Leading Lives That Matter
What We Should Do and Who We Should Be

Must my job be the primary source of my identity?

To whom and to what should I listen as I decide what work to do?

With whom and for whom shall I live?

Is a balanced life possible and preferable to a life focused primarily on work?

What are my obligations to future human and other life?

How shall I tell the story of my life?

This second edition of Leading Lives That Matter compiles a wide range of texts—from ancient and contemporary literature, social commentary, and philosophy—related to questions of vital interest for those who are trying to decide what to do with their lives and what kind of human beings they hope to become. The book draws upon both religious and secular wisdom, bringing these sources into conversation with one another. Included in the second edition are forty-seven new readings from a diverse array of writers, including Toni Morrison, Kazuo Ishiguro, Denise Levertov, Malcolm Gladwell, Julia Alvarez, Alice Walker, Martin Luther King Jr., Pope Francis, and Chung Tzu.