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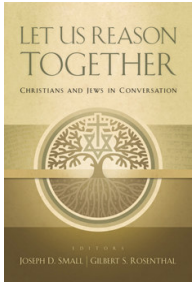
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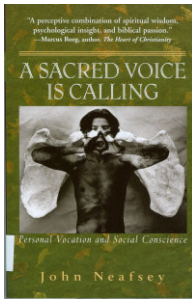
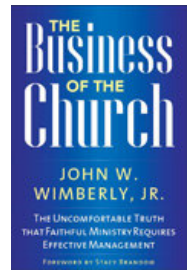
Brand new:



261.2Sma Let Us Reason Together; Christians and Jews in Conversation Editors- *Joseph D. Small and Gilbert S. Rosenthal* In 2005, representatives of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the National Council of Synagogues gathered to understand each other's differences. Each gathering since then has been composed of invited pastors and rabbis, scholars, and theologians from each faith community. Talks about litigious issues have led to a deepened mutual understanding of both faiths. This book is a result of these discussions. It addresses the theological understanding of the relationship that God intends between Christians and Jews. You will learn to welcome the differences between faiths and appreciate how they affect the God we know and worship. 176 pages.

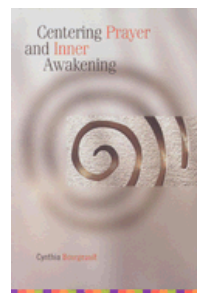
254.22Wim The Business of the Church; The Uncomfortable tTruth the Faithful Ministry Requires Effective Management by *John W. Wimberly, Jr. & The Alban Institute*

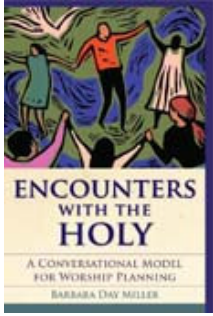
Pastors are called to be not only leaders with vision but also managers of congregational systems, says the author. Drawing on his thirty-six years in ordained ministry as pastor of Western Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C., Wimberly weaves the realities of congregational dynamics and faith-centered purpose together with practical, proven approaches to business management. A student and friend of Rabbi Edwin Friedman, Wimberly builds on Friedman's systems theory as he helps readers avoid common pitfalls and put into practice effective techniques of congregational 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. The author's conversational writing style and many real-life examples make a seemingly complicated, mysterious topic for some an engaging and easily applicable read. 164 pages.



248.4Nea A Sacred Voice is Calling, Personal Vocation and Social Conscience by *John Neafsey* How do the needs of the world guide our choices about what to do with our lives? What does it mean to find and follow our personal calling? How do we distinguish between the "still, small voice" of our authentic vocation and all of the other competing counterfeit voices in ourselves and in our culture? Specifically, how do we balance the inward listening to our hearts and the need to listen with our hearts to the realities and needs of our world? Drawing widely on the wisdom of saints, sages, and the traditions of spiritual direction, Neafsey describes a path to living in the place, as Frederick Buechner has put it, "where our deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." 210 pgs.

248.3Bou Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening by *Cynthia Bourgeault* Practitioners of Centering Prayer are known for the great enthusiasm they bring to the practice of this ancient discipline. Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening is a complete guidebook for all who wish to know the practice of Centering Prayer. Cynthia Bourgeault goes further than offering an introduction, however. She examines how the practice is related to the classic tradition of Christian contemplation, looks at the distinct nuances of its method, and explores its revolutionary potential to transform Christian life. The book encourages dialogue between Centering Prayer enthusiasts and those classic institutions of Christian nurture—churches, seminaries, and schools of theology—that have yet to accept real ownership of the practice and its potential. 178 pages.





264.22Mil **Encounters with the Holy; A Conversational Model for Worship**

Planning by Barbara Day Miller and the Alban Institute Many churches have active worship committees or planning teams, and an abundance of books and resources guide pastors and laity. This book offers a conversational model of worship planning that was developed to train practitioners to be more reflective in their planning of worship experiences. The model—planning, ordering, worshipping, reflecting—is a flexible, fluid pattern. It provides a more circular, spiraling practice of imaginative planning, preparing the leaders and the space, and reflecting theologically to understand more fully the experience of worship. It has been tested in congregations, seminaries, and campus ministries amid a wide range of denominational and cultural styles. An underlying theological

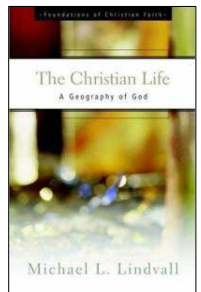
assumption of this approach is that we are engaged in holy work when we plan and prepare for worship. Leaders' study, preparation, and training are themselves an encounter with the Holy. Therefore, we are called to become more informed and better prepared liturgical leaders. The language and encouraging style of the book is accessible to student pastors, pastors, and lay people interested in learning to think more deeply about worship. 143 pages.



259.2Ham **Already Gone; Why Your Kids Will Quit Church & What You Can Do To**

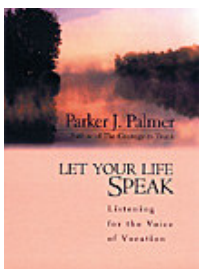
Stop It by Ken Ham & Britt Beemer with Todd Hillard This is the alarming conclusion from a study Answers in Genesis commissioned for America's Research Group, lead by researcher Britt Beemer. The results may unnerve you but these results need to be taken seriously by the church. This book reveals: why America's churches have lost an entire generation of believers, the views of 1000 twenty-somethings, solidly raised in the church but no longer attending—and their reasons why, and relevant statistical data effectively teamed with powerful apologetics. This study found that we are losing our kids in elementary, middle school, and high school rather than college, and the "Sunday school syndrome" is contributing to the epidemic, rather than helping alleviate it. This is a wake-up call for the church, showing how our programs and our approaches to Christian education are failing. Though the statistics reveal a huge disconnect taking place between our children and their church experience, this book shows how to fight back for our families, our churches, and our world.

248.4 The Christian Life; A Geography of God by Michael L. Lindvall The author describes the life of a Christian as a journey. Lindvall divides the journey into three parts: "Leaving for Home," "The Way," and "Life on the Road." The first part struggles with the question, "Why go anywhere at all, spiritually speaking?" The second part names the road—the way found in the ancient map of Gad called the Trinity. The third part describes life on the road as many other have known it, full of mile-markers, road sighs, warnings of perilous curves, refreshment for the weary, and notice of lovely things to be seen along the way. This book provides readers with some hints about with they may experience during their individual journeys. 135 pages.



248.4 **Let Your Life Speak; Listening for the Voice of Vocation** by Parker J.

Palmer Drawing on his own journey through darkness and light, Parker Palmer explores the gap between "the life I am living and the life that wants to live in me." With candor and gentle humor, he invites readers to listen to the wisdom of their own experience and follow its leadings toward a sense of purpose. Using stories from his own life and the lives of others who have made a difference, Palmer raises the urgent question, "Is the life I am living my own?" He writes encouragingly about the quest for congruence between our inner and outer worlds: "Before you tell your life what you intend to do with it, listen for what it intends to do with you." Let Your Life Speak offers wisdom for all who seek the true calling of their lives. 117 pages.



261.5Mor **The Biblical Basis for Modern Science; The Revised and Updated Classic**

by Henry M. Morris The Bible is not just a book of theology. It touches every aspect of life -- including science. A revision of one of the classic defenses of the Christian faith Contains many evidences that the Bible is scientifically accurate Written specifically for science-minded students Wide-ranging subjects, from astronomy to the origins of man. 474 pages.

