

# Extended Annotated Bibliography

## General works on healing and health:

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Droege, Thomas A. *With Open Arms: Receiving Care with Grace and Gratitude*. Bloomington, MN: The Youth and Family Institute, 2005. This helpful guide to learning how to receive, based on Droege's own experience, identifies the limits of a Christianity in which we feel as though it is not okay to receive but only to give.

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## The Intersection of healing and church, broadly:

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worship considerations. Chapter five offers suggestions for congregation-sponsored education on health and wellness issues.

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Griffith, James L. and Melissa Elliott. *Encountering the Sacred in Psychotherapy*. New York: Guilford Press, 2002.

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Prescott-Ezickson, Barbara J. "The Terminally Ill Child". Pages 105-114 in Andrew Lester, ed., *When Children Suffer*. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1987.

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**Compassionate Presence and Listening**

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**Ritual, general**

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**Personal Stories and Testimonies**

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