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## **ABINGDON HOSPITAL VISITATION MANUAL**

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

## **ATTENDING PARISHIONERS' SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

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

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

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

	Baab, Lynne M.		Alban Institute, 2003		BOOK
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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 BARNABAS**

### **THE MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

	Moots, Paul		The Alban Institute		BOOK
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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.

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<b>BECOMING THE PASTOR YOU HOPE TO BE: FOUR PRACTICES FOR IMPROVING MINISTRY</b>					
		Blodgett, Barbara J.	The Alban Institute, 2011	BOOK	Becoming the Pastor You Hope to Be unapologetically urges clergy readers to develop practices that will help them become more excellent ministers. A long-time field educator, now serving as a denominational staff person responsible for ministerial formation, Barbara Blodgett believes excellence is a matter of doing simple things with care and consistency. Ministers who commit themselves to excellence will grow and flourish, and even become happier in ministry.
<b>BEHAVIORAL COVENANTS IN CONGREGATIONS HANDBOOK FOR HONORING DIFFERENCES</b>					
		Rendle, Gilbert R.	Alban Institute	BOOK	Living together in spite of differences; training tools, small group exercises, meeting and retreat plans.
<b>BEYOND THE BOUNDARY: MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF THE FIRST YEARS OF MINISTRY</b>					
		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.
<b>BLESSED CONNECTIONS RELATIONSHIPS THAT SUSTAIN VITAL MINISTRY</b>					
		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.
<b>BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH</b>					
		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.
<b>CALLED FOR LIFE FINDING MEANING IN RETIREMENT</b>					
		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
<b>CAN OUR CHURCH LIVE? REDEVELOPING CONGREGATIONS IN DECLINE</b>					
		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.

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<b>CHANNEL MARKERS: WISDOM FROM THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT</b>					
		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.
<b>CHOOSING PARTNERSHIP, SHARING MINISTRY A VISION FOR NEW SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY</b>					
		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.
<b>CLERGY RENEWAL: THE ALBAN GUIDE TO SABBATICAL PLANNING</b>					
		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.
<b>CLERGY, RETIREMENT, AND WHOLENESS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE THIRD AGE</b>					
		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.
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTRY</b>					
		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.
<b>COMPETENT PASTOR SKILLS AND SELF-KNOWLEDGE FOR SERVING WELL</b>					
		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.
<b>COMPLETING THE CIRCLE REVIEWING MINISTRIES IN THE CONGREGATION</b>					
		McMahill, David R.	Alban Institute, 2003	BOOK	Copy 2. A respectful, constructive, helpful review of leaders and ministries in a congregation, and the creation of a culture of healthy communication in the congregation

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## 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ANXIOUS TIMES

Steinke, Peter L.

Seraphim Communications, Inc. 2007

DVD

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

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

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

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

## CONNECTING TO GOD: NURTURING SPIRITUALITY THROUGH

## SMALL GROUPS

Ware, Corinne

Alban Institute, Inc.

BOOK

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.

**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.

**DYNAMICS OF SMALL TOWN MINISTRY**

Farris, Lawrence W.

Alban Institute

BOOK

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

**EMBRACING DIVERSITY: LEADERSHIP IN MULTICULTURAL 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.

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### **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.

### **EVALUATING MINISTRY: PRINCIPLES AND PROCESSES FOR CLERGY AND CONGREGATIONS**

Hudson, Jill M.

The Alban Institute, 1992

BOOK

Grounding evaluation in the theological and organizational context of mission (everyone a minister), Hudson describes case studies of four successful evaluation models that include the whole church. She suggests how "whole church" reviews might result in stronger pastoral ministry and new directions for mission. An important resource that will help clergy and laity explore mutual ministry, judicatory executives strengthen congregations, and new pastors get through their first congregational evaluation.

### **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.

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

Mead, Loren B.

Alban Institute, 1996

BOOK

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### **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.

### **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.

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<b>GENEROUS SAINTS: CONGREGATIONS RETHINKING ETHICS AND MONEY</b>					
	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.
<b>GETTING THE WORD OUT</b>					
<b>The Alban Guide to Church Communications</b>					
	Gonnerman, Frederick H.		The Alban Institute	BOOK	A resource for communication in the Christian community where there is great competition.
<b>GIRLFRIENDS' CLERGY COMPANION</b>					
<b>SURVIVING AND THRIVING IN MINISTRY</b>					
	DeRosia, Melissa Lynn etal		The Alban Institute, 2011	BOOK	The authors discuss the call process and the ministry situations in which young women most commonly find themselves—serving as a solo pastor and as an associate. Additional chapters explore personal style, the single life, relationships, children, and self-care, as well as challenges pastors, particularly new pastors, often face. Each chapter ends with "The Girlfriends' Checklist," a summary of strategies to help young women be happier and more effective ministers.
<b>GRACE OF IT ALL</b>					
<b>REFLECTIONS ON THE ART OF MINISTRY</b>					
	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.
<b>HEALTHY DISCLOSURE: SOLVING COMMUNICATION</b>					
<b>QUANDARIES IN CONGREGATIONS</b>					
	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.
<b>HEART, MIND, AND STRENGTH: THEORY AND PRACTICE</b>					
<b>FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP</b>					
	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.
<b>HERE IF YOU NEED ME</b>					
<b>A TRUE STORY</b>					
	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.

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<b>HIDDEN LIVES OF CONGREGATIONS</b>					
<b>DISCERNING CHURCH DYNAMICS</b>					
	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.				
<b>HOLY CLARITY</b>					
<b>THE PRACTICE OF PLANNING AND EVALUATION</b>					
	Drummond, Sarah B.		The Alban Institute, 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.				
<b>HOLY CONVERSATIONS: STRATEGIC PLANNING</b>					
<b>AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR CONGREGATIONS</b>					
	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.				
<b>HONEST TO GOD CHURCH: A PATHWAY TO GOD'S GRACE</b>					
	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.				
<b>HOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY WORKS</b>					
<b>UNDERSTANDING CONGREGATIONS AS EMOTIONAL SYSTEMS</b>					
	Steinke, Peter L.		The Alban Institute, Inc., 2006		BOOK
	Drawing on the work of Bowen and Friedman, and on his own many years of counseling experiences, Peter Steinke shows how to recognize and deal with the emotional roots of such issues as church conflict, leadership roles, congregational change, irresponsible behavior, and the effects of family of origin on current relationships. An updated version of the 1993 edition.				
<b>HUMBLE LEADERSHIP: BEING RADICALLY OPEN</b>					
<b>TO GOD'S GUIDANCE AND GRACE</b>					
	Standish, N. Graham		The Alban Institute, 2007		BOOK
	Humble leadership, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, means recognizing that what we have and who we are are gifts from God, and our lives should reflect our gratitude for these gifts. It requires us to be radically and creatively open to God's guidance, grace, and presence in everything. When we lead out of such openness, God's power and grace flow through us.				
<b>I NEVER FOUND THAT ROCKING CHAIR</b>					
<b>GOD'S CALL AT RETIREMENT</b>					
	Morgan, Richard L.		Upper Room Books, 1992		BOOK
	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.				



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## **IF THIS IS THE WAY THE WORLD WORKS**

### **SCIENCE, CONGREGATIONS AND LEADERSHIP**

Avery, William O. & Beth Ann Gaede

Alban Institute, 2007

BOOK

Avery and Gaede explore five principles from the philosophy of science that suggest an alternative way to view congregational mission and leadership: openness to new information, complexity, diversity, interrelatedness, and process. Their premise is that when faith communities align themselves with the way the world—God’s world—works, they more faithfully carry out their vocations as witnesses to God’s reconciling work and as servants to one another.

## **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.

## **INVITING CHURCH**

### **A STUDY OF NEW MEMBER ASSIMILATION**

Oswald, Roy M. and Speed B. Leas

The Alban Institute, Inc.

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## **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.

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<b>LEARNING WHILE LEADING: INCREASING YOUR EFFECTIVENESS IN MINISTRY</b>					
	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.				
<b>LEAVES FROM THE NOTEBOOK OF A TAMED CYNIC</b>					
	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.				
<b>LETTERS TO LEE</b>					
<b>MENTORING THE NEW MINISTER</b>					
	Clayton, Paul C.		Alban Institute		BOOK
	Using the format of an older pastor writing to a novice, addressing issues not taught in seminary.				
<b>LIFELONG CALL TO LEARN: CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS</b>					
	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.				
<b>LIVING OUR STORY: NARRATIVE LEADERSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL CULTURE</b>					
	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.				
<b>MALE-FEMALE CHURCH STAFF: CELEBRATING THE GIFTS/CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGES</b>					
	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.				
<b>MINISTRY AND MONEY: A GUIDE FOR CLERGY AND THEIR FRIENDS</b>					
	Hotchkiss, Dan		The 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.				

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**MINISTRY FOR A NEW TIME: A CASE STUDY FOR CHANGE**

Fenhagen, James C.	The Alban Institute	BOOK
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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.

**MORE THAN NUMBERS**

**THEY WAYS CHURCHES GROW**

Mead, Loren B.	The Alban Institute, Inc., 1993	BOOK
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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.

**NEITHER POVERTY NOR RICHES: COMPENSATION, EQUITY, AND THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH**

Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy	GAMC:ACSWP, PCUSA 2011	REPORT
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Approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010). This report responds to impact of secular market assumptions on the compensation practices of the PC(USA). It contains recommendations for building solidarity in the ministry by lessening inequality and increasing accountability in presbyteries and in Louisville.

**NEVER CALL THEM JERKS:**

**HEALTHY RESPONSES TO DIFFICULT BEHAVIOR**

Boers, Arthur Paul	Alban Institute	BOOK
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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	BOOK
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Written for those who have moved or are about to move into a new parish ministry, this workbook is designed to guide one through the first 18 months of a new pastorate.

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**NEW DAY FOR FAMILY MINISTRY**

Olson, Richard P., and Joe H. Leonard, Jr.	The Alban Institute	BOOK
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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.

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

Mead, Loren B.	Alban Institute, Inc., 1991	BOOK
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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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<b>PASTOR'S SURVIVAL MANUAL: TEN PERILS IN PARISH MINISTRY AND HOW TO HANDLE THEM</b>					
	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.				
<b>PAYING ATTENTION FOCUSING YOUR CONGREGATION ON WHAT MATTERS</b>					
	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.				
<b>PERSONALITY TYPE IN CONGREGATIONS HOW TO WORK W/ OTHERS MORE EFFECTIVELY</b>					
	Baab, Lynne M.		Alban Institute		BOOK
	Enhances teamwork, assists people in finding satisfying ministries and developing their spiritual lives.				
<b>PLAIN TALK ABOUT CHURCHES AND MONEY</b>					
	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.				
<b>POSTMODERN PARISH NEW MINISTRY FOR A NEW ERA</b>					
	Kitchens, Jim		Alban Institute		BOOK
	<p>"Many of us who are pastors of local mainline churches have long felt that something is amiss in the life of our congregations. It's hard for us to name exactly what is wrong, but occasionally we are aware of a nagging sense that something is just not working any more. . . . Our best efforts at ministry feel like they're about a half beat behind some new pulse beginning to course through the culture," writes author Jim Kitchens.</p> <p>Congregational leaders who recognize Kitchens' description of congregational life today will appreciate his pointed and realistic analysis of fundamental shifts in ministry that have taken place in our postmodern, post-Christian, and postdenominational world. Kitchens also demonstrates that we need to create a different sort of church if we are to be faithful to the gospel in this new cultural setting. He addresses in detail how these contextual shifts invite us to change our ministry in four arenas of congregational life: worship, Christian formation, mission, and leadership.</p> <p>Kitchens shows congregational leaders how to learn how to be the body of Christ in ways that will be both faithful to the Gospel and responsive to our newly emerging cultural context.</p>				
<b>POWER OF ASSET MAPPING HOW YOUR CONGREGATION CAN ACT ON ITS GIFT</b>					
	Snow, Luther K.		The Alban Institute		BOOK
	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.				

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<b>PROMISE AND PERIL: UNDERSTANDING CHANGE AND CONFLICT IN CONGREGATIONS</b>					
Brubaker, David R.		Alban Institute, Inc., 2009		BOOK	In <i>Promise and Peril: Understanding and Managing Change and Conflict in Congregations</i> , 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.
<b>PURSUING PASTORAL EXCELLENCE PATHWAYS TO FRUITFUL LEADERSHIP</b>					
Hopkins, Paul E.		The Alban Institute, 2011		BOOK	In <i>Pursuing Pastoral Excellence</i> , pastoral counselor and educator Paul Hopkins aims to help pastoral leaders make a lasting and positive difference in the lives of the people and communities they serve. The heart of this book is the stories of seven ordinary pastors whose leadership has become extraordinary. Their stories not only highlight important characteristics and practices that nurture fruitful pastoral leadership, but they invite readers to examine their own stories, to think about the value of longevity in ministry, and to enhance the enduring impact of their own pastoral leadership.
<b>REFRAMING HOPE: VITAL MINISTRY IN A NEW GENERATION</b>					
Merritt, Carol Howard		The Alban Institute, 2010		BOOK	Merritt writes <i>Reframing Hope</i> 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.
<b>RESTORING THE SOUL OF A CHURCH: CONGREGATIONS WOUNDED BY CLERGY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT</b>					
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.
<b>SAYING GOODBYE: A TIME OF GROWTH FOR CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORS</b>					
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.
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<b>SOUL CALLING BREATHING SPIRIT INTO A LIFE OF SVC</b>					
Harley, Julie Ruth		United Church Press		BOOK	Examines spiritual rewards of ministry; provides spiritually nourishing activities for developing spiritual discipline.

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**SPIRIT-LED LEADER**

**NINE LEADERSHIP PRACTICES AND SOUL PRINCIPLES**

Geoffrion, Timothy C.

The Alban Institute, 2005

BOOK

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.

**SPIRIT'S TETHER: EIGHT LIVES IN MINISTRY**

Warford, Malcolm L.

The Alban Institute, 2011

BOOK

*The Spirit's Tether: Eight Lives in Ministry* tells the stories of eight men and women from their days as students at Union Theological Seminary in New York through their work today as pastors in local congregations over thirty years later. They reflect on their vocational journeys and express what their calling has meant to them personally and professionally. The book reveals eight richly textured narratives full of the insight, heartache, and delight that go hand in hand with the practice of ministry—unvarnished truths from eight who have been formed by this work and calling. A resource for ministers, congregational leaders, and those in theological education whose role it is to prepare women and men for their sojourns into ordained ministry.

**SPIRITUAL FAMILY TREES**

**FINDING YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY'S ROOTS**

Wendland, Barbara & Larry W. Eastering

The Alban Institute, 2001

BOOK

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

*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

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 WITH SPIRIT:**

**NURTURING YOUR CALL TO PASTORAL LEADERSHIP**

Epperly, Bruce C.

The Alban Institute, 2011

BOOK

*Starting with Spirit* is a spiritual and professional resource for new pastors, their family members, and congregations, as well as ministers in every season of ministry who seek to grow in vitality and skill in the ongoing adventure of ministry.

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<b>STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FOR A CHANGE FACING OUR LOSSES, FINDING OUR FUTURE</b>					
	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.				
<b>SUBURBAN CHURCH PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR AUTHENTIC MINISTRY</b>					
	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.				
<b>TEACHING OUR STORY: NARRATIVE LEADERSHIP AND PASTORAL FORMATION</b>					
	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.				
<b>TEMPORARY SHEPHERDS A CONGREGATIONAL HANDBOOK FOR INTERIM MINISTRY</b>					
	Nicholson, Roger S., ed.		The Alban Institute, 1998		BOOK
	For leaders anticipating or going through a pastoral transition & for clergy to understand interim ministry better.				
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<b>TENDING TO THE HOLY</b>					
	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.				
<b>TIME FOR CHANGE? REVISIONING YOUR CALL</b>					
	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.				

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<b>TOTAL MINISTRY: RECLAIMING THE MINISTRY OF ALL GOD'S PEOPLE</b>					
	Zabriskie, Stewart C.		The Alban Institute, 1995		BOOK
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	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.				
<b>TRANSFORMING RITUALS: DAILY PRACTICES FOR CHANGING LIVES</b>					
	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.				
<b>UNBINDING THE GOSPEL: REAL LIFE EVANGELISM CHURCH LEADER'S STUDY</b>					
	Reese, Martha Grace		Chalice Press, 2008		BOOK
	Based on a major, four-year study of superb evangelism, funded by the Lilly Endowment, Unbinding the Gospel sparkles with life, practicality and spiritual depth. Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism is a book for pastors who want to know the truth about the state of evangelism.				
<b>WELCOME! TOOLS &amp; TECHNIQUES FOR NEW MEMBER MINISTRY</b>					
	Weeks, Andrew D.		The Alban Institute, Inc., 1992		BOOK
	Copy 2				
<b>WELCOMING RESISTANCE</b>					
	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.				
<b>WHEN A CONGREGATION IS BETRAYED RESPONDING TO CLERGY MISCONDUCT</b>					
	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.				
<b>WHEN BETTER ISN'T ENOUGH EVALUTATION TOOLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH</b>					
	Hudson, Jill M.		The Alban Insitute, 2004		BOOK
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**WHEN BETTER ISN'T ENOUGH**

**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.

**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.

**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.