



Resources for Urban Ministry

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Printed Sermons/Lectures

Barrs, Jerram. "Seek Justice; Encourage the Oppressed"

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Gray, Rick. "The Voice of Truth"

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Meek, Jim. "Like A City Without Walls"
(Gal. 5:22-23)

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Audio Sermons/Lectures:

Haack, Margi. "Postmodern Credo: Hypocrisy Rots, Authenticity Rules"

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Johnson, Greg. "The God of Personal Peace and Affluence? Questions Raised by the Global Growth of Evangelicalism"

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Other Online Resources

The following resources are available through Web sites other than that of Covenant Seminary. (Copy and paste the appropriate URL into your browser's address bar.)

Articles

Beattie, Karen. "Welcome To America: What Could One Woman Do for a Refugee Family of Six?"
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/tcw/2001/006/13.90.html>

Davis, Mike. "Planet of Slums: Urban Involution and the Informal Proletariat"
<http://www.newleftreview.net/NLR26001.shtml>

Frame, John. "Minorities and the Reformed Church"
http://www.thirdmill.org/files/english/practical_theology/68718~1_16_2003_12-49-10_PM~PT.Frame.Minorities.Reformed.Churches.doc

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<http://community.gospelcom.net/Brix?pageID=8002>

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Part 2: http://www.nybooks.com/articles/article-preview?article_id=14942

Books

Interurban Network. *Transforming the City: From Dream to Reality*
<http://www.telchar.com/telchar/theocity.htm>

Online Journals

City Journal (from April 15, 2002)
<http://www.city-journal.org/>

Urban Mission Journal (from Westminster Theological Seminary)
<http://www.wts.edu/publications/journal/umjindex.htm>

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Fadiman, Anne. *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*. New York: Noonday Press, 1998.

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Theological Education

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Journals

Urban Perspectives
Urban Mission Journal (last issue June 1999)

Video Resources

Building a People of Power: Biblical Principles for Faith-based Community Organizing. Video series hosted by Robert C. Linthicum. Colorado Springs, CO: Crown Ministries International.

Churches

Various St. Louis-area churches, as well as other churches in a variety of locations, have cooperated with Covenant Theological Seminary to provide students with unique service opportunities and exposure to ministry in an urban context. Contact UMI for more information on how you can be involved.

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