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95 THESES FOR THE CHURCH: FINDING NEW DIRECTION

TODAY

Johnson, Ben

CTS Press

BOOK

In the deep cultural crisis in which we live, there is no easy fix to the life of conventional mainline Christianity. However, Johnson suggests this moment is akin to the moment that Martin Luther faced--the risks are great but so are the opportunities. The church needs to receive new modes of church life, faith, and witness.

ABINGDON HOSPITAL VISITATION MANUAL

Biddle, Perry H., Jr.

Abingdon Press

BOOK

A "field manual" for the working pastor to use while visiting the sick at home or in the hospital.

AGING WELL: CONCERNS OF RETIRED CLERGY

Buxbaum, Robert E.

Board of Pensions, PCUSA

PAMPHLET

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ALBAN GUIDE TO MANAGING THE PASTORAL SEARCH PROCESS

Vonhof, John

Alban Institute, Inc.

BOOK

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

ALL FOR GOD'S GLORY:

REDEEMING CHURCH SCUTWORK

Weeks, Louis B.

The Alban Institute, 2008

BOOK

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.

ANTAGONISTS IN THE CHURCH:

HOW TO IDENTIFY AND DEAL WITH DESTRUCTIVE CONFLICT

Haugk, Kenneth C.

Augsburg Publishing House

BOOK

How leaders can learn to prevent the pain and suffering caused by antagonism. How to tell the difference between constructive, healthy conflict and destructive antagonism. How to cope with the destructive when it arises.

AS ONE WITH AUTHORITY: REFLECTIVE LEADERSHIP IN

MINISTRY

Carroll, Jackson W.

Westminster/John Knox Press

BOOK

The author focuses on reclaiming a healthy understanding of authority in the church by reviewing the meaning and foundation of clergy authority and how it has been used and abused. To recover clergy authority, he proposes a model of reflective leadership and provides practical examples.

ATTENDING PARISHIONERS' SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Williamson, Thomas P.

Alban Institute

BOOK

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.

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BE STILL: DESIGNING AND LEADING CONTEMPLATIVE RETREATS

Vennard, Jane E. Alban Institute, Inc., 2000 BOOK
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BEATING BURNOUT IN CONGREGATIONS

Baab, Lynne M. Alban Institute, 2003 BOOK
 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 TRANSITION INTO MINISTRY

Wind, James P. & David J. Wood Alban Institute, Inc., 2007 BOOK
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BECOMING A PASTOR: REFLECTIONS ON THE TRANSITION INTO MINISTRY

Wind, James P. & David J. Wood Alban Institute, Inc., 2007 BOOK
 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.

BECOMING BARNABAS THE MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Moots, Paul The Alban Institute BOOK
 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.

BECOMING COLLEAGUES WOMEN AND MEN SERVING TOGETHER IN FAITH

Becker, Carol E. Jossey-Bass Publishers, 2000 BOOK
 The author explores nine change factors that are critical to ensuring that men and women work together in mutually supportive ways. The proven principles revealed through these stories provide a new model for the workplace that is certain to help teams achieve success and satisfaction in their ministries, whether in congregations, agencies, educational institutions or other faith-based nonprofit organizations.

BEHAVIORAL COVENANTS IN CONGREGATIONS HANDBOOK FOR HONORING DIFFERENCES

Rendle, Gilbert R. Alban Institute BOOK
 Living together in spite of differences; training tools, small group exercises, meeting and retreat plans.

BEYOND THE BOUNDARY: MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF THE FIRST YEARS OF MINISTRY

Harbaugh, Gary L., et al The Alban Institute BOOK
 Reviews existing denominational programs to help in entry process of professional clergy and offer excellent basis for developing local (presbytery) programs.

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BEYOND THE ORDINARY: 10 STRENGTHS OF U.S. CONGREGATIONS

Woolever, Cynthia; Bruce, Deborah
 Westminster John Knox Press
 BOOK
 Results from the U.S. Congregational Life Survey, the largest project of its type ever conducted in the United States, have prompted this second book from Westminster John Knox Press authors/researchers Cynthia Woolever and Deborah Bruce. This new book describes the qualities that are evident in strong congregations and develops congregational applications from those findings.

BEYOND THE ORDINARY: SPIRITUALITY FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Johnson, Ben & Dreitcer, Andrew
 William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company
 BOOK
 An introduction of faithful understanding and practice of the spiritual life to those who have not yet dipped into the well that is Christian spirituality.

**BIG BOOK OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR MINISTRY
 OVER 200 MINISTRY JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

Terry, Lindsay
 Gospel Light
 BOOK
 This resource contains over 200 detailed, specific descriptions for every imaginable job in church ministry. It includes a CD-ROM to be used to customize job descriptions for individual church needs. Any size church or organization can develop its own job descriptions using the information in this book. Also includes reproducible pages.

**BLESSED CONNECTIONS
 RELATIONSHIPS THAT SUSTAIN VITAL MINISTRY**

Schwanz, Judith A.
 Alban Institute, 2008
 BOOK
 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.

BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH

Wimberley, Jr., John W.
 The Alban Institute, 2010
 BOOK
 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.

**CALLED FOR LIFE
 FINDING MEANING IN RETIREMENT**

Clayton, Paul C.
 Alban Institute, 2008
 BOOK
 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

CAMPUS MINISTRY IN THE 21ST CENTURY--A NEW MODEL

Meyer, Mary Ann
 United Ministries in Higher Education
 BOOK
 This resource presents an alternative to a full-time campus minister in every institution of higher education, which can provide a Protestant presence and visibility that would otherwise be absent from these campuses.

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CAN OUR CHURCH LIVE? REDEVELOPING CONGREGATIONS IN DECLINE					
	Mann, Alice		The Alban Institute, Inc., 1999		BOOK
	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.				
CARRIERS OF FAITH: LESSONS FROM CONGREGATIONAL STUDIES					
	Dudley, Carl S., editor, et al		Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
	Essays, by 17 authors of various denominational, professional, and personal backgrounds, describe different aspects of the role of congregations in transmitting faith. They experiment with new ways to look at congregations--as bearers of traditions, languages, symbol systems, worldviews, and action styles.				
CHANNEL MARKERS: WISDOM FROM THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT					
	Enright, William G.		Geneva Press, 2001		BOOK
	In this book, William Enright describes the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount as channel markers to the Word of Wisdom and offers new insight on these key parts of the Bible. Responding to our culture's hunger for ethical guidance, the author examines each commandment and the Sermon on the Mount and explores why these texts are relevant today.				
CHOOSING PARTNERSHIP, SHARING MINISTRY A VISION FOR NEW SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY					
	Bailey, Marcia Barnes		The Alban Institute, 2007		BOOK
	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.				
CHRISTIAN CHAOS: REVOLUTIONIZING THE CONGREGATION					
	Bandy, Thomas G.		Abingdon Press		BOOK
	The organization of a congregation--its boards and committees--constitutes a crucial ingredient in its vitality and mission. Bandy advocates giving freedom, support, training, and encouragement to laity to do ministry while defining great varieties of mission from the bottom up.				
CLERGY ETHICS IN A CHANGING SOCIETY: MAPPING THE TERRAIN					
	Wind, James P., Burck, Camenisch & McCann, ed		Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
	A collection of essays by a diverse group of notable contributors who participated in the Chicago Area Clergy Ethics Study Group project. An excellent background piece for forming resolutions on a particular ethical question. Some topics: how political leadership extends ministry in African-American communities; the ethical problems in pastoral care; attracting the oppressed.				
CLERGY RENEWAL: THE ALBAN GUIDE TO SABBATICAL PLANNING					
	Bullock, A. Richard, and Richard J. Bruesehoff		Alban Institute, Inc., 2000		BOOK
	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.				

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CLERGY STRESS: THE HIDDEN CONFLICTS IN MINISTRY

Coate, Mary Anne

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Part of the New Library of Pastoral Care Series, the book examines the area where psychology and religion overlap. Although everyone is subject to stress at times, ministers often find it difficult to admit to the pressures of their work, feeling perhaps that they should somehow be "better" than their secular counterparts.

CLERGY, RETIREMENT, AND WHOLENESS

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE THIRD AGE

Halaas, Gwen Wagstrom

The Alban Institute, 2005

BOOK

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

Dudley, Carl S.

Alban Institute, 2002

BOOK

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

Sisk, Ronald D.

Alban Institute, 2005

BOOK

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

Lott, David B., ed.

The Alban Institute, 2001

BOOK

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.

CONFRONTING THE IDOLATRY OF FAMILY:

A NEW VISION FOR THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

Fishburn, Janet

Abingdon Press

BOOK

A challenge to the church's conventional practice of idolizing and revolving around the needs of the family unit. "Family" is not the best metaphor for spiritual formation in the congregation. Fishburn proposes an agenda that can create a healthy context for traditional and non-traditional families. Treats sexuality as spiritual and ecclesiastical issue.

CONGREGATIONAL FITNESS: HEALTHY PRACTICES FOR LAYFOLK

Goodman, Denise W.

Alban Institute, 2000

BOOK

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.

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CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ANXIOUS TIMES

Steinke, Peter L.		Seraphim Communications, Inc. 2007	DVD
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In this nine-part DVD, Dr. Steinke addresses leadership in anxious times with congregational leaders, both clergy and laity. See also book of same title (#7077) - both make a rich resource for leadership development. Explore the need for mission-mindedness, good boundaries and the courage to challenge.

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ANXIOUS TIMES

BEING CALM AND COURAGEOUS NO MATTER WHAT

Steinke, Peter L.		The Alban Institute, 2006	BOOK
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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

Woods, C. Jeff		Alban Institute	BOOK
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CONGREGATIONAL TRAUMA: CARING, COPING & LEARNING

Hudson, Jill M.		Alban Institute, 1998	BOOK
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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

TOOLS FOR SHAPING YOUR FUTURE

Campbell, Dennis G.		Alban Institute, 2000	BOOK
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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.

CONGREGATIONS IN CONFLICT

CULTURAL MODELS OF LOCAL RELIGIOUS LIFE

Becker, Penny Edgell		Cambridge University Press, 1999	BOOK
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The author examines the nature of American congregations as institutions, looking in particular at how they deal with conflict within their ranks, to gain insight into religious culture, or the moral order of local religious life. The case study involving Protestant churches, Catholic parishes, and Jewish synagogues, examines organizational processes, the extent and types of ties between church members, and the level of public commitment.

CONNECTING TO GOD: NURTURING SPIRITUALITY THROUGH

SMALL GROUPS

Ware, Corinne		Alban Institute, Inc.	BOOK
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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.

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CONSIDERING A NEW CALL: ETHICAL AND SPIRITUAL CHALLENGES FOR CLERGY

Antal, James M. Alban Institute, 2000 BOOK
 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: PORTRAITS OF MISSION STRATEGIES

Waldkoenig, Gilson A.C./William O. Avery Alban Institute, 1999 BOOK
 Economically, some congregations cannot afford a full time pastor. This guidebook gives a portrait of five cooperative parishes.

CREATING A HEALTHIER CHURCH FAMILY SYSTEMS THEORY, LEADERSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Richardson, Ronald W. Fortress Press, 1996 BOOK
 Creative Pastoral Care and Counseling Series. The author helps us to understand how congregations function emotionally. He gives clear directions on how to improve their quality of life together and function more effectively in achieving mission goals. Guidelines are included for behavior in the midst of upsetting and conflictual circumstances; as well as steps for leaders to become more positive forces for healing and cooperation.

CRISIS IN THE CHURCHES SPIRITUAL MALAISE, FISCAL WOE

Wuthnow, Robert Oxford University Press, 1997 BOOK
 America's churches are cutting back programs and staff, clergy salaries are stagnating, and many parishes are having trouble raising enough money to keep the church lit and heated on Sunday. Why are America's churches in financial distress? The author argues that the drop in volunteering, donations, and personal involvement is a direct result of a spiritual crisis. A failure on the part of clergy to address the vital relationship between faith and money, work, stewardship, giving and economic justice.

CROSS-SHAPED LEADERSHIP ON THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE OF PARISH MINISTRY

Berntsen, John A. Alban Institute, 2008 BOOK
 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.

DARE TO BE ONE

Churchwide Personnel Services National Ministries Division, PCUSA, 2001 BOOK
 A book from the National Ministries Division of PCUSA under Racial, Ethnic Recruitment & Referral which features reflections from pastors on their paths to ministry.

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ELEPHANT IN THE BOARDROOM

SPEAKING THE UNSPOKEN ABOUT PASTORAL TRANSITIONS

Weese, Carolyn & J. Russell Crabtree

Jossey-Bass, 2004

BOOK

Carolyn Weese and J. Russell Crabtree—experts in the field of church leadership—have written a nuts-and-bolts guide to developing a succession plan for smoothing pastoral transitions. Filled with strategies and solid advice, this handy resource is based in solid research and the authors' many years of experience working with churches in a wide variety of denominations. Weese and Crabtree clearly show that leadership succession should be part of every church's planning process.

EMBRACING DIVERSITY: LEADERSHIP IN MULTICULTURAL CONGREGATIONS

Foster, Charles R.

Alban Institute, Inc., 1997

BOOK

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: CONGREGATIONS AS SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Baab, Lynne M.

Alban Institute

BOOK

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

ENDING WITH HOPE A RESOURCE FOR CLOSING CONGREGATIONS

Gaede, Beth Ann, ed.

Alban Institute 2002

BOOK

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

Pappas, Anthony G.

The Alban Institute, 2000

BOOK

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.

ENVISIONING THE NEW CITY: A READER ON URBAN MINISTRY

Meyers, Eleanor Scott, editor

Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992

BOOK

An assortment of articles about urban ministry--some inspirational, some challenging, and some extremely practical. More than 30 experts, including James Forbes, Letty Russell, Tex Sample, and the editor have contributed essays.

FEEDING THE FLOCK RESTAURANTS AND CHURCHES YOU'D STAND IN LINE FOR

Chandler, Russell

The Alban Institute, Inc., 1998

BOOK

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FINDING OUR STORY: NARRATIVE LEADERSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL CHANGE					
	Golemon, Larry A., ed.		The Alban Institute, 2010	BOOK	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.
FIRST COMES FAITH: PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL IN THE CHURCH					
	Harrington, W. Frank		Geneva Press	BOOK	A challenge to the church to examine and reconfirm its beliefs to overcome its own spiritual crisis and reclaim its identity and redemptive purpose. Harrington, pastor of Peachtree Presbyterian in Atlanta, draws from his experience in and service to the church in issuing this call to return to the basics of faith in a time of spiritual crisis.
FIT TO BE A PASTOR A CALL TO PHYSICAL, MENTAL, SPIRITUAL FITNESS					
	Rediger, G. Lloyd		Westminster John Knox Press	BOOK	Lists components of total fitness and identifies disciplines needed to achieve fitness and find inner peace, confidence.
FIVE CHALLENGES FOR THE ONCE AND FUTURE CHURCH					
	Mead, Loren B.		Alban Institute, 1996	BOOK	Copy 2.
FOUR SEASONS OF MINISTRY GATHERING A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS					
	Epperly, Bruce G. & Katherine Gould Epperly		Alban Institute, 2008	BOOK	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 OVERCOMING CONGREG. IMPASSE					
	Halstead, Kenneth A.		Alban Institute	BOOK	Helps pastor and leaders work to get themselves emotionally unstuck and their systems unstuck.
GATHERING THE SEEKERS					
	Newby, James R.		The Alban Institute	BOOK	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.
GENERATIONS OF FAITH A CONGREGATIONAL ATLAS					
	Eeman, Carl G.		Alban Institute, 2002	BOOK	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.

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GENEROUS PRESENCE					
SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND THE ART OF COACHING					
	Melander, Rochelle		The Alban Institute, 2006		BOOK
	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.				
GENEROUS SAINTS: CONGREGATIONS RETHINKING ETHICS AND MONEY					
	Hudnut-Beumler, James		The Alban Institute, 1999		BOOK
	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.				
GENESIS OF PERFECTION					
ADAM AND EVE IN JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN IMAGINATION					
	Anderson, Gary A.		Westminster John Knox Press		BOOK
	Anderson traces how the story of Adam and Eve unfolds in the essence of our life not just as a symbol of the Fall, but as a vital step toward human fulfillment. Anderson recovers the symbolic meaning contained in the story of the Fall exploring the rabbinic commentators, Paul, the fathers of the early church, Judaism, and Christianity, showing how it inspired great poets, artists, and musicians.				
GETTING THE WORD OUT					
The Alban Guide to Church Communications					
	Gonnerman, Frederick H.		The Alban Institute		BOOK
	A resource for communication in the Christian community where there is great competition.				
GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE SIMPSONS					
THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE WORLD'S MOST ANIMATED FAMILY					
	Pinsky, Mark I.		Westminster John Knox Press		BOOK
	This book is a distillation, interpretation, and analysis of ideas about God, religion, and faith contained in approximately 275 episodes of "The Simpsons." It discusses concepts like prayer, the Bible, sin, and grace examining the ways in which Catholics, Jews and Hindus are portrayed in the life situation comedy.				
GRACE OF IT ALL					
REFLECTIONS ON THE ART OF MINISTRY					
	Lucking, F. Dean		The Alban Institute, 2006		BOOK
	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.				
GREAT PREACHERS: SERIES 1: BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR					
			Odyssey Productions, Ltd.		VIDEO
	The Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor, an Episcopal priest noted for her almost poetic style of preaching, was invited to give the Beecher Lectures on preaching at Yale University, an honor given to those considered the top preachers in the country. This series is based on a Baylor U. study of the most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. An interview follows.				

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GREAT PREACHERS: SERIES 1: BILLY GRAHAM

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The Rev. Billy Graham, an evangelist, has preached personally to more people than any other figure in the history of Christianity. The series is based on a Baylor U. study of the most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. An interview with Bill Turpie follows the sermon.

GREAT PREACHERS: SERIES 1: FRED CRADDOCK

Odyssey Productions, Ltd.

VIDEO

The Rev. Dr. Fred Craddock, Professor Emeritus of Preaching and New Testament, Candler School of Theology, Emory U. Noted for his storytelling ability, Dr. Craddock is a Christian Church, Disciples of Christ minister. Based in part on the Baylor U. study of the most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. Interview follows sermon.

GREAT PREACHERS: SERIES 1: GARDNER C. TAYLOR

Odyssey Productions, Ltd.

VIDEO

The Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, pastor emeritus of Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., is considered the dean of African-American preachers and the poet-laureate of the American church. This series is based on a Baylor U. study of the most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. An interview with Bill Turpie follows the sermon.

GREAT PREACHERS: SERIES 1: HADDON ROBINSON

Odyssey Productions, Ltd.

VIDEO

The Rev. Dr. Haddon Robinson, Harold Okenga Distinguished Professor of Preaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological School, is a noted evangelical who has become a leader in applying communication theory to the craft of preaching. His text on preaching is used in over 90 seminaries and Bible colleges. Series is of the most effective English-speaking preachers.

GREAT PREACHERS: SERIES 1: JAMES FORBES

Odyssey Productions, Inc.

VIDEO

The Rev. Dr. James Forbes, senior minister of Riverside Church, New York City, an African-American with a Pentecostal background, he was the first Joe R. Engle professor of preaching at Union Theological Seminary, New York. Series is based on Baylor U. study of the most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. Interview with Bill Turpie follows the sermon.

GREAT PREACHERS: SERIES 1: JOHN R.W. STOTT

Odyssey Productions, Ltd.

VIDEO

The Rev. Dr. John R.W. Stott, president of the Institute for Contemporary Christianity and Rector Emeritus of All Souls Church, London, he is an Anglican clergyman, considered to be one of the leading evangelical thinkers in the world. This series is based on a Baylor U. study of the most effective English-speaking preachers. Bill Turpie interviews Stott.

GREAT PREACHERS: SERIES 1: THOMAS LONG

Odyssey Productions, Ltd.

VIDEO

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Long, Professor of Preaching at Princeton Theological School, he is Presbyterian in background and noted for his ability to inspire and help students refine their preaching skills. The series is based on a Baylor U. study of the most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. An interview with Bill Turpie follows the sermon.

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GREAT PREACHERS: SERIES 1: WALTER BURGHARDT

Odyssey Productions, Ltd.

VIDEO

The Rev. Walter Burghardt, S.J., a Roman Catholic Jesuit noted for his preaching on social justice and his widely acclaimed seminars for Catholic priests on the subject of preaching. Based in part on the Baylor U. study of the most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. An interview with Bill Turpie follows the sermon.

GREAT PREACHERS: SERIES 1: WILLIAM WILLIMON

Odyssey Productions, Ltd.

VIDEO

The Rev. Dr. William Willimon, Dean of the Chapel, Duke U., is a United Methodist minister and a professor at Duke. He is the author of 37 books. This series is based on a Baylor U. study of the most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. The sermon is followed by an interview with Bill Turpie, who explores the message and the pastor's journey.

GROWING SPIRITUAL REDWOODS

Easum, William M. and Thomas G. Bandy

Abingdon Press, 1997

BOOK

Spiritual redwoods do not spring spontaneously into existence nor are they built in a mechanical, by-the-numbers fashion. They are grown. Providing the environment that will grow these vigorous centers of witness and mission is the crucial task of church leadership in our time.

GUIDE TO RETREAT FOR ALL GOD'S SHEPHERDS

Job, Rueben P.

Abingdon Press

BOOK

Regular personal retreats are one effective way of creating space and time to receive God's healing, presence, companionship, and enabling strength. This resource contains six suggested retreats. Each has a pattern which is meant as a guide for a single-day designed to assist in a time of reflection, prayer, and renewal.

HEALTHY DISCLOSURE: SOLVING COMMUNICATION

QUANDARIES IN CONGREGATIONS

Ruth, Kibbie Simmons & Karen A. McClintock

Alban Institute, 2007

BOOK

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.

HEART, MIND, AND STRENGTH: THEORY AND PRACTICE

FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Jones, Jeffrey D.

The Alban Institute, 2008

BOOK

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.

HERE I AM, LORD. NOW WHAT?

TRANSITION AND SURVIVAL IN THE FIRST PARISH

Fox, Susan E., and Kurtis C. Hess

TASTE of Ministry, Inc.

BOOK

Fifteen modules address issues and concerns of persons making the transition from seminary to the parish. Includes endings of the previous pastor, the interim period, beginnings of the new pastor; discontinuity between seminary and parish, role confusion, surprises; family systems, homeostasis, triangles, first impressions and beyond.

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HERE IF YOU NEED ME

A TRUE STORY

Braestrup, Kate

Little, Brown and Company, 2007

BOOK

The author, a chaplain in the Maine Warden Service recounts her remarkable journey from grief to faith to happiness. Dramatic, funny, deeply moving, and simply unforgettable, it is a story about finding God by helping others and offers proof of the miracles that happen every day.

HIDDEN LIVES OF CONGREGATIONS

DISCERNING CHURCH DYNAMICS

Galindo, Israel

Alban Institute

BOOK

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.

HIT THE BULLSEYE

Borden, Paul D.

Abingdon Press, 2003

BOOK

How denominations (and their churches) can aim the congregation at the mission field. The author offers three key strategies for change: training, recruitment of outside leaders, and pastoral mentoring.

HOLY CLARITY

THE PRACTICE OF PLANNING AND EVALUATION

Drummond, Sarah B.

The Alban Insitute, 2009

BOOK

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.

HOLY CONVERSATIONS: STRATEGIC PLANNING

AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR CONGREGATIONS

Rendle, Gil and Mann, Alice

The Alban Institute

BOOK

A resource on Strategic Planning, accepting the challenge where people share a common faith but have very different needs.

HONEST TO GOD CHURCH: A PATHWAY TO GOD'S GRACE

Bixby, Doug

Alban Institute, 2007

BOOK

Doug Bixby knows that many of us have had enough of the liberal vs. conservative battles in the church. In The Honest to God Church, Bixby demonstrates how these extremes have distracted us from our true calling as conduits for God's grace—both individually and as congregations.

HOW TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING: A QUICK START-GUIDE

FOR CONGREGATIONS WITH NEW LEADERSHIP

Michell, Neal O.

Church Publishing, 2005

BOOK

This quick-start program described in this book is designed for the new pastor who wants to "hit the ground running." It is also designed for the principle lay leaders who will be instrumental in the transition to new leadership.

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HOW TO REACH BABY BOOMERS

Easum, William	Abingdon Press, 1991	BOOK
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Effective Church Series. Pastors who will help those 26-46 move from a lifestyle of self-fulfillment to one of self-denial for the ministry of Jesus Christ can bring them into the Christian faith. Included are styles, programs, and preaching that will appeal to Baby Boomers.

HOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY WORKS

UNDERSTANDING CONGREGATIONS AS EMOTIONAL SYSTEMS

Steinke, Peter L.	The Alban Institute, Inc., 2006	BOOK
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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.

HUMBLE LEADERSHIP: BEING RADICALLY OPEN TO GOD'S GUIDANCE AND GRACE

Standish, N. Graham	The Alban Institute, 2007	BOOK
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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.

I NEVER FOUND THAT ROCKING CHAIR GOD'S CALL AT RETIREMENT

Morgan, Richard L.	Upper Room Books, 1992	BOOK
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This insightful book views retirement as a time set aside for rewarding involvement and deepening spirituality. It is a collection of 74 meditations that focus on the emotional and spiritual aspects of retirement, such as adjusting to a new lifestyle and making financial decisions.

I REFUSE TO LEAD A DYING CHURCH!

Nixon, Paul	The Pilgrim Press, 2006	BOOK
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This book offers six choices every church leader, both clergy and lay, can make, choices that will focus their energy and gifts toward birthing the new churches that God is calling to life from the ruins.

IF THIS IS THE WAY THE WORLD WORKS SCIENCE, CONGREGATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

Avery, William O. & Beth Ann Gaede	Alban Institute, 2007	BOOK
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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.

IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF

Ortberg, John	Zondervan Publishing House, 2001	BOOK
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The author, a pastor at Willow Creek Community Church in Barrington, IL, invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone. Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you in ways that will change you forever, deepening your character and your trust in God. The experience is terrifying, it's thrilling beyond belief, it's everything you'd expect of someone worthy to be called Lord.

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IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL BUILDING EFFECTIVE LONG-TERM PASTORATES					
	Ludwig, Glenn E.		Alban Institute, 2002	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.
IN SEARCH OF THE CHURCH: NEW TESTAMENT IMAGES FOR TOMORROW'S CHURCHES					
	Russell, Keith A.		The Alban Institute	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.
IN SEARCH OF THE UNCHURCHED: WHY PEOPLE DON'T JOIN YOUR CONGREGATION					
	Klaas, Alan C.		The Alban Institute, 1996	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.
IN THE NAME OF JESUS					
	Nouwen, Henri J.M.		Crossroads	BOOK	Looking back on his own life, the author realizes how much of his own thinking was influenced by the desire to be relevant, popular, and powerful, and asks that today's leader look to God to overcome these temptations. He also challenges many current perceptions of how to lead and looks back at Scripture and the lived example of Jesus.
INSIGHTS FROM THE UNDERSIDE AN INTERGENERATIONAL CONVERSATION OF MINISTERS					
	Presa, Neal D., ed.		Broadmind Press	BOOK	Insights from the Underside brings together the collective, creative reflections of young adult Presbyterian ministers. This book invites thoughtful, winsome responses from "veteran" ministers, whose professional and personal backgrounds demonstrate awareness of and sensitivity to the particular issues addressed and whose years of vocational practice exhibit not only survival in ministry, but excellence in their call.
INTERIM PASTOR'S MANUAL: REVISED EDITION					
	Gripe, Alan G.		Geneva Press, 1997	BOOK	Everything one needs to know now in an up-to-date revision that reflects changes made in the PC(USA) constitution that affect the interim pastoral relationship. Five tasks of the interim pastor are identified: Joining the system; Analyzing the organization as a system; Connecting with the denomination; Focusing and assuming responsibility; Exiting and evaluating.
INTERVENTIONIST					
	Schaller, Lyle E.		Abingdon Press	BOOK	A helpful guide for church leaders to find a good match between the needs of the congregation and the gifts, skills, experience, personality, leadership style, and priorities of the candidate. Diagnostic questions--393 of them--help the interventionist to analyse the candidate.

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INVITING CHURCH					
A STUDY OF NEW MEMBER ASSIMILATION					
	Oswald, Roy M. and Speed B. Leas		The Alban Institute, Inc.		BOOK
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IT'S A DIFFERENT WORLD! THE CHALLENGE FOR TODAY'S PASTOR					
	Schaller, Lyle E.		Abingdon Press		BOOK
	This book contains insights and an overview of the new challenges and opportunities facing today's church professionals. It helps church leaders understand and effectively grapple with such "new realities" as feminism, decline of mainline churches, demise of traditional family/community, and split between liberal and conservative churchgoers.				
JACOB'S SHADOW					
CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON MASCULINITY					
	Anderson, Herbert		Bridge Resources, 2002		BOOK
	The author, a pastor and seminary professor, uses his own story and the biblical story of Jacob to explore the struggles and contradictions men experience in their journeys to faithfulness in God. The book invites men to discuss and reflect on deepening their humanity and to think about being men from the perspective of faith in God.				
JOURNEYING TOWARD RENEWAL					
A SPIRITUAL COMPANION FOR PASTORAL SABBATICALS					
	Sevier, Melissa Bane		Alban Institute, 2002		BOOK
	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				
KNOW YOUR STORY AND LEAD WITH IT					
THE POWER OF NARRATIVE IN CLERGY LEADERSHIP					
	Hester, Richard L. & Kelli Walker-Jones		The Alban Institute, 2009		BOOK
	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.				
LEADING THE TEAM-BASED CHURCH					
	Cladis, George		Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1999		BOOK
	The author shows how pastors and church staffs can grow together into a powerful fellowship of leaders. He challenges leaders to invent new ways of working that enable teamwork among individuals with diverse ideas. He offers a model of church leadership that is biblically based and borrows from cutting-edge business strategies. The book enables pastors and church staffs to build trusting, collaborative ministry teams.				
LEARNING CONGREGATION: A NEW VISION OF LEADERSHIP					
	Hawkins, Thomas R.		Westminster John Knox Press		BOOK
	Congregations today face an adaptive challenge of immense proportions. Many respond with classic signs of work avoidance: holding on to past assumptions, blaming authority, and denial. This new vision of church leadership can provide a way to break through these defensive routines.				

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LEARNING WHILE LEADING: INCREASING YOUR EFFECTIVENESS IN MINISTRY					
	Farber-Robertson, Anita		Alban Institute, 2000		BOOK
	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.				
LEAVES FROM THE NOTEBOOK OF A TAMED CYNIC					
	Niebuhr, Reinhold		Westminster/John Knox Press, 1980		BOOK
	Originally published in 1929 and revised in 1957, Niebuhr provides high-quality reflections for the occupiers of uncomfortable pulpits. Written during his pastorate in Detroit, it shows how he had to deal with labor leaders, civic professionals, and people who share little of his regard for the cross of Jesus Christ.				
LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK					
LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF VOCATION					
	Palmer, Parker J.		Jossey-Bass Inc.		BOOK
	About life, vocation, love, and gratitude. From essays from his own life and those of others who have made a difference.				
LETTERS TO LEE					
MENTORING THE NEW MINISTER					
	Clayton, Paul C.		Alban Institute		BOOK
	Using the format of an older pastor writing to a novice, addressing issues not taught in seminary.				
LIFELONG CALL TO LEARN: CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS					
	Reber, Robert E. & D. Bruce Roberts, eds.		The Alban Institute, 2010		BOOK
	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.				
LIVING OUR STORY: NARRATIVE LEADERSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL CULTURE					
	Golemon, Larry A., ed.		The Alban Institute, 2010		BOOK
	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.				
MALE-FEMALE CHURCH STAFF: CELEBRATING THE GIFTS/CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGES					
	Nuechterlein, Anne Marie and Celia Allison Hahn		The Alban Institute, Inc.		BOOK
	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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MILLENNIUM MYTH

Wright, Tom

Westminster John Knox Press

BOOK

To this author the millenium means challenging our prevailing cultures with stories and symbols that say what the calendar we are following was designed to say in the first place.

MINISTER'S PRAYER BOOK

AN ORDER OF PRAYERS AND READINGS

Doberstein, John W., ed.

Fortress Press, 1986

BOOK

The aim of this book is to deepen and discipline the minister's life of private devotion. Basically the theme is the minister's calling, and a different aspect of this calling governs the order of devotion for each day of the week.

MINISTRY AND MONEY

A GUIDE FOR CLERGY AND THEIR FRIENDS

Hotchkiss, Dan

Alban Institute, 2002

BOOK

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.

MINISTRY BURNOUT

Sanford, John A.

Paulist Press

BOOK

The demands of the roles a minister must fill can lead to numerous dilemmas and stresses and, if not adequately addressed, to burnout. The circumstances that give rise to this spiritual exhaustion and its underlying dynamics are examined. Each problem is studied in detail and individuals are shown how to mitigate problems by being more realistic.

MINISTRY BURNOUT

Sanford, John A.

Paulist Press

BOOK

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MINISTRY FOR A NEW TIME: A CASE STUDY FOR CHANGE

Fenhagen, James C.

The Alban Institute

BOOK

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.

MINISTRY TO PERSONS WITH CHRONIC ILLNESSES: A

GUIDE TO EMPOWERMENT THROUGH NEGOTIATION

Vanderzee, John T.

Augsburg Fortress

BOOK

Guides to Pastoral Care Series. This resource sets out a model for ministering to the chronically ill that builds on recent developments aimed at reforming health care. He examines situations where illness has become the normal condition and when disability becomes a way of life.

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MORE THAN NUMBERS

THEY WAYS CHURCHES GROW

Mead, Loren B.

The Alban Institute, Inc., 1993

BOOK

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.

NEVER CALL THEM JERKS:

HEALTHY RESPONSES TO DIFFICULT BEHAVIOR

Boers, Arthur Paul

Alban Institute

BOOK

How the "worst" members, most trying congregational crises, can be transformed through redemptive ministry.

NEW BEGINNINGS: A PASTORATE START-UP WORKBOOK

Oswald, Roy M.

Alban Institute, 1989

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Oswald, Roy M.

Alban Institute, 1989

BOOK

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.

NEW DAY FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

Olson, Richard P., and Joe H. Leonard, Jr.

The Alban Institute

BOOK

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.

NEW VISIONS FOR THE LONG PASTORATE

Oswald, Roy M., etal

The Alban Institute, Inc., 1985

BOOK

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.

O LORD, HOLD OUR HANDS

HOW A CHURCH THRIVES IN A MULTICULTURAL WORLD

Stroupe, Nibs & Caroline Leach

Westminster John Knox Press, 2003

BOOK

The Story of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church. This book is part history of a local congregation, part testimony to the practice of faith, part manifesto of an evangelical response to racism. Can people actually touch the reality that Paul talks about in his letter to the Ephesians, a reality where Christ has "broken down the dividing wall"? The experiences of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church says "YES!"

ONCE AND FUTURE CHURCH: REINVENTING THE CONGREGATION FOR A NEW MISSION FRONTIER

Mead, Loren B.

Alban Institute, Inc., 1991

BOOK

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 Insitute.

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ONE CHURCH, MANY CONGREGATIONS

Weber, Thomas
 Fairway Press, 2001
 BOOK
 The author, long-time member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Metuchen, NJ, presents the interaction between the mission that congregations develop and the significant historical currents of the time. Periods of renewal that lead to a redefinition of a church's mission frequently occur in transition times between war and peace, or in times of great social change. A new mission, to meet new needs, then determines how one congregation differs from another.

OPEN SECRETS: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH A COUNTRY CHURCH

Lischer, Richard
 Doubleday Broadway Publishing Group, 2001
 BOOK
 In this advance reading excerpt the author relates some of the stories in his career as a Lutheran minister, fresh out of divinity school, assigned to a small conservative church in southern Illinois.

ORDINATION: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Rogers, Jack, and Deborah Flemister Mullen
 Presbyterian Publishing House
 BOOK
 An invitation to dialogue. Essays by the Task Force on the Theology and Practice of Ordination Theology and Worship Ministry Unit, Presbyterian Church (USA). A collection of critical, thoughtful pieces on the meaning of ministry for Presbyterian and Reformed Christians.

OXFORD BOOK OF DAYS

Blackburn, Bonnie & Leo Franc Holford-Stevens
 Oxford University Press, 2000
 BOOK
 This book is a lightly revised reissue of the calendar-years section of The Oxford Companion to the Year, published in 1999. It concentrates on national and other holidays, commemorations, and customs associated with particular days.

PASTOR AND THE PATIENT: A GUIDEBOOK FOR HOSPITAL VISITATION

Richmond, Kent D. and David L. Middleton
 Abingdon Press
 BOOK
 Written by hospital chaplains who have served as parish pastors, this book is filled with incidents that come directly from the hospital setting. Topics include theology, the hospital community, bio-ethics, patient needs and fears, afterhospitalization, and the pastoral visit.

PASTOR, PREACHER, PERSON

Switzer, David
 Abingdon
 BOOK
 Developing a pastoral ministry in depth. This practical book for the working clergy presents methods for using the insights gained in pastoral care and counseling to help unify and effect growth in a minister's personal and professional life.

PASTOR: A READER FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY

Willimon, William H.
 Abingdon Press, 2002
 BOOK
 An anthology of reflections on the tasks, joys, and challenges of ordained ministry, written by the most influential classical and contemporary thinkers.

PASTORAL CARE IN CONTEXT: AN INTRODUCTION TO PASTORAL CARE

Patton, John
 Westminster/John Knox Press
 BOOK
 In this resource, the author identifies and compares three paradigms of pastoral care: the classic, the clinical pastoral, and the communal contextual. He also covers Human Problems as Contexts for Care and the Pastor as Counselor and Theologian.

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PASTORAL LEADERSHIP SEARCH EFFORT					
FEEL THE PULSE					
	Presbyterian PLSE		PCUSA, 2003		VIDEO
	PLSE involves the creation of a churchwide database of young people who are seen as potential pastoral candidates. This video has been distributed for viewing at presbytery meetings and by church congregations. It was presented at the General Assembly in 2003. An ongoing committee will oversee the project and the use of the data.				
PASTOR-EVANGELIST IN THE PARISH					
	Armstrong, Richard Stoll		Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
	The author reflects on his own experiences as a pastor-evangelist in order to speak openly and honestly about how a pastor functions with evangelical sensitivity in the roles of visitor, counselor, teacher, discipler, administrator, and public figure. He describes the opportunities for evangelism in each of these endeavors.				
PASTOR'S SURVIVAL MANUAL: TEN PERILS IN PARISH					
MINISTRY AND HOW TO HANDLE THEM					
	Moe, Kenneth Alan		The Alban Institute, 1995		BOOK
	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.				
PAYING ATTENTION					
FOCUSING YOUR CONGREGATION ON WHAT MATTERS					
	Peluso-Verdend, Gary E.		The Alban Institute, 2005		BOOK
	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.				
PERSONALITY TYPE IN CONGREGATIONS					
HOW TO WORK W/ OTHERS MORE EFFECTIVELY					
	Baab, Lynne M.		Alban Institute		BOOK
	Enhances teamwork, assists people in finding satisfying ministries and developing their spiritual lives.				
PLACES OF PROMISE: FINDING STRENGTH IN YOUR					
CONGREGATION'S LOCATION					
	Woolever, Cynthia and Deborah Bruce		Westminster John Knox Press, 2008		BOOK
	The authors challenge church leaders to reframe their thinking about whether location determines the vitality of congregations. They demonstrate that every congregation can achieve strength and effectiveness in its present location if its ministry focus and leadership decisions parallel factors that are important to the community.				
PLAIN TALK ABOUT CHURCHES AND MONEY					
	Hoge, Dean, et al		Alban Institute, Inc., 1997		BOOK
	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.				
POET'S GIFT: TOWARD THE RENEWAL OF PASTORAL CARE					
	Capps, Donald		Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
	Drawing upon the poetry of William Stafford and Adrienne Rich, the author shows how poetry, like Jesus' parables, brings a special wisdom, nurture, and light to the dilemmas and quests, the tragedies and blessings of our life. Poems can link an individual's internal world to the world and to the word of the Bible.				

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POSITIONING MINISTRY FOR SUCCESS

Clapp, Steve	C-4 Resources	BOOK
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An approach for sharpening the focus and enhancing the impact of local church ministry. Major focus is how to define success. Many clergy feel there is something "wrong" with seeking the approval of others and many miss seeing that their efforts might be judged as a "failure" by worldly standards, but they have achieved great success in the eyes of Christ.

**POSTMODERN PARISH
NEW MINISTRY FOR A NEW ERA**

Kitchens, Jim	Alban Institute	BOOK
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"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.

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.

**POT-SHOTS AT THE PREACHER: HANDLING CRITICISM
IN THE CHURCH**

Sparks, James Allen	Abingdon	BOOK
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A no-nonsense but entertaining guide written by a pastor for pastors, their spouses, and others who must cope with criticism in the church. Reveals factors behind fault-finding and deals with the emotions and fantasies triggered by critical confrontation. Shows how to communicate feelings directly yet constructively.

**POWER OF ASSET MAPPING
HOW YOUR CONGREGATION CAN ACT ON ITS GIFT**

Snow, Luther K.	The Alban Institute	BOOK
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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.

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Bos, A. David	Westminster/John Knox Press	BOOK
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A congregation can best serve its own neighborhood by reviewing the growth of the ecumenically oriented community ministry movement within the past 20 years.

**PRACTICAL HANDBOOK FOR MINISTRY:
FROM THE WRITINGS OF WAYNE E. OATES**

Chapman, Thomas W., ed.	Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992	BOOK
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Chapman, Thomas W., editor	Westminster/John Knox Press	BOOK
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An overview of Wayne Oates' numerous contributions to pastoral care, counseling, and theology. Readers may be directed from these starting points to select specific works for further study.

Title 1	Title 2	Author	Publisher	Media	Summary
PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH: VIRTUES, ETHICS, AND POWER IN THE LIVES OF PASTORAL MINISTERS AND THEIR CONGREGATIONS					
		Keenan, James, SJ Kotova & Josph Kotav, Jr.	Sheed & Ward, 1999		BOOK
		Virtues, ethics, and power in the lives of pastoral ministers and their congregations. Calling for accountability, this resource discusses ethical questions that arise in congregations and pastoral leadership. The formation of pastors, empowering leaders, resolving power struggles between clergy and laity - these and other critical pastoral issues are addressed by an ecumenical group of contributors.			
PREACHING IS BELIEVING THE SERMON AS THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION					
		Allen, Ronald J.	Westminster John Knox Press, 2002		BOOK
		In this practical handbook, the author helps preachers to embody the tenets of the Christian faith in their sermons, thereby enabling their congregations to believe, live and witness more intentionally and with more integrity. He recommends that pastors pay more conscientious and critical attention to systematic theology in the preparation of sermons. Included are sample sermons, appendix and bibliography.			
PROMISE AND PERIL: UNDERSTANDING CHANGE AND CONFLICT IN CONGREGATIONS					
		Brubaker, David R.	Alban Institute, Inc., 2009		BOOK
		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.			
PROTESTANT WEDDING SOURCEBOOK: A COMPLETE GUIDE FOR DEVELOPING YOUR OWN SERVICE					
		Batts, Sidney F.	Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
		Eleven categories from which an engaged couple and their minister may compose a unique, individual, and personal wedding ceremony. Step-by-step worksheets are provided to organize, edit, and design the material. They could also choose from among 21 wedding services from mainline Protestant churches.			
QUIET CONVERSATIONS: CONCRETE HELP FOR WEARY MINISTRY LEADERS					
		Klaas, Alan C., and Cheryl D. Klaas	Mission Growth Publications, 2000		BOOK
		This resource describes the nature and behavior of pastors and congregations experiencing difficulties. It can be a useful tool to pastors and their families and, possibly, to congregational lay leaders.			
REFRAMING HOPE: VITAL MINISTRY IN A NEW GENERATION					
		Merritt, Carol Howard	The Alban Institute, 2010		BOOK
		Merritt writes Reframing Hope with the understanding that we are not creating from nothing the vital ministry of the next generation. Instead, we are working through what we have, sorting out the best parts, acknowledging and healing from the worst, and reframing it all. She shares the spiritual longing she sees in those of her generation and acknowledges that people will no longer settle for one-way preaching and entertaining services - they want their worship to become meaningful; they want their spirituality to lead to action.			
RESTORING THE SOUL OF A CHURCH: CONGREGATIONS WOUNDED BY CLERGY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT					
		Laasar, Mark, and Nancy Hopkins, editors	The Alban Institute		BOOK
		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.			

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SABBATH KEEPING					
		Schaper, Donna	Cowley Publications	BOOK	Donna Schaper's Sabbath Keeping is a collection of ten meditations exploring different aspects of keeping the sabbath.
SACRED COWS MAKE GOURMET BURGERS					
			Abingdon Press	BOOK	Permission-giving is recommended as the replacement for enabling as a way to help church leaders transcend bureaucracy and enhance spiritual gifts. The author feels it is better to free the people of God to make responsible contributions to the Body of Christ than to continue to control what happens in the congregation.
SAYING GOODBYE: A TIME OF GROWTH FOR CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORS					
		White, Edward A.	Alban Institute, Inc.	BOOK	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.
SEARCH FOR COMPASSION: SPIRITUALITY AND MINISTRY					
		Purves, Andrew	Westminster/John Knox Press	BOOK	In this book the author sees compassion as the center of pastoral care, holding theology, spirituality, and ministry together. It is recommended for ministers, seminary students, laypersons, and congregational study groups.
SEX IN THE PARISH					
		Lebacqz, Karen, and Ronald G. Barton	Westminster/John Knox Press	BOOK	This resource is a realistic appraisal of the complex relationships between pastor and parishioners. Includes experiences of pastors who did not set appropriate limits, as well as experiences of women pastors, and of gay, lesbian, or bisexual pastors. Provides a review of ethical issues for those engaged in the practice of ministry.
SHIFTING BOUNDARIES: CONTEXTUAL APPROACHES TO THE STRUCTURE OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION					
		Wheeler, Barbara, and Edward Farley, editors	Westminster/John Knox Press	BOOK	An outstanding group of authors address the structure of theological education using different avenues of approach. The contributors look at events and moments that shape the organization of theological studies.
SOUL CALLING					
BREATHING SPIRIT INTO A LIFE OF SVC					
		Harley, Julie Ruth	United Church Press	BOOK	Examines spiritual rewards of ministry; provides spiritually nourishing activities for developing spiritual discipline.
SOUL UNDER SIEGE: SURVIVING CLERGY DEPRESSION					
		Gaddy, C. Welton	Westminster/John Knox Press	BOOK	The author, in this soundly theological narrative, describes his experiences as a pastor who went from good to bad health (including a deep depression) and back to even better health. He also tells of his discovery in the hospital psychiatric unit of a more honest community than he had ever known in the church.

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SPIRIT-DRIVEN LEADER

SEVEN KEYS TO SUCCEEDING UNDER PRESSURE

Calian, Carnegie Samuel	Westminster John Knox Press, 2010	BOOK
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So, what do Bill Gates, King Solomon, and Lincoln have in common? They're all excellent examples of how leaders under pressure manage to succeed. Former Pittsburgh Seminary president Sam Calian outlines seven keys to effective leadership under pressure: creativity, competence, commitment, character, collegiality, compassion, and courage. Filled with telling anecdotes, Calian's book asks readers to look not only within themselves but to reach out to others to inspire hope and build stronger communities in trying times.

SPIRIT-LED LEADER

NINE LEADERSHIP PRACTICES AND SOUL PRINCIPLES

Geoffrion, Timothy C.	The Alban Institute, 2005	BOOK
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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

Wendland, Barbara & Larry W. Eastering	The Alban Institute, 2001	BOOK
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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

Melander, Rochelle and Eppley, Harold	The Alban Institute	BOOK
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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

Sitze, Bob	Alban Institute, 2007	BOOK
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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.

STARTING SMALL GROUPS--AND KEEPING THEM GOING

Eppley, Harold Webb/Rochelle Yolanda Melander,	Augsburg Fortress	BOOK
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Intersections: Small Group Series. This resource offers step-by-step guidelines for churches just starting small groups, as well as helpful ideas for supporting existing ones.

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STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FOR A CHANGE FACING OUR LOSSES, FINDING OUR FUTURE					
	McFayden, Kenneth J.		The Alban Institute, 2009		BOOK
	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.				
STUDYING CONGREGATIONS A NEW HANDBOOK					
	Ammerman, Nancy T., etal		Abingdon Press, 1998		BOOK
	In this new edition, the authors update what has become the primary textbook in the field of congregational studies in the seminary classroom. It will also be a useful reference for pastors, denominational leaders, and strategic planning committees. It includes Appendix A: Parish Profile Inventory and Appendix B: Standard Demographic and Religious Involvement Variables.				
SUBURBAN CHURCH, THE PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR AUTHENTIC MINISTRY					
	DeKruyter, Arthur H.		Westminster John Knox Press, 2008		BOOK
	The author provides practical advice for planting, growing, and renewing suburban congregations. He dispels myths about suburbia and wisely demonstrates how to minister successfully, fit historical preaching and worship to suburban needs, finance church programs, and more.				
SUPERVISION OF PASTORAL CARE					
	Steere, David A., editor		Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
	This book offers basic information both for persons under supervision and for those supervising them in pastoral care.				
SURVIVING DIFFICULT CHURCH MEMBERS					
	Dale, Robert D.		Abingdon Press		BOOK
	Most congregations include at least one; many pastors know several. But church leaders can learn to redirect those troubled individuals with the loving, practical advice offered in this "how to" guide. Part of the Creative Leadership Series.				
TEACHING MINISTER					
	Williamson, Clark M. and Ronald J. Allen		Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
	The authors state that the central task of ministry is teaching the Christian faith. This resource challenges ministers to move beyond tired stereotypes toward an understanding of the role of teaching in preaching, worship, administration, and pastoral care.				
TEACHING OUR STORY: NARRATIVE LEADERSHIP AND PASTORAL FORMATION					
	Golemon, Larry A., ed.		The Alban Institute, 2010		BOOK
	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.				

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TEMPORARY SHEPHERDS					
A CONGREGATIONAL HANDBOOK FOR INTERIM MINISTRY					
	Nicholson, Roger S., ed.		Alban Institute, 1998		BOOK
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A CONGREGATIONAL HANDBOOK FOR INTERIM MINISTRY					
	Nicholson, Roger S., ed.		Alban Institute		BOOK
	For leaders anticipating or going through a pastoral transition & for clergy to understand interim ministry better.				
TENDING THE FLOCK: CONGREGATIONS AND FAMILY					
MINISTRY					
	Lyon, K. Brynolf and Archie Smith, Jr., editors		Westminster John Knox Press		BOOK
	Part of the Family, Religion, and Culture series, this book provides a comprehensive and objective review of a variety of challenges and resolutions for parish ministry and community involvement. It takes a look at the American family from a religious perspective and makes suggestions for revitalizing the family.				
TENDING TO THE HOLY					
	Epperly, Bruce G. & Katherine Gould Epperly		The Alban Institute, 2009		BOOK
	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?					
REVISIONING YOUR CALL					
	Hightower, James E. and W. Craig Gilliam		The Alban Institute,		BOOK
	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.				
TO UNDERSTAND GOD TRULY: WHAT'S THEOLOGICAL ABOUT					
A THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL					
	Kelsey, David H.		Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
	The author's study offers a full analysis of the major interpretations of theological education and an original proposal that argues that God is what theological education is all about.				
TOTAL MINISTRY: RECLAIMING THE					
MINISTRY OF ALL GOD'S PEOPLE					
	Zabriskie, Stewart C.		The Alban Institute		BOOK
	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.				
TOTAL MINISTRY: RECLAIMING THE					
MINISTRY OF ALL GOD'S PEOPLE					
	Zabriskie, Stewart C.		The Alban Institute, 1995		BOOK
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TRANSFORMING RITUALS: DAILY PRACTICES FOR CHANGING LIVES					
	Oswald, Roy M.		Alban Institute		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.				
TYPE TALK AT WORK					
	Kroeger, Otto, with Janet M. Thuesen		Dell Publishing		BOOK
	Individual differences make everyone's contribution to the organization more effective. The book is in three sections--1) the basics of typewatching 2) how to apply that knowledge 3) profiles of 16 different personality types.				
UNBINDING THE GOSPEL REAL LIFE IN EVANGELISM					
	Reese, Martha Grace		Chalice Press,		BOOK
	Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism is a book for church groups to study. It's a book for pastors who want the truth about the state of our churches. Reese presents a clear-spoken, hopeful vision for a future and gives us a way to get there-without gimmicky formulas, but hand-in-hand with God.				
VANISHING BOUNDARIES: THE RELIGION OF MAINLINE PROTESTANT BABY BOOMERS					
	Hoge, Dean R., et al		Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
	The authors examine the religious faith of the Baby Boomers and explore the reasons they give for leaving or staying in the church.				
VOICES OF EXPERIENCE: LIFESTORIES OF CLERGYWOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)					
	Brasfield, Alice and Elisabeth Lunz, editors		Presbyterian Publishing House		BOOK
	Nineteen clergywomen recount their faith journeys within the Presbyterian Church. The book will enlighten readers about past struggles and point to the continuing need for understanding, recognition, and acceptance of women in ministry. Published by the Women's Ministry Unit, PCUSA.				
WELCOME! TOOLS & TECHNIQUES FOR NEW MEMBER MINISTRY					
	Weeks, Andrew D.		The Alban Institute, Inc., 1992		BOOK
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WELCOMING RESISTANCE					
	Hobgood, William Chris		The Alban Institute, Inc., 2001		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.				
WHEN A CONGREGATION IS BETRAYED RESPONDING TO CLERGY MISCONDUCT					
	Gaede, Beth Ann, Ed.		Alban Institute		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.				

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WHEN BETTER ISN'T ENOUGH					
	EVALUTATION TOOLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH				
	Hudson, Jill M.		The Alban Insitute, 2004		BOOK
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	EVALUATION TOOLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH				
	Hudson, Jill M.		The Alban Institute, 2004		BOOK
	The author identifies 12 characteristics by which we can measure effective ministry for the early 21st century. By faithfully listening for God's guidance and carefully evaluating progress, congregations can improve their ministry, help members and staff grow in effectiveness, deepen a sense of partnership, and add new richness to the dialogue about the congregation's future.				
WHEN GOD SPEAKS THROUGH YOU: HOW FAITH					
	CONVICTIONS SHAPE PREACHING AND MISSION				
	Satterlee, Craig A.		Alban Institute, 2008		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.				
WHEN THE PEOPLE SAY NO					
	CONFLICT AND THE CALL TO MINISTRY				
	Dittes, James E.		Harper & Row, 1979		BOOK
	What is the minister to do when confronted with opposition from his or her own congregation, when met with frustration in his or her ministry? With empathy for both the minister's plight and the congregation's pain, the author shows how these very frustrations can be the beginning of real and healing ministry.				
WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU? CONNECTING FAITH AND					
	DAILY LIFE				
	Everist, Norma Cook, and Nelvin Vos		The Alban Institute		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				
WHO MINISTERS TO MINISTERS?					
	Gilbert, Barbara G.		Alban Institute, Inc.		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.				
WHY SCRIPTURE MATTERS: READING THE BIBLE IN A					
	TIME OF CHURCH CONFLICT				
	Burgess, John P.		Westminster John Knox Press		BOOK
	Combining deep theological insight with down-to-earth emphasis on daily practices--memorization, reading aloud--from the neglected riches of the Christian tradition, the author explores what it means to read the Bible as Holy Scripture in a time of church conflict.				

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WISDOM OF TEAMS					
CREATING THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE ORGANIZATION					
		Katzenbach, Jon R. & Douglas K. Smith	Harper Business	BOOK	This book offers valuable advice on building teams for high performance results providing real examples. The authors challenge conventional wisdom about teams and offer the essence of the power and vision of great teams describing the discipline necessary for teams and performance.
WITH GOD'S OLDEST FRIENDS: PASTORAL VISITING					
IN THE NURSING HOME					
		Simmons, Henry C. and Mark A. Peters	Paulist Press	BOOK	Includes orientation to the history of nursing homes; general and basic skills for smoothing the way and establishing rapport in this particular kind of "home," practical advice for specific difficult situations. The book should lower discomfort levels and make the visits more satisfying experiences for all involved.
WOLF SHALL DWELL WITH THE LAMB					
		Law, Eric H. F.	Chalice Press, 1993	BOOK	A spirituality for leadership in a multicultural community. Using a combination of theology and cultural anthropology, the author explores why certain cultures--most notably whites of Northern European origin--tend, consciously or unconsciously, to dominate in multicultural situations, driving those of other races and ethnic groups to silent rage or outright rebellion.
YOU ARE ONE OF US					
SUCCESSFUL CLERGY/CHURCH CONNECTIONS TO ALZHEIMER'S FAM					
		Gawther, Lisa P.	Duke University Medical Center, 1995	BOOK	Clergy and church leaders who take the time to learn from Alzheimer's families can enrich their total ministry. What churches and clergy can offer people with Alzheimer's and their families is not available from any other source. This booklet attempts to link caring church ministries to Alzheimer's families.