



Dear friend, dear colleague,

As a mid-council leader, I'm always pleased to be introduced to helpful resources for use in my own work or to recommend to congregations. As the PC(U.S.A.) continues its focus on Matthew 25 as one of the ways in which congregations and mid-councils identify ourselves and our commitment to mission and ministry to all, I want to recommend to you a new resource created by an esteemed church leader from a congregation in the Presbytery of Wabash Valley.

Seeing Jesus: Social Justice Activities for today by Phyllis Vos Wezeman is a rich array of activities organized for groups of any size and adaptable for many ages. Arranged by the areas of need in Matthew 25, leaders or students can search for an activity related to a specific passage (there are forty-seven scripture references on hunger alone!) or by theme. Each major area (I was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, poor, sick, imprisoned) contains at least ten lesson plans for leaders.

Seeing Jesus would be a strong addition to any congregation or mid-council's resources. Pastors and educators, church school leaders, planners and leaders of Vacation Bible School, youth group leaders, bible study groups and small groups will all find prompts and plans for meaningful, thought-provoking and interactive lessons and conversations. I can imagine using Seeing Jesus to plan an activity to begin a session or Coordinating Council meeting or the bible study for a presbytery assembly. The possibilities are many and Phyllis Wezeman's thoughtful guidance will serve us well as leaders committed to teaching, learning and leading in the Reformed tradition.

I hope you'll consider this fine resource as you support learning and leading in our congregations and mid-councils.

Joy to you,

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