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**Mission**

The Christian Board of Publication—better known as Chalice Press and Chalice Media—works every day to build a community that is vibrant and energizing – a worldwide force for justice, peace, love, and multifaith cooperation. Chalice envisions a world in which:

- all people, regardless of their faith tradition, are inspired and encouraged to find our common ground, and work together for justice.
- racism, discrimination, and bigotry are rejected in favor of reconciliation and understanding so we can continue our journey toward the Beloved Community.
- the wondrous diversity of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors is fully accepted and loved in the way of Jesus.
- harmful theology is rooted out and replaced with a healthy, growing faith.
- families can grow in their faith and their love through daily faith practices and experiences across generations.
- spiritual-but-not-religious people have resources to inspire them on their unique journeys.
- the greed that creates a vast gap between the rich and the poor, as well as the stealthily crafted social policy that sustains that gap, are exposed and confronted.
- our stories and imaginations reflect the way of Jesus so that the world we present is the one love creates.

Our reputation as the go-to publisher for books and materials on social justice, inclusive community, spirituality, and leadership development continues to grow.

**2025 Summary**

**We thought the first few months of 2025 were bad for communities under siege. We had no idea how much worse it would get.** Support for marginalized communities is more important than ever. Our commitment to marginalized communities, especially immigrant, people of color, and the LGBTQIA+ community, continues. Even mainline church is coming under attack as evangelical and Christian Nationalists acts on xenophobia and homophobia. As a mainline denomination that straddles the progressive and conservative parts of the religious spectrum, Disciples are called can remind the world of Jesus's call for compassion for your neighbor, the stranger, and the ones you love. Chalice is one way we can advocate for those communities.

**Chalice continues to seek products that support congregations, foster Disciples identity, and partner with other Disciples ministries.** We are also working to connect with regional and ethnic ministries as a conduit for sharing new and trusted resources with pastors and congregational leaders. Our first book of the year, *Rooted in Faith and Justice*, was produced in partnership with Global Ministries. The successful General Assembly launch of two Disciples-focused books (*Staying at the Table* and *We Call Ourselves Disciples*) was well-received across the denomination. Upcoming titles produced in partnership with Obra Hispana (a Disciples identity book written by the Hispanic community) and Bethany Fellows (prayers and litanies for worship, communion, and offertories) will continue our service to the denomination.

**Beyond the Disciples, Chalice continues to produce resources mainline and progressive Christians need.** Below you will find a list of our 2025 products many of which have been quality resources provided at the right time. Looking forward, our 2026 catalog keeps that pace, adding

resources on new ways to look at Jesus' ministry, the Book of Acts through the lens of autocracy, women in ministry, progressive Christianity, nature and spirituality, multigenerational ministry, women of color in leadership, a Spanish-language Disciples identity book, worship resources, and devotionals for daily life, Advent, and Lent.

**Family Faith Every Day**, our initiative funded by the Lilly Endowment Christian Parenting and Caregiving Initiative, just completed its second full year (of five). The focus for the year was to launch support circles for parents and caregivers of children ages birth to three. Nearly all cohort churches launched successful circles last year, and those who needed a bit more time will do so this year. Though feedback is fairly new, we can say with confidence that the circles are helping build strong communities of parents who are learning the tools they need to build strong faith habits for their families.

**Initial financial reports indicated Chalice's operations were in the black for the year.** Sales were approximately \$634,200, up 7.5% from 2024, and that sales bump is not entirely attributable to the in-person General Assembly. Our bottom line shows a profit of \$49,800. While this is obviously good news, we continue working to resolve debt accumulated since 2020 and cash flow challenges.

### **2025 Titles from Chalice Press**

#### **Religion, Culture, and Social Justice**

- *Rooted in Faith and Justice: Christian Calls to Conscience & Cries for Peace in Palestine* (edited by Rebekah Choate, Krista Johnson Weicksel, & Peter Makari) — Partnership with Global Ministries
- *Blessed Minds: Breaking the Silence about Neurodiversity* (Sarah Griffith Lund)
- *The Bible According to Christian Nationalists* (Brian Kaylor)
- *In the Beginning Were the Women: Matriarchs, Mystics, Wise Women, and Warriors in the Hebrew Bible* (Claire K. McKeever-Burgett)

#### **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

- *Staying at the Table: Being the Church We Say We Are* (Terri Hord Owens)
- *We Call Ourselves Disciples* (Edited by Kamilah Hall Sharp and Joel Brown)
- *Annual Planning Guide & Calendar 2026-2026*

#### **Congregational Life & Leadership**

- *Thriving Church: What We Can Learn from Faithful Congregations* (Erin Cash and Kory Wilcoxson)
- *Holy Disruption: A Manifesto for the Future of Faith Communities* (Amy Butler and Dawn Darwin Weeks)

#### **InsideOut Christian Camp Resources**

- *Inside Out: Into the Wilderness* (Lee Yates, project manager)

#### **Spiritual Formation**

- *The Faithful Families Toolkit* (Traci Smith)
- *Wired to Lead: Being the Leader the Church Didn't Think You Could Be* (Suzanne Nadell)
- *Sacred Wounds, Second Edition: Finding Your Path to Healing from Spiritual Trauma* (Teresa Mateus)
- *Sacred Balance: How Ancient Practices Can Restore Modern Minds* (Miriam Diephouse-McMillan)
- *Grounded in Grace: Advent Reflections on Connection, Persistence, and Enduring Love* (Amanda Henderson)
- *Symbols of Faith: A Lenten Devotional for African American Churches and Families* (Compiled by Charisse L. Gillett, edited by Tanya J. Tyler)
- *Grace Poured Out: A Lenten Reflection on Water, Wine, and Oil* (Young Clergy Women International, Edited by Courtney Smith Westerlund and Alexandra Van Kuiken)

**Takeaways:**

- The General Board will likely consider a resolution for a legal name change for CBP, which these days is associated with Customs and Border Patrol—not an association that benefits our work in any way. Should we reach that point in April, I look forward to the conversation about this change.
- Chalice Press/CBP receives no support from Disciples Mission Fund or special offerings. We are entirely dependent on sales and gifts for the continuing vitality of our ministry—despite receiving a significant grant you'll learn more about in a moment.
- If you purchase Chalice Press books from Amazon or other sources, that retailer keeps at least half of the income from that sale. When you purchase directly from Chalice Press, through our website, our 1-800 number, or at an event, 100% of the income supports your shared ministry.
- Though we sell books and other resources, Chalice is still a 501c3 non-profit. Donations to CBP/Chalice are tax-deductible. Visit [chalicepress.com/donate](http://chalicepress.com/donate) to learn more. Individuals and congregations can also support specific projects through subventions. We are grateful for your support.

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