

Deacon Resources

A Ministry of Service	262.18	A guide to the meaning of ordination & church office in the PC(USA). A helpful guide for nominating committees, new officer training workshops, continuing education of elders & deacons & Presbytery committees.
A Pastor In Every Pew: Equipping Laity For Pastoral Care	262.158	Help develop the skills needed for effective Christian care while establishing person-to-person care giving that focuses on building trust, effective listening, dealing with feelings, prayer & using Scripture. Questions for study included.
Attentive to God: Spirituality in the Church Committee	253	Practical book that proposes a theology of church committee work & explores ways to maintain a spiritual focus in church committees. Includes group work & devotional resources for worship, Christian education & stewardship committees.
Authority of the Laity	262.158	The author discusses the authority of the laity in ministry.
Authority of the Laity - video	262.158	In this 4 session video, Verna Dozier talks about the Laity and the authority they have in ministry. Study guide included. (1982)
Building a Ministry for Homebound and Nursing-Home Residents	259.3	Full of helpful ideas, this book invites you into the world of the frail elderly & provides valuable information to equip clergy & laity for this important ministry. It will help you gain a better understanding of some of the issues of this ministry.
Caregiving Leadership: Empowering Others to Care	259.4	Provides a strategy of care giving that can transform the ministry of local congregations. This book provides both the rationale & guidance needed. Audio tapes and training manual also available.
Caregiving Leadership: Empowering Others to Care (audio)	259.4	Audio tapes that give an overview of what is in the book and training manual. An introduction to the concepts & practice of care giving leadership.
Caregiving Leadership: Empowering Others to Care (Training Manual)	259.4	This manual provides exercises and support to help make care giving part of the fabric of congregational life. Audio tapes and book also available.
Caring For God' People: Meeting Critical Pastoral Needs	262.158	Eight audio talks dealing with difficult situations in pastoral care with suggestions creative, practical ways to respond. (This was a workshop presented at Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1989)
ChristCare Series: A Small Group Ministry System	262.158	Booklet describing the ChristCare Series, from the Stephen Ministries group for organizing small group lay ministry in the congregation.

Christians and the Art of Caring	262.158	The authors describe how important it is that everyday people share in the ministry of caring, using skills that can be learned. Filled with examples, appropriate devotions & exercises. (1988)
Church & Society January/February 1989: I Have AIDS. Please hug me: AIDS and the Church's Ministry	259.42	An older magazine (1989) but certainly has very real and touching stories of people whose lives have been touched by AIDS, who lived and died with AIDS and can shed some light on the importance of the church's ministry in this area.
Church & Society January/February 1991 - The Church and Serious Mental Illness	259.42	Articles and stories surrounding the topic of a variety of mental illness issues & ways to minister & witness to those members in our community and congregations. 1991 but very informative.
Developing a Service Project For Persons With Prolonged Mental Illness: A Workbook for Congregations	259.42	(1988) Workbook for congregations that are near a population of persons with a major mental illness who may not have sufficient support available to them. Can supply ideas for services projects that offer hospitality, friendship & sense of belonging.
Developing the Caring Community	262.158	Ten session seminar on training laity in pastoral care. Program combines theory with practice using a variety of learning styles. Role plays & visitation followed by reflection, sharing & consultation are part of the process.
Devotion and Discipline: Training for Presbyterian Leaders	262.18	Part of the Study Catechism that examines the 10 commandments & the Lord's Prayer. Designed with a focus on spiritual development, suitable for training of elders & deacons. 8 sessions containing background, journaling ideas & questions for discussion.
Dimensions of Older Adult Ministry: A Handbook	259.3	An informative handbook for those who are involved in this vital & growing ministry. Suggestions, basic information, guidance & exceptional wisdom from 14 authors. Questions for each topic are included to encourage reflection & understanding.
Disability Etiquette	259.44	Tips on interacting with people with disabilities. Helpful for Deacons and other church leaders as well as individual awareness.
Domestic Violence: What Churches Can Do	261.832 7	Basic information on domestic violence plus ideas on how to become involved in prevention. Provides worship materials, questions, study guide with 20-minute video.
Empowering Church: How one congregation supports lay people's ministries in the world	261.1	Explore the practical steps one church took to reshape its life and structure so that it affirms members' weekday lives and ministries. (Alban, 1989)
Empowering Church: How one congregation supports lay people's ministries in the world: Guide for Group	261.1	This guide will help you lead your own discussion group, exploring lay ministry and empowering your church's members to fulfill the callings of their daily lives. Can be used in its six-session format or adapted for a weekend retreat. (1990)

Healing Community	259.4	Addresses the vocation of the local congregation to become a place of healing in the world today. Uses examples from Christian community life, demonstrating that community is a basic human need the church must learn to provide. 1991
Health, Healing & Wholeness: Engaging Congregations in Ministries of health	259.41	Help engage congregations in health care ministries. Emphasizes importance of understanding congregational culture when developing faith/health partnerships in the community. Practical ministry tools & assessment guide included.
Hesitant Messenger: The Lay Visitor's Training Guide, The	262.15	A workshop to provides you with information about the theology of calling ministries, the character of the caller, calling anxieties, and occasions for calling. This resource can help you become well-grounded & more confident in your visitation ministry.
If There's Anything I Can Do...An Easy Guide to Showing Your Care	262.158	A practical guide to doing the right thing at the right time.
Lay Shepherding: A Guide for Visiting the Sick, the Aged, the Troubled, and the Bereaved	262.158	A practical & inspirational manual for those who are beginning this kind of ministry and also helpful to those who supervise shepherding groups. Excellent suggestions & training exercises.
Leadership from the Heart: Learning to Lead with Love and Skill - Leader Kit	248	Ten-session group study that leads adults through key areas of Christian growth, servant leadership & team. Includes a DVD with a 10 minute video segment for each session, along with lesson plans, group activities & Bible study helps.
Let Jesus Heal Your Hidden Wounds: Cooperating With the Holy Spirit in Healing Ministry	234.131	The author helps you discover how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to bring healing & deliverance, whether you're involved in a healing service at church, visiting with someone in the hospital, working with someone emotionally hurt or reaching out
Listen For God's Leading: A Workbook for Corporate Spiritual Discernment	253	This workbook provides practical tools for discovering what God yearns for in the future of your church. The journey of discernment, filled with prayer & worship; discussion & interaction can transform the faith community.
Making Your Church a House of Healing	248.25	Explains why churches, should have spiritual healing as the focus of its ministry & demonstrates how churches can become houses of healing. Includes questions for discussion/action; prayers/rituals for healing service. Workbook available.
Making Your Church a House of Healing - Workbook	248.25	The questions provided are intended for both private reflection & small groups usage in studying the 15 chapters in the book.
Monday's Ministries: The Ministry of the Laity (Leader's Guide)	261.1	The ministry of the laity in this study means serving in the whole context of life, being a Christ in the family, the neighborhood, the nation, the world. A 6-13 session study. Participant's booklet available.

Monday's Ministries: The Ministry of the Laity (Participant's booklet)	261.1	A study on the ministry of the laity in the whole context of their daily lives. A leader's guide is available for 6-13 study sessions.
Ordination Questions: A Study for Church Officers	262.18	The purpose of this booklet is to help newly elected elders & deacons prepare for the responsibilities to which they have been elected. It is divided into 8 sessions, covering the nine ordination questions.
Presbyterian Deacon: An Essential Guide	262.158	All-inclusive sourcebook for the role of the deacon in the PC(USA). It examines how the office is described in sections of the Book of Order & analyzes "deacon" in scripture, providing historical information & suggestions for this office.
Quiet Revolution: Laity In Ministry	261.1	A 2-part interview discussing how ministry is a privilege and challenge not only to clergy, but also to lay people as they exercise their gifts and abilities in service to others.
Services For Occasions of Pastoral Care	264.0513	Supplemental liturgical resource to help pastors and visitors in their ministry with the sick and the dying.
Serving God with Style: Unleashing Servant Potential	262.18	The explores his "Servant Resource Faith-Style Inventory" as a tool in training ministry volunteers, developing ministry teams, education ministry leaders, developing Christ centered work-ethic training & other ministry development interventions.
Serving in Church Visitation	262.158	This practical ministry guidebook can help you find ways to look at the various ways of visiting and can be used for training for individual or small groups.
So, You've Been Elected a Deacon	262.158	This video and available workbook focus on fundamentals that will be helpful in meeting the responsibilities of the office of Deacon.
So, You've Been Elected a Deacon (Workbook)	262.158	This workbook focus on fundamentals that will be helpful in meeting the responsibilities of the office of Deacon, is to be used with video.
Stephen Ministries	262.158	Information about the "Stephen Series" of care ministry. Includes booklet on basics, training, enrollment, etc.
Sympathy, Witness and Service: A Videotape Training Package for Deacons	262.158	A video resource for training deacons, expanding the understanding of their ministry and provides specific skill training in relation to sympathy, witness & service. Also included is help on organizing for maximize participation of all members.

Thank God, It's Monday!	261.1	The author addresses the problems posed by the "principalities and powers" of life - jobs, organizations, institutions, and ideologies which seem to influence or even control many aspects of the layperson's life. He proposes the church can help. (1982)
The Art of Being a Healing Presence: A Guide for Those in Caring Relationships	262.158	Make a difference in others lives by being present in a way that is healing, nurturing & possibly transforming. Excellent insights are presented to be used in all areas of the work and ministry of the church and families as well.
The Art of Listening in a Healing Way	262.158	Reveals the art of being a healing listener, one of the most caring affirming gifts you can offer another. Can be used in grief situations, pastoral care encounters, great for Deacons and visiting ministries. Helpful for leadership training.
The Caring Church: A Guide for Lay Pastoral Care	262.158	A helpful teaching resource for the pastor or for adult members who wish to broaden their people-caring ministry through a trained laity program. Useful for Deacons as well.
The Compassionate Visitor: Resources for Ministering to People Who Are Ill	262.158	Practical help for anyone involved in congregational visitation ministry. Examples of hospital visits illustrate basics of caring for patients' personal & spiritual needs.
Visiting in an Age of Mission: A Handbook for Person-to-Person Ministry	262.158	Step-by-step approach for anyone involved in visitation, whether it is with members of your congregation or with those in your community. Important for leadership, Deacons, staff, mission leaders, evangelism committees, etc.
What Do You Say After Hello?	262.18	This video portrays 4 different situations that officers may encounter when making visitations. Designed for group study, this 4 segment video may be stopped for discussion. (30 minutes). (1986)
Wings Like a Dove: Healing for the Abused Christian Woman	261.832 722	Provides guidance to Christian women who are experiencing abuse in their marriages & to clergy, shelter staff & other helpers who work with victims of domestic violence. Leader's guide included. Allow 2 hours for viewing & discussion. 34 min.
Women in Travail & Transition: A New Pastoral Care	259.082	Explore how women's life experience both necessitate & model a new, systematic pastoral care to help address the broad range of women's needs.