

**HERITAGE CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
*Ministry Resources*

**I. Journals/Magazines**

**The African American Pulpit** (Subscription \$35 for 1 year; \$58 for 2 years)  
[www.theafricanamericanpulpit.com](http://www.theafricanamericanpulpit.com)

**The Living Pulpit** (Subscription \$39 for 1 year)  
[www.pulpit.org](http://www.pulpit.org)

**Preaching** (Subscription \$29.95 for 1 year)  
[www.preaching.com/preaching/index.html](http://www.preaching.com/preaching/index.html)

**Pulpit Digest (Subscription \$24.95 for 1 year)**  
Circulation Manager  
Pulpit Digest  
P.O. Box 2357  
San Francisco, CA 94126

**II. Reading List**

**Biblical Studies**

Crockett, Joseph V. **Teaching Scripture from an African-American Perspective**. Discipleship Resources (1990).

Tiffany, Frederick C. and Ringe, Sharon H. **Biblical Intepretation: A Roadmap**. Abingdon Press (1996).

**Historical Studies**

Gonzalez, Justo. **The Story of Christianity** (Volumes I & II). Harper San Franscisco (1984, 1985).

Marty, Martin. **A Short History of Christianity**, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Fortress Press (1987).

Pinn, Anne H. and Pinn, Anthony B. **Fortress Introduction to Black Church History**. Fortress Press (2001).

Raboteau, Albert J. **Canaan Land: A Religious History of African Americans**. Oxford University Press (reprinted 2001).

**Leadership**

McKenzie, Vashti M. **Not Without a Struggle: Leadership Development for African American Women in Ministry**. United Church Press (1996).

Slaughter, Michael. **Unlearning Church: Just When You Thought You Had Leadership All Figured Out.** Group Publishing, Inc. (2001).

Weems, Lovett. **Church Leadership: Vision, Team, Culture and Integrity.** Abingdon Press (1993).

### **Ministry Studies**

Franklin, Robert M. **Another Day's Journey: Black Churches Confronting the American Crisis.** Fortress Press (1997).

Duffett, Robert G. **A Relevant Word: Communicating the Gospel to Seekers.** Judson Press (1995).

Proctor, Samuel D. and Taylor, Gardner C. **We Have This Ministry: The Heart of the Pastor's Vocation.** Judson Press (1996).

Weems, Renita J. **Listening for God: A Minister's Journey Through Silence and Doubt.** Simon & Schuster (1999).

### **Spirituality**

Proctor, Samuel DeWitt. **The Substance of Things Hoped For: A Memoir of African-American Faith.** Putnam (1995).

Wimberly, Anne Streaty. **In Search of Wisdom: Faith Formation in the Black Church.** Abingdon Press (2002).

Wimberly, Edward P. **Recalling Our Own Stories: Spiritual Renewal for Religious Caregivers.** Jossey-Bass (1997).

### **Pastoral Care/Counseling**

Eugene, Toinette M. and Poling, James N. **Balm for Gilead: Pastoral Care for African American Families Experiencing Abuse.** Abingdon Press (1998).

### **Polity** (Denominational Studies)

**We Baptists.** Baptist World Alliance (1998).

### **Preaching**

Buttrick, David G. **Homiletic Moves and Structures.** Fortress Press (1989).

Forbes, James A. **The Holy Spirit and Preaching.** Abingdon Press (1989).

Hamilton, Donald L. **Homiletical Handbook.** Baptist Sunday School Board (reprinted 1992).

Johnston, Graham MacPherson and Robinson, Haddon W. **Preaching to a Postmodern World: A Guide to Reaching 21<sup>st</sup> Century Listeners.** Baker Book House (2001).

LaRhue, Cleophas J. **The Heart of Black Preaching.** Westminster/John Knox Press (1999).

Lowry, Eugene L. **The Homiletical Plot: The Sermon as Narrative Art Form.** Westminster/John Knox Press (2000).

McMickle, Marvin A. **Living Water for Thirsty Souls: Unleashing the Power of Exegetical Preaching.** Judson Press (2001).

Proctor, Samuel D. **How Shall They Hear? Effective Preaching for Vital Faith.** Judson Press (1992).  
                     **The Certain Sound of the Trumpet: Crafting a Sermon of Authority.** Judson Press (1994).

Taylor, Barbara Brown. **The Preaching Life.** Cowley Publications (1993).

Thomas, Frank A. **They Like to Never Quit Praisin' God: The Role of Celebration in Preaching.** United Church Press (1997).

Watley, William D. and Cook, Suzan Johnson. **Preaching in Two Voices: Sermons on the Women in Jesus' Life.** Judson Press (1992).

Webb, Joseph. **Preaching Without Notes.** Abingdon Press (2001).

Wilson, Paul Scott. **The Practice of Preaching.** Abingdon Press (1995).

### **Theology**

Cone, James H. **God of the Oppressed.** Orbis Books (reprinted 1997).

Evans, James H. **We Shall All Be Changed: Social Problems and Theological Renewal.** Fortress Press (1997).

Hopkins, Dwight N. **Heart and Head: Black Theology Past, Present and Future.** Palgrave MacMillan (2002).

Roberts, J. Deotis. **The Prophethood of Black Believers: An African American Political Theology for Ministry.** Westminster/John Knox Press (1994).

Townes, Emilie M., ed. **A Troubling in My Soul: Womanist Perspectives on Evil and Suffering.** Orbis Books (1993).

Walvoord, John. **Holy Spirit: A Comprehensive Study of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.** Zondervan (1991).

Weems, Renita J. **Just a Sister Away: A Womanist Vision of Women's Relationships in the Bible.** LuraMedia (1998).

## Women's Literature

**Bibb, Stephanie (editor). Women's Liberation, Jesus Style: Messages of Spirituality and Wisdom. InterVarsity Press (paperback edition, 2002).**

Brown, Teresa Fry. **Weary Throats and New Songs: Black Women Proclaiming God's Word.** Abingdon Press (June 2003).

Carpenter, Delores C. **A Time for Honor: A Portrait of African-American Clergywomen.** Chalice Press (2001).

Collier-Thomas, Betty. **Daughters of Thunder: Black Women Preachers and Their Sermons, 1850-1979.** Jossey-Bass (1997).

Davis-Smith, Sharone (editor). **Sister Soldiers: Rousing Sermons by Today's Greatest Black Women Preachers.** Welcome Rain (March 2003).

Gilkes, Cheryl Townsend. **If It Wasn't for the Women...: Black Women's Experience and Womanist Culture in Church and Community.** Orbis Books (2000).

Hollies, Linda H. **Jesus and Those Bodacious Women: Life Lessons From One Sister to Another.** United Church Press (1998).

McKenzie, Vashti Murphy. **Journey to the Well.** Penguin USA (paperback edition, May 2003).

Mitchell, Ella P. **Those Preachin' Women (Volume 1): Sermons by Black Women Preachers.** Judson Press (1985).

Patterson, Sheron. **New Faith: A Black Christian Woman's Guide to Reformation, Re-creation, Rediscovery, Renaissance, Resurrection and Revival.** Fortress Press (2000).

Porter, Jeanne. **Leading Ladies: Transformative Biblical Images for Women's Leadership.** Innisfree Press (2000).

Swoope, Diana L. and Sanders, Cheryl J. Sanders. **Chosen and Highly Favored: A Woman's Sacred Call to Holiness.** Beacon Hill Press (2001).

Weems, Renita J. **I Asked for Intimacy: Stories of Blessings, Betrayals and Birthings.** Innisfree Press (1993).

\_\_\_\_\_. **Showing Mary: How Women Can Share Prayers, Wisdom and the Blessings of God.** Warner Books/Walk Worthy Press (2002).

Wheatley, Margaret J. **Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future.** Berrett-Koehler (2002).

### **Other Sister-Names to Know and Read:**

*Katie Geneva Cannon*  
*Karen Baker-Fletcher*

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*prepared by Heritage Center for Religious Studies*

*Jacquelyn Grant*  
*Diana Hayes*  
*Cheryl Kirk-Duggan*  
*Emilie Townes*  
*Delores S. Williams*

***Other Sources for Books:***

- Search the web sites of reputable publishers for titles in various areas. They sometimes offer discounts if books are purchased directly from their sites. Some of the publishers include: [www.fortresspress.com](http://www.fortresspress.com), [www.orbisbooks.com](http://www.orbisbooks.com), [www.judsonpress.com](http://www.judsonpress.com), [www.abingdonpress.com](http://www.abingdonpress.com)
- Many authors have written too many titles to list here. Search for other book titles by authors' names:
  - David G. Buttrick
  - James H. Cone
  - Fred Craddock
  - Kelly Brown Douglas
  - H. Beecher Hicks
  - Dwight N. Hopkins
  - Samuel D. Proctor
  - Carlyle Fielding Stewart
  - Frank Anthony Thomas
  - Howard Thurman
  - Emilie M. Townes
  - William D. Watley
  - Renita J. Weems
  - Cornel West
  - Anne Streaty Wimberly
  - Edward Wimberly
  - Jeremiah Wright

**III. 2004-2005 Conferences (Most Annual)**

March:            **SCUPE Congress on Urban Ministry**  
[www.scupe.com](http://www.scupe.com)  
March 2005    Chicago

**American Baptist College Garnett-Nabrit Lectures**  
[www.abcnash.edu](http://www.abcnash.edu)  
March 15-17, 2005    Nashville

May:             **Festival of Homiletics**  
[www.festivalofhomiletics.com](http://www.festivalofhomiletics.com)  
May 16-20, 2005    Chicago (location changes each year)

June:            **Hampton University Ministers' Conference**  
[www.hamptonu.edu](http://www.hamptonu.edu)  
June 6-11, 2004    Hampton, Virginia

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- July:           **Kingdom Conference: Advancing the Kingdom Agenda**  
[www.newpsalmist.org](http://www.newpsalmist.org)  
July 22-24, 2004   Baltimore
- September:    Urban Outreach Foundation **National Conference for Pastors and Christian Educators**  
[www.urbanoutreach.net](http://www.urbanoutreach.net)  
September 22-25, 2004   Chicago
- October:       **Lyman Beecher Lectures**  
[www.yale.edu/divinity](http://www.yale.edu/divinity)  
Yale Divinity School   New Haven, CT  
October 11-14, 2004  
2004 Lecturer: Otis Moss, Jr.  
Pastor, Olivet Institutional Baptist Church (Cleveland, Ohio)

#### **IV. Ongoing Training**

##### **College of Preachers**

Periodic weeklong workshops in preaching and theology  
[www.collegeofpreachers.org](http://www.collegeofpreachers.org)