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# MINISTRY OF THE LAITY RESOURCES

## General Church

- The United Methodist Church website: [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)
- United Methodist News Service website: [www.umnews.org/en](http://www.umnews.org/en)
- Ask The UMC information service: [www.umc.org/en/what-we-believe/ask-the-umc-faqs](http://www.umc.org/en/what-we-believe/ask-the-umc-faqs)
- Resource UMC website: [www.resourceumc.org](http://www.resourceumc.org)
- Discipleship Ministries website: [www.umcdiscipleship.org](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org)  
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## Virginia Conference

- VA Conference website: [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org)  
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- Ministry of the Laity: <https://vaumc.org/laity/> (File Path: VAUMC > Ministries > Laity)
- Lay Servant Ministries: <https://vaumc.org/lay-servant-ministries/>
- United Methodist Women: <https://vaumc.org/umw/> or [www.vaumw.com](http://www.vaumw.com)
- United Methodist Men: <https://vaumc.org/umm/>
- Scouting Ministries: <https://vaumc.org/scoutingministries/>

## Favorite Books for These Changing Times

- Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic World: Game Changers for the Post-Pandemic Church***  
by Kay Kotan, Rodney Smothers, et al. Publisher: Market Square Publishing, 2021
- Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*** by  
Brene Brown. Publisher: Random House, 2017
- Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*** by Tod Bolsinger.  
Publisher: InterVarsity Press, 2015
- Dare to Lead: Brave Work, Tough Conversations, Whole Hearts*** by Brene Brown. Publisher:  
Random House, 2018
- Didn't See It Coming: Overcoming the 7 Greatest Challenges That No One Expects and  
Everyone Experiences*** by Carey Nieuwhof. Publisher: WaterBrook, 2018
- Embracing the Wilderness: The Shared Convictions of The United Methodist Church*** by  
Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. Publisher: Abingdon Press, 2018
- Fresh Expressions: A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not in the Church*** by Kenneth  
H. Carter, Jr. and Audrey Warren. Publisher: Abingdon Press, 2017
- Grace to Lead: Practicing Leadership in the Wesleyan Tradition*** by Kenneth L. Carder and  
Lacey Warner. Publisher: The UMC General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, 2017
- How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*** by  
Susan Beaumont. Publisher: Rowman & Littlefield, 2019
- Impact: Reclaiming the Call of Lay Ministry*** by Kay Kotan and Blake Bradford. Publisher: Market  
Square Publishing, 2018

***Launching Leaders: Taking Leadership Development to New Heights*** by Kay Kotan and Phil Schroeder. Publisher: Market Square Publishing, 2019

***Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way*** by Kenneth L. Carder. Publisher: Discipleship Resources, 2009. (This is the text for the United Methodist Heritage Advanced Lay Servant Ministry course.)

***Mission Possible: A Simple Structure for Missional Effectiveness*** by Kay Kotan and Blake Bradford, Publisher: Market Square Publishing, 2021

***Quietly Courageous: Leading the Church in a Changing World*** by Gil Rendle. Publisher: Rowman & Littlefield, 2018

***Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor*** by Tom Berlin. Publisher: Abingdon Press, 2019

***Switch: How to Change Things When Change Is Hard*** by Chip Heath and Dan Heath. Publisher: Broadway Books, 2010.

***Tempered Resilience: How Leaders are Formed in the Crucible of Change*** by Tod Bolsinger. Publisher: InterVarsity Press, 2020.

***The Post-Quarantine Church: Six Urgent Challenges and Opportunities That Will Determine the Future of Your Congregation*** by Thom Rainer. Publisher: Church Answers/Tyndale Momentum, 2020

***Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*** by Adam Hamilton. Publisher: Random House, 2018.