

# Alban Institute Resources web catalog

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## **Church Administration**

### **ALBAN PERSONNEL HANDBOOK FOR CONGREGATIONS**

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Berry, Erwin

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Berry, Erwin

This handbook provides practical and proven strategies for managing church staff, and addresses ethical issues that faith communities need to consider to serve as effective stewards of employees. Invaluable features include guidelines and forms for conducting hiring interviews and performance evaluations; providing benefits; dealing with disciplinary and discrimination issues; and developing personnel policies.

### **CHANGE OF PASTORS**

BOOK

### **AND HOW IT AFFECTS CHANGE IN THE CONGREGATIO**

Mead, Loren B.

A revised edition of *Critical Moment of Ministry: Change of Pastors*. In this revised edition, *A Change of Pastors*, Mead shares the wisdom he gained from 35 years of studying congregations, wisdom that he hopes will allow congregations to take full advantage of this extraordinarily pregnant moment during which incredible congregational change can happen.

### **FINANCIAL MELTDOWN IN THE MAINLINE?**

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Mead, Loren B.

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### **HOLY PLACES**

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### **MATCHING SACRED SPACE WITH MISSION AND MESSA**

DeMott, Nancy, Tim Shapiro & Brent Bill

Holy Places is designed to be used by congregations who are involved in or are contemplating work on their facilities. This could include renovation, remodeling, expansion, or building. No matter how extensive the project, approaching the work with mission at the forefront is the key to having a final result that strengthens the congregation's ministry.

### **PREVENTING SEXUAL ABUSE IN CONGREGATIONS**

BOOK

### **A RESOURCE FOR LEADERS**

McClintock, Karen A.

In this comprehensive resource, Methodist pastor and pastoral psychologist Karen McClintock demonstrates that sexual abuse in congregations is preventable and gives clergy and lay leaders the tools they need to prevent sexual abuse in congregations. This book shows congregations how to protect children and vulnerable adults, prevent sexual harassment either by clergy or of clergy, and strengthen clergy families by raising awareness of the occupational and emotional risks inherent in pastoral ministry.

### **PROJECTS THAT MATTER: SUCCESSFUL PLANNING**

BOOK

### **AND EVALUATION FOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

Cahalan, Kathleen A.

Successful Project Planning and Evaluation is a primer for project leaders and teams about basic project planning and evaluation. Intended for the nonexpert, the book introduces readers to the five basic elements of project design and describes in detail a six-step process for designing and implementing a project evaluation and disseminating evaluation findings.

### **SO, YOUR PASTOR'S LEAVING?**

VIDEO

Mead, Loren B. and William J. Phillips

This tape may be viewed straight through, or is designed with three optional breakpoints. It takes the audience through the various steps congregations go through between the leaving of one pastor and the arriving of the next.

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**SO, YOUR PASTOR'S LEAVING? A MANUAL ON THE USES OF THE VIDEOTAPE**

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Mead, Loren B. and William J. Phillips

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**STARTING A NONPROFIT AT YOUR CHURCH**

BOOK

Skjegstad, Joy

The author outlines pros and cons of setting up a non-profit within the church; incorporating as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, setting up a board, raising funds and personnel issues - all while maintaining a positive relationship with your church.

**STEPPING FORWARD: SYNAGOGUE VISIONING AND PLANNING**

BOOK

Leventhal, Robert

Drawing on his extensive and fruitful consulting work in diverse synagogue contexts, Alban senior consultant Robert Leventhal presents his Synagogue Visioning and Planning (SVP) model to a wider audience for the first time. Using this substantial yet accessible model, Leventhal has helped numerous congregations with visioning and planning, leadership development, and team building.

**WINNING GRANTS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MINISTRY**

BOOK

Skjegstad, Joy

Joy Skjegstad is an experienced grant-proposal writer who has successfully raised money for a variety of nonprofits over the past 20 years, including a number of ministry organizations. She shows how fundraising can be an integral part of ministry - forcing us into deeper conversation with God, expanding our relationships with others, and building both our faith and our discipline.

***Church History***

**LEARNING THE WAY: RECLAIMING WISDOM FROM THE EARLIEST CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES**

BOOK

Williams, Cassandra D. Carkuff

The author explores early Christian communities and their practices in order to identify principles for discipleship formatino. She then offers expert advice on how to approach modern-day issues of Christian education and discipleship based on the examples of our earliest forbears in the faith.

***Church Renewal***

**ENTERING THE WORLD OF THE SMALL CHURCH**

BOOK

Pappas, Anthony G.

The author offers a road map into the world of the small church. He is especially helpful in motivating change and growth by mobilizing the natural strengths of small churches.

**FIVE CHALLENGES FOR THE ONCE AND FUTURE CHURCH**

BOOK

Mead, Loren B.

The author presents five key challenges facing today's church--and how they represent opportunities for the evolutionary, transformative changes he believes must take place in congregations if the church is to remain a viable institution into the 21st century.

**FROM NOMADS TO PILGRIMS** BOOK  
**STORIES FROM PRACTICING CONGREGATIONS** Bass, Diana Butler and Joseph Steward-Sickin

This book tells the extended stories of a dozen congregations that have been on a pilgrimage to vitality -retrieving and reworking Christian practice, tradition, and narrative. A follow up to *The Practicing Congregation: Imagining a New Old Church* by Diana Butler Bass. Both books offer a hopeful view of a new and often overlooked renaissance occurring in mainline Protestant congregations.

**MANAGING POLARITIES IN CONGREGATIONS** BOOK  
**EIGHT KEYS FOR THRIVING FAITH COMMUNITIES** Oswald, Roy M. and Barry Johnson

Congregations often find themselves in power struggles over two opposing views. People on both sides believe strongly that they are right. No matter what it is called, the research is clear: leaders and organizations that manage polarities well outperform those who don't.

**ONCE AND FUTURE CHURCH: REINVENTING THE** BOOK  
**CONGREGATION FOR A NEW MISSION FRONTIER** Mead, Loren B.

Mead takes a broad and insightful look at past and present changes in church, then postulates a future to which these changes are calling us. He believes the church now meets the world in the lives of laity--rather than in the far-off lands of foreign mission. Thus the church needs to be reinvented for the new mission. Mead is founder and president of The Alban Institute.

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The conventional wisdom about mainline Protestantism maintains that it is a dying tradition, irrelevant to a postmodern society, unresponsive to change, and increasingly disconnected from its core faith tenets. Historian and researcher Diana Butler Bass argues that there are signs that mainline Protestant churches are indeed changing, and laying the groundwork for a new type of congregation.

**TRAVELING TOGETHER** BOOK  
**A GUIDE FOR DISCIPLE-FORMING CONGREGATIONS** Jones, Jeffrey D.

The author guides readers through what it means to be a disciple, from key experiences that contribute to the growth of disciples to the practices of disciple-forming congregations. In this new world, disciple-filled congregations will be equipped to embrace the best parts of their church's heritage and reclaim it for a new day.

**UNIQUE DYNAMICS OF THE SMALL CHURCH** BOOK  
Dudley, Carl S.

A new perspective on the problem of the small economically marginal or submarginal congregation. It carries the past into the future and it will survive.

## *Church Year*

**WISDOM OF THE SEASONS** BOOK  
Olsen, Charles M.

The church year is often seen as a framework for church programs, but well-known Alban author Charles Olsen shows readers how it can be a prism through which congregations more deeply understand their own stories. By weaving together our narratives and those of Christian tradition, a congregation can clarify its identity, grow in wisdom, and discover a new vision for ministry.

## *Comparative Religion*

**SACRED STRATEGIES: TRANSFORMING SYNAGOGUES** BOOK  
**FROM FUNCTIONAL TO VISIONARY** Aron, Isa, S. Cohen, L. Hoffman & A, Kelman

Sacred Strategies is about eight synagogues that reached out and helped people connect to Jewish life in a new way - congregations that had gone from commonplace to extraordinary. They write for synagogue leaders eager to transform their congregations, federations and foundations interested in encouraging and supporting this transformation, and researchers in congregational studies who will want to explore further.

**SYNAGOGUES IN A TIME OF CHANGE** BOOK  
Heller, Zachary I., ed.

The issues faced by Judaism in America are not unique to Jewish religious movements. Many of the issues facing synagogues will be familiar to those of all faiths. Each writer brings unique expertise and perspective in describing the development of contemporary religious movements (denominations) in American Judaism, their interrelationships and tensions, and their prospects for the future. Religious groups of all kinds will find reflections of common struggles that can provide a vehicle for constructive conversations about their own pressing issues.

***Congregational Transformation***

**40 DAYS & 40 BYTES** BOOK  
**MAKING COMPUTERS WORK FOR YOUR CONGREGATION** Spiegel, Aaron; Armstrong, Nancy & Brent, B

There's no question your congregation is going to use computer technology. The only question is, "How?" 40 Days and 40 Bytes will help you design technology that fits your ministry and mission. 40 Days and 40 Bytes will help your congregation explore technology so you can decide, from a ministry and culture standpoint, what you need to do. The goal: godly service; not technological glitz.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEGATRENDS** BOOK  
Woods, C. Jeff

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**CREATING THE FUTURE TOGETHER** BOOK  
**METHODS TO INSPIRE YOUR WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY** Mead, Loren B. & Billie T. Alban

Congregations today face a multitude of challenges in trying to adapt to a quickly changing world. Balancing new concerns with core values is a complicated process that can leave too many members feeling that their voices and needs are not being met. The authors have developed this resource to share their knowledge of how congregations can use large group methods to navigate these new waters.

**DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL TYPE: A GUIDE TO** BOOK  
**INDIVIDUAL AND CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH** Ware, Corinne

How to recognize, appreciate, and build upon different types of spirituality. People whose spiritual styles are not recognized within traditional religious institutions withdraw from them. Here is a tool for strengthening congregations for effective evangelism and for greater appreciation of others' religious beliefs and personal spiritual growth.

**DOOR SET OPEN: GROUNDING CHANGE IN MISSION AND HOPE** BOOK  
Steinke, Peter L.

We resist change less when we associate it with mission and fortify it with hope. So argues longtime congregational consultant Peter Steinke in his fourth book, A Door Set Open, as he explores the relationship between the challenges of change and our own responses to new ideas and experiences.

**FEEDING THE FLOCK: RESTAURANTS AND CHURCHES YOU'D** BOOK  
**STAND IN LINE FOR** Chandler, Russell

Stories of why people choose to visit, and revisit, certain restaurants rather than others. It also finds significant points in these stories to apply to congregational health and growth. A book for congregations concerned about being welcoming, hospitable communities.

**GOD'S TAPESTRY** BOOK

**UNDERSTANDING AND CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES** Kondrath, William M.

Our differences are our greatest blessings and our greatest challenges, maintains William Kondrath, Episcopal priest and seminary professor. Theologically and ecologically, differences foster life and growth, but discord within denominations and congregations frequently have to do with the inability of individuals and groups to deeply understand and value differences.

**HOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY WORKS** BOOK

**UNDERSTANDING CONGREGATIONS AS EMOTIONAL SY** Steinke, Peter L.

The author suggests that congregations are like family systems and explains how to deal in new and effective ways with such issues as the roots of church conflict, the role of leadership, dealing with change in the congregation, the encouragement of responsible behavior and the significance of family of origin in current relationships.

**IMAGINING CHURCH:** BOOK

**SEEING HOPE IN A WORLD OF CHANGE** Shockley, Gary & Kim

The Shockleys outline how we in the church are now laborers in a new kind of vineyard—one that requires a new way of thinking and acting in our postmodern world. They invite readers to step into the flow of God's activity and, using the gifts God has given us, cooperate in the work of ministry and mission. Rather than suggesting one model or process for church effectiveness ("do it this way and grow"), *Imagining Church* helps congregational leaders to think more imaginatively about how God is at work in our present ministry contexts.

**IN DYING WE ARE BORN** BOOK

**THE CHALLENGE AND THE HOPE FOR CONGREGATION** Bush, Peter

Deeply ingrained in Western culture, and in the minds of most church leaders, is the belief that there is a solution to every problem. Peter Bush offers a powerful challenge to this approach, arguing that for new life, energy, and passion to arise in congregations, they must die - die to one way of being the church in order that a new way may rise.

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**LEADING CHANGE IN THE CONGREGATION: SPIRITUAL** BOOK

**AND ORGANIZATIONAL TOOLS FOR LEADERS** Rendle, Gilbert R.

This volume contains ideas for helping congregational leaders face or initiate change. The book presents ideas in useful bite-sized increments with which leaders can help their congregations to be more adaptive to the world changing around them.

**LETTING GO: TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS FOR MINISTRY** BOOK

Phillips, Roy D.

This book offers a new and exciting approach to ministry and to the life of a congregation--a shared ministry that, if implemented, will renew the church, energize ministers, and fulfill seeking laity.

**MEMORIES, HOPES, AND CONVERSATIONS** BOOK

**APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY AND CONGREGATINOAL CHAN** Branson, Mark Lau

When First Presbyterian Church in Altadena, California, was asked to provide a mission study report for its pastor nominating committee, the congregation was afraid they would find themselves engaging in busy work and producing a report that would wind up in a file gathering dust. They then asked professor Mark Lau Branson to consult with them on writing this report. He invited them to join in a process of Appreciative Inquiry--a transformational organization change process--which resulted in a major shift in congregational conversations.

**NEXT STEPS IN COMMUNITY MINISTRY: HANDS-ON LEADERSHIP** Dudley, Carl S. BOOK

What 24 congregations learned in the five years since the Church and Community Project's completion--how reality shattered the myths and expectations of funding, leadership, church/society partnership; how frustration and exhaustion led to being uplifted and sustained; how action made the poor and homeless real and not statistics. SUITABLE FOR RETREATS

**PATHWAY TO RENEWAL: PRACTICAL STEPS FOR CONGREGATIONS** Smith, Daniel, P. & Mary K. Sellon BOOK

Pathway to Renewal offers pastors and congregational leaders a framework for understanding and addressing the deep cultural shift facing the people of a congregation during congregational renewal. This book will help leaders make sense of where their congregation could get stuck and guide them in thinking through what needs to be addressed next as a congregation seeks renewal.

**POSTINDUSTRIAL PROMISE VITAL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY IN THE 21st CENTURY** Healy, Anthony E. BOOK

This book provides pastors, lay leaders, teachers, scholars, and seminarians with a solid grounding in the basic aspects of the postindustrial transformation and offers direction to help religious leaders develop responsive and viable places of ministry, mission, and program in this time of change.

**THIS HOUSE WE BUILD: LESSONS FOR HEALTHY SYNAGOGUES AND THE PEOPLE WHO DWELL THERE** Bookman, Terry and William Kahn BOOK

This House We Build enables both clergy and members to learn more deeply about creating and sustaining communities of faith in the course of inevitable transitions and everyday challenges.

**TRANSFORMING CHURCH BOARDS INTO COMMUNITIES OF SPIRITUAL LEADERS** Olsen, Charles M. BOOK

A four point model--shared stories, Scripture, prayer, and discernment--provides a new way of working on church boards that can be fulfilling instead of draining. The approach helps ordinary people integrate their work of leading the organization of the congregation with leading the spiritual life of the congregation.

**TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS FOR THE FUTURE** Mead, Loren B. BOOK

Mead sees a serious storm buffeting the churches, a storm so serious, he thinks we must begin again building church from the ground up.

**TURNAROUND CHURCH: INSPIRATION AND TOOLS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING CHANGE** Gifford, Mary Louise BOOK

Addressing a wide audience, the author shows church leaders they have options and reason for hope. People & clergy serving struggling churches will discover tools and resources to help them guide change. The Turnaround Church, while not a prescription for all churches, is a call to make long-lasting, life-sustaining changes.

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR CONGREGATION AS A SYSTEM** Parsons, George and Speed B. Leas BOOK

Congregational Systems Inventory series. This resource is a new evaluation tool for congregational leaders. It will enable church leaders to explore seven key areas in evaluating congregational life: strategy, process, pastoral and lay leadership, authority, relatedness, and learning.

**WWW.CONGREGATIONALRESOURCES.ORG CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE GUIDE** Bass, Richard, ed. BOOK

This book is an invaluable resource for congregational leaders. It puts the rich array of important congregational resources into context by examining the key books, organizations, Web sites, and people that will help leaders gain an understanding of important issues facing their faith communities. A companion to an online resource produced by the Alban Institute and the Indianapolis Center for Congregations

**Counseling**

**UNDERSTANDING THE SENIOR ADULT** BOOK  
**A TOOL FOR WHOLISTIC MINISTRY** Knutson, Lois D.

Part I includes a Parish Spiritual Assessment Tool for one-on-one visits with senior adults. Part II has a chapter on each segment of this tool. Part III shows congregations how to apply the goals to the senior adult ministry.

**Evangelism/Church Growth**

**ASSIMILATING NEW MEMBERS:** DVD  
**THE WORKSHOP** Oswald, Roy M.

Based on an Alban study and others that led to the book *The Inviting Church* these 2 DVDs identify the common characteristics of congregations that are warm, inviting, and growing. Taped by the sponsoring church, the workshop runs about four hours on two discs. A Discussion Leader's Guide is included. Leaders will also need a copy of *The Inviting Church*; we recommend that each member of a study group have a copy also.

**ASSIMILATING NEW MEMBERS: THE WORKSHOP VIDEO** VIDEO

Two-cassette program of a seminar conducted by Roy Oswald of the Alban Institute. Six segments run a total of about three hours. Oswald packs very worthwhile information into these classes. Members of large, medium, and small size churches will benefit equally from his research and know-how. Discussion Guide included.

**CONGREGATIONAL FITNESS** BOOK  
**HEALTHY PRACTICES FOR LAYFOLK** Goodman, Denise W.

When serious conflict surfaces in a congregation, lay people are usually stunned. They feel frightened, angry, and helpless. This resource explores why congregations are prone to conflict and describes healthy habits lay people can develop to handle conflict constructively. Designed for use by individuals, study groups, and retreat participants.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEGATRENDS** BOOK  
 Woods, C. Jeff

The key to the future will be to cast the exact same gospel content in a mold that people in today's world will view with interest--enough interest to explore the content. Congregations need to understand how seven key megatrends affect them--in evangelism, discipleship, ministry, spirituality, leadership, programming, and planning.

**HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLES** BOOK  
**CONGREGATIONS BUILDING MULTIRACIAL COMMUNIT** Kujawa-Holbrook, Sheryl A.

The author explores the visions, probes the struggles, and celebrates the efforts of congregations in very different settings to move beyond racism. She challenges racism in the church with a gospel vision for multicultural community, offers leaders wise counsel, and provides congregations with helpful resources for living into that vision.

**INVITING CHURCH** BOOK  
**A STUDY OF NEW MEMBER ASSIMILATION** Oswald, Roy M. and Speed B. Leas

A study of new member assimilation in family, pastoral, program churches. What happens to people as they discover, explore, and then join a local congregation. What newcomers say happened as they moved into a congregation and suggestions on how to assist newcomers in a congregation.

**REACHING OUT IN A NETWORKED WORLD** BOOK  
**EXPRESSING YOUR CONGREGATION'S HEART AND SOU** Baab, Lynn M.

In *Reaching Out in a Networked World*, communications expert and pastor Lynne Baab examines technologies such as websites, blogs, online communities, and desktop publishing. She demonstrates how a congregation can evaluate these tools and appropriately use them to communicate its heart and soul, to convey its identity and values both within and outside the congregation.

	<b>TELL IT LIKE IT IS</b>				BOOK
	<b>RECLAIMING THE PRACTICE OF TESTIMONY</b>		Daniel, Lillian		

Through the simple practice of speaking about God's presence in their lives, Rev. Daniel and her congregation discovered that speaking about God's transformation had the power to transform their church.

### *Faith Development*

	<b>BE STILL: DESIGNING AND LEADING CONTEMPLATIVE RETREATS</b>				BOOK
			Vennard, Jane E.		

A book of wise counsel and practical guidance to the retreat leader. Amply illustrated with stories and creative exercises, it is grounded in common sense and based on years of experience.

	<b>GIFTS OF AN UNCOMMON LIFE</b>				BOOK
	<b>THE PRACTICE OF CONTEMPLATIVE ACTIVISM</b>		Friend, Jr., Howard E.		

This book of ten essays is a breath of fresh air, a source of inspiration, a wake-up call, and a bold challenge for pastors, congregational leaders, and church members—both active and lapsed—who long for a new perspective, even a touch of creative irreverence. With an invitation to quietness and stillness, inner strength and resilience, audacious hope and insistent confidence, it welcomes those among the people of God who do not belong to a church or name themselves as Christian.

	<b>HEARTS TO GOD, HANDS TO WORK: CONNECTING SPIRITUALITY AND WORK</b>				BOOK
			Jacobsen, Steve		

An account of one pastor's creative attempts at integrating faith and life--getting people out into their workaday worlds with their Christian faith alive, well, and active.

	<b>IT'S NOT TOO LATE: A FIELD GUIDE TO HOPE</b>				BOOK
			Sitze, Bob		

A "field guide" is a small, pocketable book that accompanies you on an adventure or journey. It's Not Too Late is a field guide to hope—sized so that you can carry it along with you on your daily journey of faith. The entries in this book will help you find hope, whether it's right in front of you or it remains elusive despite your searchings.

	<b>LOST IN THE MIDDLE?</b>				BOOK
			Wildman, Wesley J. & Stephen Chapin Garner		

Claiming an Inclusive Faith for Christians who are both liberal and evangelical. There exists a deep and broad population of Christians who feel the labels of "liberal" and "evangelical" both describe their faith and limit their expression of it. By working to reclaim the traditional, historical meanings of these terms, and showing how they complement rather than oppose each other, Wesley Wildman and Stephen Chapin Garner stake a claim for the moderate Christian voice in today's polarized society.

	<b>ONE STEP AT A TIME</b>				BOOK
	<b>A PILGRIM'S GUIDE TO SPIRIT-LED LIFE</b>		Geoffrion, Timothy C.		

Using pilgrimage as a metaphor for the Spirit-led life, the author offers his experiences, thoughts, and reflections as a catalyst for readers' own spiritual pilgrimage—the lifelong journey of growth into the life Christ intends for us.

	<b>REFLECTING WITH GOD</b>				BOOK
	<b>Connecting Faith and Daily Life in Small Groups</b>		Johnson, Abigail		

Johnson provides detailed instructions for group facilitators, making this book a valuable resource for any theological reflection leader. She demonstrates how theological reflection will enrich the faith life of the individual and increase group members' sense of belonging to God and to the whole people of God. She also shows how small groups engaging in theological reflection affects the ongoing life of a congregation—particularly in the community's worship and the members' practice of spiritual disciplines. Foreword by Barbara Troxell

**UNCOVERING YOUR CHURCH'S HIDDEN SPIRIT** BOOK  
 Hahn, Celia Allison

This resource tells stories of several parishes, each with its own spiritual history and promise. The author helped them identify their congregation's gifts for spiritual development, and offers a very readable, wise, and highly practical text for people interested in exploring this area with their own congregation.

**WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?** BOOK  
**CONNECTING FAITH AND DAILY LIFE** Everist, Norma Cook and Nelvin Vos

Focusing on stress, power, and accountability in daily life, the book helps readers make connections to their faith.

***Human Sexuality***

**CONGREGATIONS TALKING ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY** BOOK  
 Galde, Beth Ann, ed.

Useful guidelines w/ actual case studies provide advice and wisdom for congregations discussing the issue.

***Leadership: Lay Ministry***

**BORN OF WATER, BORN OF SPIRIT: SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY** BOOK  
**OF THE BAPTIZED IN SMALL CONGREGATIONS** Kujawa-Holbrook, Sheryl A. & Fredrica Harri

The authors explore the variety of ways people in small congregations -many with no more than fifty members - are living out their baptism and the impact their actions are having on their congregations, judicatories, and communities, and the institutions that educate clergy. The authors argue that just because a community cannot pay a seminary-trained minister - a growing problem in remote regions - it does not mean that there is no ministry there. It does mean that we need to look at ministry and the church in a more expansive way.

**DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS** BOOK  
**TAKING RISKS, ACTING WITH INTEGRITY** Day, Katie

The author, a professor of church and society at the Lutheran Theological Sminary at Philadelphia, invites congregations to begin engaging in difficult conversations, a process she hopes will become habit-forming, a new way of being communities of faith. Days talks about what makes some conversations so difficult, what dynamics are at work as we silence one another, and addresses risk involved in difficult conversations.

**HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS: A SYSTEMS APPROACH** BOOK  
 Steinke, Peter L.

Steinke takes readers in a deeper exploration of congregations as emotional systems. He outlines the factors that put congregations at risk for anxiety and conflict, ten principles of health, how congregations can adopt new ways of dealing with stress and anxiety, and how spiritually and emotionally healthy leaders influence the emotional system.

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**KNOW AND BE KNOWN** BOOK  
**SMALL GROUPS THAT NOURISH AND CONNECT** Collison, Brooke B.

In Know and Be Known, Brooke Collison looks at the element missing in most group dynamics today: intentionality about relationships. Counselor, educator, and long-time leader and participant in small groups, Collison knows the power of small groups to create meaningful bonds of friendship and support.

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	<b>LINKING FAITH AND DAILY LIFE: AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR LAY PEOPLE, PARTICIPANT'S PACKET</b>		Reber, Robert E.	BOOK	
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This program focuses on those areas where church members spend most of their lives--the workplace, family, and community, and how our Christian faith relates to them. The retreat and six follow-up sessions provide opportunities to examine these areas. Most materials needed for this study are contained in the booklet.

	<b>LINKING FAITH AND DAILY LIFE: AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR LAY PEOPLE, LEADER'S GUIDE</b>		Reber, Robert E.	BOOK	
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This program begins with a weekend retreat and continues for six consecutive weekly sessions. It focuses on the congregation or church as the community in which Christians may be educated, nurtured, and held accountable for their ministries in those places where they spend the most time and energy--the workplace, family, and community.

	<b>LISTENING TO GOD SPIRITUAL FORMATION IN CONGREGATIONS</b>		Ackerman, John	BOOK	
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The book outlines ways a congregation can promote members' spiritual growth toward a greater intimacy with God. It deals with the whole system - individuals and small groups, lay leaders and clergy, worship and education - everything congregations do to form more fully into the body of Christ. The author offers two basic, four-step models and several additional tools that can be used to create a more encompassing process.

	<b>MEANDERING WAY LEADING BY FOLLOWING THE SPIRIT</b>		Shockley, Gary A.	BOOK	
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This book is one pastor's story of his journey from a success-oriented drivenness to a significance-oriented, meandering style of life. What you will find are reflections from a fellow traveler who is now less desirous of doing something spectacular for God and is instead committed to doing something significant with God - who is discovering a more grace-filled, Spirit-led way.

	<b>MULTIGENERATIONAL CONGREGATION MEETING THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE</b>		Rendle, Gil	BOOK	
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The author helps the reader understand the essential differences and unique dynamics between generations and between long-tenured members and newcomers. He provides leadership skills, strategies, stories and biblical connections needed to harness the energy of generational differences.

	<b>SERVING GOD WITH STYLE UNLEASHING SERVANT POTENTIAL</b>		Williams, Ronald C.	BOOK	
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The author has created the "Servant Resource Faith-Style Inventory" that congregations can use as a tool in training ministry volunteers, developing ministry teams, educating ministry leaders, developing Christ-centered work-ethic training, empowering Christians in the secular workplace, and other ministry development interventions. This book provides encouragement and inspiration for all who are committed to excellence in ministry.

	<b>WHOLE TRUTH</b>		Mead, Loren B.	BOOK	
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This book on problem solving uses cartoons and a wry literary style to highlight issues that can be found in the nature and life of any congregation. Provocative and original, this book is a useful catalyst for groups gathered for problem solving or conflict resolution.

### ***Leadership: Officer Education***

	<b>CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER: GROWTH MODELS FOR PROFESSIONAL LEADERS AND CONGREGATIONS</b>		Harbaugh, Gary L.	BOOK	
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To maintain a vibrant religious community, pay attention to the well-being of its professional leadership. The author confronts clergy with their responsibility to care for themselves as well as for others. Contains information on various personnel support systems used by churches.

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	<b>COMPLETING THE CIRCLE</b>				BOOK
	<b>REVIEWING MINISTRIES IN THE CONGREGATION</b>		McMahill, David R.		
					A respectful, constructive, helpful review of leaders and ministries in a congregation, and the creation of a culture of healthy communication in the congregation
	<b>GOVERNANCE AND MINISTRY</b>				BOOK
	<b>RETHINKING BOARD LEADERSHIP</b>		Hotchkiss, Dan		
					In Governance and Ministry, the author offers congregational leaders a roadmap and tools for changing the way boards and clergy work together to lead congregations. Hotchkiss demonstrates that the right governance model is the one that best enables a congregation to fulfill its mission - to achieve both the outward results and the inward quality of life to which it is called.
	<b>HUMBLE LEADERSHIP: BEING RADICALLY OPEN</b>				BOOK
	<b>TO GOD'S GUIDANCE AND GRACE</b>		Standish, N. Graham		
					Copy 2. Humble leadership, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, means recognizing that what we have and who we are are gifts from God, and our lives should reflect our gratitude for these gifts. It requires us to be radically and creatively open to God's guidance, grace, and presence in everything. When we lead out of such openness, God's power and grace flow through us.
	<b>LEADERSHIP IN CONGREGATIONS</b>				BOOK
			Bass, Richard, ed.		
					This new book in Alban's Harvesting the Learnings Series, edited by Richard Bass, gathers the collected wisdom of more than 10 years of Alban research and reflection on what it means to be a leader in a congregation, how our perceptions of leadership are changing, and exciting new directions for leadership in the future.
	<b>PASTORAL SEARCH JOURNEY:</b>				BOOK
	<b>A GUIDE TO FINDING YOUR NEXT PASTOR</b>		Vonhof, John		
					The author provides detailed guidance for search committees to ensure a good match between pastor and congregation. He discusses interim pastors, transitions between pastors, and the use of the Internet and digital media.
	<b>PREVENTING SEXUAL ABUSE IN CONGREGATIONS</b>				BOOK
	<b>A RESOURCE FOR LEADERS</b>		McClintock, Karen A.		
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	<b>SAFE AND SECURE: THE ALBAN GUIDE TO PROTECTING</b>				BOOK
	<b>YOUR CONGREGATION</b>		Hanna, Jeffrey W.		
					The church is no longer untouched by the secular issues of theft, conflict, and lawsuits. This guide helps church leaders provide secure surroundings for their people and to set in place controls that prevent abuse.
	<b>SELECTING CHURCH LEADERS</b>				BOOK
	<b>A PRACTICE IN SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT</b>		Olsen, Charles M. & Ellen Morseth		
					The authors provide a challenging, practical and honest treatment of the biblical concept of discernment compared to the current cultural models of decision making. The book offers a needed corrective to the often agonizing experience of nominating/search committee work by recognizing God's work at the center of the process and providing steps to intentionally connect with Holy Spirit to leadership selection.

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**SO YOU'RE ON THE SEARCH COMMITTEE** BOOK  
**REVISED EDITION** Ketchum, Bunty with Celia Allison Hahn

This book focuses on the experience of pastoral search committees and the unique role that laity in most denominations play in this crucial process. The authors offer insightful reflections on the deeper issues of congregational identity and transformation, as well as raise warnings about some of the obstacles committee members can expect to encounter in the search process.

**WHEN BETTER ISN'T ENOUGH** BOOK  
**EVALUTATION TOOLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH** Hudson, Jill M.

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**WHEN MOSES MEETS AARON: STAFFING AND SUPERVISION** BOOK  
**IN LARGE CONGREGATIONS** Rendle, Gil & Susan Beaumont

Gil Rendle and Susan Beaumont have taken the best of corporate human resource tools and immersed them in a congregational context, providing a comprehensive manual for supervision, motivating, and coordinating staff teams.

### *Mission*

**ONCE AND FUTURE CHURCH: REINVENTING THE** BOOK  
**CONGREGATION FOR A NEW MISSION FRONTIER** Mead, Loren B.

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**PUBLIC OFFERINGS:** BOOK  
**STORIES FROM THE FRONT LINES OF COMMUNITY MIN** Delloff, Linda-Marie

Congregations of most faiths have always been involved in "public ministry" that is, service with persons beyond the congregation's membership or regular participants. Some of the most vital congregations have created public ministry programs that go beyond more traditional forms of "social ministry" or "outreach" to meet urgent new needs in fresh and creative ways. Public Offerings suggests ways for all congregations to reach beyond themselves to better serve their neighbors.

**READY HOPE: EFFECTIVE DISASTER MINISTRY** BOOK  
**FOR CONGREGATIONS** Haueisen, Kathryn M. & Carol H. Flores

A Ready Hope is an initiation for people of faith who are new to the ministry of disaster preparedness and response. The authors provide an overview of existing disaster-response networks, detail the predictable phases of disaster recovery, lift up ways that congregational leaders and members can be involved in disaster response efforts, and prepare congregations to respond appropriately to a disaster in their community.

### *Older Adults*

**ENGAGING IN MINISTRY WITH OLDER ADULTS** BOOK  
Carlson, Dosa

This is a resource to help in the design and implementation of parish programs to meet the needs not only of the elderly but of the growing number of active, mobile elders who provide a great source of experience and dedication for local congregations. Actual congregational experiences are related, and addresses given for follow-up.

### *Peacemaking*

**CLAIMING THE BEATITUDES:** BOOK  
**NINE STORIES FROM A NEW GENERATION** Howard, Anne Sutherland

Though Jesus spoke the words of the beatitudes thousands of years ago, people throughout our society are continuing to adjust their way of modern living in the hopes of changing the world around them. With her experience both as an Episcopal priest and as Executive Director of the Beatitudes Society, Anne Sutherland Howard meets these people around the world and shares their inspiring stories.

***Prayer/Meditation***

**PRAYING CONGREGATION** BOOK

**THE ART OF TEACHING SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** Vennard, Jane E.

Readers are invited to gently explore questions such as, who taught you to pray and how? what do you believe about prayer? what is your image of the God to whom you pray? and what is prayer anyway? Through this book, readers' hearts are made ready to explore the wonder of strengthening their relationship with God through prayer.

***Professional Ministry***

**ALBAN GUIDE TO MANAGING THE PASTORAL SEARCH PROCESS** BOOK

Vonhof, John

Practical ideas for the search committee, including using a speaker phone to talk to prospective pastors.

**ALL FOR GOD'S GLORY:** BOOK

**REDEEMING CHURCH SCUTWORK** Weeks, Louis B.

The author suggests that it is through focused attention to the details of scutwork that pastors are able to build solid relationships within the congregation, and without the trust that comes from these relationships, no true pastoral care and leadership is possible. All for God's Glory explores ways in which churches are engaged and can engage in practices of administration that deepen care and build a healthy congregational community.

**ATTENDING PARISHIONERS' SPIRITUAL GROWTH** BOOK

Williamson, Thomas P.

More than a "how-to" book, it conveys a deep understanding of spirituality and its roots in the Christian tradition. The writing is simple, clear, pastoral, personal, and practical.

**BE STILL: DESIGNING AND LEADING CONTEMPLATIVE RETREATS** BOOK

Vennard, Jane E.

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**BEATING BURNOUT IN CONGREGATIONS** BOOK

Baab, Lynne M.

There is no greater or more important volunteer organization than the local congregation. That's why it is so tragic when people get exhausted and can no longer serve with joy. The author explores the causes of burnout and gives wise counsel as to what can be done to stem the erosion of talent and energy. She takes seriously the God-given diversity of people, as well as the theological paradoxes that call us to both sacrifice and to self-care.

**BECOMING A PASTOR: REFLECTIONS ON THE** BOOK

**TRANSITION INTO MINISTRY** Wind, James P. & David J. Wood

An Alban Institute Special Report. This report serves several purposes: it calls attention to a promising set of new experiments that have the potential to make a collective impact on the way people enter pastoral ministry in the 21st century; it reflects on the ways people have entered pastoral ministry; and it suggests ways that congregational leaders and others can respond effectively to the challenge of preparing new clergy for vital ministry.

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	<b>BECOMING BARNABAS</b>				BOOK
	<b>THE MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT</b>		Moots, Paul		
					Here is a leadership book that provides practical help for congregations of every size and setting and pastors with a variety of gifts. Drawing from his own experience as a pastor, Moots shares a model of faithful ministry that is within the reach of every pastor, layperson, and congregation.
	<b>BEHAVIORAL COVENANTS IN CONGREGATIONS</b>				BOOK
	<b>HANDBOOK FOR HONORING DIFFERENCES</b>		Rendle, Gilbert R.		
					Living together in spite of differences; training tools, small group exercises, meeting and retreat plans.
	<b>BEYOND THE BOUNDARY: MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF</b>				BOOK
	<b>THE FIRST YEARS OF MINISTRY</b>		Harbaugh, Gary L., et al		
					Reviews existing denominational programs to help in entry process of professional clergy and offer excellent basis for developing local (presbytery) programs.
	<b>BLESSED CONNECTIONS</b>				BOOK
	<b>RELATIONSHIPS THAT SUSTAIN VITAL MINISTRY</b>		Schwanz, Judith A.		
					In Blessed Connections, seminary professor Judith Schwanz focuses on the person of the minister and the relational system of the minister's life. She spotlights three areas of connection - relationship with self, relationships with other people, and relationship with God. Attending to these three primary connections will strengthen the pastor and cushion her or him against the pressures and stresses of daily ministry.
	<b>BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH</b>				BOOK
			Wimberley, Jr., John W.		
					The uncomfortable truth that faithful ministry requires effective management. The book begins with a foundational discussion of how a systems approach helps congregational managers identify areas of dysfunction and effective solutions. Managing the critical "inputs" of people, facilities, and finances has a direct bearing on the desired "outputs" of proclamation, pastoral care, and mission. A strategic plan, through which a congregation sets its goals and identifies and prioritizes resources, is an essential management tool for both pastors and lay leaders.
	<b>CALLED FOR LIFE</b>				BOOK
	<b>FINDING MEANING IN RETIREMENT</b>		Clayton, Paul C.		
					Called for Life reflects on our calling to serve God and neighbor in the context of retirement. People facing retirement ask a variety of questions, each framed by a different perspective. "Will I ever be interested in retiring?" some baby boomers ask. "Who am I now?" newly retired clergy ask. "What, if anything, is God calling me to do and be after retirement?" all inquire
	<b>CAN OUR CHURCH LIVE? REDEVELOPING CONGREGATIONS</b>				BOOK
	<b>IN DECLINE</b>		Mann, Alice		
					What is the life cycle of a congregation, and what criteria determine whether the congregation needs renewal, revitalization, or redevelopment? This book offers practical options and leadership challenges for laity and clergy and includes discussion questions to guide planning.
	<b>CHOOSING PARTNERSHIP, SHARING MINISTRY</b>				BOOK
	<b>A VISION FOR NEW SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY</b>		Bailey, Marcia Barnes		
					The author invites pastors and congregations to a new understanding of ministry, leadership, and the church, that challenges hierarchy by fully sharing responsibilities, risks, and rewards in mutual ministry.

**CLERGY RENEWAL: THE ALBAN GUIDE TO SABBATICAL PLANNING** BOOK  
 Bullock, A. Richard, and Richard J. Bruesehof

The authors recommend sabbatical leave as a necessary part of the spiritual growth for the congregation as well as for the religious professional. They offer hope of renewal time and encourage dreaming and practical planning for the time away.

**CLERGY, RETIREMENT, AND WHOLENESS  
 LOOKING FORWARD TO THE THIRD AGE** BOOK  
 Halaas, Gwen Wagstrom

What would you wish for in retirement? Good health? Financial Stability? A supportive social community? Retiring well is everyone's goal, but accomplishing this end requires planning and effort. Family physician Gwen Halaas recognizes the challenges professional caregivers such as clergy experience as they try to practice good self-care, particularly as they approach the significant changes inherent in retirement.

**COMMUNITY MINISTRY** BOOK  
 Dudley, Carl S.

The author offers new challenges and proven steps to faith-based initiatives for congregations that feel called to community ministry. He uses a four-step model for effectively reaching a community. This resource will enrich congregational leaders who want to share God's love in practical ways among their neighbors and learn more about social ministry.

**COMPETENT PASTOR  
 SKILLS AND SELF-KNOWLEDGE FOR SERVING WELL** BOOK  
 Sisk, Ronald D.

This resource addresses the foundational requirements for success in the difficult profession of ministry. Covering ten key areas needed for ministerial competence, the book serves as a handbook for seminarians and pastors at all levels who wish to evaluate where they stand and how they might improve.

**CONFLICT MANAGEMENT IN CONGREGATIONS** BOOK  
 Lott, David B., ed.

A collection of writings from 20 classic Alban works on congregational conflict. Featured are key thinkers including Speed Leas, George Parsons, Margaret Bruehl, Gil Rendle, Alice Mann, and Roy Pneuman. Three sections explore the dynamics of conflict, conflict management techniques, and dealing with conflict in specific contexts serving as a comprehensive primer for all congregational leaders.

**CONGREGATIONAL FITNESS: HEALTHY PRACTICES FOR LAYFOLK** BOOK  
 Goodman, Denise W.

How to avoid replaying old conflicts to avenge past defeats or even the score! The author suggests how congregations can practice constructive responses and skills for "unpacking" conflicts and learning from them. It is normal and healthy to have low-level conflicts in a church. They promote growth in areas we feel are important enough to fight over.

**CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ANXIOUS TIMES  
 BEING CALM AND COURAGEOUS NO MATTER WHAT** BOOK  
 Steinke, Peter L.

Anxious times call for steady leadership. When tensions emerge in a congregation, its leaders cannot be as anxious as the people they serve. To remain effective, congregational leaders must control their own uneasiness. Anxious times hold not only the potential for loss but also for creation, important learnings, and changes that will strengthen the congregation.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEGATRENDS** BOOK  
 Woods, C. Jeff

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**CONGREGATIONAL TRAUMA: CARING, COPING & LEARNING** BOOK  
 Hudson, Jill M.

Drawing on her own experience with a traumatized congregation, the author provides a guide for responding to a number of disasters--from clergy misconduct, arson, and suicide, to bombings and natural disasters. She advises how to keep the lines of communication between a grieving church and the faithful God open to promote healing.

**CONGREGATIONS AS LEARNING COMMUNITIES** BOOK

**TOOLS FOR SHAPING YOUR FUTURE**

Campbell, Dennis G.

In our rapidly evolving religious scene, congregations that are open to continuous learning and willing to respond to external and internal change, will be the ones that achieve new vitality and health. Dennis Campbell describes what those congregations will look like and provides four tools to help a congregation shape its community into what God would have it be. Systems thinking, congregational culture, appreciative inquiry, and scenario planning are explained and illustrated, and readers will be shown how to apply the principles to their setting.

**CONNECTING TO GOD: NURTURING SPIRITUALITY THROUGH** BOOK

**SMALL GROUPS**

Ware, Corinne

This book is a guide for lay persons to explore and experience a more reflective and spiritual life. It provides a way to be more prayerful, to understand soulfulness, and to learn about the Christian spiritual tradition.

**CONSIDERING A NEW CALL: ETHICAL AND SPIRITUAL** BOOK

**CHALLENGES FOR CLERGY**

Antal, James M.

Taking a look at the complex psychological and ethical challenges of changing pulpits. For example, there's a fine line between truth-telling and deception, the double duties of transitioning pastors, the timing involved in telling the spouse and children, the importance of a focused prayer life.

**COOPERATING CONGREGATIONS:** BOOK

**PORTRAITS OF MISSION STRATEGIES**

Waldkoenig, Gilson A.C./William O. Avery

Economically, some congregations cannot afford a full time pastor. This guidebook gives a portrait of five cooperative parishes.

**CROSS-SHAPED LEADERSHIP** BOOK

**ON THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE OF PARISH MINISTRY**

Berntsen, John A.

For Lutheran pastor John Berntsen, the cross is about more than the crucifixion on Good Friday. It is shorthand for the whole drama of salvation -- God's decisive act of reconciling the world to God's own self. The cross is dying and rising with Christ, but at a deeper level it is the story of the world's resistance to grace.

**DO I BELONG IN SEMINARY?** BOOK

Parker, Ronald E.

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**DYNAMICS OF SMALL TOWN MINISTRY** BOOK

Farris, Lawrence W.

This book explores the impact and importance of local history, geography, the values and metaphors of small-town life, boundary setting, and ministerial roles. The author is experienced in and committed to small-town ministry and shows how real people in real places rediscover their roles in shaping a humane future.

**EMBRACING DIVERSITY: LEADERSHIP IN MULTICULTURAL** BOOK

**CONGREGATIONS**

Foster, Charles R.

For two types of church leaders - 1) pastors and lay leaders of racially and culturally diverse congregations and 2) leaders committed to equipping the congregations they serve for living hospitably in a racially and culturally diverse society and world. Here are possibilities to nurture faith, build community and promote outreach--even in casual contacts.

**EMBRACING MIDLIFE:** BOOK

**CONGREGATIONS AS SUPPORT SYSTEMS**

Baab, Lynne M.

Congregations at midlife should embrace it as an opportunity for growth and not as a crisis.

**ENDING WITH HOPE** BOOK

**A RESOURCE FOR CLOSING CONGREGATIONS** Gaede, Beth Ann, ed.

Contributors represent eight denominations, including pastors, lay leaders, judicatory staff, and others who have "been there" helping congregations through the painful closing process. Resources include models for assessing whether a congregation should close; reflections on members' and pastors' experiences during closing; case studies; guidance for deciding what to do with a building; suggestions for selecting and preserving documents and artifacts; rituals for healthy closings; a survey of historical trends regarding closings; and other helpful materials.

**ENTERING THE WORLD OF THE SMALL CHURCH** BOOK

Pappas, Anthony G.

Revised Edition. Small churches face a number of challenges as they seek to be faithful in the 21st century. They also have a needed message of faithfulness for the days ahead. The author states the greatest single resource to accomplish this is quality leadership - leadership that seeks God's heart, that loves the small church, that understands the nature of the small church and can act appropriately within it.

**FEEDING THE FLOCK** BOOK

**RESTAURANTS AND CHURCHES YOU'D STAND IN LINE FOR** Chandler, Russell

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**FINDING OUR STORY: NARRATIVE LEADERSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL CHANGE** BOOK

Golemon, Larry A., ed.

The Narrative Leadership Collection. Helping a community of faith "re-vision" its personal and collective narratives is one of the greatest leadership challenges of the age. In Finding Our Story, Larry Golemon, lead researcher of the Alban Institute's Narrative Leadership in Ministry project, has assembled essays by congregational consultants who use the power of story to help congregations heal, strengthen, and reinvent themselves.

**FIVE CHALLENGES FOR THE ONCE AND FUTURE CHURCH** BOOK

Mead, Loren B.

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**FOUR SEASONS OF MINISTRY** BOOK

**GATHERING A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** Epperly, Bruce G. & Katherine Gould Epperly

Ministers often find themselves caught in the day-to-day pressures of leading a congregation and yearn to experience the unfolding of their professional lives from a larger perspective. This resource serves as a guide for what you will find on your ministerial journey and gives meaning to the routine and repetitive tasks of ministry.

**FROM STUCK TO UNSTUCK** BOOK

**OVERCOMING CONGREG. IMPASSE** Halstead, Kenneth A.

Helps pastor and leaders work to get themselves emotionally unstuck and their systems unstuck.

**GATHERING THE SEEKERS** BOOK

Newby, James R.

How to select, train, and motivate small group leaders and their groups. His workshops have demonstrated how small group ministry can become the linchpin of a church's revitalization. He provides a nurturing method by which serious seekers of personal spiritual empowerment can work and grow together in one or more small groups.

<b>GENERATIONS OF FAITH</b>			BOOK
<b>A CONGREGATIONAL ATLAS</b>		Eeman, Carl G.	
	In trying to understand the cultures interacting in a church and community, the author has connected "age" and "attitude" in a way that every church leader will find relevant in any pastoral context. Leaders need to understand these differences.		
<b>GENEROUS PRESENCE</b>			BOOK
<b>SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND THE ART OF COACHING</b>		Melander, Rochelle	
	A Generous Presence describes the philosophy, tools, and work of coaching and is designed to support all spiritual leaders in deepening and enriching their personal and professional relationships.		
<b>GENEROUS SAINTS: CONGREGATIONS RETHINKING</b>			BOOK
<b>ETHICS AND MONEY</b>		Hudnut-Beumler, James	
	This resource helps congregations put economic challenges in a larger theological perspective. It deals in a realistic way with such issues as the thorny issue of endowments, the church as landlord, congregations as employers, a fresh and honest use of the word stewardship, and more.		
<b>GETTING THE WORD OUT</b>			BOOK
<b>The Alban Guide to Church Communications</b>		Gonnerman, Frederick H.	
	A resource for communication in the Christian community where there is great competition.		
<b>GRACE OF IT ALL</b>			BOOK
<b>REFLECTIONS ON THE ART OF MINISTRY</b>		Lucking, F. Dean	
	Dean Lueking shares the fruits and foibles of his fifty years in parish ministry, forty-four of them in the same congregation, Grace Lutheran in River Forest, Illinois. , Lueking writes as the wise friend and colleague every pastor would hope to have. He has experienced a ministry which is life-giving year after year, in quiet moments and in open view.		
<b>HEALTHY DISCLOSURE: SOLVING COMMUNICATION</b>			BOOK
<b>QUANDARIES IN CONGREGATIONS</b>		Ruth, Kibbie Simmons & Karen A. McClintock	
	Information management is both a technical process and a spiritual undertaking. Leaders need the ability to spiritually discern, not just intellectually decide, the solutions to congregational dilemmas. Congregational consultants Kibbie Ruth and Karen McClintock show clergy and laity how to appropriately handle information.		
<b>HEART, MIND, AND STRENGTH: THEORY AND PRACTICE</b>			BOOK
<b>FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP</b>		Jones, Jeffrey D.	
	The author organizes this book around the daily practices of leadership, treating it as both a skill and an art. Heart, Mind, and Strength will enhance your practice of ministry by providing well-grounded theory related to the practical concerns you encounter in the daily work of balancing what you know with who you are.		
<b>HIDDEN LIVES OF CONGREGATIONS</b>			BOOK
<b>DISCERNING CHURCH DYNAMICS</b>		Galindo, Israel	
	The Hidden Lives of Congregations provides one of the most far-reaching looks into the invisible nature of faith communities written in recent years. Informed by family systems theory and grounded in a wide-ranging ecclesiological understanding, Galindo unpacks clearly the factors of congregational lifespan, size, spirituality, and identity and shows how these work together to form the congregation's hidden life.		
<b>HOLY CLARITY</b>			BOOK
<b>THE PRACTICE OF PLANNING AND EVALUATION</b>		Drummond, Sarah B.	
	In Holy Clarity, Sarah Drummond explores the most basic reason leaders of religious organizations conduct evaluations: To find and create God-pleasing clarity regarding the organization's purpose and the impact of its activities. Leadership and evaluation are not separate disciplines, she argues. Effective leaders evaluate because they need to know what is happening in their organizations and how those activities are effecting change.		

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	<b>HOLY CONVERSATIONS: STRATEGIC PLANNING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR CONGREGATIONS</b>		Rendle, Gil and Mann, Alice	BOOK	A resource on Strategic Planning, accepting the challenge where people share a common faith but have very different needs.
	<b>HONEST TO GOD CHURCH: A PATHWAY TO GOD'S GRACE</b>		Bixby, Doug	BOOK	Doug Bixby knows that many of us have had enough of the liberal vs. conservative battles in the church. In <i>The Honest to God Church</i> , Bixby demonstrates how these extremes have distracted us from our true calling as conduits for God's grace—both individually and as congregations.
	<b>HOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY WORKS UNDERSTANDING CONGREGATIONS AS EMOTIONAL SY</b>		Steinke, Peter L.	BOOK	Drawing on the work of Bowen and Friedman, and on his own many years of counseling experiences, Peter Steinke shows how to recognize and deal with the emotional roots of such issues as church conflict, leadership roles, congregational change, irresponsible behavior, and the effects of family of origin on current relationships. An updated version of the 1993 edition.
	<b>HUMBLE LEADERSHIP: BEING RADICALLY OPEN TO GOD'S GUIDANCE AND GRACE</b>		Standish, N. Graham	BOOK	Humble leadership, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, means recognizing that what we have and who we are are gifts from God, and our lives should reflect our gratitude for these gifts. It requires us to be radically and creatively open to God's guidance, grace, and presence in everything. When we lead out of such openness, God's power and grace flow through us.
	<b>IF THIS IS THE WAY THE WORLD WORKS SCIENCE, CONGREGATIONS AND LEADERSHIP</b>		Avery, William O. & Beth Ann Gaede	BOOK	Avery and Gaede explore five principles from the philosophy of science that suggest an alternative way to view congregational mission and leadership: openness to new information, complexity, diversity, interrelatedness, and process. Their premise is that when faith communities align themselves with the way the world—God's world—works, they more faithfully carry out their vocations as witnesses to God's reconciling work and as servants to one another.
	<b>IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL BUILDING EFFECTIVE LONG-TERM PASTORATES</b>		Ludwig, Glenn E.	BOOK	The author highlights the benefits, both to pastors and to congregations, of being in one place long enough for trust to develop and a common life of faith to be nurtured. Communities of faith can exemplify the importance of true, lasting friendship and commitment to a larger culture where relationships are often fleeting and where climbing the ladder is seen as the key to success.
	<b>IN SEARCH OF THE CHURCH: NEW TESTAMENT IMAGES FOR TOMORROW'S CHURCHES</b>		Russell, Keith A.	BOOK	The author reconnects the self-understanding of the early church to the mission and ministry of tomorrow's congregations. Each chapter concludes with discussion questions. An action plan for congregational study is provided.
	<b>IN SEARCH OF THE UNCHURCHED: WHY PEOPLE DON'T JOIN YOUR CONGREGATION</b>		Klaas, Alan C.	BOOK	A book to help congregations explore how other congregations have wrestled with reversing the decline in membership. Issues are 1) ministry to current members 2) to the unchurched 3) worship 4) changing neighborhoods and 5) other shifts affecting the church today.

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	<b>INVITING CHURCH</b>				BOOK
	<b>A STUDY OF NEW MEMBER ASSIMILATION</b>		Oswald, Roy M. and Speed B. Leas		
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	<b>JOURNEYING TOWARD RENEWAL</b>				BOOK
	<b>A SPIRITUAL COMPANION FOR PASTORAL SABBATICAL</b>		Sevier, Melissa Bane		
	The author has used her own sabbatical leave time to create a spiritually nourishing resource that helps to shepherd pastors through the unknowns of renewal leave. A deeply personal guide that demonstrates powerful insight into the joys and stresses of pastoral ministry. A valuable resource for both pastors and congregations as they recognize the renewed vitality that these times away can bring to their common ministry				
	<b>KNOW YOUR STORY AND LEAD WITH IT</b>				BOOK
	<b>THE POWER OF NARRATIVE IN CLERGY LEADERSHIP</b>		Hester, Richard L. & Kelli Walker-Jones		
	Knowing your story is an essential component of effective leadership, but finding your story among the myriad narratives that fill your life isn't a simple task. Richard L. Hester and Kelli Walker-Jones have offered a path to finding your own story amid the powerful family and cultural narratives that may be obscuring your vision. The aim of this book is to show leaders how to explore their story of reality, tell it to other group members, and consider how it can be used as a resource for leadership.				
	<b>LEARNING WHILE LEADING: INCREASING YOUR EFFECTIVENESS</b>				BOOK
	<b>IN MINISTRY</b>		Farber-Robertson, Anita		
	This resource provides ministers with tools for honest self-examination. It uses three case studies of the challenges religious professionals face, showing readers how they themselves function and how to lead in new ways.				
	<b>LETTERS TO LEE</b>				BOOK
	<b>MENTORING THE NEW MINISTER</b>		Clayton, Paul C.		
	Using the format of an older pastor writing to a novice, addressing issues not taught in seminary.				
	<b>LIFELONG CALL TO LEARN: CONTINUING EDUCATION</b>				BOOK
	<b>FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS</b>		Reber, Robert E. & D. Bruce Roberts, eds.		
	A Lifelong Call to Learn is aimed at directors of lifelong learning and continuing education that serve both clergy and laity in Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish seminaries and conference and retreat centers. While proposing new approaches in continuing theological education, it also addresses the need for programs that involve both clergy and laity at the congregational level and that support ongoing interreligious dialogue in our increasingly pluralistic society.				
	<b>LIVING OUR STORY: NARRATIVE LEADERSHIP AND</b>				BOOK
	<b>CONGREGATIONAL CULTURE</b>		Golemon, Larry A., ed.		
	The Narrative Leadership Collection. Living Our Story explores how good narrative work—the retrieval, construction, and performance of valued stories—takes place in ministry. Authors Larry Golemon, Lee Ramsey, Graham Standish, Tim Shapiro, Carol Johnson, Mike Mather, Niles Elliot Goldstein, and Diana Butler Bass examine this question from a variety of perspectives, including the role of the pastor or rabbi as narrative leader, the sacred and mundane stories that shape congregational life and identity, storytelling as a means of community building, and story sharing as a practice of hospitality.				
	<b>MALE-FEMALE CHURCH STAFF: CELEBRATING THE</b>				BOOK
	<b>GIFTS/CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGES</b>		Nuechterlein, Anne Marie and Celia Allison H		
	For anyone working or contemplating a ministry across gender lines. Using Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, case studies, and research, the authors explore self-esteem, power and vulnerability, roles, communication, and male/female definitions of success. Also discusses attraction between colleagues.				

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	<b>MINISTRY AND MONEY</b>				BOOK
	<b>A GUIDE FOR CLERGY AND THEIR FRIENDS</b>		Hotchkiss, Dan		
					Frank, straightforward guidance for clergy seeking to develop a sound theology of money and skills for church administration. Ministry and Money also puts forth a new strategy for self-care, and a confident approach to managing both personal and congregational finances. Author Dan Hotchkiss wants to help clergy overcome their own anxieties about money matters so they can help others address the personal, social, and congregational aspects of this challenging and often difficult topic.
	<b>MINISTRY FOR A NEW TIME: A CASE STUDY FOR CHANGE</b>				BOOK
			Fenhagen, James C.		
					The director of an Episcopal research/training program for clergy writes of the results of his visits to 35 dioceses and what these visits suggest about where and how the church is being called to change. Other denominational leaders comment on these results.
	<b>MORE THAN NUMBERS</b>				BOOK
	<b>THEY WAYS CHURCHES GROW</b>		Mead, Loren B.		
					Mead explores what church growth and evangelism really mean in a time when it is mathematically impossible for every congregation to achieve significant numerical growth. He argues provocatively that spiritual, organizational, and missional growth are just as important as numerical growth, and that all four are needed for a truly healthy and growing church. Case studies and discussion questions are included.
	<b>NEVER CALL THEM JERKS:</b>				BOOK
	<b>HEALTHY RESPONSES TO DIFFICULT BEHAVIOR</b>		Boers, Arthur Paul		
					How the "worst" members, most trying congregational crises, can be transformed through redemptive ministry.
	<b>NEW BEGINNINGS: A PASTORATE START-UP WORKBOOK</b>				BOOK
			Oswald, Roy M.		
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	<b>NEW BEGINNINGS: A PASTORATE START-UP WORKBOOK</b>				BOOK
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					Written for those who have moved or are about to move into a new parish ministry, this workbook is designed to guide one through the first 18 months of a new pastorate.
	<b>NEW DAY FOR FAMILY MINISTRY</b>				BOOK
			Olson, Richard P., and Joe H. Leonard, Jr.		
					How churches can adapt their life and ministry to meet the needs, stresses, and rhythms of today's families. The authors--a minister and a family life educator, chair of the ecumenical project Families 2000--provide congregations with an important new look at family units today.
	<b>NEW VISIONS FOR THE LONG PASTORATE</b>				BOOK
			Oswald, Roy M., etal		
					This book is the result of an Alban Institute study of long pastorates begun in 1979. It outlines the chief disadvantages of a long pastorate, ways to overcome them and the special advantages.

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	<b>ONCE AND FUTURE CHURCH: REINVENTING THE CONGREGATION FOR A NEW MISSION FRONTIER</b>		Mead, Loren B.	BOOK	<p>Copy 2. Mead takes a broad and insightful look at past and present changes in church, then postulates a future to which these changes are calling us. He believes the church now meets the world in the lives of laity--rather than in the far-off lands of foreign mission. Thus the church needs to be reinvented for the new mission. Mead is founder and president of The Alban Institute.</p>
	<b>PASTOR'S SURVIVAL MANUAL: TEN PERILS IN PARISH MINISTRY AND HOW TO HANDLE THEM</b>		Moe, Kenneth Alan	BOOK	<p>An associate executive presbyter, teacher, and pastor offers a clear analysis of the most frequently occurring problems clergy encounter in their relationships with their congregations.</p>
	<b>PAYING ATTENTION</b>			BOOK	
	<b>FOCUSING YOUR CONGREGATION ON WHAT MATTERS</b>		Peluso-Verdend, Gary E.		<p>In this inspiring volume, Gary Peluso-Verdend issues a clarion call to congregational leaders to refocus their church's attention on the core matters of Christian faith—the Word, the example of Christ, and an intentional embrace of theology and spiritual practice—to renew the congregation's vision and to center itself again on God's call.</p>
	<b>PERSONALITY TYPE IN CONGREGATIONS</b>			BOOK	
	<b>HOW TO WORK W/ OTHERS MORE EFFECTIVELY</b>		Baab, Lynne M.		<p>Enhances teamwork, assists people in finding satisfying ministries and developing their spiritual lives.</p>
	<b>PLAIN TALK ABOUT CHURCHES AND MONEY</b>			BOOK	
			Hoge, Dean, et al		<p>From traditional tithing to megachurch technology, from free will offerings to large endowments, the authors lay bare the strategies that work and those that don't, and they explain why. This is a frank conversation about the varied ways mainline churches deal with monetary stewardship.</p>
	<b>POSTMODERN PARISH</b>			BOOK	
	<b>NEW MINISTRY FOR A NEW ERA</b>		Kitchens, Jim		<p>"Many of us who are pastors of local mainline churches have long felt that something is amiss in the life of our congregations. It's hard for us to name exactly what is wrong, but occasionally we are aware of a nagging sense that something is just not working any more. . . . Our best efforts at ministry feel like they're about a half beat behind some new pulse beginning to course through the culture," writes author Jim Kitchens. Congregational leaders who recognize Kitchens' description of congregational life today will appreciate his pointed and realistic analysis of fundamental shifts in ministry that have taken place in our postmodern, post-Christian, and postdenominational world. Kitchens also demonstrates that we need to create a different sort of church if we are to be faithful to the gospel in this new cultural setting. He addresses in detail how these contextual shifts invite us to change our ministry in four arenas of congregational life: worship, Christian formation, mission, and leadership.</p> <p>Kitchens shows congregational leaders how to learn how to be the body of Christ in ways that will be both faithful to the Gospel and responsive to our newly emerging cultural context.</p>
	<b>POWER OF ASSET MAPPING</b>			BOOK	
	<b>HOW YOUR CONGREGATION CAN ACT ON ITS GIFT</b>		Snow, Luther K.		<p>Asset mapping isn't a new system or theory. It's a way of thinking, a doorway into an "open-sum" perspective rooted in the Bible and common experience. The Power of Asset Mapping, by long-time community developer Luther K. Snow, shows congregational leaders how to help a group recognize its assets and the abundance of God's gifts and to act on them in ministry and mission.</p>

**PROMISE AND PERIL: UNDERSTANDING CHANGE AND CONFLICT IN CONGREGATIONS** BOOK  
 Brubaker, David R.

In Promise and Peril: Understanding and Managing Change and Conflict in Congregations , David Brubaker brings the tools of organizational theory and research to the task of understanding the deeper dynamics of congregational conflict. With a doctorate in sociology and more than twenty years working with congregational conflicts, Brubaker helps to explore the causes and effects of conflicts on a wide range of congregations.

**REFRAMING HOPE: VITAL MINISTRY IN A NEW GENERATION** BOOK  
 Merritt, Carol Howard

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**RESTORING THE SOUL OF A CHURCH: CONGREGATIONS WOUNDED BY CLERGY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT** BOOK  
 Laasar, Mark, and Nancy Hopkins, editors

Congregations left with feelings of disbelief, disillusionment, and anger after clergy sexual misconduct need resources to help. This book has leading workers and researchers in this area offer help on specific topics, using case studies and first-person testimonies. An "intervention model" is also offered for the six groups that are victims.

**SAYING GOODBYE: A TIME OF GROWTH FOR CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORS** BOOK  
 White, Edward A.

A practical collection of the experiences of pastors in every stage of the separation process--whether the leaving is occasioned by a change of vocation, retirement, conflict, or the death of the church. Every stage of transition is arranged in a clear sequence.

**SPIRIT-LED LEADER NINE LEADERSHIP PRACTICES AND SOUL PRINCIPLES** BOOK  
 Geoffrion, Timothy C.

Designed for pastors, executives, administrators, managers, coordinators, and all who see themselves as leaders and who want to fulfill their God-given purpose, The Spirit-Led Leader addresses the critical fusion of spiritual life and leadership for those who not only want to see results but also desire to care just as deeply about who they are and how they lead as they do about what they produce and accomplish.

**SPIRITUAL FAMILY TREES FINDING YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY'S ROOTS** BOOK  
 Wendland, Barbara & Larry W. Eastering

Utilizing a tool from the family therapy tradition and applying it to the church congregations and communities, the authors invite readers to develop their own spiritual family trees increasing their awareness of the extended family's spiritual history and belief to build group cohesion, to deepen spiritual commitment, and to address and manage conflict within church groups and organizations.

**SPIRITUAL LEADER'S GUIDE TO SELF-CARE** BOOK  
 Melander, Rochelle and Eppley, Harold

The Spiritual Leader's Guide to Self-Care is an ideal companion for clergy, lay leaders, and others who would like guidance about how to make changes in their personal life and ministry but do not want to read a text-heavy book about self-care. The guide addresses seven themes: Creating a Life Vision; Caring for Yourself at Work; Nurturing Your Relationships; Caring for Your Spirit and Body; Caring for Your Finances; Caring for Your Intellect and Sustaining a Life Vision.

**STARTING SIMPLE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE WAY WE LIVE** BOOK  
 Sitze, Bob

In today's complex and busy world, people yearn for simpler lives. Bob Sitze offers Starting Simple to help readers live joyfully and justly. Because Sitze believes conversations change us as individuals and that most important social changes take place through conversation, he invites us into heart-to-heart conversations about simple living.

**STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FOR A CHANGE** BOOK

**FACING OUR LOSSES, FINDING OUR FUTURE** McFayden, Kenneth J.

Strategic Leadership for a Change provides congregational leaders with new insights and tools for understanding the relationships among change, attachment, loss, and grief. It also helps to facilitate the process of grieving, comprehend the centrality of vision, and demonstrate theological reflection in the midst of change, loss, grief, and attaching anew. All this occurs as the congregation aligns its vision with God's and understands processes of change as processes of fulfillment.

**TEACHING OUR STORY: NARRATIVE LEADERSHIP AND** BOOK

**PASTORAL FORMATION** Golemon, Larry A., ed.

The Narrative Leadership Collection. Teaching Our Story is based on the premise that as congregations become intentional story-forming communities, they can shape the lives of millions of generative, faithful, and civic-minded adults. To do so, a framework that relates narrative work to the full range of congregational life is needed. This book offers such a framework, featuring essays that examine crucial shapers of narrative, outline a course in preaching that addresses crucial questions for today's church leaders, illuminate the creative power of listening to the collective stories of a faith community.

**TEMPORARY SHEPHERDS** BOOK

**A CONGREGATIONAL HANDBOOK FOR INTERIM MINIST** Nicholson, Roger S., ed.

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For leaders anticipating or going through a pastoral transition & for clergy to understand interim ministry better.

**TENDING TO THE HOLY** BOOK

Epperly, Bruce G. & Katherine Gould Epperly

Tending to the Holy integrates the wisdom and practices of the Christian spiritual tradition with the commonplace practices of pastoral ministry. Bruce and Katherine Epperly utilize a variety of spiritual disciplines—especially Benedictine, Celtic, Ignatian, Rhineland, and process spiritualities—to provide a framework for helping clergy nurture the awareness of God, creative imagination, and personal well-being in every aspect of their ministerial lives.

**TIME FOR CHANGE?** BOOK

**REVISIONING YOUR CALL** Hightower, James E. and W. Craig Gilliam

For the people who facing the challenge of re-visioning their call to remain deeply faithful, this book provides psychological and spiritual wisdom for them to come out of the cultural stereotypes on call. It helps them to examine their deepest motivations and their gifts for ministry.

**TOTAL MINISTRY: RECLAIMING THE** BOOK

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Used successfully in Episcopal dioceses in Alaska and Nevada, Total Ministry is a new way for local congregations (especially small congregations) and judicatories to organize their response to God's call and to provide resources, support, and encouragement for ministry. It's a listening--first to God, then to each other-and in listening, a discerning of the multitude of gifts available.

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	<b>TRANSFORMING RITUALS: DAILY PRACTICES FOR CHANGING LIVES</b>		Oswald, Roy M.	BOOK	Using ritual as framework for day-to-day living; discovering the sacred in individuals' and families' daily lives, reclaiming community life, and distinguishing between helpful and destructive rituals.
	<b>WELCOME! TOOLS &amp; TECHNIQUES FOR NEW MEMBER MINISTRY</b>		Weeks, Andrew D.	BOOK	Copy 2
	<b>WELCOMING RESISTANCE</b>		Hobgood, William Chris	BOOK	This book is a helpful and wise guide to understanding the resistance that almost inevitably arises when change is proposed. It discusses congregational dynamics recognizing not only the dysfunctional characteristics of resistance but the positive functions as well. It lays out a constructive strategy for responding to resistance.
	<b>WHEN A CONGREGATION IS BETRAYED RESPONDING TO CLERGY MISCONDUCT</b>		Gaede, Beth Ann, Ed.	BOOK	This collection is for the "afterpastors"-interim or settled pastors-who follow misconducting pastors. And it's for lay leaders who may themselves have witnessed or been victimized by the misconducting pastor. Both groups of leaders need guidance about how to assess and effectively respond to the misconduct, how to care for the victim/survivor, and how to carry out the mission and ministry to which the congregation has been called.
	<b>WHEN BETTER ISN'T ENOUGH EVALUTATION TOOLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CHURC</b>		Hudson, Jill M.	BOOK	Copy 2.
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	<b>WHEN GOD SPEAKS THROUGH YOU: HOW FAITH CONVICTIONS SHAPE PREACHING AND MISSION</b>		Satterlee, Craig A.	BOOK	Satterlee demonstrates how individuals and groups can identify, clarify, and articulate their convictions about the Christian faith and share them in a nonthreatening manner. He also helps readers discover their expectations of and reactions to preaching itself. The preacher will come to better know what people listen for, and parishioners will better understand what the preacher hopes to accomplish in the sermon.
	<b>WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU? CONNECTING FAITH AND DAILY LIFE</b>		Everist, Norma Cook, and Nelvin Vos	BOOK	How daily struggles, needs, and hopes of the people of God can be connected to God's mission through practical steps of spiritual growth and the challenge of mutual accountability within the faith community. Reflections sections help readers discern God at work in their lives. SUITABLE FOR RETREATS
	<b>WHO MINISTERS TO MINISTERS?</b>		Gilbert, Barbara G.	BOOK	A study of support systems for clergy and spouses. This study not only describes the issues, but provides concrete suggestions for spouses, friends, church members, denominational leaders and seminaries to help them offer appropriate support. It is filled with wonderful stories and quotations to chasen and inspire us all.

### ***Seminaries/Higher Education***

**DO I BELONG IN SEMINARY?**

BOOK

Parker, Ronald E.

Clear, concise, helpful, and accessible--this book is for all who are considering serious theological or biblical education, whether or not they are seeking ordination. The author's insights provide helpful guidelines for men and women wrestling with questions of vocation.

**MINISTRY GREENHOUSE**

BOOK

**CULTIVATING ENVIRONMENTS FOR PRACTICAL LEARN** Hillman, Jr., George M.

Known as "the internship guy" at Dallas Theological Seminary where he teaches, George Hillman talks daily with students about God's movement in their lives. The goal of Ministry Greenhouse is to help seminary and Bible college students, their supervisors, and the lay leaders who work with them create the best environment for leadership development through a beneficial internship.

### ***Sermon Resources***

**CHOOSING THE KINGDOM: MISSIONAL PREACHING FOR  
THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD**

BOOK

Dally, John Addison

Today the Christian faith is moving through one of the greatest sea changes in its two thousand year history, and we can no longer assume we know exactly what kind of animal preaching is or ought to be. Choosing the Kingdom is both a work of theology and a how-to guide for preachers who want to rethink both the form and the content of their preaching to move a congregation from maintenance to mission.

**PREACHING ETHICALLY: BEING TRUE TO THE GOSPEL  
YOUR CONGREGATION, & YOURSELF**

BOOK

Sisk, Ronald D.

How do clergy preach to meet the legitimate needs of their congregation and live up to standards of professionalism and personal integrity? Preaching Ethically offers guidelines for preaching in light of a range of factors that might tempt a preacher to misuse the pulpit.

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### ***Singles/Young Adults***

**TRIBAL CHURCH**

BOOK

**MINISTERING TO THE MISSING GENERATION**

Carol Howard Merritt, a pastor in her mid-thirties, suggests a different way for churches to be able to approach young adults on their own terms. Outlining the financial, social, and familial situations that affect many young adults today, she describes how churches can provide a safe, supportive place for young adults to nurture relationships and foster spiritual growth.

### ***Stewardship***

**AT EASE: DISCUSSING MONEY AND VALUES IN  
SMALL GROUPS**

BOOK

Ronsvalle, John and Sylvia

This book covers the general foundations of what makes for good groups while uncovering the hidden secrets of why we won't talk to each other about money. The questions and discussion build from the easy to the more risky but should encourage very interesting and potentially life-changing behavior for participants in the small group.

**CREATING CONGREGATIONS OF GENEROUS PEOPLE** BOOK

Durall, Michael

The author includes practical suggestions and real-life cases to challenge congregations to accept their responsibility to own the stewardship process and to empower people to lead more generous lives.

**FINANCIAL MELTDOWN IN THE MAINLINE?** BOOK

Mead, Loren B.

After describing the coming financial crisis in mainline churches, the author suggests ways to control the damage. He looks at how church giving patterns have changed, the inconsistent ways in which congregations keep financial records, their lack of knowledge of sound financial techniques, and the lack of defensive planning for operational costs.

**GENEROUS SAINTS: CONGREGATIONS RETHINKING ETHICS AND MONEY** BOOK

Hudnut-Beumler, James

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**GROWING UP GENEROUS: ENGAGING YOUTH IN GIVING AND SERVING** BOOK

Roehlkepartain, Eugene C., et al

Respectful, multidimensional, and practical, the authors examine youthful generosity from many theological perspectives within Christian and Jewish communities.

**MORE THAN MONEY PORTRAITS OF TRANSFORMATIVE STEWARDSHIP** BOOK

McNamara, Patrick H.

A book for those dissatisfied with the current paradigm of stewardship who are willing to be countercultural in their effort to take seriously the biblical mandate of stewardship of the world.

**OFFERINGS OF THE HEART MONEY AND VALUES IN FAITH COMMUNITIES** BOOK

Zevit, Rabbi Shawn Israel

In the Jewish perspective, money is a tool for actualizing God's presence in the world. Building on this core value and setting aside the finalcial/spiritual split under which congregational leaders operate, Ragbbit Zevit brings the depth and breadth of Jewish teachings on money and the spiritual life to all faith communities; to help congregations of any faith create values-based approaches to financial and human resources.

**PLAIN TALK ABOUT CHURCHES AND MONEY** BOOK

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*Theology/Christian Doctrine*

**FOUND IN THE MIDDLE! THEOLOGY AND ETHICS FOR CHRISTIANS WHO ARE BOTH LIBERAL AND EVANGELICAL** BOOK

Wildman, Wesley J. & Stephen Chapin Garner

There exists a deep and broad population of Christians who feel the labels of "liberal" and "evangelical" both describe their faith and limit their expression of it. By working to reclaim the traditional, historical meanings of these terms, and showing how they complement rather than oppose each other, the authors stake a claim for the moderate Christian voice in today's polarized society.

**WHAT'S THEOLOGY GOT TO DO WITH IT?** BOOK  
**CONVICTIONS, VITALITY, AND THE CHURCH** Robinson, Anthony B.

Theology can be a loaded word for mainline Protestant congregations. It often suggests the dogmatic or implies fault lines for conflict. But when unleashed from its narrow academic sense, "theology" offers a powerful way to get at many of the issues that impact the health and vitality of congregations.

**Worship**

**BEYOND THE WORSHIP WARS** BOOK  
**BUILDING VITAL AND FAITHFUL WORSHIP** Long, Thomas G.

Many people in our society do not understand liturgical worship and the church must find language, music, themes, and images that speak to unchurched, spiritually seeking people. The author visits a colorful array of congregations and discerns what it is that makes their worship so vital and faithful. His account is theologically rich, remarkably practical and full of hope.

**CHURCH OF ALL AGES** BOOK  
**GENERATIONS WORSHIPPING TOGETHER** Vanderwell, Howard, ed.

Led by pastor and resource developer Howard Vanderwell, nine writers - pastors, teachers, worship planners, and others serving in specialized ministries - offer their reflections on issues congregational leaders need to address as they design their worship ministry. In addition, numerous sidebars illustrate the diversity of practices in the church today.

**ENCOUNTERS WITH THE HOLY: A CONVERSATION MODEL** BOOK  
**FOR WORSHIP PLANNING** Miller, Barbara Day

Many churches have active worship committees or planning teams, and an abundance of books and resources guide pastors and laity. Encounters with the Holy offers a conversational model of worship planning that was developed to train practitioners to be more reflective in their planning of worship experiences.

**FROM A MUSTARD SEED: ENLIVENING WORSHIP AND MUSIC** BOOK  
**IN A SMALL CHURCH** Epperly, Bruce G. & Daryl Hollinger

Epperly and Hollinger integrate theology, spiritual formation, and practical guidance for nurturing diverse, inspirational, and transforming worship in small congregations. Grounded in a solid theology of worship, they provide tried-and-true approaches to congregational music and singing, worship planning, liturgies that transform, and healthy partnerships between pastors and church musicians.

**HOW WE SEEK GOD TOGETHER:** VIDEO  
**EXPLORING WORSHIP STYLE** Clark, Linda J., Joanne Swenson, Mark Stam

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**IN GOD'S PRESENCE: ENCOUNTERING, EXPERIENCING,** BOOK  
**AND EMBRACING THE HOLY IN WORSHIP** Standish, N. Graham

Standish advocates what he calls an "integrated" approach to worship, one that maintains the distinctiveness of each element of worship as a counterpoint to other elements. He first explores the problem of worship in the current church. Then he looks at ways to reconceive worship with an emphasis on restoring the Holy to worship. Finally, he looks at ways to lead a congregation to consider new ways of worshipping. This book is about how to open people to an encounter with the Holy in worship, how to follow God in this pursuit, and how to lead those who have no interest in the Holy.

	<b>ONE BREAD, ONE BODY:</b>			BOOK
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	<b>EXPLORING DIVERSITY IN WORSHIP</b>		Hawn, C. Michael	
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The author seeks to help bridge the gap between the human tendency to prefer ethnic and cultural homogeneity in worship and the church's mandate to offer a more diverse and inclusive experience. He offers a rainbow vision of the universal church where young and old joyfully and thoughtfully respond to the movement of God's Spirit in multicultural worship.

	<b>SILVER SCREEN SACRED STORY</b>			BOOK
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	<b>USING MULTIMEDIA IN WORSHIP</b>		Bausch, Michael G.	
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Michael Bausch's book grows out of several years' of conversation, personal experimentation, and experience with multimedia worship in one modest-size, small-town church, while also drawing on the experiences and work of other churches learning to use electronic media in worship.

	<b>STILLING THE STORM: WORSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL</b>			BOOK
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	<b>LEADERSHIP IN DIFFICULT TIMES</b>		Smith, Kathleen S.	
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When congregations go through difficult times, worship will both reflect and influence those difficulties. The practice of worship itself can be a key part of the congregation's healing process. Teacher and consultant Kathleen Smith successfully demonstrates this truth in *Stilling the Storm*, a book for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the ways that worship intertwines with the life and health of a congregation.

	<b>WHEN GOD SPEAKS THROUGH WORSHIP:</b>			BOOK
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	<b>STORIES CONGREGATIONS LIVE BY</b>		Satterlee, Craig A.	
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*When God Speaks through Worship: Stories Congregations Live By* is a collection of stories of congregational worship in which God's ongoing presence, speech, and activity are apparent. These stories of proclaiming the gospel, teaching the faith, praying, singing, baptizing, blessing, and sharing bread and wine in Jesus's name share the purpose of these activities in worship, yet still challenge the reader to explore the motives behind them. When we worship in church, are we worshipping God, or ourselves? Has worship become more people-centered than Christ-centered? We have our preferred styles, but is that getting in the way of the purpose of worship?

	<b>WHERE 20 OR 30 ARE GATHERED</b>			BOOK
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	<b>LEADING WORSHIP IN THE SMALL CHURCH</b>		Bush, Peter and Christine O'Reilly	
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While worship is the primary purpose of all churches, worship in the small church is distinctive. Whether a house church, a new church plant, a rural church along a country road, or a city church whose neighborhood demographics have shifted, these small faith communities present unique opportunities and challenges for worship leaders.

	<b>WORK OF THE PEOPLE</b>			BOOK
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	<b>WHAT WE DO IN WORSHIP AND WHY</b>		Gilbert, Marlea, et al.	
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The *Work of the People* simply and clearly explains the structure of worship, the actions and words we use in liturgy, the environment in which it all happens. This book will guide congregations in worshiping in a way that encourages participants' spiritual growth, welcomes new participants into faith, and sends people out as the body of Christ to transform the world.

	<b>WORSHIP FRAMES</b>			BOOK
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	<b>HOW WE SHAPE AND INTERPRET OUR EXPERIENCE OF</b>		Kapp, Deborah J.	
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Worship is a congregation's most important practice. In worship we encounter God's gracious presence and come face to face with the frailty, goodness, and potential of our humanity. We are comforted, corrected, forgiven, healed, challenged, and sometimes even disturbed by the divine and one another. We are morally formed and sent by God into the world.

## *Worship: Sacraments*

	<b>LEADING FROM THE TABLE</b>			BOOK
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The communion table stands as an intersection between Word and Sacrament, between memory and hope, between pastor and congregation, between receiving and serving, and between community and individual. Leading from the table, says Paul Galbreath, professor of preaching and worship, is a way of thinking, speaking, acting, and living that grows out of learning to recognize and embody these connections in our lives as a congregation and as individuals.