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Exploring Faith Matters

2019 Text Books

To accompany the Reading & Reflection Guide Volume B: Living Faithfully in a Multi-Cultural World

Year One - The Hebrew Scriptures

- *A Short Introduction to the Hebrew Bible* (3rd edition) by John J. Collins
- *The Hebrew Bible: Feminist & Intersectional Perspectives* edited by Gale A. Yee

Year Two - The New Testament

- *Introducing the New Testament* (2nd edition) by Mark Allen Powell

Year Three – Church History

- *Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years* by Diarmaid MacCulloch

Year Four - Theology, Ethics, and Interfaith Encounter

- *Theology: A Very Brief Introduction* by David Ford
- *Mysteries of Faith* by Mark McIntosh
- *The Christian Moral Life: Practices of Piety* by Timothy F. Sedgwick
- My *Neighbor's Faith: Stories of Interreligious Encounter, Growth, and Transformation* edited by Jennifer Howe Peace, Or N. Rose, and Gregory Mobley

Interlude Texts (all year levels)

- *Faithful Neighbors* edited by Robert S. Heaney, Zeyneb Sayilgan, and *Claire Haymes*
- *Huia Come Home* by J Ruka (ISBN: 9781877487996, published by Oati and printed in New Zealand.)

Huia Come Home is the first Interlude Book selected by EFM NZ specifically for use in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Revisiting the early missionaries, the transformative message of the gospel and the cultural missteps of the Treaty of Waitangi, Huia Come Home invites us to reconnect with the unique story offered by the indigenous Maori lens.

Please Note: *The study material to accompany Huia Come Home will be available as a supplement early in 2019.*
It will not be included in the initial print of the Volume B RRG.

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CONGRATULATIONS to our Recent EFM Graduates

EFM Graduates and Mentor from the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul Group after receiving the EFM NZ Certificates at the Graduation Eucharist, November 2018.

Wellington Cathedral of St Paul Group
(Mentored by Raewyn Berkahn)

Rey Enriquez

Bruce McLennan

Shirley McLennan

John Nippert

Jennifer Patterson

Caroline Williams

Te Awakairangi (Lower Hutt) Group
(Mentored by Jean Malcolm)

Patrick Harrison

Lois Holmes

EFM Worship Prayer (by Steph Shaw, Marton EFM Group, 2018)

I cannot be in Creation without being touched
The wind brushes my cheek
The sun kisses my skin
Noises sound in my ear
I feel grounded.
The earth undergirds me
The heavens vault over me
Verdant nature sweeps around me.
Though there is activity, there is peace.
In your handiwork, I see Your face.
In this place, I am here.
I am
You are
Amen.

2018 EFM Trust Board Members

The Ven. Monty Black
The Rev'd Tricia Carter (Chair)
Sharron Coles
The Rev'd Erice Fairbrother
The Rev'd Brother Andrew McKean
The Rev'd Leanne Munro
John Whitehead

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If you would like to support the EFM Scholarship Fund, donations may deposited into the EFM Bank Account: 01-0535-0051971-00
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Please include your "Name" & "Scholarship" as a Reference, and ensure that you notify EFM of your donation.
Receipts will be issued for donations of $5 or more, and may be used for claiming ***a tax credit.***

EFM Groups

During 2018 there have been EFM Groups meeting in the following areas:

Onehunga
Papakura
Havelock North
Hamilton
New Plymouth
Dannevirke
Marton
Levin
Feilding
Palmerston North
Pahiatua
Porirua
Wellington Cathedral
Lower Hutt
Dunedin

If you are keen to join an EFM group,
or attend Mentor Training,
please contact Valda admin@efm.org.nz

Looking for a Secret Santa Gift?

This Christmas the Auckland City Mission has launched an online store that allows you to buy a novelty gift, but the real gift is a donation to the Mission. It's a great way give something fun without actually gifting something that will be put away for re-gifting. Instead your recipient will receive a fun e-card (which you can print out and wrap up as a fun gift) and the knowledge that this gift has gone to those in need.

See www.badgiftsforgood.co.nz and let your Secret Santa gifts support the work of the Auckland City Mission.

May hope, peace, joy and love fill your home and heart!

EFM NZ wishes you and your family a blessed Advent!

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Fertile ground to grow your faith

Like the mustard seed, we need fertile soil to grow. Education for Ministry (EfM) is like that fertile soil and we are the mustard seeds.

Learning about the Old and New Testaments, church history, and discovering theology is the light shining on the soil, warming it so the seed will sprout.

EFM News from around NZ

What's happening with EFM in your area?

Let us know so we can include your news in the next newsletter.

Email admin@efm.org.nz

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