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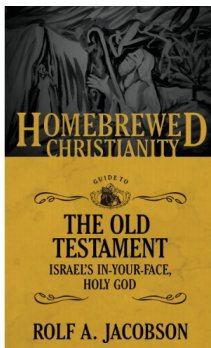
## Zoom Classes Forming

New Jersey would like to offer a Zoom class in Christian Doctrine. The class will meet on October 15, 22, 29, November 5 and November 19 (Skip Nov 12). The class will begin at 8:00 pm Eastern. If you have are interested in taking the class, please reach out to New Jersey's site manager, [Joan Grace](#)

## The Theology of Work

### THEOLOGY OF WORK PROJECT

The [Theology of Work](#) website “exists to help people explore what the Bible and the Christian faith can contribute to ordinary work.” The site provides an exhaustive (and free) Bible commentary that “explores what the Bible says about faith and work, book by book.” There are specific sections for pastors, scholars and workers.



## Good Reads

**Title:** The Homebrewed Christianity Guide to the Old Testament: Israel's In-Your-Face, Holy God

**Author:** Rolf A. Jacobson

The Old Testament bears witness to an in-your-face, holy God--a God who gets down and dirty with creation and history; a God who gets in people's face with love and law, with power and purpose. Yet Israel's in-your-face God is also "holy"--too other, too raw, too intense to be handled without oven mitts.

Rolf Jacobson wrestles with this in-your-face God.

Available from [Augsburg Fortress](#).

## Retreat News

The national board is considering having a national diakonia graduates' gathering in 2020. More info to come!



## Faith, Sexism and Justice

Voting members at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted to adopt the social statement "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action" and its accompanying implementing resolutions.

Read the full article [here](#).



## World Council of Churches

A worldwide fellowship of churches seeking unity, a common witness and Christian service

## Rev. Dr. Saïd Ailabouni: God is on the side of rejected, oppressed, occupied

"Born in Nazareth, Galilee, Rev. Dr Saïd Ailabouni moved to the US at the age of 19 to become a physician. But he was so angry at God that he went to study theology instead, becoming a Lutheran pastor. Now he is leading the Middle East & Europe desk of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Since leaving his hometown 50 years ago, he visits his Palestinian family regularly. As the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel approaches, Ailabouni agreed to share some of his lifetime observations with the Word Council of Churches."

Read the full [article](#).

## We Need You!

### Graduations are coming up!

[Send us](#) your graduation photos!

Are you interested in being featured in or submitting a **Servant Story** for a future issue of **The Tool Box**? Are you an instructor who would like to share a bit of yourself in "Instructor Focus?" Are you a site coordinator who would like to give us a peak into your program? Do you have observations to share from your a class?

We can all learn from each other's journeys before, during and after the program.

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