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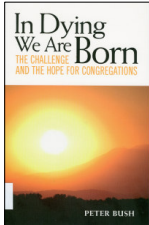
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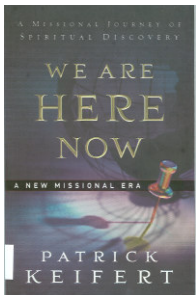
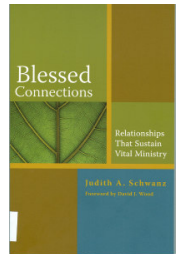
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All brand new:



250.22Bus *In Dying We Are Born—The Challenge and the Hope for Congregations* by Peter Bush and The Alban Institute Deeply ingrained in Western culture, and in the minds of most church leaders, is the belief that there is a solution to every problem. Bush offers a powerful challenge to this approach, arguing that for new life, energy, and passion to arise in congregations, they must die—die to one way of being the church in order that a new way may rise. Bush identifies two types of dying congregations. Some congregations need to close their doors, bringing to an end years of ministry. Other congregations need to dramatically change their culture and ways of doing ministry. Such change may not entail literally closing the congregation’s doors, but it will require people giving up deeply held understandings of the life and purpose of the congregation. All congregations, Bush contends, even ones that see themselves as healthy, need to be prepared to die, to take up their cross, so God can make them alive. 138 pages.

253.2Sch *Blessed Connections: Relationships That Sustain Vital Ministry* by Judith A. Schwanz and The Alban Institute No pastor sets out to fail, but statistics say 15 to 20 percent of pastors leave pastoral ministry within the first five years. One seminary administrator said that every person he had heard of leaving the ministry had done so because of a relationship failure. We cannot escape relationships in ministry, yet few seminaries offer courses in how to build healthy relationships. The assumption is that the type of person who is called to ministry will have all the “people skills” they need, which sadly is not always true. In this book, seminary professor 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. This book is ideal for seminary students and new pastors and includes “Assessment Journal” questions at the end of each chapter for personal application. 197 pages.

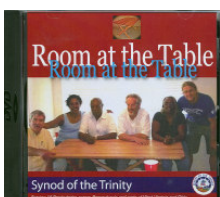


254Kie *We Are Here Now: A New Missional Era* by Patrick Keifert Christendom for most of us has passed; some of us who value its blessings grieve, and we should. When we mark our X on the map of the history of Christianity, we mark it Post-Christendom. Partnership for Missional Church: A Journey of Spiritual Discernment outlines a path to record this same X as a time of a New Era of Mission for your local church. This ground-breaking new book introduces:

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| A New Era of Mission | Visioning for Embodiment |
| A Cultural and Organizational Model | Eight Missional Patterns |
| Discovering Our Partners | Learning and Growing |
| Experimenting through Plunge Teams | Mentoring and Sharing |

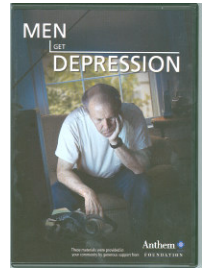
Keifert invites you to a journey filled with learning, growing, discovering, experimenting, visioning, mentoring, and sharing as local churches move from the maintenance of Christendom to innovating missional church in their time and location. 169 pages.

285Pres *The National Archives of the PC(USA): Collect. Preserve. Share.* By The Presbyterian Historical Society The Presbyterian Historical Society is the national archives of the PC(USA) and it’s the primary historical research center. Their mission is to collect preserve, and share the story of the American Presbyterian experience with Presbyterians, the scholarly community, and the general public. See how they carry out their mission with this DVD. Approx 10 min.



AS285Syn *Room at the Table* by the Synod of the Trinity This DVD and study guides will introduce the unique and important role of the Synod of the Trinity in the life of our connectional Presbyterian Church (USA). There are suggestions about how you can use this information to introduce others to the ways God is served though the ministry and mission of the Synod. All of these are offered to you with the hope that Christians in the Synod of the Trinity will continue to discover meaningful ways to work and worship together.

AS 248Ant Men Get Depression by the National Institutes of Health How is it possible in the country leading the world in medical science, one in four men have a disabling illness that torments them and their families and most never receive treatment for it? Men of all ages, ethnic origins, and walks of life get depressed...so why don't men look for help? They may feel weak or ashamed - that it's not "manly" to feel sad. Men Get Depression is a public awareness campaign that will help men and their families dealing with depression understand they are not alone. Getting help for depression can make a big difference in your life and in the lives of those who love you. Men Get Depression will show you how to get started. DVD and study guide.



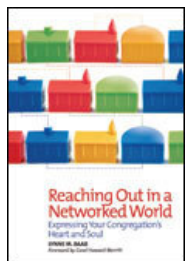
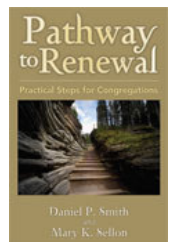
265Cok CAMP E.D.G.E -Experience and Discover God Everywhere. By

Cokesbury Vacation Bible School 2009 takes your children to an extreme adventure camp where they Experience and Discover God Everywhere! CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids their strength and might come from God. Through rockin' contemporary music, larger-than-life recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, extreme

sports videos, and cool, challenging crafts, you'll show your kids how to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith. CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS '09 Daily E.D.G.E. Pledges: God is with me. I will stay close to God. God guides me. I will follow. God teaches me. I will learn. God loves me. I will love God and others. God sends me. I will go.

253.22Smi Pathway to Renewal: Practical Steps for Congregations by Danel P. Smith,

Mary K. Sellon and the Alban Institute No pastor can lead a congregation to renewal alone. It requires a change of heart for the whole congregation. Congregational renewal occurs only when people reorient their very understanding of the nature and purpose of their church. This goes far beyond a simple retooling of the mission statement or addition of a few programs. Authors Mary Sellon and Daniel Smith lead congregations through this process of renewal, breaking down into understandable components what is happening in the people themselves that makes renewal efforts successful. Pathway to Renewal offers pastors and congregational leaders a framework for understanding and addressing the deep cultural shift facing the people of a congregation during congregational renewal. This book will help leaders make sense of where their congregation could get stuck and guide them in thinking through what needs to be addressed next as a congregation seeks renewal. The realigning of a congregation's heart and sense of purpose can be a long process, but one that ultimately all congregations must experience in order to fully live out the world-transforming mission that God has given them to do. 184 pages.



254.3Baa Reaching out in a Networked World: Expressing Your Congregation's

Heart and Soul by Lynne M. Baab and the Alban Institute A congregation communicates its heart and soul through words, photos, actions, programs, architecture, decor, the arts, and countless other aspects of congregational life. In this book, communications expert and pastor Lynne Baab examines technologies such as websites, blogs, online communities, and desktop publishing. She demonstrates how a congregation can evaluate these tools and appropriately use them to communicate its heart and soul, to convey its identity and values both within and outside the congregation. Baab urges congregation leaders to reflect on the way they communicate. The recent explosion in communication technologies offers many new ways to present values and identity, but no one has much experience thinking about how best to use these

tools. Baab seeks to help leaders use these new technologies with more precision, flair, and consistency. When congregations are intentional about communicating who they are and what they value, people in the wider community can get a clear and coherent picture of the congregation and its mission. Newcomers and visitors are more likely to see why faith commitments matter and why and how they might become involved in this congregation, while current members and leaders will greatly benefit from having a unified vision of the congregation's heart and soul. 190 pages.

251.22Wil The Write Stuff: Crafting Sermons That Capture and Convince by Sondra B.

Willobee In this book, veteran preacher Sondra Willobee shows preachers how to enliven their sermons by using the techniques of great writers. With clarity and wit, Willobee explores the joyful process of crafting effective sermons. The book includes three sections: 1) "hook" - how good sermons begin with something that grabs listeners' attention; 2) "book" - how to shape a sermon with narrative pulse and ascending emotional intensity so that listeners experience the gospel; and 3) "stone" - how good sermons use specific, concrete language. By explaining these techniques, offering many examples, and reflecting on her own successes and failures, Willobee has provided a resource that will rekindle the creativity of experienced preachers and help new preachers develop their own compelling voices. 123 pages.

