Waco, Texas; the (1993) World Trade Center bombing; political candidate Pat Robertson; Jewish settlers on Israel's West Bank. This program examines the phenomenon of religious fundamentalism, explaining what it is, where it came from, and how it influences the American notion of the separation of church and state. 29 minutes. 1995. SH, A.

***Remember Me***

An examination of the daily life of children around the world whose lives clearly demonstrate the struggles of the poor and hungry. 17 minutes. 1989. OE - A.

***The Resource Center***

A video designed to introduce the Resource Center as a mission of the church in today's world. Explains how a resource center is a dynamic and inspiring place where a full range of resources is gathered, and with the help of a trained director, enables clergy, teachers, students, and laity from local churches develop a more effective ministry. 14 minutes. 1996. A.

***Restructure***

Meeting and conversation about the restructure of the United Church of Christ at the national level. 60 minutes. 1999. SH, A.

***The Resurrected Life***

Filled with artistic images of the Holy Land, soul-stirring music, and the wisdom of prominent spiritual teachers from various Christian traditions, *The Resurrected Life* is a feast for the mind, heart, and eyes. This program is designed for viewers of all walks of life who hunger for encounter with God, who seek paths of personal transformation and renewal, or who yearn for deeper insight into the core mystery of Christianity. 60 minutes. 2000. SH, A.

***Rich (DVD)***

There's a popular bumper sticker that reads "God Bless America." But hasn't America already been blessed? It's easy for us to fall into a mindset of viewing "our" world as "the" world, because it's all we generally see. We're constantly bombarded with images of the latest styles and models of everything, and it can easily leave us feeling like what we have isn't enough because we see people that have even more than us. But how does what we have compare to what most people in the world have? Maybe what we have is enough; maybe it's more than enough. Maybe God has blessed us with everything we have so we can bless and give to others. 12 minutes. 2006. JH - A.

***Rigoletto***

A musical fantasy, ringing of truth and filled with mystery, joy, and love. Young Bonnie goes to work at the mansion, discovers Ribaldi, a disfigured man who lives there, but who has a wonderful singing voice. Bonnie's kindness melts the protective ice around his heart to reveal goodness and a rare wisdom that has been buried for year. 98 minutes. 1995. OE - A.

**Robert Coles: Teacher**

Excerpts from 5 of Robert Coles' lectures at Harvard. Coles is a psychiatrist and Pulitzer Prize winning author who has done 30 years of listening to children around the world, recording and absorbing their attitudes on a wide variety of issues. 57 minutes. 1993. A.

**Romania: Out of Darkness**

This documentary examines the changes in Romania and how they affect the religious lives of the people. Believers tell how they can now openly worship and share God's Word with others. Produced by The American Bible Association. 15 minutes. 1991. SH, A.

**Romero**

A full-length feature film, *Romero* is the compelling and deeply moving story of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador who made the ultimate sacrifice in a passionate stand against social injustice and oppression in his country. The film chronicles the transformation of Romero from an apolitical, complacent priest to a committed leader of the Salvadoran people. 105 minutes. 1989. Rated PG-13.

**The Rotten Truth**

This entertaining 3-2-1 Contact Extra takes you on a visit to a landfill, tours the Museum of Modern Garbage, and much more. It's filled with facts, live-action footage, colorful animation, and music. 30 minutes. 1991. YC -JH.

**Rust Valley**

For more than a century, Connecticut's Naugatuck Valley provided plenty of manufacturing jobs as the center of America's brass and rubber industries. When hard times set in, companies were sold off and jobs disappeared. Rust Valley is a report on the work of the Naugatuck Valley Project to preserve manufacturing in the Valley. It looks at how the NVP brought together a coalition to save companies. 25 minutes. 1990. A.

**Sacred Covenants, Faithful Conversations (DVD)**

On July 4, 2005, the 25<sup>th</sup> General Synod of the United Church of Christ adopted a resolution, "In Support of Marriage Equality for All." This video resource is for individuals, congregations, and other groups wishing to study marriage equality as called for in the resolution. It is an excellent companion to the study resource, "God Is Still Speaking about Marriage," recommended by General Synod 25. 2006. SH, A.

**Sacred Stories**

Three master storytellers — Frederick Buechner, Maya Angelou, and James Carroll — share their personal stories and give insights into the use of story in revealing God's presence in our lives. Four segments: The Man in Gray Slacks; A Father and A Son; The Cowardly Lion; Mama and Uncle Willie. 80 minutes. 1992. A.

**Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes**

Set in 1955, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* is the true story of Sadako Sasaki, a young Japanese girl, on the threshold of adolescence, who developed leukemia from radiation caused by the bombing of Hiroshima. While hospitalized, her closest friend reminded her of the Japanese legend that if she folded a thousand paper cranes, the gods might grant her wish to be well again. With hope

and determination, Sadako began folding. Narrated by Liv Ullmann. 30 minutes. 1991. OE-A.

***Sailing on Faith: Look Who God Sent***

This video offers Search Committee members hindsight views from an actual search process that ended with surprise and joy. Search Committee members from Kenilworth United Church of Christ in Buffalo, NY, and David Felton, Regional Conference Minister, are honest and insightful about their faith-filled experience. Discussion guide included. 25 minutes. 2004. A.

***Sam***

A story of a physically challenged boy, using animation with live action to give us a glimpse of Sam's life from his perspective. 25 minutes. 1991. OE - A.

***Samson and Delilah***

The Hanna Barbera cartoon version of the Hebrew Scripture hero, Samson, and his downfall at the hands of Delilah and the Philistines. 30 minutes. 1993. YC - OE.

***Save The Earth: A How-To Video***

The Save the Earth Brigade combs the globe exploring solutions to serious environmental problems like acid rain, ozone depletion, rain forest destruction, toxic waste, and the greenhouse effect. Explore with them how you can make a difference. 60 minutes. 1991. SH, A.

***The Savior is Born***

A Rabbit Ears animated version of the Christmas Story as told by Morgan Freeman, using wonderful music and artwork from a children's illustrator. 30 minutes. 1993. YC - OE.

***Say It By Signing***

The Basics of Sign Language. 60 minutes. 1989. All ages.

***School of Assassins***

Rarely-seen footage shows how thousands of Latin American and Caribbean soldiers and officers who studied at the United States Army School of the Americas are responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of people. Reveals the hidden work of church people, activists, and members of Congress to close it down. Narrated by Susan Sarandon. 1995 Academy Award nominee for best short subject documentary. 18 minutes. 1995. SH, A.

***Scout's Honor***

Witness how one remarkable 13-year-old Boy Scout named Steven Cozza launches a campaign to overturn the Boy Scout's ban on gays. Scouting for All is the movement built by Cozza with the help of a long-time Scout leader, community members, and his own family. *Scout's Honor* also includes the stories of ousted gay Eagle Scouts Tim Curran and James Dale. 60 minutes. 2001. JH, SH, A.

***Scriptures Alive!***

A series of six videos, 30 minutes each. Challenges viewers to think and make decisions about issues, culture, and news facing our world today. #1 God Prefers the Poor. #2 Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? #3 Violence and the Faith. #4 Many Religions, One God. #5 Religion and Politics. #6 The Graying of the Church.

Each video is filled with scripture and theological insights to generate discussion. A new approach to Bible Study. 1995. SH, A.

### ***Sea of Dreams***

Undoubtedly, one of the most famous lakes in the world is the Sea of Galilee. Here Christianity began with the Sermon on the Mount, the Miracle of the Loaves, and the Miracle of the Fishes. Here also is where the Jerusalem Talmud was written, Rabbi Akiva taught, and where Maimonides is buried. The lake itself was formed two million years ago by an earthquake that formed the Great Rift Valley that stretches from Syria south to Lake Victoria in Africa. The Sea of Galilee, is 700 feet below sea level, and is home to many animals and plants. This video introduces the Sea of Galilee, in all its many aspects, to the viewer. 30 minutes. 2000. JH, SH, A.

### ***Search Institute Series***

A four-tape series on effective congregations. #1 Celebrating Possibility — Tells the story of congregations that have a positive, faith-building influence on their members. Based on site visits to 52 effective congregations (14 minutes). #2 Taking Stock: The Shape of Faith Among Protestants — Discusses the nature of faith maturity and describes where adults are in the journey toward a more mature faith (26 minutes). #3 Faith Maturity: Where Does it Come From? — Describes the biographical and congregational experiences that promote faith maturity ((24 minutes) #4 Promoting Faith Maturity: What Congregations Can Do — Provides helpful suggestions for achieving the renewal and reform of congregational life with emphasis on Christian Education (22 minutes). 1991. A.

### ***The Secret of the Second Basement***

A Nanny and Isaiah Adventure video. The second basement of the Church of the Good Shepherd holds a secret. No one knows that several street people, played by the Peppercorn puppets, live there. Then Nanny, an abused child, arrives with her cat, Gabriel. Through Nanny's actions the street people and others experience God's gift of love. Appropriate for the Christmas season. 29 minutes. 1991. All ages.

### ***Secret of Treasure Mountain***

Discovering part of an ancient treasure map, young Eldon Flowers dreams of finding gold and becoming the hero he longs to be. 90 minutes. OE -SH.

### ***The Selfish Giant***

A colorful animation of Oscar Wilde's classic fairy tale. A giant frightens children playing in his garden and builds a wall to keep them out. However, the giant's love for one child transforms him into a loving old man. 27 minutes. 1991. All ages.

### ***Selfish Sally***

This video is most appropriate for younger children from 3 to 6 years. Sally is thrilled with the carnival that comes to town but learns the hard way a valuable lesson about sharing. 25 minutes. 1992. YC.

### ***Seven Circles of Prayer***

This video invites participants into a deeper prayer life through silence, space, seeing, encountering, suffering, touching, listening, and meeting God in oneself, in the world, and in others. 30 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

### ***Seven Keys to Jewish Life***

An informative video about Jewish History adding a new dimension to the understanding of Jewish traditions. The video contains information about The Sabbath, What is Kosher, Chanukah, The Shofar, The Mezuzah, The Tfilin, and the Tzedakah: The Jewish concept of charity. The viewer visits a scribe, a leatherworker, a family celebrating Shabat and Chaukah, and sees Jewish history through photographs and paintings. 60 minutes. 1996. OE -A.

### ***Shared Praxis Approach to Religious Education***

Three parts with study guide by Tom Groome, Professor of Religious Education at Boston College. The titles of the three segments are: #1 Shared Praxis: Our Story and Vision; #2 Shared Praxis: Basic Principles; #3 Shared Praxis: The Five Movements are Explained. 30 minutes per segment. 1989. A.

### ***Shareholders in Hope***

A video made by the United Church of Christ which focuses on small farmers in Turkey and how the UCC has supported and assisted farm development in that country. 22 minutes. 1989. OE -A.

### ***Sharing Life in Christ: Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ & the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)***

*Sharing Life in Christ* demonstrates in compelling stories how your Global Ministries touch lives worldwide. Stories are focused around Global Ministries' five guiding principles: Sharing Life in Christ; Sharing Persons in Mission; Telling the Gospel Story; Healing God's continuing Creation; and Interfaith Dialogue. Each of the five segments is about 8 minutes long, and each can stand alone. 40 minutes. 2000. JH, SH, A.

### ***Shattered Dreams: Healing After Divorce (DVD)***

All those who have experienced the pain of divorce, regardless of their age or gender, have suffered a loss. Whether the wounds of divorce are new or old, divorced men and women can find emotional and spiritual healing after divorce. In *Shattered Dreams* the viewer meets men and women who have suffered the pain of divorce, have walked through a recovery process, and have found healing and hope in life again. The film focuses on rejection, grief, anger, intimacy, forgiveness, and letting go. 30 minutes. 2004. A.

### ***Side By Side***

In March 2004, a meeting/seminar was held at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, examining the questions surrounding the issue of same-gender marriage. This video was filmed at that event. A.

### ***The Silver Cow***

A story from Wales about a mean, hard farmer whose gentle son's harp playing brings a silver cow out of the lake. The cow brings wealth, but the farmer's greed ultimately brings him down. A charming story told with beautiful watercolor illustrations. 13 minutes. 1987. All ages.

### ***Silver Lake: God's Country***

The new 2002 promotional video for the Silver Lake Conference Center. Beautiful and lively. 15 minutes. 2002. All ages.

### ***A Simple Gift (Heifer Project)***

This video shows some of the places churches work as partners in mission with Heifer Project International to overcome global hunger. Church gifts and offerings given in obedience to God's call to feed the hungry are just the beginning. They are the first step that puts struggling families around the world on the road to self-reliance. The simple gift of a farm animal makes a big difference in the lives of the people shown in this video. 16 minutes. 1997. OE - A.

### ***Singles***

*Singles* was created to help people realize what it is like when a single person tries to enter a group composed primarily of couples. It shows how groups may, even unwittingly, drive single people away. With perception and humor, this film can help raise the consciousness of a group about the ways it responds to any stranger in its midst. 3 minutes. 1989. SH, A.

### ***The Sins of Our Mothers***

The story of a 19<sup>th</sup> century New England town as told through the life of Emiline Gurney. Lowell, Massachusetts, was a mill town specifically employing young women workers from around the Northeast. The story weaves together town and church records, archival material, and dramatic recreations of Emiline's story, revealing the attitudes about morality, childhood, and community in that era. 58 minutes. 1990. A.

### ***Sleeping Bag Project***

How to make an emergency sleeping bag. More than 100,000 cost-free emergency sleeping bags have been made by volunteers from 100% recycled materials that would otherwise become landfill, then distributed free to people who are cold on the street. The Sleeping Bag Project describes this simple grassroots community service project that helps the homeless. 7 minutes. 2000. OE-A.

### ***Solitudes***

An environmental sound and visual experience. Explores beautiful loon country by canoe. 30 minutes. 1989. All ages.

### ***Solo***

Follow a lone mountain climber as he journeys from a misty predawn canyon floor to the peak of a windswept mountain. A wordless and hypnotic story of individual achievement and peak performance. Included is a segment on the filming of this adventure. 30 minutes. 1992. All ages.

### ***Speaking Out: Displaced Colombians, Silent No More***

This video describes the complex issues that have led to violence directed at citizens of Columbia, resulting in thousands of peasants killed and millions uprooted and displaced. The conditions under which they live and the lack of education, health care, and jobs are graphically presented. The role of the United States is addressed. 20 minutes. 2000. SH, A.

### ***Spiritual Cinema Circle***

These are films from the secular world with spiritual themes. Many, but not all, are suitable for young audiences. Discussion questions are provided at the end of each film. Films vary in length from very short to full length features.

2007, Volume 4: McCombie Way, 6 minutes. The Remaining Days, 8 minutes. Continuum, 39 minutes. Tomorrow is Today, 98 minutes.

2007, Volume 9: 5 Wishes, 17 minutes. Now You See Me, Now You Don't, 30 minutes. 7 Days with 7 Dogs, 7 minutes. Believe in Me, 108 minutes.  
2007, Volume 10: Between Heaven and Earth, 8 minutes. Magic Mile, 7 minutes. Dream People of the Amazon, 30 minutes. Déjà Vu, 117 minutes.  
2007, Volume 11: Laundry and Tosca, 30 minutes. Dead End Job, 21 minutes. Booth Story, 11 minutes. Jerome Bixby's The Man From Earth, 87 minutes.  
2008, Volume 1: Yoga, Noga, Reyoga, 5 minutes. La Liberte De L'Interieur, 5 minutes. The Laughing Club of India, 36 minutes. Knights of the South Bronx, 90 minutes.

***Spread the Word: Teens Talk to Teens About AIDS***

This video presents information, stories, and attitudes and feelings shared by teens whose lives have been affected by AIDS. Narrated by teenage TV star, Jaleel White. 27 minutes. 1991. JH, SH, A.

***The Star Child***

A story in clay animation about rejection, realization, repentance, and reconciliation. An infant is discovered by two woodcutters where a shooting star has landed. One of the woodcutters adopts the child. As the child grows the story unfolds about his outer beauty and his ugly inner soul. His realization and repentance brings a surprising ending. 27 minutes. 1990. All ages.

***Star of Bethlehem/When the Littlest Camel Knelt***

These two Christmas stories for children are on one video. Animated with the music of woodwinds and choir. 25 minutes. 1989. YC – OE.

***Star Wars: A Search for Security***

Through the use of interviews with the nation's top experts on both sides of the debate, this program provides an excellent survey of the landscape of opinion regarding the strategic defense initiative. Narrated by Ed Begley, Jr. (St. Elsewhere). 30 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

***Stephen Ministry at Work***

An overview of the Stephen Ministry program which trains and equips lay people for one-on-one caring ministry through the church. 15 minutes. 1997. A.

***Stewardship: A Matter of Faith***

This video looks at a broader interpretation of stewardship, based on an understanding of God's activity through us, giving us new life in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit, and helping us to be loving and giving. 12 minutes. 2000. A.

***Stewardship: A Symbol at the Heart of the Faith***

Stewardship: an old word, a new challenge. This video includes the preaching of Douglas John Hall and James A. Forbes, Jr. as they invite people to consider what it means to be faithful and mature stewards. 20 minutes. 1999. A.

***Stone Soup***

This folk tale concerns three soldiers who encounter a town unwilling to share their food with strangers. They put their heads together and cook up a soup of stones. An enchanting story that engages the imagination of young and old. Could be used in communion education. 11 minutes. 1989. All ages.

***Stones of Promise: Celebrating the African-American Family (oversize)***

Thirteen segments using African-American visuals, speech, and music in open-ended situational dramas. Various concerns and important issues of African-American family life are presented, allowing participants to examine their source of identity, spiritual bondings, and relationships. Leader's Guide included. 120 minutes. 1993. A.

***Stop Bullying: Standing Up for Yourself and Others (DVD)***

Every school day, 150,000 American students stay home to avoid being bullied. Many young people feel helpless in these situations. They need to know what to do if they are bullied or if they witness bullying. This DVD gives students concrete steps they can take to respond to bullying. 20 minutes. OE-A.

***Story of A People: Interracial Relationships -- A study circle excerpt***

A sample of a discussion among adults in Lima, Ohio, and how the study circle tool facilitated their discussion. 17 minutes. 1999. A.

***The Story of Elijah***

An animated version of the story of Elijah, the prophet, who tells King Ahab that there will be no rain as long as the people worship Baal. After the widow's son revives from death, and after Elijah's altar to God is set afire, the people turn from Baal and worship God. 23 minutes. 1990. YC - OE.

***The Story of Esther***

An animated story of the Queen of Persia, Esther, who was from the house of Israel and who plotted the death of the wicked Haman. 23 minutes. 1990. YC - OE.

***The Story of Jeremiah***

An animated version of the story of the Prophet, Jeremiah. 23 minutes. 1992. YC - OE.

***Storytelling: A Sacred Art***

Lucy Brady, pastor of St. Mark's United Church of Christ in Baltimore, MD, tells stories in three different settings — class, chapel, event — and shares why she feels storytelling is a sacred art. 60 minutes. 1992. A.

***Storytelling with Joe Ferguson***

Joe Ferguson is a wonderful storyteller who gives us a few pointers on how to tell stories and then shows us his storytelling style with 4 stories from his repertoire. 30 minutes, 1991. OE - A.

***Strengthen the Church***

The good news is shared of new church starts possible through this offering. 4 minutes. 1991. SH, A.

***Strong Roots, Fragile Farms***

A made-for-television exploration of the real-life impact of globalization on family farms in the United States, the Philippines, and Mexico. Hosted by Willie Nelson. 57 minutes. 2002. JH-A.

### ***Survival Guide for Teenagers***

There are five tapes in this series which are designed to facilitate discussions. Titles are: #1 Drugs and Alcohol. #2 Sex and Dating. #3 Magic of Goal Setting. #4 Our World: The Big Picture. #5 Depression and Suicide. 15 – 20 minutes each. 1989. JH, SH.

### ***Surviving Broken Relationships***

Clayton Barbeau talks about the anger and pain that follow a broken relationship. He assures us that the feelings we experience as this time are natural. He helps viewers understand and work with those feelings. 24 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

### ***The System Belongs to God***

Is the ancient biblical message relevant to our complex and dangerous modern world? We deal with "the powers that be" – the government, corporations, and even families on a daily basis. We can't live without them. But something is wrong; people get "caught in the system." Noted Bible scholar Walter sink offers new ways of thinking, acting, and hope for transformation in this series through conversations between Janet Wolf and James Forbes. #1 The Way Things Are (26 minutes). #2 God Won't Give Up (26 minutes). #3 What Jesus Really Said (17 minutes). #4 How to Fight Without Hitting (27 minutes). #5 What if Nations, Companies, and Churches had Angels? (24 minutes). #6 How You See the World (26 minutes). #7 Praying for the Big Picture (26 minutes). 1997. A.

### ***Tales from the Madhouse.***

Set inside the crumbling walls of a dilapidated Victorian sanatorium, eight mysterious characters reveal their secret stories to the visiting camera. They are linked by one unifying and crucial event in their lives: each of them has had an encounter with Jesus of Nazareth in some way—and turned away. *Tape One.* Four 14-minute episodes: Pilate's Wife; The Rich Young Man; Judas Iscariot; the Widow of Nain. *Tape Two.* Four 14-minute episodes: The Servant Girl (at Herod's court); Barabbas; The Centurion; and The Thief (on the cross beside Jesus). 2000. SH, A.

### ***Take Hold of Real Life (DVD)***

This film is designed to inspire generosity in your congregation. Several U.C.C. congregations around the country are highlighted to illustrate the new life that has come through the generous stewardship of their members. Storyteller Val Tutson tells the story of "The Valley of the Dry Bones," of new life coming into old structures. In addition, several other storytellers tell the same story in different ways, including mime and humor. 2004. A.

### ***Teaching and the Religious Imagination***

Two tapes containing 5 presentations by Maria Harris, noted Christian Educator. Lectures are based on her book by the same title. Video 1. #1 Imagination as Religious. #2 Teaching as an Imaginative Activity. #3 Teaching as the Incarnation of Subject Matter. Video 2. #4 Teaching as the Revelation of Subject Matter. #5 Teaching as Mediating the Grace of Power. Each segment — 30 minutes. 1989. A.

### ***Teens in Crisis***

This series contains five videos which deal with 5 separate areas where teens build relationships. #1 Relationships with Parents. #2 Relationships with Friends. #3 Relationships with the Opposite Sex. #4 Relationships with Self. #5 Relationships

with the World. Each tape — 20 minutes. 1992. SH. A. Adult preview recommended before group viewing.

***Tell Me About God***

This video will help you talk to the children in your life about the God who loves them unconditionally. 45 minutes. 1998. A.

***The Ten Commandments***

"The Ten Commandments — aren't they a little outdated? Why should I follow them anyway? They don't relate to my life." This video invites you to take a look at the 10 Commandments in their historical context and proposes that they are still relevant to us today. The video contains ten six-minute discussion starters, one for each of the Ten Commandments. 60 minutes. 2001. SH. A.

***10-10-80 (DVD)***

A middle-school youth group goes to the mall and their leaders give them each \$50.00 to spend in any way they choose. After a period of time, the group gathers to reflect on the meaning of their purchases and to learn the stewardship principles of saving 10%, sharing 10%, and having 80% for self. 10 minutes. 2005. JH - A.

***Tennessee or Bust: First Church Sr. High Fellowship Video Documentary***

Mission trip of the Senior High Fellowship of First Church, Glastonbury, 1999. JH, SH, A.

***Thankfulness and Gentleness***

This is a video storybook with two stories. "Benny's Wake Up Surprise" — where children will learn more about thankfulness. "New Baby in the House" teaches about gentleness. 24 minutes. 1991. YC - OE.

***They Hold Up Half the Sky***

Produced by the UN Development Fund for Women, *They Hold Up Half the Sky* presents the work and contributions of women around the world, and the changes needed in society to recognize their worth. 26 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

***This Holy Place: The Stones Cry Out***

See and hear the challenges that occupation poses to the life and faith of Palestinians. In "This Holy Place," living stones—Palestinians, both Christian and Muslim—cry out with passion, fervor, and conviction. Viewers will see and hear a perspective not generally presented, and will be challenged, both intellectually and spiritually. This video from Global Ministries asks Christians to consider what is required to seek justice in this land we call "holy." 16 minutes. 2003. JH - A.

***This Is Who I Am***

Ladonna Witmer talks about being a "different and edgy" Gen X-er, and the world as her generation has experienced it. "We grew up to expect that promises would be broken." At the same time, she says that Gen X-ers want to be listened to, want to believe, and want to hear from their elders. "We need to hear what you have to say; we want to know how you know who Jesus is." And finally, "Don't give up on us." A powerful statement that older generations need to hear. 8 minutes. SH, A.

***Threads of Love***

A wonderful devotional piece on the making of the AIDS quilt. 9 minutes. 1991. JH, SH, A.

***Three Schools in Turkey***

A companion video to *Shareholders in Hope* on the mission supported by the United Church of Christ for three schools in Turkey. 27 minutes. 1989. OE -A.

***Through Grandpa's Eyes***

This story offers us a warm glimpse into the loving relationship of a young boy and his blind grandfather. They spend the day together. This film highlights the many gifts that people who are physically challenged have to offer. 20 minutes. 1991. All ages.

***Thy Will Be Done! The Struggle of the Church in the Philippines***

This is a plea that comes from many Christians in the Philippines who know and love the Church in North America and Canada. They speak to us with frankness and trust. Excerpts from an interview with Dr. Feliciano Carino, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of the Philippines, and Bishop Erme Camba, General Secretary of the UCC in the Philippines. 20 minutes. 1991. A. animated film poses questions of priorities and inequalities. 19 minutes. 1989. OE -A.

***To Love Indeed***

This video focuses on the need to be intentionally involved in the development of the children around us in the US, many of whom are growing up poor, unhealthy, uneducated, and with little hope for the future. 26 minutes. 1991. A.

***To Make a Difference: The NGOs***

NGO is shorthand for Non-Governmental Organization; non-profit, voluntary groups of people who intend to make a difference in the issues that confront global society. Many concerned people have not yet realized that the NGOs offer them an opportunity to influence what happens. Governments, corporations, and the media have power; NGOs are demonstrating that when citizens get together around an issue, they can change the course of events. This video tells why and how they do it, and it invites viewers to plunge into the mainstream of history. 13 minutes. 2001. A.

***To Walk Together***

An introduction to 350 years of history of the United Church of Christ. Good for use with confirmation classes or new member groups. Contains a segment on the Connecticut Conference. 22 minutes. 1991. OE -A.

***Together in the Garden***

In June of 1992, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (the Earth Summit) took place in Rio de Janeiro. This video provides groups in the church with a challenging message concerning their responsibility for the future. Voices and experiences from around the world are shared that give direction for how Christians can make their witness in the search for healing the earth, building justice, and sustaining life for the future. 20 minutes. 1991. OE -A.

### ***Touchpoint Videos***

Series of vignettes gives brief glimpses into the church's partnership with those in need around the world. 14 minutes. 1999. JH, SH, A.

### ***Training Volunteers in Youth Ministry Series***

A Series of four videos on youth ministry basic, produced by Group. #1 Youth Ministry Basics. #2 Understanding Teenagers. #3 Building Relationships. #4 Keys for Successful Meetings. Each video — 30 minutes. 1989. A.

### ***The Trial and Testimony of the Early Church***

Six half-hour video programs take you to actual Early Church locations to discover what the early believers were really like and how they were able to spread across the whole Roman Empire in spite of waves of terrible persecution. A complete curriculum package with companion book and reproducible student activity sheets. 1990. JH-A.

### ***Troubled Waters (DVD)***

***Troubled Waters*** explores the critical issues of water shortage through the lens of faith and from the perspective of people in Bolivia, Malawi, the Middle East, and the United States who struggle daily to find access to clean, safe water. The film was produced for the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission by the United Church of Christ, and is hosted by actress Lynn Redgrave. 2006. 60 minutes. JH - A.

### ***UCC @ 50: Yesterday's Visionaries, Today's Voices (DVD)***

Celebrating the UCC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this DVD looks back at the history of the United Church of Christ and looks to the future through the voices of a diverse group of young adult UCC members who discuss current realities as well as their dreams and hopes for the next 50 years. 2007. 30 minutes. JH - A.

### ***The UN: The Earth's Hope***

This video looks at the story of the United Nations along with the formative and supportive role of the churches. An excellent way to help people in churches become aware of the involvement of the Church in establishing of the United Nations. Highlights issues the UN has struggled with over 50 years: peace and justice, economic inequalities, clashing cultural perspectives, the environment. 29 minutes. 1995. OE - A.

### ***Unconditional Love***

The AIDS Heartline Story. A small church in Redondo Beach, California, begins a caring and outreach program in their community. St. Paul's United Methodist Church has a heartwarming and inspiring story about their programs to AIDS patients begun in 1988. 30 minutes. 1992. JH, SH, A.

### ***Understanding Pentecost***

Explores the history, traditions, and experiences of Pentecost, how it empowered the early Church, and how we are empowered to experience and live Pentecost lives of our own. Through dance, scripture, and personal interviews, the video provides an excellent introduction for youth and adults to the Pentecost presence in their lives today. 26 minutes. 1996. OE - A.

### ***Understanding the Bible***

Traces the development of the written Bible; describes how the books were collected; explains how one goal of translators has been to put the Bible into

everyday language for the people; and introduces Bible Study using resource books such as concordances. 28 minutes. 1993. OE – A.

***United Church of Christ History and Polity (DVD)***

In 20 minutes, Alan Miller (Conference Minister, Penn Northeast Conference) explains the history and polity of the United Church of Christ. He focuses on words that are associated with the UCC, words such as “unity” and “liberal,” and reflects on “the deep theological understandings behind those words that give the United Church of Christ its unique place” in Christian history. Useful for New member classes and confirmation classes. 20 minutes. 2005. JH-A.

***United Church of Christ Spring 2006 Television Ad (DVD)***

“The Ejector Pew” ad is shown in this DVD.

***Up Golden Creek***

Deals with changing the future for older people. One out of every nine people is over 65. Is there resentment towards older people? How do we keep attitudes healthy? 18 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

***Uplands Retirement Village***

Promotional video for Uplands Retirement Village located on 500 acres in mid-Tennessee at Pleasant Hill, TN. A retirement community utilizing a variety of living quarters for the elderly. 5 minutes. 1991. A.

***Uvas No (No Grapes)***

The Spanish version of *No Grapes*. 15 minutes. 1993. SH, A.

***Veggie Tales***

The award-winning computer animated series.

*Rack, Shack, and Benny* — There's trouble at the Nezzer Chocolate Factory! Tempted by a 90 ft. tall chocolate bunny, and remembering what their parents said about too much candy, Rack, Shack, and Benny are about to find out how risky it can be to stand up for what you believe in.

*A Very Silly Sing Along* — Includes songs like the Veggie Tales theme song, I Can Be Your Friend, Dance of the Cucumber, and many more.

*Are You My Neighbor* — Contains two hilarious stories about loving others.

*Dave and the Giant Pickle* — Is anyone big enough to take on an eight-foot pickle? Have you ever felt too small for a big job? A funny retelling of the story of David and Goliath which teaches kids that with God, all things are possible.

*God Wants to Forgive Them?* — Two stories, The Grapes of Wrath and Larry's Lagoon, all about forgiveness.

*Josh and the Big Wall* — A hilarious retelling of Joshua and the battle of Jericho. With bristling peas guarding the wall, Josh and the Israelites have to decide whether to do things their way or God's way.

*Larry-Boy and the Fib From Outer Space* — The name's Fibilious Minimus! But you can call me Fib. A little fib turns into a big problem for Junior Asparagus. With Dad's favorite bowling plate in pieces, Junior is sure to be punished until a strange visitor advises him to cover his tracks with a white lie.

*The Toy That Saved Christmas* — This video asks the question, "Can a brave little toy find the true meaning of Christmas before it's too late?"

*Where's God When I'm Scared?* — Two stories: Tales from the Crisper and Daniel and the Lion's Den.

Each tape — 30 minutes. 1998. YC – OE.

### ***The Velveteen Rabbit***

Margery Williams' classic story about a toy rabbit that will live forever in the annals of children's literature. 14 minutes. 1989. All ages.

### ***Veracity Video Vignettes: Discussion Starters for Youth (DVDs)***

Volume 1 – The Walk; 24/7; Naos; Jesus Pulled Me Out; Spiders and Snakes

Volume 2 – Outsider; Life Song; Tell 'Em I'm Busy; Solo Gain; Before the Lord.

Each of these short vignettes is no longer than 6 minutes long. They are helpful for getting students talking and think and growing as disciples. Discussion guide included. Can be used in conjunction with "Claim the Life" curriculum for junior and senior high classes. 2007. JH-SH.

### ***Visions and Voices: Festival of Redemption and Resistance***

Highlights of the United Church of Christ Third National Meeting of Women held in Boston, Mass, in June, 1996.

### ***The Visit: A Video Translation of Luke 1:39-56***

At a time when women seldom traveled alone, Mary courageously visited her elderly cousin to assist during Elizabeth's time of pregnancy and received a blessing for her own unborn son, Jesus. In her joy, Mary sings a Song of Praise to God and remembers all the great things God has done for the oppressed through the ages. In this exciting and colorful video, the Women of the Calabash, a New York-based performance group who draws upon many musical and dance traditions, provide young people with a new translation of this important Scripture text. 8 minutes. 1994. JH, SH, A.

### ***Volunteer Ministries: With the Heart and Mind of a Servant (DVD)***

*With the Heart and Mind of a Servant* is the story of UCC Volunteer Ministries during the past 50 years and into the future. Viewers will meet people who have heeded God's call to serve others and in the process have found their own lives changed.

### ***Vulture***

*Vulture* is about psychological vultures. The video attacks the self-put-down vultures we use so frequently to destroy our self-confidence. The humorous and engaging story follows a day in the life of Patty, whose habit of putting herself down provides a feast for her vultures. 15 minutes. 1990. OE – A.

### ***The Wall***

In the early hours of Good Friday morning, two thieves, awaiting crucifixion, agonize in a lonely prison cell. Through a small hole in the cell wall, they can glimpse another prisoner who will be crucified with them. Together they argue about who this man is, and wonder if he has the power to save their souls. 40 minutes. 1999. SH. A.

### ***A Walk to Remember***

Love brings together what peer pressure and lifestyles seek to keep apart in this moving story based on a bestseller by Nicholas Sparks. Mandy Moore plays Jamie, a preacher's daughter whose self-confidence doesn't depend on the opinions of others. Shan West plays Landon, who's skating through high school on looks and bravado. But when events thrust him into Jamie's world, he begins an unexpected journey he'll never forget. Trust. Hope. Goals. Faith. Unconditional love. They're the remarkable steps to a transformed life. 102 minutes. 2002. JH-SH.

***War is the Coward's Escape From the Problems of Peace***

A lecture by The Rev. William Sloan Coffin, presented at the beginning of military action in Iraq.. 30 minutes. SH. A.

***Warning Signs***

Each year, approximately 30,000 people kill themselves in the United States. Suicide is often a preventable tragedy. The keys to suicide prevention are knowing what the warning signs are and what to do to help. *Warning Signs* teaches people to recognize the signs of a depressed or suicidal person and to take specific actions to help them. [See also *A Cry for Help* which is specifically addressed to young people to help them recognize signs of a depressed or suicidal friend.] 20 minutes. 2001. A.

***We Are All Noah***

This is a beautiful film dedicated to the segment of society that up until the time this film was made had not been concerned about animal rights or welfare — the religious community. 28 minutes. 1989. SH, A.

***We the Children***

The effects of violence, told in the words of children and youth in their everyday lives. Insights of their teachers and other professionals who work with them, and what steps the community of Bridgeport, CT is undertaking to change and dismantle the culture of violence in their city. 57 minutes. 1994. OE – A.

***Welcome to Polynesia!***

A good look at the culture of the Polynesian people of Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga, Maori New Zealand, Marqueses, Tahiti, and Fiji. 60 minutes. 1993. All ages.

***Welcoming the Children***

Based on the book, *Welcome the Child: A Child Advocacy Guide for Churches*, designed to help congregations fulfill their Christian responsibility to children through worship, education, outreach, and advocacy. 24 minutes. 1994. SH, A.

***What is the Integrity of Creation, Justice, and Peace?***

This video gives us a good definition of the Integrity of Creation, Justice, and Peace (ICJP). It shows us a new perspective on the earth and creations and gives us a new response to make to the whole of creation which is blessed by God. 12 minutes. 1992. SH, A.

***What's So Amazing About Grace? (oversize)***

*What's So Amazing About Grace?* is a 10-session curriculum that offers intimate glimpses of God's power to forgive the most horrible deeds, love the unloving, and redeem the seemingly irredeemable. And the presenter, Philip Yancey, helps viewers consider the disturbing impact on human hearts when our actions as Christians deny the grace they proclaim. Kit contains: a 120-minute video, participant's guide, leader's guide, and one hardcover copy of the book, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* 2000. A.

***When A Kid is Gay***

Highlights a number of teen aged gays and lesbians who are part of a support group in Boston as they struggle with the difficulties they face, their feelings, issues of coming out to parents and friends, and messages they get from their churches and the culture. 55 minutes. 2000. SH, A.

***When A Loved One Dies: Walking Through Grief as a Teenager***

The death of a loved one is always a difficult experience. But when you are teenager, walking through grief is particularly poignant. *When a Loved One Dies* helps teens understand the grief process through the testimonies of young people who have walked through it. The video covers such topics as: surviving the first days, weeks, and months after a death; grieving the relationship lost; grieving particular types of deaths; facing your future; learning to cope; rebuilding your life. 30 minutes. 2002. JH, SH.

***When All Is Said and Done***

The focus in this video is "the family meeting," a gathering designed to help family members to say goodbye to one another when a person within that family is facing imminent death. Several men and women close to death are featured in this video which was designed as a training resource for medical directors of hospices. The family meeting is portrayed as a sacred ritual in which a guide's presence is recommended. The process of the meeting moves from "The Story of the Wound" to "Worries and Fears," "Roots," "The Family Speaks," and finally, "Blessing." A.

***When Mom and Dad Break Up***

Nearly 45% of all today's children will go through divorce. They have all kinds of questions. This video is reassuring and entertaining with music, dance, animation, and kid-to-kid straight talk to help youngsters who feel bad, mad, or sad. 32 minutes. 1993. YC - OE.

***When You Are Called to Care***

A description of the value of the Called to Care program for churches to equip lay visitors. 28 minutes. 1995. A.

***When Your Parent Needs You***

Caring for an aging parent is an all-encompassing experience that affects every aspect of our lives. *When Your Parent Needs You* focuses on the positive aspects of caregiving and on what caregivers can obtain from their experience. This video covers topics such as: Becoming your parent's caregiver; Experiencing life changes through caregiving; Recognizing and dealing with the stress of caregiving; and Growing as a caregiver. 35 minutes. 2001. A.

***Who Speaks for the Children?***

Produced by the Iowa Inter-Church Agency for Peace and Justice, and raises the issues of poverty and children. 28 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

***Whole and Forgiven: A Bible Study Experience with Walter Wink***

An exciting Bible study series on healing, in an exciting new format. Noted scholar Walter Wink mixes a variety of teaching and discovery techniques in a well-paced, rich learning experience that personalizes the study for each participant. The six-part video series can be used in sessions from 45 minutes to two hours in length. Requires modest preparation by any leader. #1 The Man Let Down Through the Roof — Mark 2 (29 minutes); #2 The Bent-Over Woman — Luke 13 (32 minutes) #3 The Woman With the Hemorrhage — Mark 5 (27 minutes); #4 Blind Bartimaeus — Mark 10 (33 minutes) #5 The Woman With the Ointment — Luke 7 (33

minutes); #6 The Compassionate Samaritan — Luke 10 (32 minutes). 1997. SH, A.

***Whose Choice?***

This tape, hosted by Roe vs. Wade attorney, Sara Weddington, builds a strong case for a woman's right to choose abortion. It focuses vividly on three themes in the debate. 38 minutes. 1991.SH, A.

***The Widow's Mite***

The true experience of a young missionary in Hong Kong, who learns from an elderly woman the real meaning of evangelization. 26 minutes. 1989. OE – A.

***Will Our Children Have Faith?***

John Westerhoff talks to educators and parents about sharing the faith. The three segments are: #1 Baptism: Remembering Who We Are? #2 Made Not Born: Life in the Church; #3 Pilgrimage: Living into our Baptism. 30 minutes. 1989. A.

***Will the Defense Please Rest***

Four sessions led by Dr. Les Carter on 2 videos with a study guide. A course designed to create better communications in marriage. Each session is 30 minutes long. Tape #1, Session 1: Will the Defense Please Rest? Session 2: Why Does Defensiveness Occur? Tape #2, Session 3: Inner Attitudes Leading to Harmony; Session 4: A Formula for Marital Harmony. 1991. A.

***With Hammers, Paint, and Love***

A video that can be shown to youth interested in participating in work camps and in mission. Also good for adult supporters, helpers, and advisors to give youth a clear understanding of what's involved in a work camp program. 20 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

***With These Gifts***

Expressions of lay ministry in the UCC. Seven lay persons across the denomination share their understanding of what it means to be a Christian in today's world. The settings for these stories vary widely but shows the commitment of each person doing ministry where he/she lives. 20 minutes. 1993. JH, SH, A.

***Witness to Apartheid***

This video clearly depicts the violence that was part of the South African state, not only the institutional violence of the system, but also the over repressive violence used on those who resisted Apartheid. 55 minutes. 1989. JH, SH, A.

***Women and Children First: A Faith-Based Perspective on Welfare Reform***

Deals with the need to rebuild social systems in the United States so people can escape poverty with justice and dignity. Features current and former AFDC recipients who share their experiences with and views of the welfare system. A user-friendly resource for congregations. Produced by an ecumenical coalition of women representing Church Women United, the National Council of Churches, the United Methodist Church, and the United Church of Christ. A facilitator's guide is available for leading workshops. 24 minutes. 1995. SH, A.

***The Wonder of Living Things in the Land of Jesus***

This video is shot in Israel, and it helps children appreciate the animals and plants in the stories that Jesus told. 25 minutes. 1989. YC - OE.

***The Word is Out***

This documentary film consists of interviews with gay men and women who talk about their lives and what they believe and how they feel about their sexuality. The video is divided into three sessions of varying length — #1 — 47 minutes, #2 — 51 minutes, #3 — 20 minutes.

***Word on the Street***

Students in the mall, on the street, in school hallways—Christians and non-Christians alike—respond to questions such as: What do you think about Christians? What do you plan to tell your children about sex? What do you think it's like to be a woman? What do you think it's like to be poor? Rich? Who is God? Useful for discussion starters. 45 minutes. JH-SH.

***World Council of Churches: Staying Together***

*Staying Together* explains the ecumenical vision and work of the World Council of Churches. 34 minutes. 1999. SH, A.

***Worship: Images Involving Children***

This video is designed to strengthen the participation of children in congregational worship and to help them realize the relationship to God that worship offers each person. 20 minutes. 1992. All ages.

***Wrath of Grapes***

A film produced by the United Farm Workers of America, documenting the dangers to workers and consumers through the use of oil-based pesticides sprayed on grapes. 15 minutes. 1989. OE - A.

***Wrestling With Angels***

Two videotapes with six programs feature intimate and personal stories of well-known authors/communicators who reflect honestly their deepest struggles with life's really touch questions. Tape 1. #1 How Do I Know What to Do? - Tony Campolo; #2 If You're So Good Why Are Things So Awful? - Philip Yancy; #3 Why Don't My Prayers Get Answered? - Richard Foster. Tape 2. #4 How Do I Forgive and Get On With My Life? - Lewis Smedes; #5 How Can I Question and Still Believe? - Madeleine L'Engle; #6 Why Is Loving So Hard? - Keith Miller. 25 minutes per session. 1994. SH, A.

***You Can't Say Hello Until You've Said Goodbye (oversize)***

An interactive video program on family transitions divided into 5 sessions. Session #1 — Family Transitions; Session #2 — Love and Intimacy; Session #3 — Raising Responsible and Independent Children; Session #4 — Living Singly; Session #5 — Review and Renew. Topics covered are marriage, birth, children leaving, divorce, death, and living singly. Comes with Leader's Guide. 35 minute video. 1991. SH, A.

***You Shall Be My Witnesses***

*You Shall Be My Witnesses* shows the response of the United Church of Christ as a denomination—through congregations, associations, conferences and national agencies—in five areas of ministry: urban issues, health care, environmental

stewardship, sexual harassment, and mission and empowerment for ministry. 30 minutes. 1993. SH, A.

***Young at Heart***

An endearing film about a widow and widower, both artists, who meet in their eighties, court and marry. Both Louis and Reva have experienced tragedies in their lives: he cared for his first wife for ten years while she suffered from Alzheimer's Disease; she lost her husband and then her only children to cancer and a boating accident, respectively. Despite adversity, they both share a life-force that accents the positive and creative, and together they reaffirm that love and romance can happen at any age for the clear-eyed and open-hearted. 29 minutes. 1987. A.

***The You in U.C.C.***

A forthright discussion of how the individual's participation in the life of the church helps the many ministries and missions happen. 10 minutes. 1999. JH, SH, A.

***Zenith***

*Zenith* portrays the plight of small family farmers set against the production of a passion play in the rural Kansas towns of Stafford and Zenith. The gentle but uplifting way the film maker illustrates rural life (and particularly rural church life) is quite moving. The struggle of small farm communities is both poignant and powerful. An excellent resource for groups looking to learn more about the farm crisis, rural life, or the sacredness of life's simple pleasures. 55 minutes. 2002. JH, SH, A.

## **Special Collections**

### ***Evangelism for Today Videotapes***

#### ***Components for Evangelism and Membership Growth***

"Let's See It For the Church" and "Welcome" (two programs on one tape)

Introduction to Invitational Evangelism

Building a Positive Growth Attitude

Organizing for Growth

Attracting/Inviting

Hospitality

Cultivating

Orienting

Increasing Worship Attendance

Engaging in Social Witness Ministries

#### ***The Lyle Schaller Membership Growth Videotape Series***

The Keys to Growth: "Growing Churches in the United Church of Christ

What are the Barriers to Growth

What Happens if the Small Membership Church Grows (Part II of set — Part I, "How Does the Small Membership Church Grow?" is missing)

How Does the Middle-Sized Church Grow?

How Does the Multiple Staff Large Membership Church Grow?

Leadership and Membership Growth  
Increasing Worship Attendance  
A New Era for Central City Churches  
Ministerial Leadership and Moving Up Off the Plateau (2 tapes)

***Videotapes from General Synod***

General Synod 16 (1987) — The Making of Decisions  
General Synod 16 (1987) — Pension Boards Presentation to  
16<sup>th</sup> G.S. (1987)  
General Synod 17 (1989) — G.S. 17 Highlights  
General Synod 17 (1989) — G.S. 17 - "Faces from Forth  
Worth"  
General Synod 18 (1991) — "Faith Shares"  
General Synod 19 (1993) — G. S. 19 - Highlights  
General Synod 19 (1993) — G.S. 19 Shared Service of Worship  
Archbishop Desmond Tutu  
General Synod 21 (1997) — "Celebration: 40 Years of Faith"  
General Synod 21 (1997) — Robin Meyers — Synod Sermon  
General Synod 22 (1999) — Jonathan Kozol, Keynote Address  
General Synod 22 (1999) — Michael Kinnamon, Synod Sermon  
General Synod 23 (2001) — G.S. Assembly Wrap Up - Kansas  
City  
General Synod 24 (2003) - General Synod Highlights

General Synod 26 (2007) – Bill Moyers, Walter Brueggemann, Susan Thistlethwaite, Lynn Redgrave, Peter Gomes, Steeplejacking, Ricardo Esquivia, Marian Wright Edelman, 3 Women for Peace, Kevin Phillips, Sunday afternoon worship (DVDs)

Barack Obama; Marian Wright Edelman and Lynn Redgrave; The Children's Orchestra; Danah Boyd; Walter Brueggemann; DJ Davey D; Famous Dave; Hyung Kyung Chung; John Hockenberry; Kevin Phillips; Maria Otero; Marilyn Robinson and Peter Gomes (Part 1); Peter Gomes (Part 2); Ray Kurzweil; Ricardo Esquivia; Steeplejacking; Susan Thistlethwaite; 3 Women for Peace; Rachel Barton Pine; Diane Darling; Harry Knox; Bill Moyers; Renita Weems (Audio CD's)

### ***Consultations on Parish Ministry***

Consultation on Parish Ministry XII –  
Speech by Bill Moyers

Consultation on Parish Ministry XII –  
Presentation by Barry Johnson: "Television and Mainline Churches"

### ***Connecticut Conference,***

#### ***UCC Annual Meeting Videotapes***

#### ***And Special Meetings***

January 13, 1991 – Special Meeting of the CT. Conference on the Persian Gulf Conflict

Tape #1 Dr. Dale Bishop.

#2 Panel Response

1997, 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. "Joyfully Created, Joyfully Creating"

The Conference Minister's Address

Keynote Address: The Rev. Jose A. Malayang

1998, 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.

Yale Gospel Choir.

Andrew Young.

1999, 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting.

The Conference Minister's Address.

Questions and Answers with the President of the U.C.C.

The Story of Margru, a girl captive of the Amistad

2000, 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting

Ricardo Esquivia

2001, 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

The Conference Minister's Address

Ched Myers – "Economic Sabbath"

Jane Smith – Hartford Seminary

2002, 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

The Conference Minister's Address

Keynote Address: Bernice Powell Jackson

Festival Worship

2003, 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

The Conference Minister's Address

Keynote: Fredericka Brenneman

2005, 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Shari Prestemon

Wilmer Brown

2006 May Annual Meeting

2007 Fall Annual Meeting