

## **Theological Resources:**

**ReligiousTolerance.org** is an excellent resource for any sort of religious question or inquiry. It offers concise and accessible introduction to just about any religious question imaginable.

**Alternatives for Simple Living** has compiled hundreds of educational articles and graphics into a single resource. *Simply the Best: 30 Years of Alternatives* is a CD-ROM that ventures off the beaten track of consumerism with creative ideas for weddings, Christmas, and everyday life. The CD and used guide cost \$15. [www.simpleliving.org](http://www.simpleliving.org) or 1.800.821.6153.

**Christianity, Poverty, and Wealth: The Findings of "Project 21"** is the result of a study by the World Council of Churches on 10 challenges to the 21<sup>st</sup> century church to fight poverty and greed with a new sense of urgency. Available at [www.spck.org.uk/cat/show.php?0281055475](http://www.spck.org.uk/cat/show.php?0281055475)

## **Resources for Children's Books and more:**

**Beulah Enterprises** ~ Toys, book and gifts to share your faith with your child  
[www.beulahenterprises.org](http://www.beulahenterprises.org)  
203.772.3301

**The Sunday Paper** ~ Informal, whimsical, faithful to Scripture, but not condescending or cute  
lectionary cartoons and books  
[www.the-sunday-paper.com](http://www.the-sunday-paper.com)  
203.624.2520

**The Candle Press** ~ Booklets for the busy family with young children to nurture the gift of awe  
and wonder  
[www.candlepress.com](http://www.candlepress.com)  
303.337.6852

## **Resources for Shopping/ Fair Trade:**

There are many organizations that help people in developing nations support themselves. Here are a few worth checking out.

**Equal Exchange:** coffee, tea, and cocoa from farmer co-ops in developing nations.  
[www.equalexchange.com](http://www.equalexchange.com)

**Global Girlfriend:** Everything from homemade soaps to hand knit sweaters created by women in the US and abroad. [www.globalgirlfriend.com](http://www.globalgirlfriend.com)

**Global Mamas:** Batik sarongs and other apparel handmade by African women and girls.  
[www.globalmamas.org](http://www.globalmamas.org)

**One World Projects:** Hundreds of unique items from all over the world.  
[www.oneworldprojects.com](http://www.oneworldprojects.com)

**Beyond the Banyan Tree:** Weavings and folk art produced by women and their families in Thailand, Laos, and Indonesia. [www.beyondthebanyatree.com](http://www.beyondthebanyatree.com)

**Ten Thousand Villages:** Crafts from artisans in over 30 countries. There are stores located in Brookline and Cambridge. [www.tenthousandvillages.com](http://www.tenthousandvillages.com)

**HandCrafting Justice:** An assortment of arts and crafts from over a dozen countries. [www.handcraftingjustice.org](http://www.handcraftingjustice.org)

### **Resources for Christmas:**

#### ***Hundred Dollar Holiday***

The case for a more joyful Christmas by Bill McKibben. Limit holiday spending to \$100. A typical household of five spends \$4000 at Christmas. Let's engage our creativity and focus on the season, not the stuff. Great ideas and good stories. Don't stop giving, but give what matters.

#### ***A Simple Christmas by Alice Chapin.***

Worksheets, how-to's, gift ideas, activities for kids and extended families, checklists and more.

#### **Home For Christmas**

20 stories for young and old. Time tested favorites and little known European tales not available in English or anywhere else. Each evokes the greatest story of all time in fresh and unique ways.

#### ***The Shoemaker's Dream by Mildred Schell (for ages 3-8)***

Martin the shoemaker is visited by five different people in need. Later he realizes how Jesus of his dream has come to him.

#### ***UnPlug the Christmas Machine by Joe Robinson and Jean Coppock Staeheli***

A guide to outing love and Joy back into your holiday Celebration.

*All books can be ordered through [SimpleLiving.org](http://SimpleLiving.org)*