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God gave me
some talents

And rather than burying them

I'd like to
share them
with you!



Do You Believe? ***Living the Baptismal Covenant***



The baptismal covenant, empowering all the baptized to minister in the name of Christ, is at the heart of our lives as Christians. But how well do parishes articulate the importance of this call for all their members? What kind of job do parishes do of integrating the covenant into the life and work of the congregation?

In *Do You Believe?*, author **Nancy Ann McLaughlin** takes a look at some forty Episcopal parishes around the country to see just what an active, intentional, energized awareness of baptismal ministry looks like. Examining each of the elements of the covenant—from believing in God to continuing the preaching of the apostles — the book offers practical advice for turning words into concrete actions.

This is an excellent book for parish study and reflection, offering ways that individuals and congregations can envision the church—and their own lives — as a dynamic relationship with God.

Reviews:

"It provides an excellent database for a leadership retreat or a Lenten study program based on living the baptismal promises."—The Living Church, September 10, 2006

"This is a must read for people concerned about declining attendance in our churches. All are called to ministry, not just the clergy. McLaughlin gives practical ways in how we can live into the baptismal covenant. This book is more than presenting a theological concept, the baptismal covenant is at the heart of the Christian message. I am now using the book as a topic for Rector's Forums." —Dennis W. Nichols on Amazon.com, January 18, 2007.

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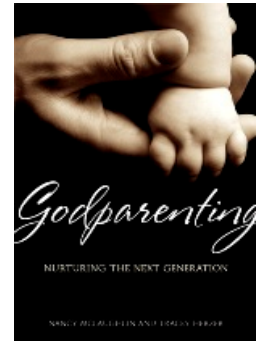
By Nancy Ann McLaughlin, D.Min., and Tracey Herzer, President of the National Association of Episcopal Christian Education Directors (NAECED)

When children have questions about God or the Christian life, they talk to adults they love and trust.

Forming young Christians is an important task for godparents of ALL kinds – the official ones who stand up with us at baptism, as well as all the parents, godparents, teachers and other adults who help nurture our faith as we grow.

This exciting new book based on the Baptismal Covenant, combines the history and theology of godparenting with activities and other practical suggestions to help any adult initiate conversations about faith with a child they love.

Great for parenting groups, baptism preparation, or gifts to godparents, parents, and teachers!



Review:

"We all want to help the next generation become stronger and more faithful. But often we aren't sure quite how to go about it. This book is a place to start. The church has always known that it takes a village to grow a child. The church's answer has been to try to increase the godparenting available to all people as they grow. Read this book and you'll see why this simple role is at the heart of growing in faith." —Loren B. Mead, author of *The Once and Future Church* and founder of the Alban Institute.