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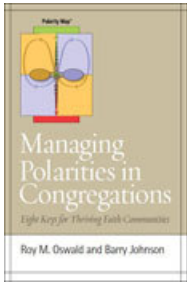
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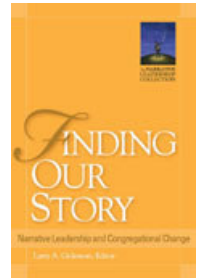


253.22Ows Managing Polarities in Congregations: Eight Keys for Thriving Faith

Communities by Roy M. Oswald, Barry Johnson and the Alban Institute. Congregations often find themselves in power struggles over two opposing views. People on both sides believe strongly that they are right. They also assume that if they are right, their opposition must be wrong—classic "either/or" thinking. A polarity is a pair of truths that need each other over time. When an argument is about two poles of a polarity, both sides are right and need each other to experience the whole truth. This phenomenon has been recognized and written about for centuries in philosophy and religion. It is at the heart of Taoism, where we find the familiar polarity of yin and yang energy. In the past fifty years, business leaders have come to appreciate the phenomenon, often called dilemma or paradox. No matter what it is called, the research is clear: leaders and organizations that manage polarities well outperform those who don't. 249 pages.

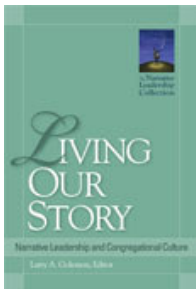
254.501Gol Finding Our Story: Narrative Leadership and Congregational Change

Larry A. Golemon, Editor and the Alban Institute. Authors include Gil Rendle, Lawrence Peers, Alice Mann, Susan Beaumont, and Susan Nienaber. Helping a community of faith "re-vision" its personal and collective narratives is one of the greatest leadership challenges of the age. *Finding Our Story* features essays by current and former Alban consultants who use the power of story to help congregations heal, strengthen, and reinvent themselves. These consultants describe how narrative leadership works, explore its promise and its challenges, and share the practical wisdom of their own experiences along with their favorite models of narrative change to show how congregations can be transformed by finding the stories they live by. 124 pages.



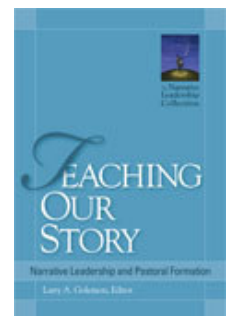
254.5Gol Living Our Story: Narrative Leadership and Congregational Culture

Larry A. Golemon, Editor and the Alban Institute. Authors include G. Lee Ramsey Jr., N. Graham Standish, Tim Shapiro, Carol Johnson, Mike Mather, Niles Elliot Goldstein, and Diana Butler Bass. This book explores how good narrative work—the retrieval, construction, and performance of valued stories—takes place in ministry. Eight chapters 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. Through the stories they themselves tell, these authors show how stories witness to God's presence in the unfolding of human life, and how the best leaders craft stories that reveal how God is at work among the people and inspire them to become a part of this larger story. 160 pages.

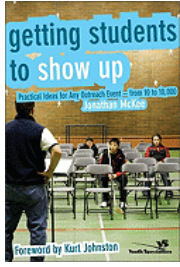


230.046Gol Teaching Our Story: Narrative Leadership and Pastoral Formation

Larry A. Golemon, Editor and the Alban Institute. Authors include Judy Fentress-Williams, Susan K. Hedahl, Mary Clark Moschella, Kathryn Vitalis Hoffman, Robert Charles Anderson, and Susan Kendall. This book 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, and observe what can happen when first-year seminary students are asked to become story brokers—integrating the stories from their communities with biblical stories, their own personal stories, and the theological doctrines formed within the story of their tradition. 142 pages.

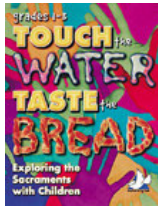
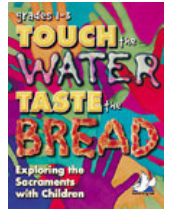


Previously Announced Books:



T259.23McK *Getting Students to Show Up; Practical Ideas fro Any Outreach Event—from 10 to 10,000* by Jonathan McKee After learning the hard way over the course of hundreds of events, the author holds a wealth of knowledge to planning successful ones—events that kids consistently attend (an he'll tell you that it's far more that booking the right "talent"). This book will challenge you to rethink your methodology when it comes to outreach. But more that that, it'll show you, step-by-step, how to plan and execute a great outreach event for 10 or even 10,000 students—whether you're going for a citywide shindig or a weekly gathering for your church or campus, you'll find plenty of tips and tools inside this book that will ensure you events reaches out to your demographic and points them toward Jesus. 190 pages.

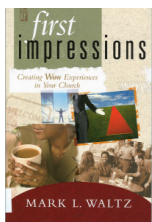
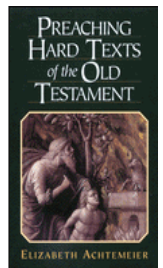
C220Fle *Touch the Water, Taste the Bread—grades 1-3 with CD* This book offers three lessons on baptism and three lessons on Communion. The lessons on baptism will introduce children to the sacraments and to the Bible story about Jesus' baptism. The lessons on Communion will introduce children to the sacraments and to the Bible story about the Last Supper. Children will understand the Bible story in terms of the meal, the love of friends, and the memories that were made. 64 pages.



C220Fle *Touch the Water, Taste the Bread—grades 3-5 with CD* This book offers three lessons on baptism and three lessons on Communion. The lessons on baptism will introduce children to the sacraments and to the Bible story about Jesus' baptism. The lessons on Communion will introduce children to the sacraments and to the Bible story about the Last Supper. Children will understand the Bible story in terms of the meal, the love of friends, and the memories that were made. 72 pages.

251.21Ach *Preaching Hard Texts of the Old Testament* by Elizabeth Achtemeier

This author has carefully chosen thirty-one Old Testament passages that are difficult to understand and more difficult still to preach. The sacrifice of Isaac, God's command for Hosea to marry a harlot, Moses' use of the bronze serpent to heal snake-bitten Israelites—these and many other passages are illumined for the preacher who no longer wants to fear these texts. In each chapter, Achtemeier discusses the text and then offers suggestions for forming a sermon based on that text. In treating specific unsettling passages, Achtemeier also addresses thematic difficulties found throughout the Old Testament, such as the frequent militaristic portrayals of God, the often perplexing behavior of Old Testament prophets, and the many anthropomorphic descriptions of God. 192 pages.



269.2Wal *First Impressions; Creating Wow Experiences in Your Church* by Mark L. Waltz

Before a service even begins, first-time guests usually decide whether they'll return to your church. This means church leaders need to create no-fail, practical ways to ensure a visitor's *first* impression is the *best* impression. When guests feel valued, they will return. And when they do, they'll have the opportunity to experience Jesus' love. Let visitors know "You matter to God, so you matter to us." The author shares the strategies that work in his church—and takes "greeting to a whole new level. Adapt these practical ideas to your church's unique setting, and it won't be long before *everyone* feels welcome. 144 pages.

306.6Wut *God and Mammon in America* by Robert Wuthnow Drawing on a national survey of more than 2,000 working Americans plus a set of in-depth interviews, the author explores how religious commitments connect -- or often fail to connect -- with people's work, money, and attitudes toward material possessions. He concludes that there is a stronger relationship between religious values and the pursuit of money than has been assumed, although this relationship does not necessarily curb American materialism. Indeed, the author argues that in many respects religious values support materialism both by increasing employees' satisfaction with their work and by helping to justify materially privileged lives. Wuthnow also found a strong ambivalence towards materialism, i.e., people simultaneously condemn materialism and manifest a desire for more money and goods. At the same time, Wuthnow uncovered a general desire for a more consistent and solid set of values, and he concludes by addressing both lay readers and religious leaders on ways to transcend the materialism that governs people's lives. 364 pages.

