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Author	Title	Subject	Annotation
Dash, Michael J. N. and Christine D. Chapman	The Shape of Zion: Leadership and Life in Black Churches	African American Church	Leadership and life in Black Churches
Davis, Cyprian	The History of Black Catholics In The United States	African American Church	This book makes a valuable contribution to the understanding of African-American religious life by presenting the first full-length treatment of the Black Catholic experience.
Gilkes, Cheryl Townsend	If It Wasn't For The Women	African American Women	These collected essays examine the roles of women in their churches and communities, the implication of those roles for African American culture, and the tensions and stereotypes that shape societal responses to these roles.
McKinstry, Carolyn Maull with Denise George	While the World Watched	African American Church	Told from the point of view of a 16th St. Baptist Church bombing survivor, While the World Watched is a poignant and gripping eyewitness account of life in the Jim Crow South: from the bombings, riots, and assassinations to the historic marches and triumphs that characterized the Civil Rights movement.
Myers, William H.	God's Yes Was Louder Than My No: Rethinking the African American Call to Ministry	African American Church	Myers has placed the call narratives and stories in theoretical perspective, relating them to the traditions of hermeneutics and theological reflection.
Smith, R. Drew (Editor)	New Day Begun: The Public Influences of African American Churches Volume I	African American Church	This collection of essays analyzes the results of an unprecedented survey of nearly 2,000 African American churches across the country conducted by The Public Influences of African-American Churches Project, which is based at Morehouse College in Atlanta. These essays—by political scientists, theologians, ethicists, and others—draw on the survey findings to analyze the social, historical, and institutional contexts of black church activism.
Tyson, Timothy B.	Blood Done Sign My Name	African American Church	The book focuses on the murder of a young black man, Henry Marrow, in 1970, a tragedy that dramatically widened the racial gap in the author's hometown of Oxford, N.C. Tyson portrays the killing and its aftermath from multiple perspectives, including that of his
Williams, Melvin D.	Community in a Black Pentecostal Church	African American Church	Williams deals with a southern, black, poor penecostal church in the urban Pittsburg, PA setting. He goes in depth to the symbolic social structure of the Church of Zion
Wimberly, Anne Streaty	Soul Stories: African American Christian Education	African American Church	Soul stories link persons' everyday life with the Christian Scriptures. The soul stories in this revised volume take on a cross-generational orientation with emphasis on linking stories of family identities, events, relationships, and story plot with Bible stories and exemplary Christian faith stories found in the African Diaspora.
Flynt, Wayne	Alabama Baptists: Southern Baptists in the Heart of Dixie	Baptists	Alabama Baptists are a complex people. This book aims to illustrate the development and growth of Alabama Baptists within a religious, cultural, and historical context.
Duvall, Scott J., J. Daniel Hays	Grasping God's Word	Bible Study	Old Testament scholar J. Daniel Hays and New Testament expert J. Scott Duvall provide practical, hands-on exercises to guide students through the interpretive process. They emphasize the Bible's redemptive arc and encourage correlation across the canon.
Kistemaker, Simon J.	The Parables: Understanding the Stories Jesus Told	Bible Study	In this book, all of Jesus' parables and most of his parabolic sayings from the Synoptic Gospels are explained and interpreted from an evangelical perspective. Careful attention is given to the historical and cultural setting of each story, offering practical insight into Jesus' words.
Wiersbe, Warren W.	Be Comforted: Feeling Secure in the Arms of God (OT Commentary on Isaiah)	Bible Study	This book provides invaluable insight into the history, meaning, and context of the book of Isaiah.

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Lester, Andrew D. (editor)	When Children Suffer	Children Ministry	When Children Suffer is a collection of essays designed to help pastors, Christian educators, and other care givers work effectively with children in crisis. This illuminating book includes background in child development and psychology as well as specific guidance for helping children who are facing difficult situations, such as their parent's divorce or their own illness.
Badcock, Gary D.	The Way of Life: A Theology of Christian Vocation	Christian Calling	Badcock argues that Christian vocation is essentially the call to love God and neighbor. Through a consideration of several theologians, Badcock links this theme to another ruling idea of Christian spirituality - discipleship in the way of the cross.
Baker, Dori G. and Joyce A. Mercer	Lives to Offer: Accompanying Youth on Their Vocational Quests	Christian Calling	As an alternative to the consumerist, program-driven views of ministry with youth, this book presents a different vision: youth ministry as a companioned walk with young people in search of vocation in its public and private dimensions.
Benne, Robert	Ordinary Saints: Introduction to Christian Calling	Christian Calling	Benne addresses the Christian life in its religious and moral dimensions by writing about the vocation of the Christian in daily life. With clarity and authority, he discusses Christian identity, the call of God, moral development, and marriage and family life, among other topics.
Bennethum, D. Michael	Listen! God is Calling! Luther Speaks of Vocation, Faith, and Work.	Christian Calling	Bennethum presents Martin Luther's teaching on vocation as a resource both for individual believers, helping them find deeper meaning in their ordinary daily labors; and for congregations, encouraging them to develop a climate that supports their members at work.
Bezzerides, Ann Mitsakos	Christ at Work: Orthodox Christian Perspectives on Vocation	Christian Calling	Twenty-first-century North Americans struggle with questions of vocation and calling, and parish priests, spiritual fathers, lay counselors, parents, teachers, youth workers-those whom we regularly turn to for guidance-affirm this. In this volume, theologians steeped in Eastern and Orthodox traditions of Christianity write expressly on the topic of vocation.
Bolles, Richard N.	How to Find Your Mission in Life	Christian Calling	Bolles, author of WHAT COLOR IS YOUR PARACHUTE?, explores the spiritual aspects of finding one's place in the work world. For anyone who has ever wondered how to make the most of their unique natural gifts, or how to find a vocation that is both socially responsible and personally fulfilling, this enlightening and empowering little volume provides immeasurable guidance.
Brennfleck, Kevin and Kay Marie	Live Your Calling: A Practical Guide to Finding and Fulfilling Your Mission in Life	Christian Calling	An action-plan for self-fulfillment that helps people find their true calling in life. This practical and inspirational guide helps Christian men and women of all ages identify and use their God-given gifts to find purpose, direction, and joy in their life and work
Cahalan, Kathleen A.	The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All Around Us	Christian Calling	Incorporating biblical texts, her own experience, and the personal stories of others, Cahalan discusses how each of us is called by God, to follow, as we are, from grief, for service, in suffering, through others, within God.
Cahalan, Kathleen A. and Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore	Calling All Years Good: Christian Vocation Throughout Life's Seasons	Christian Calling	Rarely do we consider childhood or old age as crucial times for commencing or culminating a life of faith in response to God's calling. This book addresses that gap by showing how vocation emerges and evolves over the course of an entire lifetime.
Cahalan, Kathleen A. and Douglas J. Schuurman	Calling in Today's World: Voices from Eight Faith Perspectives	Christian Calling	In this book contributors with expertise in Catholic and Protestant Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Daoism, and secular humanism explore the idea of calling from these eight faith perspectives.

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Clapper, Gregory S.	Living Your Heart's Desire: God's Call and Your Vocation	Christian Calling	Clapper goes beyond the usual career counseling formula in <i>Living Your Heart's Desire</i> . Reading this book will not tell you which employment ads you should answer or even which career will be best for you. Clapper explains why it's more helpful instead to understand the theology behind work, calling, and human freedom.
Cunningham, David S.	Vocation Across the Academy. A New Vocabulary for Higher Education	Christian Calling	<i>Vocation across the Academy</i> will help to reframe current debates about the purpose of higher education. It underscores the important role that colleges and universities can play in encouraging students to reflect more deeply on life's most persistent questions and to consider how they might best contribute to the common good.
Dunnam, Maxie D. and Steve G.W. Moore, eds.	Living Life on Purpose: The Joy of Discovering and Following God's Call	Christian Calling	Far too many Christians believe that a vocation or calling from God only applies to those who are ministers or in church service. <i>Living Life on Purpose</i> debunks that myth and proclaims that God has a fulfilling life of meaning for everyone.
Farnham, Suzanne G. et. al.	Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in the Community	Christian Calling	Written to make the often elusive and unusually clergy-centered spiritual practice of discernment accessible to all people, <i>Listening Hearts</i> features simple reflections and exercises drawn from scripture and from Quaker and Ignatian traditions.
Galindo, Isreal	The Craft of Christian Teaching: Essentials for Becoming a Very Good Teacher	Christian Calling	A strong and vibrant Christian education program lies at the heart of a growing church. No matter what the philosophy or approach to education, no program can flourish without skilled and dedicated teachers. While some such teachers are born, Israel Galindo believes that many others can be made
Garber, Steven	Visions of Vocation: Common Grace for the Common Good	Christian Calling	Vocation is following our calling to seek the welfare of the world we live in. And in helping the world to flourish, strangely, mysteriously, we find that we flourish too. Garber offers a book for everyone everywhere—for students, for parents, for those in the arts, in the academy, in public service, in the trades and in commerce—for all who want to discover the virtue of vocation.
Guinness, Os	The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life	Christian Calling	<i>The Call</i> continues to stand as a classic, reflective work on life's purpose. Guinness goes beyond surface understanding of God's call and addresses the fact that God has a specific calling for our individual lives. Guinness now helps the reader discover answers to these questions, and more, through a corresponding workbook - perfect for individual or group study.
Hardy, Lee	The Fabric of This World; Inquiries into Calling, Career Choice, and the Design of Human Work	Christian Calling	An in-depth historical, philosophical, theological—and practical—exploration of <i>work</i> from an evangelical perspective. Hardy discusses several historical views of work from the ancient Greeks onward, highlighting the Christian concept of <i>vocation</i> as articulated by Luther and Calvin; these expositions lead to practical applications regarding the personal issue of career choice and the important (but often neglected) social issue of job design.
Harris, Maria and Gabriel Moran	Reshaping Religious Education: Conversation on Contemporary Practice	Christian Calling	Harris and Moran challenge the religious education community to risk change. Focusing on themes of foundations, development, spirituality, and a wider world. They discuss issues such as gender, death and dying, and both interreligious and international dialogue.

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Hawkins, Thomas R.	The Learning Congregation: A New Vision of Leadership	Christian Calling	Congregations today face an adaptive challenge of immense proportions. Many respond with classic signs of work avoidance: holding to past assumptions and blaming authority. Thomas Hawkins's new vision of church leadership can provide a way to break through these defensive routines. <i>The Learning Congregation</i> is a must read for all pastors and church leaders.
Himes, Michael	Three Key Questions	Christian Calling	The three questions remain strongly aligned with a Jesuit education, the goal of which, explains Director of Campus Ministry Fr. Anthony Penna, is for students to become "more of who they are." The questions also draw heavily on the Jesuit tradition of self-reflection, Penna notes, in that students must find the answers themselves.
Keller, Timothy	Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work	Christian Calling	Keller shows readers that biblical wisdom is immensely relevant to our questions about work today. In fact, the Christian view of work—that we work to serve others, not ourselves—can provide the foundation of a thriving professional and balanced personal life.
Kise, Jane, et.al.	Life Keys: Discover Who You Are	Christian Calling	Engaging stories, inventories, self-tests, and other easy-to-use exercises make Discover Who You Are a one-of-a-kind tool. It will help those longing to find or deepen meaning in life, considering volunteer opportunities, contemplating career changes, or desiring to become more useful to God.
Kruschwitz, Robert B., ed.	Vocation: Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics	Christian Calling	Running from 2000 to 2016, the series consists of 61 titles and their accompanying study guides, all produced under the guidance of Kruschwitz. Every issue of Christian Reflection offers reliable guidance in engaging the ethical dimensions of today's world.
LaReau, Renee M.	Getting a Life: How to Find Your True Vocation	Christian Calling	How do we discover what our gifts are and where to best use them? Do we have to love our job all the time? LaReau addresses all of these questions and more with honesty and grace in this spiritual and practical map to discover what to do with the rest of your life.
Levoy, Gregg	Callings: Finding and Following an Authentic Life	Christian Calling	Drawing on the hard-won wisdom and powerful stories of people who have followed their own calls, Levoy shows us the many ways to translate a calling into action. He presents an illuminating and ultimately practical inquiry into how we listen and respond to our calls, whether at work or at home, in our relationships or in service.
Little, Edward, S.	Ears to Hear: Recognizing and Responding to God's Call	Christian Calling	Little takes readers on a journey through the Old Testament, showing the way God called ordinary people to service, and drawing parallels for ordinary people in the twenty-first century. Each chapter concludes with a set of discussion questions, making this an ideal book not only for individuals discerning God's call, but also for parish study groups.
Mahan, Brian J.	Forgetting Ourselves on Purpose: Vocation and the Ethics of Ambition	Christian Calling	Mahan considers the question of how it is possible to create a meaningful spiritual life while living in a culture that measures us by what we have rather than who we are. Mahan shares stories of personal struggle and triumph that demonstrate how those who seek meaning and purpose have reclaimed their authentic selves by resolving the inevitable tension between personal ambition and spiritual vibrancy.
Meilaender, Gilbert C., ed.	Working: Its Meaning and Its Limits	Christian Calling	This text proposes different ways of thinking about work. It explores many of the ways in which human beings have thought about the place of work in life - its meanings, its limits, and its relation to other obligations, to the life cycle, to play and to rest.

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Moore, Thomas	A Life at Work: The Joy of Discovering What You Were Born To Do	Christian Calling	Moore turns to an aspect of our lives that looms large in our self-regard, an aspect by which we may even define ourselves—our work. The workplace, Moore knows, is a laboratory where matters of soul are worked out. <i>A Life's Work</i> is about finding the right job, yes, and it is also about uncovering and becoming the person you were meant to be.
Nelson, Tom	Work Matters: Connecting Sunda Worship to Monday Work	Christian Calling	Striking a balance between theological depth and practical counsel, Tom Nelson outlines God's purposes for work in a way that helps us to make the most of our vocation and to join God in his work in the world. Discover a new perspective on work that will transform your workday and make the majority of your waking hours matter, not only now, but for eternity.
Nocks, Elaine C.	Study Guide: Callings: Tweny Centuries of Christian Wisdom on Vocation	Christian Calling	From Sunday School curriculum to book clubs to ordination committees, this congregation-oriented study guide is a wonderful resource for individuals who are seeking inspiration for living Christian lives, as well as a resource for the church to nurture the next generation of pastors and leaders.
Roehlkepartain, Eugene C.	The Teaching Church: Moving Christian Education to Center Stage	Christian Calling	Roehlkepartain explores the problems and possibilities uncovered by the Effective Christian Education study conducted by Search Institute. This volume contains worksheets and checklists to be used in evaluating a congregation's educational programs as well as charts and graphs that interpret the data effectively.
Schuster, John P.	Answering Your Call	Christian Calling	Answering Your Call is aimed at people who know they are on the planet for a reason and want more than encouragement—they want to get precise about it. John Schuster helps readers address questions like: Am I really hearing the call, or is it something else, like wishful thinking?
Schwehn, Kaethe and L. DeAne Lagerquist	Claiming Our Callings: Toward a New Understanding of Vocation in the Liberal Arts	Christian Calling	Schwehn and Lagerquist offer perspectives from fourteen professors at St. Olaf College on the value of vocation, showing how a focus on one's calling rather than on success or credentials paves the way for the civic good sought by defenders of liberal arts education.
Schwehn, Mark R. and Dorthy Bass C., eds.	Leading Lives That Matter: What We Should Do and Who We Should be	Christian Calling	<i>Leading Lives That Matter</i> draws together a wide range of texts -- including fiction, autobiography, and philosophy -- offering challenge and insight to those who are thinking about what to do with their lives. Instead of giving prescriptive advice, Schwehn and Bass approach the subject of vocation as an ongoing conversation.
Sherman, Amy L.	Kingdom Calling: Vocational Stewardship for the Common Good	Christian Calling	Sherman, director of the Center on Faith in Communities and scholar of vocational stewardship, explores how, through our faith-formed calling, we announce the kingdom of God to our everyday world.
Smith, James K.A.	You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit	Christian Calling	Smith shows that who and what we worship fundamentally shape our hearts. And while we desire to shape culture, we are not often aware of how culture shapes us. We might not realize the ways our hearts are being taught to love rival gods instead of the One for whom we were made.
Smith, James K.A.	Discussion Guide: You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit	Christian Calling	Discussion Guide
Spears, Kevin and Jeff Meyers	The Fund for Theological Education Guide to Creating Pastoral Internships	Christian Calling	The FTE Guide to Creating Pastoral Internships presents a roadmap for congregations and church-related organizations to do what the people of First Congregational Church of Western Springs and hundreds of other congregations have done. It is a how-to book for internships

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Tate, Michael A.	The White Shirt	Christian Calling	Find your ideal career with the secrets hidden in this ancient story. Whether you're graduating from college, changing careers, or preparing for retirement, you'll discover strategies to successfully navigate your transition.
The Fund for Theological Education	Revealing Vocation: Finding God's Story in our Lives: A Vocation Discernment Retreat for Volunteers Exploring Vocation	Christian Calling	This retreat was designed with the hope of presenting the idea of a vocation in a new light. The prayers, reflections, and activities embrace a variety of faith traditions while calling all participants to discern God's work in their lives. Vocation is more than, "What do I want to do?" it is a question of who we are already becoming, what communities are shaping us (and who we are going to shape), and our connection to God.
Wolterstorff, Nicholas	Looking for Good Work	Christian Calling	High School commencement speech on vocation and discerning God's call.
Christian Church Foundation	Sacred Stories: Continuing a Congregation's Legacy of Ministry	Congregations (Closing)	Designed to help congregations work through various issues as members decide if the congregation's visible ministries should be terminated and its witness should continue in new and different ways.
Congregational Asset Management Task Force of the Lower Susquehanna Synod	A Resource for the Closing of Congregations	Congregations (Closing)	This manual is for congregations that are afraid of the future, afraid of failure, and afraid they might have to close. It was written by a task force who have experience working congregations in crisis and transition.
Congregational Consulting Group	When is the Right Time to Close Our Doors?	Congregations (Closing)	As members watch their Sunday morning worship attendance dwindle, someone usually starts "running the numbers," trying to determine how long they can continue before they are forced to close. This article shows there is another way to look at the end of life as we know it, at least for congregations.
Ammerman, Nancy Tatom	Pillars of Faith	Congregations	Pillars of Faith describes the diversity of tradition and the commonality of organizational strategy that characterize the more than 300,000 congregations in the United States, arguing that they provide the social bonds, spiritual traditions, and community connections that are vital to an increasingly diverse society.
Ammerman, Nancy Tatom	Congregation & Community	Congregations	How do congregations react to significant community change? Why do some religious institutions decline in the face of racial integration while others adapt and grow? With almost half of the nation's population attending religious services each week, it is impossible to understand change in American society without a close look at congregations. Congregation and Community will exist as a standard resource for years to come.
BarnaTrends	BarnaTrends 2017	Congregations	Barna presents an annual review with hundreds of their recent major research studies. Divided into sections on culture, life, and faith.
Banks, Robert	Paul's Idea of Community: The Early House Churches in their Cultural Setting (Revised Edition)	Congregations	Available to laypeople, pastors, and scholars in this revised edition Banks has rewritten chapters for clarity, taken into account recent scholarship on Paul's writings, updated and expanded the bibliography, and added an index.
Becker, Penny Edgell	Congregations in Conflict: Cultural Models of Local Religious Life	Congregations	Using the suburbs of Chicago to examine the nature of American congregations as institutions, looking in particular at how they deal with conflict within their ranks. Becker examines such factors as organizational processes, the extent and types of ties among church members, their shared understandings about mission and identity, and their level of public commitment.

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Bickers, Dennis	The Healthy Community: Moving Your Church Beyond Tunnel Vision	Congregations	Statistics show that some 3,000 churches close their doors permanently every year. What does it take for a church today to remain healthy? How can you, as a church leader, lead your church into the future as a strong, thriving community? In <i>The Healthy Community</i> , you will be able to diagnose the problems that may exist in your own church.
Bradley, Martin B., Norman M. Green Jr., Dale E. Jones, Mac Lynn, Lou McNeil	Churches and Church Membership in the United States 1990	Congregations	An Enumeration by Region, State and County : Based on Data Reported By 133 Churches and Church Membership in the United States
Bullard, George W. Jr.	Pursuing the Full Kingdom Potential of Your Congregation	Congregations	Bullard offers a process for congregational redevelopment. He learns from the past to take congregations on a spiritual journey that is open-ended, custom-made, and locally owned. His focus is on capacity building in each congregation, calling for a narrative approach to futuring in the life of congregations.
Bullard, George W., Jr.	Captured By Vision: 101 Insights to Empower Your Congregation	Congregations	This book will help your congregation understand what it means to be captured by God's empowering vision. Through vision, God will empower congregations and pull them forward toward their full Kingdom potential so you don't have to be behind them pushing!
Bullard, George W., Jr.	A Study Guide for Captured By Vision	Congregations	Study guide to accompany the book <i>Captured By Vision</i> . "101 Insights to Empower Your Congregation" offers key strategic questions for your congregation.
Carroll, Jackson W., Carl S. Dudley, William McKinney (editors)	Handbook for Congregational Studies	Congregations	Contains many ways of analyzing and studying a congregation for the purposes of enhancing their effectiveness in mission. Several paths of investigation are shared: 1) sociologically, 2) anthropologically, 3) demographically, and 4) through narrative (story). Includes an appendix of research instruments.
Chaves, Mark	Congregations in America	Congregations	Drawing on the 1998 National Congregations Study as well as a broad range of quantitative, qualitative, and historical evidence, this book provides a comprehensive overview of the most significant form of collective religious expression in American society: local congregations.
Daman, Glenn C.	Leading the Small Church: How to Develop a Transformational Ministry	Congregations	This follow-up to <i>Shepherding the Small Church</i> exhorts pastors to take their leadership to a different level, one that is rooted in spiritual activities like preaching and discipleship instead of professional leadership strategies.
Dudley, Carl S. (editor)	Building Effective Ministry: Theory and Practice in the Local Church	Congregations	<i>Building Effective Ministry</i> approached congregational studies from a variety of disciplines in order to emphasize both the local church's value in its larger community, and the internal congregation resources overlooked.
Ellis, Dr. Larry W.	The Congregation Driven Ministry	Congregations	Most clergy and laity agree that their churches are mired in maintenance ministry. In past years, congregations have asked, "How do churches grow?", when the better question may be "How do members grow?". This book attempts to address this issue.
Farnsworth, Kirk and Rosie	All Churches Great and Small: 60 Ideas for improving your church's ministry	Congregations	The authors explore the ingredients of faithful, healthy churches, offering some 60 ideas for small churches that want to become even more effective in areas such as worship, caring, praying, studying, giving, and witnessing.
Frank, Thomas Edward	The Soul of the Congregation: An Invitation to Congregational Reflection	Congregations	By carefully observing congregational culture, leaders and participants can deepen understanding and appreciation for the congregation as it has endured, and recognize possibilities for ministry derived from the congregation's values and strengths. In a series of letters and reflections, Frank invites us to practice this art of discernment, of seeing, listening, and paying attention.
Friedman, Edwin H.	Generation to Generation: Family Process in Church and Synagogue	Congregations	This book applies the concepts of systemic family therapy to the emotional life of congregations. Friedman shows how the same understanding of family process that can aid clergy in their pastoral role also has important ramifications for negotiating congregational dynamics and functioning as an effective leader.

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Gunderson, Gary	Deeply Woven Roots: Improving the Quality of Life in Your Community	Congregations	The Carter Center's Gary Gunderson suggests ways that congregations, religious leaders, and concerned individuals can take practical steps to improve the health of their communities. Eminently practical yet deeply religious, Gunderson's book will help people of faith nurture community life at its roots .
Hadaway, C. Kirk	Behold I Do a New Thing: Transforming Communities of Faith	Congregations	Hadaway calls for radical transformation. "Churches should ask themselves, 'What business are we in?' And once they (re)discover their business, they should stick to it." The book is devoted to offering tools, models, and suggestions for how to reclaim a transformational vision in the local church.
Hendrix, John D.	Nothing Never Happens: Experiential Learning and the Church	Congregations	In this detailed study of the connections between learning theory and biblical interpretation, this book enriches our understanding of how the word of God continues to move believers toward worship and service, gratitude and thanksgiving.
Jones, Dale E., Sherri Doty, Clifford Grammich, James E. Horsch, Richard Houseal, Mac Lynn, John P. Marcum, Kenneth M. Sanchagrin, Richard H. Taylor	Religious Congregations and Membership in the United States 2000	Congregations	This study (2000) contains information for 149 Christian and other religious bodies. This includes the number of churches/congregations, full members and adherents for each group for each county in all 50 states. Data are also presented by state, region, metro-nonmetro classification and religious group.
Steinke, Peter L.	How Your Church Family Works: Understanding Congregations as Emotional Systems	Congregations	Drawing on the work of Bowen, Friedman, and his own many years' counseling experience, 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 effect of family of origin on current relationships.
Steinke, Peter L.	Healthy Congregations: a systems approach	Congregations	Peter Steinke takes readers into a deeper exploration of the congregation as an emotional system. He outlines the factors that put congregations at risk for anxiety and conflict. Learn ten principles of health, how congregations can adopt new ways of dealing with stress and anxiety, as well as how spiritually and emotionally healthy leaders influence the emotional system.
Reber, Robert E. & D. Bruce Roberts (editors)	A Lifelong Call to Learn: Approaches to Continuing Education for Church Leaders	Education - Continuing	While proposing new approaches in continuing theological education, this book 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.
Reddy, W. Brendan	Intervention Skills: Process Consultation for Small Groups and Teams	Groups	A functional guide that focuses on putting the concept of group-process consultation into actual practice, learning how and under what circumstances a process consultant should intervene to make a group's work more effective.
Booth, Donna J.	Alabama Cemeteries: A guide to their stories in stone	Historical	This book, full of history and amusing anecdotes, will be of special interest to libraries and genealogists in search of local cemeteries. Complete with black-and-white photos, directions, and state map.
Hamilton, Virginia Van der Veer and Jacqueline A. Matte	Seeing Historic Alabama	Historical	This book introduces readers to the history of Alabama by way of visits to the buildings and sites where historic events took place, from prehistoric time to the present. Its aim is to appeal to a wide range of readers and travelers--natives and residents of Alabama, students of all ages, newcomers to the state, and tourists.
Wind, James P.	Places of Worship: Exploring Their History	Historical	Coming to understand the history of places of worship, therefore, is an essential element in understanding the historical fabric of these communities. Using illustrations from a wide diversity of congregations, Wind suggests ways in which answers may be sought.
Alabama Baptist Convention, State Board of Missions	Church Financial Guidebook: Resources for Ministers, Church Treasurers, Financial Secretaries, and Church Finance Committees	Leadership	2017 Guidebook
Alabama Baptist Convention, State Board of Missions	The 2017 Guide to Financial Issues for Alabama Baptist Churches, Treasurers and Financial Leaders	Leadership	This guide is intended to be a resource for church treasurers, financial secretaries, pastors, staff, and finance committees. Each person involved in the financial responsibilities of the church will have different priorities concerning this resource.

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Blackaby, Henry & Richard	Spiritual Leadership: Moving People on to God's Agenda	Leadership	Drawing upon their own extensive leadership experience as well as their ministry to leaders in all walks of life, Henry and Richard Blackaby offer insightful counsel into the ways God develops, guides, and empowers spiritual leaders.
Blanchard, Ken and Phil Hodges	Lead Like Jesus: Lessons from the Greatest Leadership Role Model of All Time	Leadership	With principles from the life of Jesus and dozens of stories and leadership examples from his life experiences, author Ken Blanchard guides readers through the process of discovering how to lead like Jesus. He describes it as the process of aligning two internal domains-the heart and the head-and two external domains-the hands and the habits.
Clinton, Dr. J. Robert	The Making of a Leader: Recognizing the Lessons and Stages of Leadership Development	Leadership	After examining the lives of hundreds of historical, biblical, and contemporary leaders, Dr. J. Robert Clinton gained perspective on how leaders develop over a lifetime. This book can help you see where you are in the process and what steps you should take next.
Coles, Robert	Lives of Moral Leadership	Leadership	Coles tells how to be a moral leader and shows how the intervention of one person can change the course of history, as well as influence the day-to-day quality of life in our homes, schools, communities, and nation.
Dale, Robert D.	Seeds for the Future: Growing Organic Leaders for Living Churches	Leadership	Robert Dale continually challenges church leaders to practice pastoral leadership in a new way. He uses examples and coaching conversations to weave three growth processes into a practice model for living churches: connecting, centering, and challenging. This new model becomes interlocking, ongoing processes for focusing living communities on growth and health.
Herrington, Jim, R. Robert Creech, Trisha Taylor	The Leader's Journey: Accepting the Call to Personal and Congregational Transformation	Leadership	The Leader's Journey provides a blueprint and the practical tools needed to transform the lives of pastors and congregational lay leaders so that they can become truly effective leaders. The authors offer step-by-step guidance for engaging in the personal transformation journey as part of effective congregational leadership.
Jones, L. Gregory and Kevin R. Armstrong	Resurrecting Excellence: Shaping Faithful Christian Ministry	Leadership	Resurrecting Excellence aims to rekindle and encourage among Christian leaders an unselfish ambition for the gospel that shuns both competition and mediocrity and rightly focuses on the beauty, power, and excellence of living as faithful disciples of the crucified and risen Christ.
Miller, Calvin	The Empowered Leader: 10 Keys to Servant Leadership	Leadership	God blessed King David as a leader only after David submitted himself to God's strength. In The Empowered Leader, Miller shows how following David's example can turn you into the leader you can be, the leader God wants you to be.
Oswald, Roy M., Otto Kroeger	Personality Type and Religious Leadership	Leadership	Combining pastoral and behavioral science expertise, the authors spell out ways type and temperament theory illuminate the clergy role. Learn how to use the 16 Myers-Briggs personality types to recognize and affirm your gifts, work with your liabilities, and understand and accept those with whom you minister.
Daloz, Laurent A.	Mentor: Guiding the Journey of Adult Learners	Mentoring	Daloz shows how anyone who teaches can become a successful mentor to students. Topics covered include adult learning and development; the search for meaning as a motive for learning; education as a transformational journey; etc.
Houston, James M.	The Mentored Life: From Individualism to Personhood	Mentoring	This book is not a guide to mentoring. Rather, Houston dismantles and exposes cracks in the philosophies used throughout the history of mentoring. The Mentored Life reveals that it isn't about making the individual better. Instead, individuals must seek Christ, who alone can lead us to whole personhood.
Zachary, Lois J.	The Mentor's Guide: Facilitating Effective Learning Relationships	Mentoring	Zachary explores the critical process of mentoring and presents practical tools for facilitating the experience from beginning to end. Managers, teachers, professional, or educational setting can navigate the learning journey by using the hands-on exercises in this unique resource.

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Fuder, John	Neighborhood Mapping	Ministry	<i>Neighborhood Mapping</i> by Dr. John Fuder is an engaging, practical tool available to assist workers in the field to better understand the communities they are involved with. It awakens the neighborhood explorer with effective methodology for "exegeting" their neighborhood, offering surveys and samples to lead them in that process.
Lee, Amy Fenton	Leading a Special Needs Ministry: A Practical Guide to Including Children & Loving Families	Ministry	<i>What do you need to lead a special needs ministry?</i> If you're not asking this question as a church leader, you are already behind. Families in your community are asking this question in every area of life--not just church. We need to meet families, families of every kind, and love them right where they are.
Mahan, Jeffrey H., Barbara B. Troxell, Carol J. Allen	Shared Wisdom: A Guide to Case Study Reflection in Ministry	Ministry	Three authors well-acquainted in the area of field education evaluate events in ministry using case-study analysis. They outline the case process--preparing, presenting, and discussing a case--and analyze the implications of the process. Each chapter offers a biblical image which connects the case process with the dynamic Christian tradition.
Allen, David	Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress-Free Productivity	Pastoral Ministry	The ultimate book on personal organization. "GTD" is now shorthand for an entire way of approaching professional and personal tasks, and has spawned an entire culture of websites, organizational tools, seminars, and offshoots.
Ammerman, Nancy T.	Congregation and Community	Pastoral Ministry	A pathbreaking study of the way in which churches should adapt, or fail to adapt, to changes in their environment.
Ammerman, Nancy T.	Pillars of faith: American Congregations and Their Partners	Pastoral Ministry	Contrary to many gloomy forecasts, <i>Pillars of Faith: American Congregations and Their Partners</i> argues that organized religion in the United States is robust and vigorous- and that it can handle the increasing demands of escalating diversity and mobility the future is sure to bring.
Anderson, Harlene	Conversation, Language, and Possibilities: A Postmodern Approach to Therapy	Pastoral Ministry	Drawing on her experiences as a practitioner and teacher and on her clients' experiences of therapy, Harlene Anderson joins social thinkers who challenge the familiar culture of psychotherapy, including the foundations on which its theory, practice, research, and therapist education have been based.
Bowers, James P., Ph.D, Editor	Portrait and Prospect: Church of God Pastors Face the 21st Century	Pastoral Ministry	Center for Pentecostal Leadership and Care
Bridges, William (PhD)	Managing Transitions 3rd edition	Pastoral Ministry	Directed at managers on all rungs of the corporate ladder, this expanded edition of the classic bestseller provides practical, step-by-step strategies for minimizing the disruptions caused by workplace change. It is an invaluable managerial tool for navigating through tumultuous, uncertain times.
Buckingham, Marcus & Donald O. Clifton, Ph.D.	Now, Discover Your Strengths	Pastoral Ministry	The authors have created a revolutionary program to help readers identify their talents, build them into strengths, and enjoy consistent, near-perfect performance.
Bullock, A. Richard and Richard J. Bruesehoff	Clergy Renewal: The Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning	Pastoral Ministry	In this revised and expanded edition of Alban's popular <i>Sabbatical Planning for Clergy and Congregations</i> , Bullock and Bruesehoff provide the definitive guide to putting together refreshing pastoral sabbaticals that can help keep ministry vital and growing for the long term.

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Carroll, Jackson W.	God's Potters: Pastoral Leadership and the Shaping of Congregations	Pastoral Ministry	Pastoral ministry is an occupation in flux. In this comprehensive study Jackson Carroll considers the many factors — changing roles among clergy and laypeople, the opening of ordination to women, an increasing shortage of clergy, and more — that are shaping congregations and ministers today.
Crosby, David	The Care Effect: Unleashing the Power of Compassion	Pastoral Ministry	The Care Effect beautifully demonstrates how love of neighbor- the second Great Comandment- is essential to gospel proclamation, not incidental to it.
Faulkner, Brooks R.	Forced Termination	Pastoral Ministry	This book is for clergy who have suffered a forced termination, understanding redemptive options to God's people.
Faulkner, Brooks R.	Forced Termination: Redemptive Options for Ministers and Churches	Pastoral Ministry	Anytime a minister or church staff member is forced to resign from a church, both the minister and church suffer from the loss. The author offers a balanced perspective that presents the issues of both clergy and congregations in situations involving issues of change in pastoral leadership
Freedman, Jill and Gene Combs	Narrative Therapy: The Social Construction of Preferred Realities	Pastoral Ministry	For psychotherapy students, teachers, and practitioners, this book describes the clinical application of the growing body of ideas and practices that has come to be known as narrative therapy. Clear and compelling demonstrations of narrative therapy practice, rich in case examples and creative strategies, are at the heart of this book.
Gaede, Beth A.	Ending with Hope: A Resource for Closing Congregations	Pastoral Ministry	This book provides an excellent, hands-on resource for congregations facing the tough decision- to close or not to close. It advances both the theory and practice of ministry and demonstrates a fundamental theological
Galindo, Israel	The Hidden Lives of Congregations: Discerning Church Dynamics	Pastoral Ministry	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. He shows how these work together to form the congregation's "hidden life" and suggests how leaders can use knowledge to help the congregation to fulfill its vision.
Gilbert, Roberta M., M.D	Extraordinary Relationships: A New Way of Thinking About Human Interactions	Pastoral Ministry	how the principles of family systems theory can be used in all arenas of your life, including intimate relationships, friendships, family relationships, single life, workplace relationships, international relationships, and your
Harder, Cameron	Discovering the Other: Asset-based approaches for Building Community Together	Pastoral Ministry	<i>Discovering the Other</i> lays a substantial Trinitarian theological foundation for the essential task of building community, indicates how the church as a grassroots movement rather than an institution can contribute to a renewed sense of the public, and offers rationale as well as practical tools for using appreciative inquiry and asset mapping in building on churches' strengths.
Hawkins, O.S.	The Pastor's Primer	Pastoral Ministry	Full of biblical advice tempered by anecdotal experience from years of pastoral ministry, Hawkins provides a comprehensive overview of being a pastor in <i>The Pastor's Primer</i> . Hawkins shares his theological education, pastoral experience, and spiritual enthusiasm.
Hilliard, Linda M., Switzer, Gretchen J.	Finishing with Grace: A Guide to Selling, Merging, or Closing Your Church	Pastoral Ministry	Finishing With Grace is a guide book to help navigate the deep waters of major congregational transition. It offers practical help for dealing with your church's building , staff, money, and belongings, while also delving into the spiritual and emotional factors of change in the church.
Hoge, Dean R. and Jacqueline E. Wenger	Pastors in Transition: Why Clergy Leave Local Church Ministry	Pastoral Ministry	<i>Pastors in Transition</i> brings clarity to this little-examined aspect of the pastorate by examining the main reasons why pastors in five Protestant denominations have left parish ministry.

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Irwin, Gail L.	Toward the Better Country: Church closure and resurrection	Pastoral Ministry	This practical resource offers guidance to lay leaders, clergy, and regional leaders as they deal with the grief and discernment process of struggling churches. Designed for study, each chapter includes reflection questions for discussion.
Katz, Jackson	The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women And How All Men Can Help	Pastoral Ministry	The intended audience is not violent men who need help changing their ways, but all men who have a role to play in preventing male violence against women. His basic assertion is that rape, battering, sexual abuse and harassment are so widespread that they must be viewed as a social problem rooted in our culture, not as the problem of troubled individuals.
Lee, Amy Fenton	Leading a Special Needs Ministry	Pastoral Ministry	This book is a practical how-to guide for the family ministry team working to welcome one or one hundred children with special needs.
Lehman, Edward C. Jr.	Pulpit & Pew Research on Pastoral Leadership: Women's Path into Ministry	Pastoral Ministry	According to research from Pulpit & Pew, a major research project on pastoral leadership has as one of its primary aims to answer the question: What is the state of pastoral leadership at the new century's beginning, and what do current trends portend for the next generation?
Lester, Andrew D.	Hope in Pastoral Care and Counseling	Pastoral Ministry	Lester provides clinical theories and methods for pastoral assessment of and intervention with those who despair. He also puts forth strategies for assessing the future stories of those who despair and offers a corrective to these stories through deconstruction, reframing, and reconstruction.
Lummis, Adair T.	Pulpit & Pew Research on Pastoral Leadership: What Do Lay People Want in Pastors?	Pastoral Ministry	Lummis draws upon interviews with lay leaders and judicatory executives to examine the criteria churches use in selecting their pastors.
McBurney, Louis	Every Pastor Needs a Pastor	Pastoral Ministry	In short and concise chapters, he dives into the deep psychological issues that plague ministers and leaders in all ministries and leadership settings. McBurney discusses the deeper issues of contentment, insecurity, stress management, anger management, internal dialogue, self-worth, and identity.
McLean, Terri B.	New Harmonies: Choosing Contemporary Music for Worship	Pastoral Ministry	A book that provides a complete theory, system, and practical steps for choosing contemporary worship music.
McMillan, Becky R. and Matthew J. Price	Pulpit & Pew Research on Pastoral Leadership: How Much Should We Pay The Pastor?	Pastoral Ministry	The report illustrates how the free market forces that drive secular salaries are also at work within the salary structure of the church. Church size translates directly into market power.
Miller, Donald E.	Pulpit & Pew Research on Pastoral Leadership: Emergent Patterns of Congregational Life and Leadership in the Developing World	Pastoral Ministry	Miller reflects upon the leadership patterns he observed. The paper is part of a much broader research project Miller is conducting on fast-growing churches in the developing world with active social and community ministries
Oswald, Roy M.	Clergy Self-Care: Finding A Balance for Effective Ministry	Pastoral Ministry	Discover how imbalances in your physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual lives can destroy the very ministry you seek to carry out. Learn what you can do to restore that balance. Packed with self-assessment tools, real-life experiences, and specific self-care strategies.
Pope, Randy	The Prevailing Church	Pastoral Ministry	This is a detailed description of the ideal model for the church of the twenty-first century. Randy Pope presents a blueprint for planning that can be invaluable to churches, pastors, and leaders as to how the church can succeed in glorifying God and enjoying Him forever.
Proctor, Samuel D., Gardner C. Taylor, with Gary V. Simpson	We Have This Ministry: The Heart of The Pastor's Vocation	Pastoral Ministry	Samuel D. Proctor and Gardiner C. Taylor respond to the question "What does it mean to be a pastor today?" The authors explore what it means for a pastor to have integrity today as well as how he functions as intercessor, teacher, counselor, and administrator.
Rendell, Gil, Mann, Alice	Holy Conversations	Pastoral Ministry	This handbook brings together a wealth of practical tools and resources for every aspect of congregational planning. But even more important, it is a book that will lead you beyond strategic planning to a "holy conversation" that has the potential to lead to lasting change.

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Rogak, Lisa Angowski	Time Off From Work: Using Sabbaticals to Enhance Your Life While Keeping Your Career on Track	Pastoral Ministry	Recognizing that the decision to take a sabbatical is a major step, Lisa Rogak mixes a wealth of practical how-to facts and advice with the real-life stories of over forty professionals detailing every aspect of the process.
Schaap, James (editor)	Speaking of Pastors: Parishioners Tell Their Stories	Pastoral Ministry	A collection of stories that reflect on ministry from the parishioners' point of view. Ten writers tell stories that will encourage pastors to persevere in their calling and fellow parishioners to continue in their faith journey
Sevier, Melissa Bane	Journeying toward Renewal: a spiritual companion for pastoral sabbaticals	Pastoral Ministry	Time to reflect. Time. This is what clergy renewal is about. To continue in "the heat of work" our whole career is to rob ourselves and our congregations of time we and they need to reflect on our lives and our call.
Skjegstad, Joy F.	7 Creative Models for Community Ministry	Pastoral Ministry	In 7 Creative Models for Community Ministry, author Joy Skjegstad outlines seven flexible models that you can tailor to fit your congregation. For each model, Joy identifies the pros and cons of that type of ministry, offering steps to implement each one and featuring examples from actual churches.
Skjegstad, Joy F.	Winning Grants to Strengthen Your Ministry	Pastoral Ministry	Providing detailed guidance on the practical aspects of seeking grants from foundation and corporate funders, Skjegstad described approaches for reaching potential funders, developing a case statement, putting together an effective grant proposal, and following up with grant makers.
Skjegstad, Joy F.	Starting a Nonprofit at Your Church	Pastoral Ministry	Joy Skjegstad outlines the step-by-step procedures for setting up a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization connected to a congregation using simple, easy-to-understand terminology and plenty of examples from churches that have already taken on this task.
Smith, Joyce	Pulpit & Pew Research on Pastoral Leadership: The Ministry and the Message	Pastoral Ministry	Smith examines factual and fictional portrayals of Christian leaders in feature films, television programs, and newspaper reporting.
Wilson, Michael Todd and Brad Hoffmann Winters, William M.	Preventing Ministry Failure: A ShepherdCare Guide for Pastors, Ministers and Other Caregivers Hospitality Changes Everything	Pastoral Ministry Pastoral Ministry	The common experiences of pastors removed from place of service revealed patterns that consistently contributed to burnout, ineffectiveness and moral failure. If such patterns can be predicted, the authors reasoned, can they be prevented. Hospitality Changes Everything
Womans Missionary Union	Drawing Near: Understanding and Supporting Those with PTSD	Pastoral Ministry	Post-traumatic stress disorder can affect anyone- including veterans, first responders, victims of violence, and survivors of natural disasters. Drawing Near is a guide to help churches that want to begin a ministry to persons struggling with PTSD.
Brown, Teresa L. Fry	Delivering the Sermon	Preaching	Brown introduces preachers to the rationale and methods for effective use of voice and body in the animation of the word in the preaching moment. Suggestions and exercises for enhancing voice, diction and nonverbal engagement of the listener are included in each chapter.
Carter, Terry G., J. Scott Duvall, and J. Daniel Hays	Preaching God's Word	Preaching	Whether you are a student new to preaching or a veteran looking to brush up your preaching skills, here is a valuable resource. Good preaching begins with good exegesis. Preaching God's Word walks you through the steps of the "Interpretive Journey" from the biblical text to contemporary application.
Florence, Anna Carter	Preaching as Testimony	Preaching	By exploring the historical, theoretical, and practical elements of the tradition of testimony, Florence seeks to establish the historical and contemporary validity of women's preaching and to introduce testimony to a new generation of preachers and teachers.

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McKenzie, Alyce M.	Novel Preaching: Tips from Top Writers on Crafting Creative Sermons	Preaching	In this lively and accessible book, Alyce McKenzie explores how fiction writers approach the task of writing novels: how they develop their ideas, where they find their inspiration, and how they turn the spark of a creative notion into words on paper that will captivate the masses
McKenzie, Vashti Murphy, ed.	Those Sisters Can Preach! 22 Pearls of Wisdom, Virtue and Hope	Preaching	Twenty-two powerful messages from women of God are assembled in this collection of sermons. Those Sisters Can Preach! is a treasured volume from some of the most revered African-American women preachers today. Their distinct voices from varied ministries blend together in one proclamation of wisdom and hope. McKenzie has joined these women of faith together through their conviction and commitment to the gospel. Each pearl of wisdom speaks volumes.
O'Day, Gail	The Word Disclosed: Preaching the Gospel of John	Preaching	Gail O'Day encourages preachers to take on the task of preaching Johannine texts, assimilating these frequently elusive texts into the vital life of the church. Through exegetical guidance, homiletical instruction, and sample sermons, she helps preachers to enter the texts, to be shaped by them, and then to proclaim their message in their fullness.
Anderson, Herbert, Edward Foley	Mighty Stories, Dangerous Rituals: Weaving Together the Human and the Divine	Religion	By connecting stories and rituals, ministers, worship leaders, and pastoral caregivers can find ways to bring together worship and pastoral care, diminishing fragmentation and fostering coherence in their religious communities.
McGuire, Meredith B.	Religion: The Social Context (Third Edition)	Religion	In this insightful examination of religions in their local and global context, the author shows how analyzing religion's social context helps us understand individuals' lives, social movements, national and ethnic politics, and widespread social changes.
Roof, Wade Clark	Spiritual Marketplace: Baby Boomers and the Remaking of American Religion	Religion	Roof interviews many baby boomers, now in mid-life, to reveal a generation with a unique set of spiritual values--a generation that has altered our historic interpretations of religious beliefs, practices, and symbols, and perhaps even our understanding of the sacred itself.
Bullock, A. Richard and Richard J. Bruesehoff	Clergy Renewal: The Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning	Sabbatical	Planned time away from the parish for study, rest, and spiritual renewal can be beneficial--and often necessary--for any pastor, as well as for the congregation. The authors provide the definitive guide to putting together refreshing pastoral sabbaticals that can help keep ministry vital and growing for the long term.
Jones, Timothy	A Place for God: a guide to spiritual retreats and retreat centers	Sabbatical	Retreat centers cater to the needs of people seeking quiet time, regardless of religious affiliation. Retreat possibilities range from one day of solitude, to a few days of quiet time, to a week experiencing the rhythms of community monastery life. He provides an extensive directory of over 250 retreat centers in all fifty states and Canada.
Daman, Glenn C.	Shepherding the Small Church: A Leadership Guide for the Majority of Today's Churches	Small Church	This second edition is an indispensable source of advice and encouragement for the small church pastor, including how to formulate a mission while understanding the cultures of the community and the church.
Bickers, Dennis	The Healthy Small Church: Diagnosis and Treatment for the Big Issues	Small Church	In his new book small church pastor Dennis Bickers diagnoses the issues that threaten the life of the smaller church and prescribes practical remedies for treating these issues. He reminds churches that transformation and healing are never easy but always worth it.
Bush, Peter, Christine O'Reilly	Where 20 or 30 Are Gathered: Leading Worship in the Small Church	Small Church	While worship is the primary purpose of all churches, worship in the small church is distinctive. Whether a house church, a new church plant, a rural or city church, these small faith communities present unique opportunities and challenges for worship leaders.
Foltz, Nancy	Caring for the Small Church: Insights From Women in Ministry	Small Church	Drawing from her experiences with women in leadership positions both inside and outside the church, Foltz highlights areas where the natural gifts of womanhood nurture small-church ministries and vice versa. Each chapter ends with "Reflection and Conversation Questions" aimed at applying the book's lesson to your unique congregation.

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Ray, David R.	Wonderful Worship in Smaller Churches	Small Church	This resource includes essential theories about worship in smaller churches, practical and provocative theology; principles in understanding small church worship; practices for planning worship with fewer than 100 people; and questions and suggestions for congregational study and planning.
Ray, David R.	The Indispensable Guide for Smaller Churches	Small Church	The Indispensable Guide for Smaller Churches is filled with solid theology on the one hand and practical applications on the other. Ray shares the best of his discoveries during more than 30 years as pastor, denominational leader, and consultant to small churches.
Willimon, William H., Robert L. Wilson	Preaching & Worship in the Small Church	Small Church	In Preaching and Worship in the Small Church, authors Willimon and Wilson identify the problems facing small churches and offer well-grounded advice for solving them. The need for this is seen in the fact that from one-half to two-thirds of Protestant churches in the United States are small (fewer than two hundred members).
Kelly, Carole Marie O.S.F.	Symbols of Inner Truth: Uncovering the Spiritual Meaning of Experiences	Spiritual Growth	Opening of the soul and spirituality toward Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ayan, Jordan	Ignite Your Creative Spark: 20 Ways to Fire up Your Imagination	Spiritual Growth	Ignite Your Creative Spark: 20 Ways to Fire up Your Imagination
Bass, Dorothy C. (editor)	Practicing Our Faith: A Way fo Life for a Searching People	Spiritual Growth	This guide helps take belief out of the realm of theory and shows how to live it out in a series of twelve central practices such as hospitality, forgiveness, healing, testimony, and keeping Sabbath. Designed to work across a wide range of Christian laypeople, leaders, and denominations.
Brennfleck, Kevin and Kay Marie	Live Your Calling: A Practical Guide to Finding and Fulfilling Your Mission in Life	Spiritual Growth	An action-plan for self-fulfillment that helps people find their true calling in life. This practical and inspirational guide helps Christian men and women of all ages identify and use their God-given gifts to find purpose, direction, and joy in their life and work.
Coles, Robert	The Call of Service: A Witness to Idealism	Spiritual Growth	In this passionate book filled with profound stories, a Pulitzer Prize winner explores the compelling nature of idealism--what inspires it and sustains it, how it is expressed, and its importance to both individuals and society.
Daloz, Laurent A. Parks, Cheryl H. Keen, James P. Keen, Sharon Daloz Parks	Common Fire: leading lives of commitment in a complex world	Spiritual Growth	A landmark study that reveals how we become committed to the common good and sustain such commitments in a changing world.
Dykstra, Craig	Growing in the Life of Faith: Education and Cl	Spiritual Growth	Dykstra explores the contributions of the traditions, education, worship practices, and disciplines of the Reformed Christian community in helping people grow in faith. In doing so, he makes the case that the Christian church, in its own traditions, has a wealth of wisdom about satisfying spiritual hunger and the desire to know God deeply.
Ellis, Dr. Larry W.	The Peter Paradox: Maturing through Mistakes	Spiritual Growth	Through a detailed discussion, Ellis studies Peter's mistakes and teaches how we can learn from his example. Ellis's discussion of Peter's pardon and restoration by Jesus demonstrates how Peter's power source is discovered. Mistakes are part of everyone's life. We can waste the pain or grow to maturity-it's our choice.
Ford, Michael	Wounded Prophet: A Portrait of Henri J. M. N	Spiritual Growth	Although Nouwen, who died in 1996, could be radically revealing about his personal thoughts and struggles, there are nonetheless gaps in our understanding of who he was. With Wounded Prophet, readers are given the first extensive look into this man who touched so many, not only through his own words but, most powerfully, through the eyes of those around the world who knew Nouwen best.
Hinton, Lynne	Pie Town	Spiritual Growth	Hinton's ninth novel is a feel-good tale in which an inexperienced priest, a wayward young woman and a terminally ill boy save the soul of a small town.
Hughes, Richard T.	How Christian Faith Can Sustain the Life of the Mind	Spiritual Growth	This beautifully written essay by Richard Hughes counters the widespread perception of Christians as steeped in narrowness and dogmatism and provides a powerful argument that faith, properly pursued, in fact nourishes the openness and curiosity that make a life of the mind possible.

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Lischer, Richard	Open Secrets: A Memoir of Faith and Discovery	Spiritual Growth	Open Secrets captures the friendships, rivalries, and rumors of small-town life by chronicling the lives of the citizens of a small Midwestern community through the eyes of a young minister.
Lueking, F. Dean	The Last Long Pastorate: A Journey of Grace	Spiritual Growth	In The Last Long Pastorate F. Dean Lueking offers a lively and candid memoir of his forty-four-year journey as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, chronicling the joys and the challenges of guiding one congregation through a period of momentous change both in and outside the church.
Meilanender, Gilbert C. (editor)	Working: Its Meaning and Its Limits	Spiritual Growth	This text proposes different ways of thinking about work. It explores many of the ways in which human beings have thought about the place of work in life - its meanings, its limits, and its relation to other obligations, to the life cycle, to play and to rest.
Miller, Calvin	A Hunger for The Holy: Nurturing Intimacy with Christ	Spiritual Growth	Through a study of the book of Psalms, Miller explores our hunger for intimacy with God through topics such as Hungering after the Holy Life, Barriers to the Inward Journey, and Widening our Intimacy with Christ.
Stevenson, Bryan	Just Mercy	Spiritual Growth	<i>Just Mercy</i> is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.
Thorpe, Douglas (editor)	Work and the Life of the Spirit	Spiritual Growth	From ancient to modern times writers and thinkers have ceaselessly considered work's relationship to the personal and spiritual dimensions of our daily lives. The overall effect of the book is to renew a sense of meaning for life, to give our acts dignity in an age in which so much worthy work is despised or ignored.
Weatherhead, Leslie D.	The Will of God	Spiritual Growth	During the tumultuous era of World War II, Weatherhead preached five sermons on understanding the will of God for the congregation at City Temple in London. These sermons explored how God's will is related to God's character and ultimate intentions for us and eventually became The Will of God.
Wiersbe, Warren W.	On Being a Servant of God	Spiritual Growth	Warren Wiersbe shares with pastors and ministry leaders what he wishes he had known about ministering to others when he began his own Christian pilgrimage.
Foltz, Nancy (editor)	Religious Education in the Small Membership Church	Teaching	A comprehensive resource aimed at making religious education more effective all along the line in small churches. From a living ecology of solid theory and proven research, this book develops exciting possibilities and helpful procedures to maximize religious education opportunities in small church settings.
Grasha, Anthony F. Ph.D.	Teaching with Style	Teaching	A practical guide to enhancing learning by understanding teaching & learning styles. It is a guide written to integrate the involvement of a workshop with the information of a text - to help faculty motivate learners, promote critical thinking, encourage active learning and retention, and develop self-directed learners.
Migliazzo, Arlin C.	Teaching As An Act of Faith: Theory and Practice in Church-Related Higher Education	Teaching	Teaching as an Act of Faith is a practical guidebook on strategies to incarnate mission and epitomize theological and theoretical reflection in the classroom. In original essays, master teachers explore what it means to teach well in the context of a given discipline and in the service of the Christian faith.
Schwehn, Mark (editor)	Everyone a Teacher	Teaching	Although good teaching often seems closer to an art than a skill, teaching is not an occult practice, but a public activity that can be improved by practice and questioning and demonstrated by good examples.
Cannon, Katie Geneva	Teaching Preaching: Isaac Rufus Clark and Black Sacred Rhetoric	Teaching/Preaching	Teaching Preaching is an invaluable resource for ministers who struggle from Sunday to Sunday to find their ethical voice in the preparation of each and every sermon.
Gorman, Michael J.	Apostle of the Crucified Lord: A Theological Introduction to Paul & His Letters	Theology	An innovative and comprehensive treatment of Paul, including commentary on all of the Pauline letters, Gorman's Apostle of the Crucified Lord unpacks the many dimensions of Paul's thought carefully and holistically.

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Gorman, Michael J.	Reading Paul	Theology	Reading Paul explores the central themes of the apostle's gospel: Gorman places special emphasis on the theopolitical character of Paul's gospel and on the themes of cross and resurrection, multiculturalism in the church, and peacemaking and nonviolence as the way of
Martin, Gay N.	Alabama Off the Beaten Path: A Guide to Unique Places (6th Edition)	Travel	From the best in local dining to quirky cultural tidbits to hidden attractions, unique finds, and unusual locales, Alabama Off the Beaten Path takes the reader down the road less traveled and reveals a side of Alabama that other guidebooks just don't offer.