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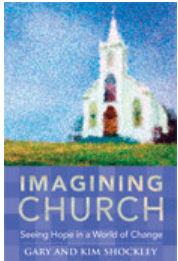
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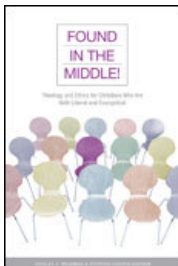
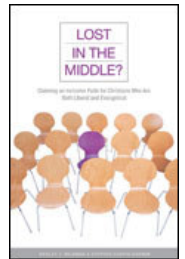
Brand new from Alban Institute:



253.22Sho Imagining Church: Seeing Hope in a World of Change by Gary and Kim Shockley Drawing on their more than thirty years of pastoral and church consulting experience, the Shockleys illustrate the power of imagination using personal stories born of their own quest to be faithful in ministry. They also show readers that imagining church is a shared experience among God's people. When we imagine the church—form a mental image of what we believe the church is and ought to be—we are co-creators with the Master Designer, Chief Architect, and Greatest Creator, and can help others imagine church. They remind leaders, "If you can't see it, neither will anyone else." The Shockleys outline how we in the church are now laborers in a new kind of vineyard—one that requires a new way of thinking and acting in our postmodern world. They invite readers to step into the flow of God's activity and, using the gifts God has given us, cooperate in the work of ministry and mission. Rather than suggesting one model or process for church effectiveness ("do it this way and grow"), this book helps congregational leaders to think more imaginatively about how God is at work in our present ministry contexts. 161 pages.

277.3Wil Lost in the Middle? Claiming an Inclusive Faith for Christians Who Are Both Liberal and Evangelical

by Wesley J. Wildman & Stephen Chapin Garner There exists a deep and broad population of Christians who feel the labels of "liberal" and "evangelical" both describe their faith and limit their expression of it. By working to reclaim the traditional, historical meanings of these terms, and showing how they complement rather than oppose each other, the authors stake a claim for the moderate Christian voice in today's polarized society. *Lost in the Middle?* guides readers through a process of diagnosis and articulation, offering complementary perspectives on the phenomenon, problem, and promise of Christians with both liberal and evangelical instincts. The authors show how individuals and institutions alike can reclaim and celebrate the highest virtues of both liberal and evangelical Christianity, and how doing so can lead to the creation of authentic and vibrant communities of faith. Pastors, congregational leaders, and all thoughtful Christians will learn how truly moderate Christianity can unite the compassionate openness and social activism of liberal Christianity with the magnetism and spiritual fervor of evangelical Christianity. The middle may be the place where you find yourself living most authentically. 212 pages.

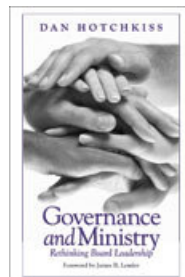


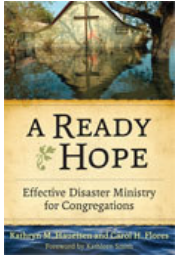
277.3Wil Found in the Middle! Theology and Ethics for Christians Who Are Both Liberal and Evangelical

by Wesley J. Wildman & Stephen Chapin Garner This book offers a foundational approach to the theology and ethics that undergird a congregation where moderate Christians can thrive. Wildman and Garner serve as helpful guides on a quest for a humble theology, an intelligible gospel message, a compelling view of church unity, and a radical ethics deeply satisfying to most Christians with both liberal and evangelical instincts. Pastors, congregational leaders, seminarians, and all thoughtful Christians will learn how truly moderate Christianity can unite the compassionate openness and social activism of liberal Christianity with the magnetism and spiritual fervor of evangelical Christianity. You may feel lost in the middle, but you are not alone there. The middle may be the place where you find yourself living most authentically. 185 pages.

254.22Hot Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership

by Dan Hotchkiss Alban Institute senior consultant Dan Hotchkiss offers congregational leaders a roadmap and tools for changing the way boards and clergy work together to lead congregations. Hotchkiss demonstrates that the right governance model is the one that best enables a congregation to fulfill its mission—to achieve both the outward results and the inward quality of life to which it is called. Resources on governance for the nonprofit sector have burgeoned over the past decade, and this book translates some of what is most helpful from that world for clergy and lay leaders. It also recognizes that in some ways congregations are unique and need governance structures and processes different from those that work in other organizations. Governance in congregations is not the science of achieving optimal results through organizational re-engineering. Governance is an expressive art, like preaching. The forms of our congregations must reflect the values and perceptions of the sacred at their heart. Congregations need skills and methods for negotiating "our way" of governance and for passing the torch effectively to new leaders. 249 pages.



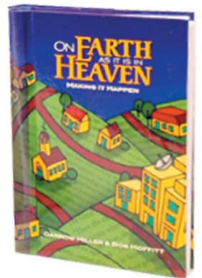


363.34Hau *A Ready Hope: Effective Disaster Ministry for Congregations* by Kathryn M. Haueisen and Carol H. Flores This book is an initiation for people of faith who are new to the ministry of disaster preparedness and response. By *disaster* most people usually mean something that result in significant loss, destruction, hardship, and injury or death to the residents of an area. Authors Kathy Haueisen and Carol Flores have both personal and professional experience dealing with the disaster of the tropical storms and hurricanes that have roared through the Gulf Coast region in the past decade. They share their experience to help congregations facing situations from large-scale disasters to less severe, local conditions. This book provides an overview of existing disaster-response networks, details the predictable phases of disaster recovery at both the individual and community level, lifts up helpful and unhelpful ways that congregational leaders and members can be involved in disaster response efforts, and prepares congregations to respond appropriately to a disaster in their community. A variety of organizations bring help when disaster strikes. Faith-based organizations are uniquely equipped to also bring hope to the survivors of the disaster and to the rescue and relief workers who leave home to assist. This book will help people of faith prepare themselves to be part of God's heart and hands when a disaster occurs. 248 pages.

Other brand new items:

266Mil *On Earth As It Is In Heaven: Making It Happen* by Darrow Miller & Bob Moffitt Tired of routine and self-centered church life that makes little impact on the surrounding world? Here is a study series that presents a Biblical agenda for a mission-oriented church that maintains a clear Christian worldview, understands the call of the Gospel to participate in God's work in the world, and mobilizes believers to see their essential role in the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus prayed that God's Kingdom would come and His will be done on earth as in Heaven. Familiar words... But, what if this actually happened? What if God's will were done on earth as in Heaven? What if God's Kingdom is here? How would communities and nations change? Would our churches be involved? Venture wit the authors into challenging, uplifting paradigm-stretching territory...This study is a clarion call for every local church and every follower of Jesus Christ. Twelve 20-minute sessions on two DVD's and one 240 page companion workbook.



254.8 Var *Essential Guide to Church Finances* by Richard J. Vargo & Vonna Laue

To accomplish your church's mission and vision for ministry you need to effectively manage your church's finances. As we all know, the management of church money is a complex task for any church finance manager, treasurer, business administrator, bookkeeper or pastor. This book will help you strategize, organize, measure, communicate, protect and audit the financials of your ministry. This guide focuses on five key issues: **Planning and Budgeting**—how to use strategic planning and an operating budget to reach ministry goals. **Minimizing the Risk of Embezzlement**—50 internal control practices for every church and how to implement them to protect valuable ministry resources. **Church Financial Reports**—How to effectively communicate mission-critical financial information to church leaders. **Performance Measurements**—how good are you at what you do? Explore various measurements and ratios to help you assess the health of your church and identify the areas that need

strengthening. **Church Audits**—how to avoid, as well as prepare for, external audits conducted by agencies, such as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or the Department of Labor, and ways to get the most out of internal church audits. 143 pages.

343Var *Special Report: Are Your Church's Board Member at Legal Risk? Understanding the Personal Liability of Officers, Directors, and Trustees* by Richard R. Hammar This special report summarizes several different theories of liability, along with a description of immunity laws that provide uncompensated officers and directors with limited protection in most states. 12 pages.

343Var *Special Report: Can Church Member Examine Church Records? Understanding requirements and issues related to inspection of church records* by Richard R. Hammar Can church members inspect church records? If so, which records can be inspected and under what circumstances? What about nonmembers? Understanding the guidelines here can help you and your church navigate through some touchy issues. Generally, there is no inherent right to inspect church records. Such a right must be granted in some legal document, such as state nonprofit corporation law, a church's charter or bylaws, state securities law (if the church has issued securities), or a subpoena. Church records are not protected from inspection, except in the rare case of documents that are subject to the clergy-penitent privilege. This report reviews some of the possible ways to justify an inspection of the records. 9 pages.

