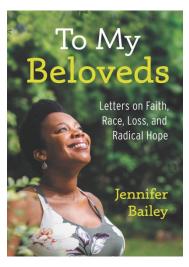


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CHALICE PRESS DEBUT AUTHOR JENNIFER BAILEY WINS SPIRITUALITY & PRACTICE BOOK AWARD "50 BEST SPIRITUAL BOOKS OF 2021"

(ST LOUIS, MO) Chalice Press is honored to announce that *To My Beloveds: Letters on Faith, Race, Loss, and Radical Hope* by debut author Jennifer Bailey was selected for a *Spirituality & Practice* Book Award as one of the 50 Best Spiritual Books of 2021. Recipients of the 2021 Best Spiritual Books Awards were chosen from more than 200 books reviewed during the year.

In *To My Beloveds*, Bailey shares her journey of faith and activism through an eloquent memoir that takes the form of letters she writes to friends and strangers. She tells stories about her background in faith, as a Black woman, theologian, activist, multifaith leader, and advocate for healing divides.



"Jen Bailey's ability to see the work of the Saints — past, present and future — surrounding us and inspiring us to do better is a powerful example of what leadership can be and of the stories writing can convey," says Brad Lyons, President and Publisher, Chalice Press. "We're thrilled by this recognition and hope this will introduce more readers to Jen's invigorating ministry.

According to *Spirituality & Practice, "*This reservoir of stories, memories, and messages is relevant to all of us, whether we are Black or Black allies, Christian or of some other form of faith and hope. *To My Beloveds* offers assurance that, if we stick together and love and listen to one another, we will be alright."

Rev. Jen Bailey (she/her) is an ordained minister, public theologian, and national leader in the multi-faith justice movement. She is founder and executive director of the Faith Matters Network, equipping community organizers, faith leaders, and activists with resources for connection, spiritual sustainability, and accompaniment. Bailey's family lives in Nashville, Tenn.

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