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Taking The Jesus Doll Home For A Week



For children, youth, and adults – keep the Jesus doll in your home for a week; reflect on what it means to have Jesus in your home; write it up in the log in the vestibule; and leave the doll for the next person to take home for a week.

- From Trinity Church, Plattsburgh, NY

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MM SHORTS

"...the ancient demons of individualism, materialism, and selfishness – [are] what today we often call 'consumerism.'"

– Katherine Jefferts Schori

"If a worker loses his or her job in Denmark, unemployment insurance covers up to 90 percent of earnings for as long as two years. Here benefits can be cut off after as few as 26 weeks."

– Bernie Sanders

"Dear Mr. God, I wish you would not make it so easy for people to come apart. I had 3 stitches and a shot. Janet

– Children's Letters to God

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What Another Church Wants Most

"How to connect faith with everyday life and how to be an agent of transformation in the world were the two most important faith learning desires of respondents."

- from a survey of 1,130 members of the United Church of Christ

Funding Provides Computer Training In Tanzania

Raymond Mulegi enrolled June 1st for a year's training in Information Technology – System Administration at Techno Brain (partners with New Horizons Computer Learning Centers) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania – cost: \$2,040. The funding will also cover 10



months of internet service for him. Thus far, Raymond has made 36 major presentations for over 2800 people and distributed over 1,000 workbooks.

STORIES OF MEMBERS ON MISSION

The Jesus Doll And *Spiritual And Physical Health*

Lucinda, a member of Trinity, took the Jesus doll home with her for a week. Here is her reflection on what it meant to her to have "Jesus at home" with her.



Trinity's pastor tells the children the Pentecost story

"On Tuesday, April 30th, I'm alone in the house about an hour after lunch. I am sitting on the sofa and begin to choke. I don't mean cough a little; I mean choke. I tried to stop and couldn't. I couldn't catch my breath. I really struggled. I kept thinking my husband is going to come

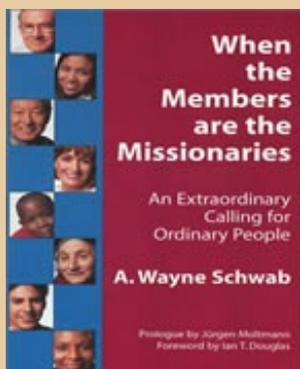
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home and find me on the floor. Finally, I said, 'Jesus, help me, help me.' I began to calm down and breathe slowly. My choking stopped and everything became quiet.

'Thank you, Jesus. I feel and believe that if you hadn't helped me, I wouldn't be here today.'

The rest of the time Jesus was with me was fairly normal. However, I did find it very hard to explain to people why I had him with me. I realized that I am a very quiet person out in the public about my religion.

Perhaps sometime in the future, I will take him again and try to be more outspoken"

Community Worksheet Sharpens Her Mission In Tanzania

Agnes was part of a workshop in early June - as reported by the leader, Raymond Mulegi.

Agnes Chitala shared her calling in the *Community* field. Her vision is to empower the rehabilitation center which she initiated especially for children born with a disability. Agnes works with a non-profit organization but in her spare time she dedicates her time to visit disabled children.

She finds they are locked indoors due to the misconception of the community towards this group of people, especially parents. By using her time rightly she has managed to conserve her own time and use it to reunite parents and offer them self-education on how to treat these children with love and justice!

This Wednesday I continued receiving Agnes' feedback via phone about how she has shared the Member Mission training. It is now starting to penetrate her target groups. Now there's a sense of change.

Parents are starting to treat their disabled children in the right way instead of closing them indoor to avoid being stigmatized by society.

RESOURCES

Religion And The Environment

from the April 19, 2013 edition of Religion and Ethics Newsweekly

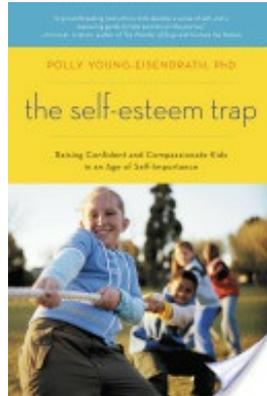
Lucky Severson reports on what would have been an unlikely occurrence only a few years ago: 80 clergy and lay leaders from a broad range of religions across the U.S., converging on Capitol Hill to lobby Congress about climate change and protecting the environment. They are all part of a national organization of faith leaders known as Interfaith Power and Light, or IPL, which was founded by the Reverend Canon Sally Bingham, an Episcopal priest.



Submit

Print it out and use it at Sunday forums or download/stream the video.

The Self-Esteem Trap: Raising Confident And Compassionate Kids In An Age Of Self-Importance



Little Brown, 2008 by psychotherapist Polly Young-Eisendrath, PhD.

She moves from the problems of children raised to see themselves as special to ideas on how to help them to become ordinary people. She includes the place of religion and reverence. Use it in discussion groups of parents, grandparents, godparents, and teachers.

FOR MEDITATION

Alistair MacIntyre On Economics And Religion

MacIntyre states that economic theory diminishes the importance of work by neglecting its spiritual and: social aspects. An Aristotelian view points to the telos [end or purpose]of work, namely, providing genuine goods for society, and the satisfaction the worker ought to have in making her own contribution. Add to this the Christian (Benedictine) view that work overlaps with prayer, and we have a needed correction of the view which reduces work to the ability to participate in a consumer society.

- **The Living Church, 5/26/13, p. 12**

A Member Mission Guide For The Summer

- Vacation time is a mission field too.
- Play so that you are truly refreshed in body and spirit.
- Pay what it costs for time with those you love.

God is most interested in how we live from Monday to Saturday. Is Sunday – all of church life – helping you to enlarge God’s reign of love and justice?

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