

Do This: Communion for Just and Courageous Living

Recently, my congregation and I have been reflecting on how to make more connections between our Sunday services and God's work of justice and peacemaking. We've added "mission moments" to our services during which representatives of the missions we support update us on their work. We've incorporated the disaster relief kits into our offering. We've also included special prayers and blessings for the planting season, school year, music ministry and others. We ask God's Spirit to be at work within them, so they can contribute to God's work in the world.

I'm sure these ideas are nothing new for you, and that you have tried these and more with your congregation. This month, on behalf of the Witness and Proclamation Committee of the Northwest Ohio Association, I wanted to highlight another resource you may or may not have heard of that also makes connections between our worship services and God's work in the world.

The resource is a recent publication of The Pilgrim Press called *Do This: Communion for Just and Courageous Living*. It is a collection of communion liturgies, prayers, hymns, and activities written by members of the Still Speaking Writers Group and edited by Mary Luti.

Look at the following themes that organize this resource to get a sense of how Communion can connect to the work of justice.

1. What If No One Remembers? - Communion and Memory
2. It's Not the Same Without You - Communion and Belonging
3. Bearing Fruit – Communion, Creation, and Labor
4. One Skin, One Kin – Communion and Bodies
5. No One Unsatisfied – Communion and Hunger
6. You Give Them Something to Eat – Communion and Just Mercy
7. Eating Your Way to Love – Communion and Reconciliation
8. Please, Come In – Communion, Hospitality and Healing
9. For as Long as It Takes – Communion and Perseverance

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May God bless our worship that it may bear the fruit of justice and peacemaking in our world.

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