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"The faculty for the North Carolina 2017 Academy for Spiritual Formation, L. Roger Owens and Michael Battle have recommended the following books."

What We Need Is Here: Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality

by L. Roger Owens (published 11/2015)

For those searching for an authentic faith, Roger Owens shows that in Jesus, God has already given us all we need to live and flourish. Owens explores 7 fundamentals of Christian spirituality: reading the Gospels, praying the Psalms, befriending silence, finding Jesus in church, meeting Jesus through Holy Communion, embodying our spirituality, and being with the poor. His book is a thoughtful, engaging treatment of practices essential to growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Ideal for individual or small-group study.

A Testament of Devotion by Thomas Kelly Introduction by Richard J. Foster (published 08/1996)

Since its first publication in 1941, *A Testament of Devotion*, by the renowned Quaker teacher Thomas Kelly, has been universally embraced as a truly enduring spiritual classic. Plainspoken and deeply inspirational, it gathers together five compelling essays that urge us to center our lives on God's presence, to find quiet and stillness within modern life, and to discover the deeply satisfying and lasting peace of the inner spiritual journey. As relevant today as it was a half-century ago.

Heaven on Earth by Michael Battle (published 02/2017)

Much of the literature on the book of Revelation paints a frightening apocalyptic vision of the end times. Michael Battle offers an alternative look at Revelation in this new work, seeing it instead as a hopeful call to bring heaven on earth. Battle explores the problematic imagery found in Revelation before showing how similar problems play out in our contemporary world. Battle sees Revelation as a guide that shows us that we can live out God's call for heaven on earth by living in community with one another, as exhibited through the writings of Martin Luther King Jr., Desmond Tutu, Rowan Williams, and Ubuntu theology.

The Black Church in America: African American Christian Spirituality

by Michael Battle (published 01/2006)

This book gives readers a broad understanding of the Black Church in America and a sense of its uniqueness in the wider world. It explores the history of the Black Church in America, its African roots, beliefs, practices, politics, and contemporary moral dilemmas. The author, Michael Battle, is a Priest in the Episcopal Church and teaches spirituality and Black church studies at Duke University.