

Being Part of the Story



Bibliography An Annotated Booklist

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Purpose of the Bibliography

The following bibliography is a list of books that have either been used in the preparation of the materials or are useful tools to use alongside the leaflets. The list has been organised around the topics of leaflet together with a few comments about its content.

This list is not intended to be definitive in any way. It is only a starting point for taking the issues further.

As with most bookshelves some of my books are now out of print. I have still included those I found useful preparing this resource but have tried to include some current equivalents as well. I wish to thank Epworth Bookshop for their help in this.

Unless otherwise noted Biblical quotations are taken from the Contemporary English Version Bible Society
Where noted the reference NRSV is to the New Revised Standard Version World Bible Publishers.

Introduction

The studies I looked at before writing these materials were:

Belonging Uniting Church Press 1998

This is a marvellous resource. It goes much further than simply confirmation. It is a project that encourages young people to explore belief in an interactive way.

Preparing for Christian Baptism, Nurture, Confirmation and Renewal The Provincial Board of Christian Education; tikanga pakeha, of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia 1992

This gives teaching resources for those seeking baptism. There

The Water that Divides Donald Bridge and David Phypers IVP
This book written by an Anglican and a Baptist looks at the debate between denominations about baptism. They look at the history and current practice to find a way forward for the Church.

The Service Kit

At the end of the kit a bibliography of all matters quoted is given.

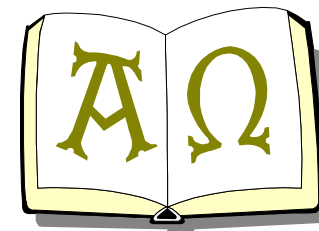
In addition I found these useful:

A New Zealand Payer Book The Church of The Province of New Zealand Collins 1989
The Anglican order includes various responses in Maori. There is also a catechism which while traditional in form is phrased in modern English.

An Australian Prayer Book The General Synod of the Church of England in Australia 1978
This book contains two orders for confirmation and a catechism.

A Book of Services United Reform Church St. Andrew Press 1980

This is a good book of services written soon after the establishment of the U.R.C.



each Christian denomination.

The Guide to Procedures. Forum of Cooperative Ventures,
This is the “Book of Order “ or law book of the Cooperative
Venture movement. It details the policy and practice of CV’s.

About Being Presbyterian. Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New
Zealand

6. The Story of our Life Together

The Book of Confessions United Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America 1967

This is part of the Constitution of the United Presbyterian
Church. It gathers together a number the confessions and
catechisms made by Reformed churches in the years following
the Reformation. Some of these Confessions of Faith remain the
sub-ordinate standards of the P.C.A.N.Z.

Sunday Dinner William H. Willimon Upper Room 1981
An excellent book that looks at the meaning of our practice of
Holy Communion. It concludes with a study guide.

Meal that Unites? Donald Bridge and David Phypers Hodder
and Stoughton 1981 (*now out of print*)
A good book to explore the differences between denominations
and attitudes to the Eucharist. Written by a Baptist and an
Anglican they seek to help us understand the views of others.

7. The Story of God and Us

Liberating Grace Leonardo Boff Orbis 1981
Boff begins with a lengthy description of a train ride to explain
his understanding of the free grace of God. The book goes on to
explore many aspects of what grace means.

are also sections addressing the issues of confirmation and
explaining the Eucharist.

We Receive the Spirit of Jesus—Celebrations book Paulist Press
1978

A Catholic series preparing for confirmation. I have only used
the celebrations book which has seven rites focusing on the gifts
of the spirit leading up to a confirmation service. The
celebrations use an historical figure as the focus for each e.g.
Bonhoeffer and Mother Theresa.

Confirmation Kit Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New
Zealand 1991

This includes 3 studies: Confirmation an experiential resource
by Ann Thomas as well as a background paper by Graeme
McRaid.

Ann Thomas emphasises the importance of preparation being
experiential not just head talk. Ann provides several biographies
of people mostly from the Church’s recent past to be used as case
studies.

Beginnings On the Road Christopher Herbert Bible Society 1984
Beginnings Stepping Out Frank Rinaldi Bible Society 1985
These two interactive studies produced by the Bible Society are
aimed at teenagers seeking confirmation (Herbert) or believers
baptism (Rinaldi).

The Theology and History of Confirmation

Confirmation Kit Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New
Zealand 1991

This includes 3 studies: Confirmation an experiential resource
by Ann Thomas as well as a background paper by Graeme
McRaid.

Graeme McRaid gives a thoughtful reflection on what

confirmation means. He starts with a brief history, and then goes on to look at confirmation as a Rite of Passage. He gives an excellent bibliography.

Protestant Dictionary Vergilius Ferm Philosophical Library
1951

A somewhat dated volume now. However, I found its definition of Confirmation worth quoting.

The Studies

1. My story

For all the studies access to a Dictionary of Church History and Theology could be helpful. I used:

Dictionary of Christian Theology ed. Alan Richardson SCM
1969

Dictionary of the Christian Church ed. J.D. Douglas Zondervan
1981

A simple introduction to theology could also be of use.

Christianity made simple Belief David Hewetson and David
Miller Albatross Books 1983

This is a volume which uses graphics

Remodelling God ed William W. Emilsen and Andrew D. Irvine
J.B.C.E. 1983

This book examines the images we have of God

2. Biblical Story

Dictionary of the Bible ed Walter A. Elwell & W, Philip
Tyndale House

Which Translation For Me Euan Fry Bible Society in Australia
1985

This pamphlet seeks to explain the translation method. It shows
seeks to show how some translations are better for different
purposes.

Reading The Bible for all its worth G.D. Fee and D. Stuart
Scripture Union

3. Christ's Followers Story

Christianity: A World Faith ed Robin Keeley Lion Publishing
1985

An attractive book with many coloured illustrations and charts
recording the spread of Christianity throughout the world. It
also gives a brief history of the origins of the major
denominations.

4. Community's Story

Pseudonyms of God Robert McAfee Brown Westminster Press
1972

A collection of essays which explore the theme that God can be
found in unexpected places confronting us when we least expect.

5. Church family's story

Christianity: A World Faith ed Robin Keeley Lion Publishing
1985

see above 3.

Christendom Einar Molland Mowbrays 1959

A useful older book which details the history and practice of