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2 Million Books Sold by Bestselling Author and Pastor Adam Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Unlocked as New Book Releases

(Nashville, TN) – Abingdon Press has announced that bestselling author and pastor **Adam Hamilton** has surpassed the 2,000,000 unit sold mark of his collective lifetime works with the publisher.

“We are thrilled for Adam. He has an incredible gift of connecting with people and helping them to draw closer to God. Each unit sold represents multiple lives touched with the reassuring message of faith and hope. It’s an honor to be a part of his team,” said Susan Salley, the associate publisher for Ministry Resources and Christian Living books.

Hamilton’s writing career started with Abingdon Press in 2001 with the release of *Confronting the Controversies: Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues*. His books that offer companion video teaching that take readers along to the sites of the stories of the Bible have been among his most popular and include travels where the Bible’s stories unfolded in *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* and the Apostle Paul in *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*.

As evidenced in his first book, Hamilton has a gift for exploring difficult topics of faith and has not shied away from that over the years. In fact, the 2,000,000 in sales achievement was reached just as Hamilton’s new book ***Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things The Bible Doesn’t Say***, and its companion Bible study, have hit store shelves. In the book, he invites readers on a search for the full truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Jesus’ message and ministry. These phrases can lead people to navigate complex issues and avoid hurt, or even draw incorrect conclusions about God that can push people away from faith. By taking a healthy look at these half truths in the scope of biblical context and interpretation, everyone can play a role in encouraging the greater truths found in Jesus Christ to be revealed. This reevaluation paves the way for people to have honest conversations, to foster relationship building, and rethink how people new to faith hear our words.

The accomplishment also follows on the heels of the recent statement by President Obama appointing Adam Hamilton as Member, President’s Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. His local community impact particularly with low income children, public schools and inter-faith relationships has also been recognized by the Johnson County Community College Foundation who has just named him the Johnson Countian of the year.

Adam Hamilton is senior pastor and founder of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. The church has grown from four to over 20,000 attendees, and The Church Report named the congregation the most influential mainline church in America. Hamilton preached at the National Prayer Service as part of the presidential inauguration festivities in 2013. Annually, he hosts the Leadership Institute event that welcomes thousands of leaders for training and inspiration. Hamilton is the author of bestselling books including *John: The Gospel of Light*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity*, *When Christians Get It Wrong*, and *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*. Follow him online at AdamHamilton.org, @revadamhamilton on Twitter, and on Facebook at facebook.com/PastorAdamHamilton.

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