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## New Resources for Pastoral and Congregational Leadership

### Top Picks:

**Who is our Church?: managing congregational identity.**

Cawley, Janet R. Alban, 2006. 250 Caw

An accessible identity exercise in congregational self-discovery with delightfully quirky stories of how it works.

**Traveling Together: a guide for disciple-forming congregations.**

Jones, Jeffrey D. Alban, 2006. 253 Jon

Recognizing that the old models and answers just don't work anymore, Jones provides a game plan for careful study and innovative spiritual practice. Lots of good assessment tools for leaders and congregations. Excellent!

**The Compassionate Congregation: a handbook for people who care.**

Mulder, Karen and Ginger Jurries. Faith Alive Christian Resources 2002. 253.7 Mul

Includes down to earth advice for caregivers, lists of agencies and resources, a guide to caregiving basics, a self-guided workshop for small groups, first person stories. Every church should have one!

**An Emergent Theology for Emerging Churches.**

Anderson, Ray S. IVP Books, 2006. 230.046 And

How to anchor church innovation in biblical theology.

**Recovering the Sacred Center: church renewal from the inside out.**

Friend, Howard E. Judson, 1998. 254.5 Fri

A reflective approach that is designed to help readers discover new ways of understanding themselves and the mission of the church. Includes stories and exercises that would be nice to include in church meetings, sermons, etc.

**The Spirit-Led Leader: nine leadership practices and soul principles.**

Geoffrion, Timothy C. Alban, 2005. 253 Geo

Each chapter begins with a leadership practice: (example) *Envision your leadership flowing out of a deep spiritual life*, followed by ideas on how to make change a personal priority. A wonderful, inspirational handbook on how to integrate personal faith and effective leadership.

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**Faithful Guides: Coaching Strategies for Church Leaders.**

Hawkins, Thomas R. Discipleship Resources, 2006. 253 Haw

Describes how coaching is rooted in the Bible and church traditions, is an essential strategy for personal and organizational transformation, and is different from consulting and counseling.

**Holy Places, Small Spaces: a hopeful future for the small membership church.**

Kemp, Bill. Discipleship Resources, 2005. 254 Kem

Kemp charts changes that must take place in congregational leadership and perception of ministry and provides tools to evaluate current reality.

**A Generous Presence: spiritual leadership and the art of coaching.**

Melander, Rochelle. Alban, 2006. 253.5 Mel

An introductory book on the important field of spiritual coaching for clergy and other ministry professionals. Includes specific stuff to talk about, try out and reflect upon.

**Time Bomb in the Church: defusing pastoral burnout**

Spaite, Daniel. Beacon Hill Press, 1999. 253.2 Spa.

Helps to identify harmful patterns of living that lead to pastoral burnout and provides advice for dealing emotionally and physically with one of the toughest jobs around.

**Mediation and Facilitation Training Manual: foundations and skills for constructive conflict transformation.**

Schrock-Shenk, Carolyn, editor. Mennonite Conciliation Service, 2000. 303.69 Med

A comprehensive manual that covers all aspects of mediation and conflict transformation. Includes spirituality, listening, interpersonal dimensions, group process, ethics for change, and much more.

**Beginning Ministry Together: the Alban Handbook for Clergy Transitions**

Oswald, Roy M with James and Ann Heath Alban, 2003. 253.2 Osw

Addresses often-ignored issues during a pastoral transition such as coping with stress, conducting an exit interview, tools for saying a good goodbye. A comprehensive manual about pastoral transitions.

**Stilling the Storm: worship and congregational leadership in difficult times.**

Smith, Kathleen. Alban, 2006. 264 Smi

A wise and deep exploration of how worship can uphold churches in times of crisis, conflict, transition.