

# Theology, Formation & Evangelism Ministry Resources



# Ministry Area Resources

Included here are some of the resources offered by the ministry areas in the Office of Theology, Formation & Evangelism in the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Use the links in this brochure to find these, and many other free written resources and videos created for individuals, small groups, large groups, congregations, presbyteries, and more.

## Evangelism

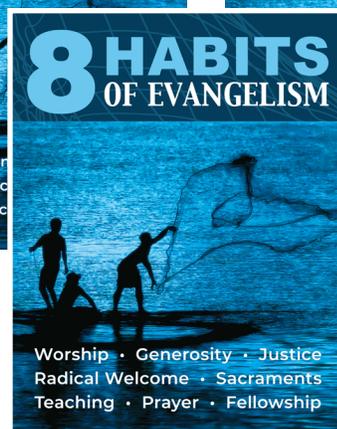
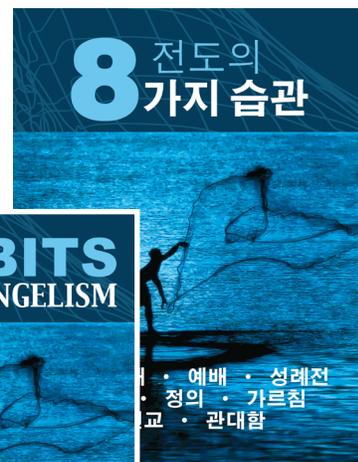
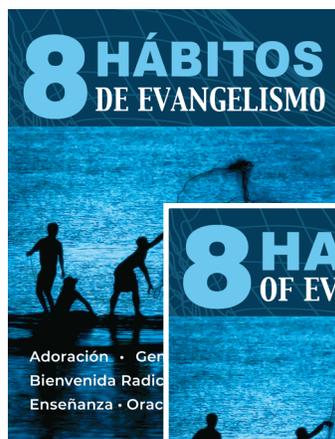
[www.pcusa.org/evangelism](http://www.pcusa.org/evangelism)

### 8 Habits of Evangelism

This resource identifies and explores eight habits of faith, which invite the reader on a journey into the love of God, the lives of our neighbors, and the transformation of creation. This book is the work of nine authors, each focusing on one of the eight habits and contributing a short chapter with discussion questions for that habit.

Download the book and watch recorded interviews and webinars with each of the authors speaking on their specific habit of evangelism: [www.8habits.org](http://www.8habits.org)

(Available in English, Spanish, & Korean)



### Evangelism Conference Resources

Watch the recorded videos from our 2022 conference, *Evangelism: Addressing Harm, Embracing Hope*. Worship services & keynote sessions as well as workshops are available, along with many virtual resources available for download: [www.pcusa.org/evangelism](http://www.pcusa.org/evangelism)

(scroll down & click on the blue box labeled “Evangelism Conference Resources”)

(Videos & documents available in English & Spanish)





## Christian Formation

[www.pcusa.org/formation](http://www.pcusa.org/formation)

Find quicksheets, toolkits, and other resources, including those created in collaboration with our partners in the Christian Formation Collective (APCE, PCCCA, POAMN, PYWA, UKirk).

[www.pcusa.org/quicksheets](http://www.pcusa.org/quicksheets)

The Faith Formation Leader Connection brings together leaders of faith formation ministries in the PCUSA. We do this by offering a variety of ways for leaders to share, connect and learn. All leaders are welcome to connect to this network and find the entry points that enrich their ministries.

[www.pcusa.org/leaderconnection](http://www.pcusa.org/leaderconnection)

Connect with us on Facebook!

[Office of Christian Formation Facebook page](#) – See resources posted daily

[Facebook group](#) -- Discuss and share resources with others

Contact us at [Christian.Formation@pcusa.org](mailto:Christian.Formation@pcusa.org) to receive our quarterly newsletter highlighting resources.

## Presbyterian Youth & Triennium

[www.pcusa.org/youthandtriennium](http://www.pcusa.org/youthandtriennium)

Four PYT Connect resources based on the theme, “When Did We See You?” are now available to help you create and host your own local or regional PYT theme experience! These are FREE for you to use to launch this timely biblical theme into the hearts and minds of your youth,

young adults, families, and intergenerational groups. The four books are: Event Planning Guide, Group Study Guide, Worship & Prayer Guide, and Recreation Guide.

Each can be adjusted for a wide variety of events and settings including a small church, presbytery gathering, weekend retreat, regional PYT experience, or mid-week series. You’ll also find information on how to use each guide, supply lists, planning suggestions and more! Download the books and find additional resources:

<https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>





## Vital Congregations

[www.pcusa.org/vitalcongregations](http://www.pcusa.org/vitalcongregations)

The Vital Congregations Initiative works alongside leaders of existing congregations continually assessing, discerning and living into faithful actions that increase vitality through intentional spiritual practices that take them deeper into following Jesus Christ, so that their own lives are changed, congregations are transformed, and the mission of God spreads throughout particular communities and the world.



The Urban Presbyteries Network includes presbytery leaders from over 30 “urban-centric” presbyteries. The goal of UPN is to sustain, inspire, and empower. Through online meetings and annual in-person gatherings, we hope to learn from one another; to prayerfully see the needs and offer ourselves in service to God’s mission.

## Scattered Church

[www.pcusa.org/scatteredchurch](http://www.pcusa.org/scatteredchurch)

Originally created to provide timely resources to ministry leaders during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, this website continues to offer existing and new resources on many topics for a wide audience within the church.

### Recorded Webinar Series:

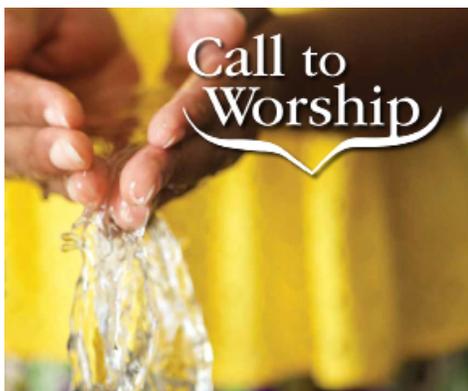
#### Scattered Church Webinars on Evangelism

Ministry areas within Theology, Formation & Evangelism hosted five webinars with invited guests discussing different aspects of Evangelism in the 21st century. Videos of each webinar are available in English & Spanish.

- Ray Jones & Kathryn Threadgill in conversation with Bryce Wiebe, Alonzo Johnson, Flo Barbee-Watkins, Brian Coulter on evangelism in our current context.
- **Christian Formation** – Stephanie Fritz in conversation with Matt Shick (CedarKirk Camp & Conference Center), Jessie Light-Wells (UKirk SMU), and Kathryn Campbell (Pastor & APCE) on teaching and evangelism.
- **1001 NWC and Vital Congregations** -- Nikki Collins & Carlton Johnson in conversation with Jon Mathieu, Katie Kinnison, and Reggie Avant, on evangelism through the lens of addressing harm & trauma caused by the church.
- **Theology & Worship** -- Barry Ensign-George in conversation with William Brown (Columbia Theological Seminary) and Donghyun Jeong (Austin Theological Presbyterian Seminary) on less common Biblical texts for evangelism.
- **Presbyterian Youth & Triennium** -- Gina Yeager-Buckley and Mark Yaconelli discuss Storytelling as Radical Hospitality in evangelism for Youth & Young Adults.

# Theology & Worship

[www.pcusa.org/theologyandworship](http://www.pcusa.org/theologyandworship)



## Call to Worship

[www.pcusa.org/calltoworship](http://www.pcusa.org/calltoworship)

*Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts* offers insight and inspiration for pastors, church musicians, artists, and other worship leaders. Find ideas for worship, musical selections and prayers based on the Scriptures of the Revised Common Lectionary, and insightful articles on liturgical theology and practice. This quarterly journal is published by the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is available by paid subscription.



## Everyday God-Talk

[www.pcusa.org/egt](http://www.pcusa.org/egt)

Everyday God-Talk is a video series of interviews with church leaders and theologians, talking about God in everyday language and through everyday perspectives. We hope to bridge the gap between what's going on at church, what's happening in our everyday lives, and many theologians in the U.S. and beyond.



## Worship Resources

[www.pcusa.org/worship](http://www.pcusa.org/worship)

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world. (Directory for Worship, W-1.1001)

On this website, you'll find extensive resources for pastors and church leaders preparing for worship.

# Financial Aid for Service

[www.pcusa.org/financialaid](http://www.pcusa.org/financialaid)

Supporting Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) members attending college, preparing for church occupations, and helping church workers manage educational debt is the primary focus of the work in Financial Aid for Service. Financial Aid for Service awards up to 1.2 million dollars a year in assistance to students, and up to \$100,000 in grants to Presbyterian Related schools, colleges, and universities to support teaching religion and the Bible.

## Loan Assistance

[www.pcusa.org/loanassist](http://www.pcusa.org/loanassist)

If you have debt from student loans, we're here to help! Our newest ministry initiative has already identified over \$13,000,000 in student loan repayment savings for pastors and other church workers.

The Financial Aid for Service office and the Board of Pensions of the PC(USA) are partnering with PeopleJoy to provide student loan advising as well as hands-on Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) application paperwork support.

We encourage anyone who has worked at a nonprofit organization to sign up for coaching and the optional webinar. This includes all church leaders, volunteers, those serving on sessions and church staff (including those who may not be members of a PC[USA] church).

Programs with May 15 deadlines for application:

**Presbyterian Scholarship for Undergraduates**  
serving Presbyterian students attending college or university in the United States  
[www.pcusa.org/college](http://www.pcusa.org/college)

**Presbyterian Study Grant**  
serving Presbyterian MDiv and MACE students attending seminary in the United States.  
[www.pcusa.org/psg](http://www.pcusa.org/psg)

Programs with quarterly application deadlines:

**Samuel Robinson Award**  
serving students attending Presbyterian-Related colleges and universities  
[www.pcusa.org/sam](http://www.pcusa.org/sam)

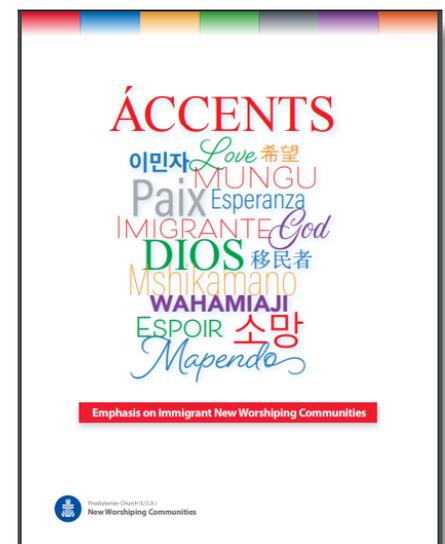
**Teaching the Bible Grant**  
serving Presbyterian-Related schools, colleges, and universities  
[www.pcusa.org/Bible](http://www.pcusa.org/Bible)

# 1001 New Worshiping Communities

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/>

Immigrant faith communities are the fastest-growing group in the PC(USA). To support the unique needs of these blossoming communities, we've created a one-stop source for immigrant leaders and the mid councils, presbyteries and others working alongside them.

The website below hosts resources to help leaders navigate policy and practices and help partner presbyteries and congregations learn how to support and encourage our new neighbors and friends. *Accents: Emphasis on Immigrant New Worshiping Communities* is a new resource, written by new worshiping community leaders and available to download at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Accents-Final.pdf>





# MATTHEW 25 Resources

[www.pcusa.org/matthew25](http://www.pcusa.org/matthew25)

The Matthew 25 Vision focuses on Matthew 25: 31-46, the parable of the sheep and goats in which Jesus makes clear, that what we do matters to God and how we treat others is important to God. When we welcome others, we welcome Christ; when we bring together people who are divided, we are doing God's reconciling work.

The three main foci of the Matthew 25 Vision are:

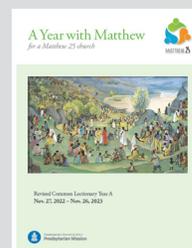
- **Building Congregational Vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- **Dismantling Structural Racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- **Eradicating Systemic Poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

Below are some of the free resources for Bible study and worship planning developed by Theology, Formation & Evangelism to help individuals, small groups, faith communities and congregations, and mid councils, engage with this message of the gospel in Matthew 25.

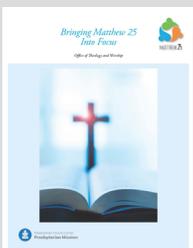
To download: [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/matt-25-resources/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/matt-25-resources/)



**Matthew 25 and Intergenerational Community**  
Ideas for including & engaging the whole faith community in the Matthew 25 invitation.



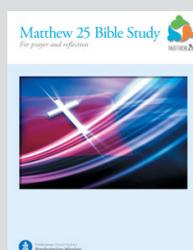
**A Year with Matthew 2022-2023**  
Ideas for preaching, music, study, and prayer for Revised Common Lectionary Year A, in keeping with the Matthew 25 vision of the PC(USA).



**Bringing Matthew 25 Into Focus**  
Are the three foci of the Matthew 25 Vision grounded in Matt. 25:31-46? Consider using this resource as mid council leaders, pastors and staff, sessions, and educators introducing the Matthew 25 invitation to faith communities.



**A Year with Matthew 25 Podcast**  
10-min weekly podcast connecting Sunday lectionary readings with the Matthew 25 vision. For personal reflection or worship preparation. Scan this QR code with your smart-phone camera or visit: [feeds.buzzsprout.com/2049438rss](https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/2049438rss)



**Matthew 25 Bible Study**  
An introduction to the Scripture underlying the Matthew 25 vision for prayer and reflection. This Bible Study is ideal for groups or individual study.





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