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Advent/Christmas

	WITH HEARTS AND HANDS UPLIFTED						7595
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DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT

	General Assembly Mission Council			Witherspoon Press, 2009			BOOK
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The 2009 Advent Study offers 28 devotions for each day of Advent and Christmas Day. Devotions, based on familiar hymns of the season, provide time for reflections on our anticipatio of the coming of Christ.

Church Renewal

	MANAGING POLARITIES IN CONGREGATIONS						7604
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EIGHT KEYS FOR THRIVING FAITH COMMUNITIES

	Oswald, Roy M. and Barry Johnson			The Alban Institute, 2010			BOOK
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Congregations often find themselves in power struggles over two opposing views. People on both sides believe strongly that they are right. No matter what it is called, the research is clear: leaders and organizations that manage polarities well outperform those who don't.

Church Year

	WISDOM OF THE SEASONS						7588
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	Olsen, Charles M.			The Alban Institute, 2009			BOOK
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The church year is often seen as a framework for church programs, but well-known Alban author Charles Olsen shows readers how it can be a prism through which congregations more deeply understand their own stories. By weaving together our narratives and those of Christian tradition, a congregation can clarify its identity, grow in wisdom, and discover a new vision for ministry.

Confirmation/Commissioning

	WE BELIEVE: FAITH QUESTIONS: FORGIVENESS						7591
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LEADER'S GUIDE

	General Assembly Mission Council			Congregational Ministries Publishing,			CURRICULUM
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Patterned around the marks of membership from the Book of Order, this mini-course is based on faith questions posed by older youth. Each Leader's Guide contains a four-or six-week exploration of a faith question.

	WE BELIEVE: FAITH QUESTIONS: HEAVEN AND HELL						7592
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WE BELIEVE: FAITH QUESTIONS: HOLY SPIRIT **7593**

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Congregational Transformation

FLY IN THE OINTMENT **7603**

Crabtree, J. Russell Church Publishing, 2008 BOOK

Why denominations aren't helping their congregations...and how they can. The author offers an important resource for churches and church leaders as they explore how to transform themselves into vital, flourishing organizations.

TURNAROUND CHURCH: INSPIRATION AND TOOLS FOR **7587**

LIFE-SUSTAINING CHANGE

Gifford, Mary Louise The Alban Institute, 2009 BOOK

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

Health

COMFORT MY PEOPLE: A POLICY STATEMENT ON **7597**

SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

SCSWP OGA, PCUSA, 2008 BOOK

Comfort My People is the first major serious mental illness statement approved by the PCUSA (2008). This report uses the biblical theme of exile to describe the challenges experienced by persons living with a serious mental illness; with Study Guide..

Leadership: Officer Education

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP FOR CHURCH OFFICERS **7584**

A HANDBOOK

Gray, Joan S. Geneva Press, 2009 BOOK

This timely new leadership guide for the PC(USA) is written for church officers who are looking for a deepened relationship with God. Author Joan S. Gray, Moderator of the 217th General Assembly of the PC(USA), challenges elders and deacons to see themselves as spiritual leaders and equips them to lead alongside their pastors. She lays out a variety of leadership styles and helps leaders understand when each is appropriate; and then provides resources for dealing with relationships in the church and identifies ways churches can be supportive of the spiritual leadership of elders and deacons.

Mission

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	2010 CHILDREN'S MISSION YEARBOOK						7590
	FOR PRAYER AND STUDY						
	General Assembly Mission Council			Witherspoon Press, 2009			BOOK
	Adapted from the Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study, this resource is a personal devotional guide for third through fifth graders.						
	2010 MISSION YEARBOOK FOR PRAYER AND STUDY						7589
	General Assembly Mission Council			Witherspoon Press, 2009			BOOK
	A daily lectionary with photographs, scriptures and minute for missions.						
	A CHANCE TO TELL						7586
	Smikle, Wilbert			Dorrance Publishing Co., 2009			BOOK
	An inspiring story of one man's fight to help his family, better himself, help many, aid the civil rights movement, and follow God's calling. The author, a 50 year member of the Bethel church in Plainfield, has lived in Jamaica and England.						
	SHARING OUR BLESSINGS						7600
	SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE						
	Self-Development of People			Self-Development of People, PCUSA,			VIDEO
	This is a visual thank you to Presbyterians for the lives and communities they have changed through the Self-Development of People ministry.						
Music							
	CALL TO WORSHIP: LITURGY, MUSIC, PREACHING & THE ARTS						7594
	VOL. 43.1, 2009-2010, YEAR C						
	Office of Theology and Worship			PCUSA & PAM, 2009			BOOK
	Copy 2.						
	CALL TO WORSHIP: LITURGY, MUSIC, PREACHING & THE ARTS						7580
	VOL. 43.1, 2009-2010, YEAR C						
	Office of Theology and Worship			PCUSA, 2009			BOOK
	Lectionary Aids for 2009-2010. A quarterly publication of the Official Journal of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM). Call to Worship seeks to further the church's commitment to theological integrity, corporate worship, and excellence in music, preaching and other liturgical art forms. A resource for musicians, pastors and worship planners.						

Peacemaking

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	JUST PEACEMAKING STUDY GUIDE						7576
	Battin, Barbara, L.;	Mockaitis, Thomas R.		Presbyterian Peacemaking Program P			BOOK
	Copy 2.						
	LIFE IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE						7605
	Baltzer, Anna			Anna in the Middle East, 2008			DVD
	Eyewitness stories and photos from Anna Baltzer, a Jewish American Columbia graduate and Fulbright scholar. A frequent volunteer with the International Women's Peace Service, she documents human rights abuses in the West Bank and supports the nonviolent movement against the Occupation.						
	PIECE WORK / PEACE WORK: WORKING TOGETHER FOR PEACE AND SUDAN: A STUDY FOR CHILDREN						7596
	Gee, Martha Bettis			Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, 2			BOOK
	This study contains four sessions for children in grades 1-6 plus a closing intergenerational session. Participants explore the situations facing Sudan's children, learn about Africa's largest country, the challenges it faces, and identify how followers of Jesus can respond. Other activities include games and art projects.						
	WITNESS IN PALESTINE						7606
	Baltzer, Anna			Paradigm Publishers, 2007			BOOK
	A Jewish American woman in the occupied territories. The book follows Baltzer's eight months working with the International Women's Peace Service in the West Bank, documenting human rights abuses and supporting Palestinian-led nonviolent resistance.						
<i>Presbyterians</i>							
	COMPARATIVE STATISTICS 2008						7579
	Research Services, PCUSA			PCUSA, 2009			BOOK
	Comparative Statistics 2008 summarizes information about the ministers, members, and finances of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for presbyteries, synods, and the denomination as a whole. Tables include trends in membership and numbers of congregations over the last 10 years, per member giving and expenditures, and ministers by call. Includes an introductory article by Jack Marcum.						
	PRESBYTERIAN PANEL: LISTENING TO PRESBYTERIANS						7583
	THE BIBLE: THE AUGUST 2006 SURVEY						
				Research Services, PCUSA, 2009			REPORT
	Report profiles Presbyterians as a people, describing them as a faith community and a social and demographic community. Small but representative number of members, elders, and ordained ministers were contacted by mail and asked to answer questions about themselves and their congregations. These pages summarize major findings from the fourth survey completed by the 2006-2008 Panel, sampled in the fall of 2005.						
	Previous report 1997-1999 is #4611.						

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	FUNDING CHRIST'S MISSION: THE MAY 2005 SURVEY						
				Research Services, PCUSA, 2009			REPORT
				Report profiles Presbyterians as a people, describing them as a faith community and a social and demographic community. Small but representative number of members, elders, and ordained ministers were contacted by mail and asked to answer questions about themselves and their congregations. These pages summarize major findings from the twelfth survey completed by the 2003-2005 Panel, initially sampled in the fall of 2002.			
	<i>Professional Ministry</i>						
	TENDING TO THE HOLY						7585
				Epperly, Bruce G. & Katherine Gould Epp	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.			
	<i>Social Issues</i>						
	CONNECTING TO THE CREED: A SOCIAL CREED						7598
	FOR THE 21ST CENTURY						
				ACSWP	PCUSA, 2008		BOOK
				A guide for understanding and applying the Centennial Social Creed, approved by the 218th General Assembly (2008) and adopted by ecumenical representatives of the 35 Protestant and Orthodox church communions for 2008.			
	FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOPE: CONSTRUCTING JUST,						7599
	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE						
				ACSWP	OGA, PCUSA, 2008		BOOK
				This resource contains a holistic approach to ministry with people who are homeless, including veterans, families, and those who need a supportive context. Its analysis reveals the scope - widened by the recession - and the number of "regular" people affected by this aspect of poverty.			
	<i>Stewardship</i>						
	BIG BOOK OF PRESBYTERIAN STEWARDSHIP						7575
				Barnett, Elaine, L. Gordon and M. Hendrix	Geneva Press, 2001		BOOK
				Copy 3.			
	GIVING: GROWING JOYFUL STEWARDS IN YOUR CONGREGATION						7581
	VOL.11						
				Ecumenical Stewardship Center, 2009			PERIODICAL
				Annual stewardship education publication for congregational leaders in developing creative and vital stewardship ministries. Contains material on biblical foundations, worship resources, children and youth, leadership resources, and reproducible art.			

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Theology/Christian Doctrine

DYING CHURCH, LIVING GOD: **7577**

A CALL TO BEGIN AGAIN

Meyer, Chuck Northstone Publishing, 2000 BOOK

Make a new church. That's the challenge Chuck Meyer lays down for readers. He writes that the institutional church we know so well is dying. In fact, it may already be dead. Its structure and theology make no sense today, and haven't for decades. It has ceased to be an adequate instrument for the Living God who refuses to be bound by it, to it, or in it.

THINKING THEOLOGICALLY ABOUT THE CHURCH **7602**

Burgess, John P. Office of Theology and Worship, PC BOOK

The author explains what thinking theologically about the church looks like, what its sustaining sources will be. He points to places where thinking theologically about the church can reshape our attitudes and practices, turning us toward the world by turning us toward Jesus Christ. His essay offers us an example of thinking the church's faith in and for the church, articulating our faith both in its concepts and its living-out.

Worship

REDESIGNING WORSHIP **7578**

CREATING POWERFUL GOD EXPERIENCES

Miller, Kim Abingdon Press, 2009 BOOK

Planning a worship service is far more than just choosing songs and seasonal images. Helping people to genuinely worship God requires creating an experience through which people can enter into the presence of the divine. Discover strategic insights for creating and integrating powerful God-experiences into your own setting. This descriptive book offers practical direction for building and leading teams, empowering creative ideas, and guidance for handling conflict and overcoming serious obstacles.

Youth: Leaders

TOGETHER WE TRIUMPH: YOUTH RESPONSE TO DISASTER, **7601**

LEADER'S MANUAL & STUDENT GUIDE

Walker, Lydia H. and Vera K. White Presbyterian World Service, PCUSA BOOK

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