

A wealth of lectionaries

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The Consultation on Common Texts recently released a 20th anniversary edition of the **Revised Common Lectionary** (Fortress, 2012), which includes annotations, historical materials and indexes. A separate daily lectionary, *Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings*, was published by Fortress in 2006. The RCL is also available at [the CCT's website](#), among other places.

The Roman **Ordo Lectionum Missae** was revised in 1981 and then translated into various languages. The current English-language version for U.S. use came out in 1998 (various publishers); it is available online from [the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](#).

The **Narrative Lectionary's** four years are available [at Luther Seminary's Working Preacher site](#), along with commentaries and basic worship resources.

The **African American Lectionary** [website](#) will soon begin posting its seventh year of materials. These include thematic calendars, commentaries and extensive resources for worship planning.

Some of **The Open-Source Lectionary** materials are at [the project's website](#). The complete project is available as a self-published book (*The Open Source Lectionary: Preaching Outside the Box*, CreateSpace, 2011).

Year D's lections and introductory materials are posted at [the project's website](#). Annotations and additional materials are in *Year D: A Quadrennial Supplement to the Revised Common Lectionary* (Cascade, 2012). A volume of liturgical resources, also by Timothy Matthew Slemmons, is forthcoming from Cascade.

The **Joint Liturgical Group** is a British parallel to the Consultation on Common Texts. In 1967 it put out a two-year lectionary—with readings following from weekly themes—that was adopted widely in the U.K. (*The Calendar and Lectionary*, Oxford University Press, 1967). In 1990 it produced a major revision generally known as JLG-

2, a four-year lectionary that adopted the *Ordo Lectionum Missae* and the *Common Lectionary's* general approach and added a John year (*A Four-Year Lectionary*, Canterbury, 1990).

The **Uncommon Lectionary** is a two-year lectionary created by Thomas G. Bandy. The first year is the "Seeker Cycle"; the second is the "Disciple Cycle" (*Introducing the Uncommon Lectionary*, Abingdon, 2006).

In ***Beyond the Lectionary*** (Circle, 2013), UCC pastor David J. Ackerman offers a proposal similar to *Year D*: a fourth year of lections made up of texts the *Revised Common Lectionary* omits. Ackerman also includes commentaries and brief prayers for each week.

Robert Thomas Quisenberry's D.Min. project at Columbia Theological Seminary is a fourth-year proposal focused specifically on the Old Testament ("Gleanings from the Old Testament for the Modern Christian Pulpit: A Lectionary Year D Focusing on Unused or Forgotten Passages," 2009).

Steven Odom created a four-year lectionary/*RCL* revision as a D.Min. project at the Graduate Theological Foundation ("Revising the Revised Common Lectionary: A Four-Year Lectionary for Use in the Churches," 1994).