SMALL CHURCH RESOURCE GUIDE SUPPORTING WORSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY

Small churches are the heart of their communities, offering deep connections, faithful witness, and dedicated ministry, often with limited resources. We recognize the unique challenges small congregations face—whether it's finding adaptable worship materials, supporting lay leadership, or sustaining meaningful mission work. This guide is designed to help you navigate those challenges by providing thoughtfully curated books and curriculum in one place so that you can easily find what will work for your congregation.

Each section highlights key resources and materials to help deepen your ministry, whether you're looking for broad support or guidance on a specific topic. Whatever your ministry needs, we hope these resources equip and inspire you for faithful service.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

- Browse by category using the buttons below to find resources that meet your church's needs.
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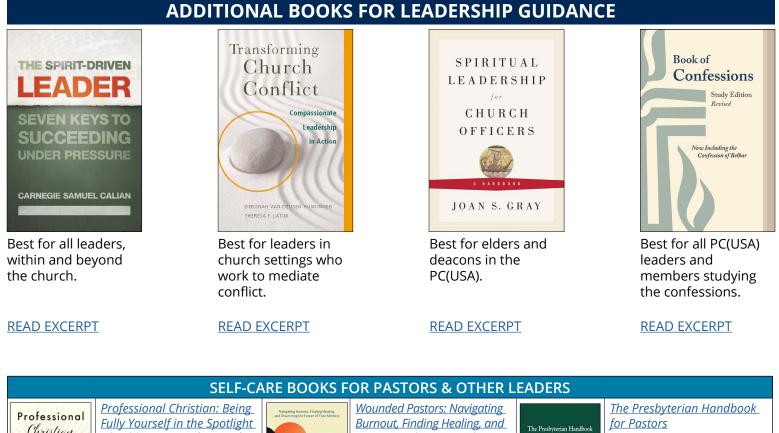


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A Guide for Church Leaders Second Edition Newly Updated



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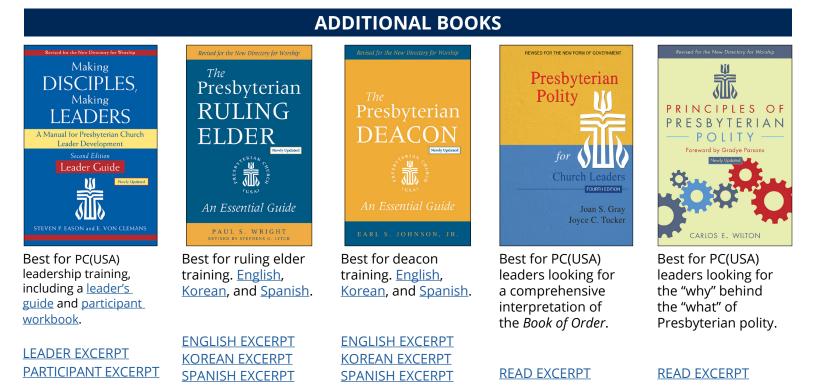
A Guide for Church Leaders Earl S. Johnson, Jr.

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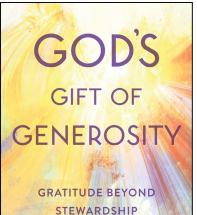
MORE LEADERSHIP STUDY OPTIONS

Being Reformed Workbooks and Studies provide many resources for leadership training, including the Transformational Leaders study (includes Leader's Guide and Participant's Book in English), the Ruling Elders: Formation, Workbook One (available in English, Korean, and Spanish); and the Ruling Elders: Transformation, Workbook Two (available in English and Spanish).

Downloadable Studies offer practical, congregation-wide leadership resources as single-purchase downloads that can be shared freely within your church. Browse the <u>curated collection</u>, plus download a free article: <u>Leading Effective Meetings</u>.



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Gratitude beyond Stewardship

Karl B. Travis ISBN: 9780664261276

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God's Gift of Generosity is an inspiring and practical guide for pastors and lay leaders in small congregations who want to reframe stewardship not as obligation, but as joyful response to God's abundance.

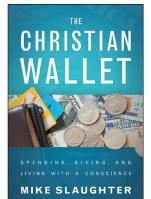
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For church leaders and stewardship committees. Includes reflection questions and life applications at the end of each chapter.

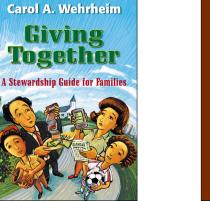
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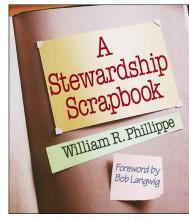
For group or family study. Includes a robust leader's guide so anyone can lead a group. **GOOGLE PREVIEW**

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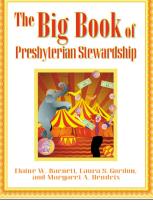


For pastors, worship leaders, and stewardship committees.

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For church leaders and stewardship committees. Includes sermon illustrations and other worship resources.

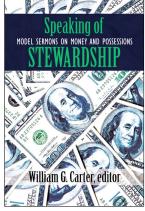


For church leaders and stewardship committees. Includes discussion questions, inventories, sample plans, and other practical resources.

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MISSION-BUILDING



Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice



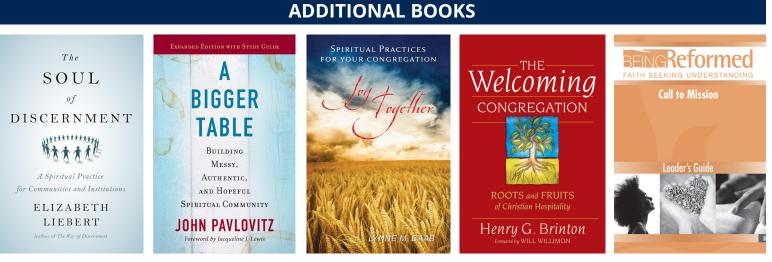
Sailboat Church Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice

Joan S. Gray ISBN: 9780664259587

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Sailboat Church offers a powerful and practical framework for small congregations ready to rediscover their identity and purpose. Using the metaphor of rowing versus sailing, Gray invites churches to shift from a mindset of control and scarcity to one of openness, trust, and spiritual discernment. Especially useful for small churches facing limited resources, this book provides actionable insights, discussion prompts, and a 40-day prayer guide to help leaders and members cultivate spiritual practices, embrace their gifts, and move forward with renewed energy and clarity. Ideal for sessions, leadership teams, or congregation-wide study.

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Takes groups through the Social Discernment Cycle to answer the question, "How is God leading us, individually or together, to act in this particular moment in our organization?"

Each chapter includes a spiritual practice, often called Awareness Examen. When applicable, separate versions intended for individuals and groups are included.

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Uses the metaphor of building the bigger table Jesus imagined to practice radical hospitality, total authenticity, messy diversity, and agendafree community.

The book ends with a comprehensive study guide and sermon series outline. A <u>downloadable</u> <u>book club guide</u> is also available.

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Describes how six spiritual practices that congregations can do together can help with congregational life and discernment.

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Provides stories of inclusion, examples of the best practices of truly welcoming congregations, and suggestions about hospitable practices that can be used by churches across the social and theological spectrum.

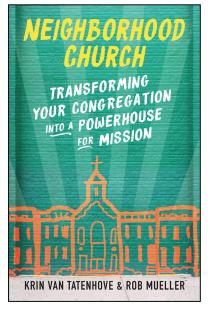
Discussion questions and an action plan are included in each chapter.

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Being Reformed Studies provide a number of resources for mission and social justice, including the Call to Mission study, which includes a Leader's Guide (in English and Korean) and a Participant's Book (in English and Korean).



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Neighborhood Church

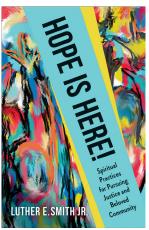
Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission Krin Van Tatenhove & Rob Mueller

ISBN: 9780664264789

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Neighborhood Church is a vital resource for small congregations ready to rediscover their purpose by connecting deeply with their neighborhoods. Grounded in practical wisdom and real-life stories, this book helps churches become vibrant, engaged partners in their communities – right where God has planted them. With additional free resources including a church study guide, sermon ideas, and downloadable content in Spanish and Korean, Neighborhood Church equips even the smallest congregation to reflect God's love, grace, and justice in meaningful, transformative ways. Video resources also help bring the book's vision to life. All additional resources are available here.

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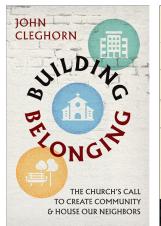


Interprets five spiritual practices for individuals and congregations to prepare readers to engage racism, mass incarceration. environmental crises. divisive politics, and indifference that imperil justice and beloved community.

Discussion questions are included at the end of each chapter. Additionally, a downloadable congregational guide

helps put the book into action.

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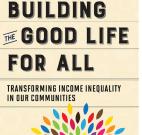


Inspires churches to examine their unique abilities and resources to tackle housing insecurity in their community.

A downloadable

congregational guide provides a roadmap to enact the innovative strategies from the book.

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Explores four transformational strategies to address income inequality.

Discussion questions are included at the end of each chapter. Additional video introductions for each chapter are also available.

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TEN ESSENTIAL STRATEGIES for Becoming a Multiracial Congregation



Aims to help churches build immunity from racial and ethnic tensions to build communities that celebrate diversity.

Set up like a workbook, this resource includes lessons, questions for conversation, and spaces for journaling. **READ EXCERPT**



Uses models for cultivating empathy and interfaith awareness to move from neighborly intention to real dialogue and common action with Muslims in your community.

Includes a discussion guide for group study with links to video clips, a timeline of the first Muslim communities, and a glossary of Arabic terms related to Islam.

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CHRISTIAN STRUGGLE with SUFFERING, GRIEF, and HOPE

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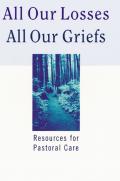
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Christian M. M. Brady ISBN: 9780664266127

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This brief book explains the process of grief, identifies ways of coping, and reminds us of the hope that we can find in mourning. Cole describes what it takes to be engaged in good mourning instead of endless suffering and demonstrates how faith and prayer can be practical tools in rebuilding life after loss. READ EXCERPT

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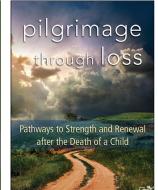


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Rather than prescribing a path that will lead to recovery, Pilgrimage through Loss encourages parents to find the pathways that work for them as they seek to engage life again with meaning and hope. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and discussion, plus recent research on grief and loss.

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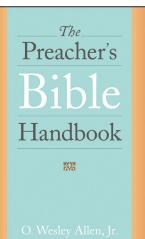
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A STUDY OPTION FOR ENGAGING THE CONGREGATION IN CARE PRACTICES

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The Preacher's Bible Handbook

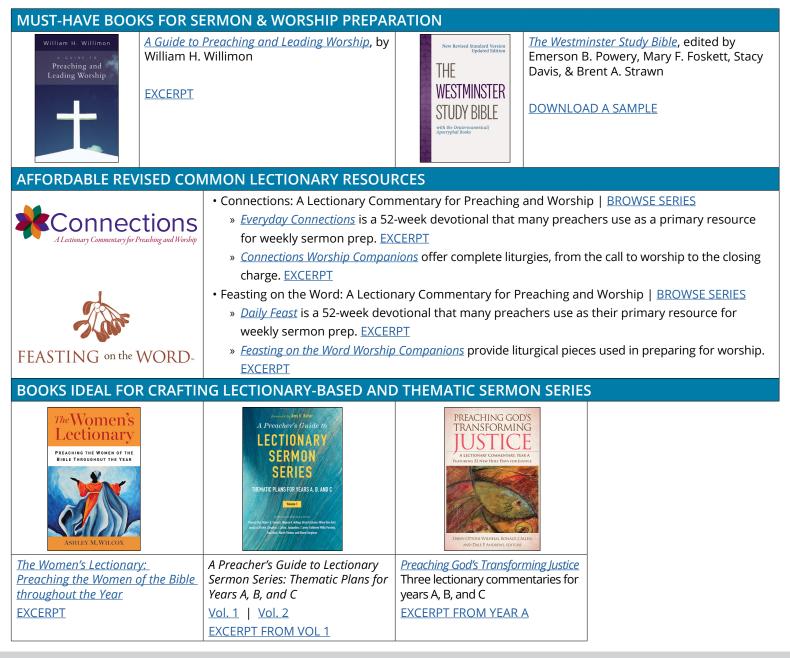
O. Wesley Allen, Jr. ISBN: 9780664263072

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- Main Volume (in either <u>printed</u> or <u>flash drive</u> format): \$60.00
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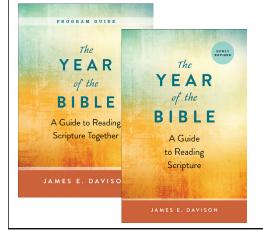
- Group Study
- Advent (includes group study, devotional, and preaching resources)
- Lent (includes group study, devotional, and preaching resources)
- Presbyterian (includes group study and leadership resources)

DOWNLOADABLE STUDIES

<u>Downloadable studies</u> offer practical group study resources as single-purchase downloads that can be shared freely within your church. Popular downloadable study categories include:

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- Bible Study (Adult)
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