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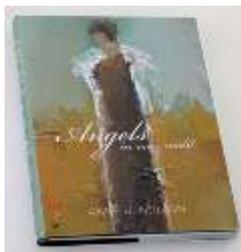
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*Episcopal Bookellers Association is a community of gift and booksellers who are committed to ensuring the health of book stores serving the Episcopal market by being an effective voice in the book, gift, and publishing industries.*

There are many new books out of interest to EBA stores and EBA readers.

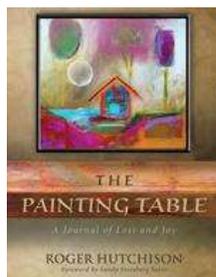
## Angels in Our Midst

by Anne H. Neilson



*Angels In Our Midst* is a beautiful

9" x 12" coffee table book about Anne H. Neilson's Angel Series and the stories behind the paintings. Sprinkled throughout the book are devotions, inspirational stories about the many charities she has supported, and quotes from art dealers and collectors. The book also includes Neilson's landscapes, still life and figure paintings. Available for purchase through Neilson's website.



## The Painting Table: A Journal of Loss and Joy

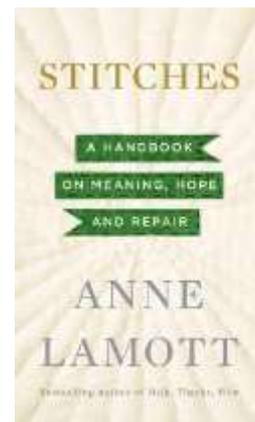
by Roger Hutchison

An accessible, simple, and beautiful book for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, struggling in a relationship, or facing a major change in their lives. While there is grief, sadness, and loss there is also hope. There is an opportunity for celebration as we gather together, break bread, talk, and are welcomed. Whether

through cooking, or painting, or Eucharist, we come together to remember. For many, life happens around the kitchen table, but in this case, we gather at the Painting Table as the reader is invited to draw pictures, record memories, and celebrate living through the creation of something new. For use by ages 6 years old to 106 years old, and of particular value for chaplains, clergy, pastoral counselors, and Christian formation leaders. Available through Church Publishing.

## Stitches: A Handbook of Meaning, Hope and Repair

by Anne Lamott



In this book Lamott explores how we find meaning and peace in these loud and frantic times; where we start again after personal and public devastation; how we recapture wholeness after loss; and how we locate our true identities in this frazzled age. We begin, Lamott says, by collecting the ripped shreds of our emotional and spiritual fabric and sewing them back together, one stitch at a time. Available through [Riverhead Books](http://RiverheadBooks.com).

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## From the Executive Director

Thanksgiving is behind us and I had so much to be thankful for. I want to thank everyone who I met at the CPE in Nashville. It was my first show with the EBA and it was very fruitful. I appreciate all of you who made me feel so welcome.

The show brought about a lot of discussion about whether we will stay with CPE or try another venue. The Board is reviewing options in this area and will be contacting member stores for input.

We are so excited to have brought in a new Sponsoring Vendor. Send The Light Distributors has signed up with us. Karen Bilbrey, Director of Business Development, will be calling on all of you. I know you will give her a warm welcome.

We are committed to bringing in new member stores in 2014. This is a team effort with the EBA Board, the membership, and the Executive Director. I will be working on a promotional handout that will contain talking points so that all of you can reach out to Episcopal Book & Gift stores in your area.

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones. I also hope that the kick-off to the holiday buying season is golden for all of you.

Best,

*Debbie*

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## Welcome to our newest EBA Vendor, Send the Light Distribution!

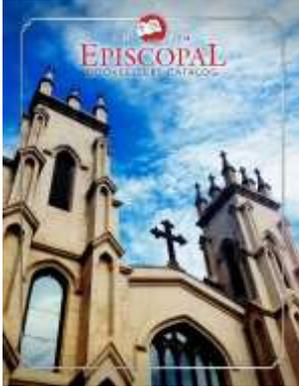
Send The Light is a ministry that attempts to serve the reading, listening, viewing, learning and teaching needs of the diverse Body of Christ. STL carries around 80,000 titles, a wide variety of religious, inspirational and even theologically neutral products including Bibles, church supplies, homeschool supplies, toys and gifts, music and DVD's, many children's titles and reference works.

They are similar to Ingram/Spring Arbor in that 15 units is the threshold for free freight eligibility. Their website is [www.stl-distribution.com](http://www.stl-distribution.com). Once an account is set up, you will be able to see discounts. STL will be actively adding titles upon request, so if there are things that you are looking for that they do not carry, let them know and they can add them in most cases.

STL also carries many gift vendors, including Cathedral Art, Abbey Press, Roman, Glory Haus, Brownlow, Burton & Burton, and Bob Siemon. If there is another gift vendor that you normally do business with, but is not listed at STL, contact Karen Bilbrey. Karen is the Director of Business Development and is very excited to work with all of us. She can be contacted at [karen.bilbrey@stl-distribution.com](mailto:karen.bilbrey@stl-distribution.com)

One of the benefits of using STL is that they have penalty free returns for one rolling year from purchase. Also, if you buy from STL for a specific event, such as a book signing, and you have things that did not sell, you can return them and get a 100% credit as long as the items have been returned in one rolling year.

## What creative ways is your store using the new EBA Catalog?



EBA would love to hear from you on our group email or Facebook about how you are using your catalogs.

Here are a few of the many ways to incorporate the EBA catalog into more sales:

- Ask your local library or neighborhood coffee shop to distribute your catalog. You can offer to do something similar in return.
- If you host book clubs, be sure to leave out copies for the members.
- Take the catalog to nursing homes, assisted living homes, senior centers, and community centers. You can arrange a date to visit and take orders. You can also have a pre-arranged date to return and deliver the books. It is always nice to gift wrap the books too.
- Contact campus ministries to place catalogs in a student center.
- Encourage customers to purchase children's titles for an angel book tree.



### From the President

I want to thank all of our member stores for your participation in this wonderful trade organization. It is rapidly becoming for me an extended family and network of trusted colleagues. The help and suggestions I get from all of you on running my own store, Trinity Cathedral Bookstore in Columbia, SC, are invaluable.

Thank you for your support and patience as we all hang in there together to explore the future and grow EBA.

Great things are happening and we have many decisions and much work to do in this upcoming calendar year. Debbie and I feel ready to take it on with your help now that we have worked through discovering and setting up our best options for technology and communication, as well as office set-up.

Soon, we will have new artwork on our website. We will make a decision about the best place for our annual gathering, and reach out to gain new member stores and vendors. Stay tuned for information on how your help and contacts can benefit and make EBA better for all of us.

I know you're busy! Have a gangbusters holiday shopping season!

Sincerely,  
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## Join us at The Atlanta International Gift and Home Furnishings Market®

The Atlanta International Gift and Home Furnishing Market® will be held January 7-14, 2014.

Please join EBA President, Carrie Graves, and EBA Executive Director, Debbie Whittemore, at the show on January 12-13, 2014.

EBA Board of Directors Bill Hunter (The Advent Shoppe, Spartanburg, SC) and Jodi Calabrese (The Shop at Kanuga, Hendersonville, NC) will also be attending on those dates. Both of these EBA members believe that this show is one of the best in the country and will expose stores to a myriad of gift vendors.

You will find the registration information for the show [here](#). The Market hotel is The Omni Hotel at CNN Center. You will find the hotel reservation information [here](#).

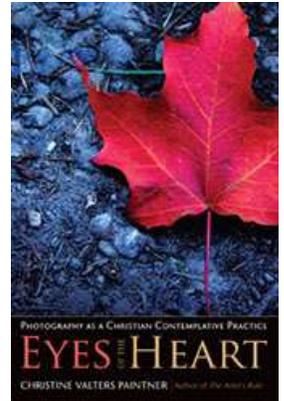
The show deadline to register is December 13, 2013. Please join us for the show and fellowship.

## Eyes of the Heart: Photography as a Christian Contemplative Practice

by Christine Valters Paintner

In this first book to explore photography as a spiritual practice from a Christian perspective, Paintner builds on the process of contemplative

creativity she introduced online at Abbey of the Arts and in her book *The Artist's Rule*. Available through [Ave Maria Press](#).



### Have you visited EBA's Facebook page?

Please go to our page and "like" us. We post Vendor updates, new book highlights, as well as information that can be read by the public.

Do you have a Facebook page? If EBA has not liked your store's Facebook page, please let us know and we will fix immediately.