

Elder 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.
Across The Centuries: The Book of Order Today	262.9	This resource uses artful computer graphics to teach elders about the Book of Order. Can be used in officer training sessions or individual study. A leader's guide prepared by Donald Griggs, gives workshop designs.
Across the Centuries: The Church Constitution Today	262.9	Ten minute video to help viewers gain insight into the whole of the church constitution & worship life.
Beating Burnout In Congregations	262.1	This book will help readers reassess God's call to service, so that those who do offer their skill, knowledge, & energy become uplifted, healthier & stronger, & not burned-out. Congregational leaders would do well to take this book seriously.
Becoming Barnabas: The Ministry of Encouragement	253	Leadership book that provides practical help for congregations to look to the ministry of encouragement, rooted in attentiveness to God, modeled after the ministry of Barnabas in the book of Acts. Useful for leadership training, adult study, etc.
Book of Catechisms: Reference Edition	238	Handy & attractive collection of important catechisms for the Presbyterian Church. A companion to the Book of Confessions: Study Edition. Contains 3 versions of the Study Catechism with questions/answers. Also contains Heidelberg & Westminster.
Book of Confessions: Study Edition	238	Each creed is introduced by an informative essay providing historical & theological background. Included are the official texts of the eleven creedal statements of PC(USA). Excellent for officer training & lay leadership study groups.
Book of Order	262.9	This document contains the Form of Government, Directory for Worship and Rules of Discipline with is Part II of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Volumes from 1995 to present are available in the Resource Center.
Called To Serve: A Workbook for Training Nominating Committees and Church Officers	262.1	This notebook can be used for individual & group study. To aid in developing congregational leadership; training for Elders, Deacons & Trustees; & a Continuing Education section.

Church History 101: An Introduction for Presbyterians	270	The author surveys the growth & development of the church from the New Testament to the present, placing a special emphasis on the experiences of Presbyterians in America. This brief history will be helpful for new members, adult study groups & leaders.
Church Leadership: Vision, Team, Culture and Integrity	262.1	Four crucial elements of effective leadership in the church are described by the author: vision, team, culture & integrity. Dr. Weems applies the best of contemporary thinking to the task of developing vital church leaders.
Church Meetings That Work chair	262.1	Discover how meetings can help build stronger congregations as you explore the 3 basic purposes of meetings - decision making, learning, & community building. Every committee should read this!
Common Faith, Common Mission: Discovering Our Presbyterian Foundations	262.18	Four session study designed to give older youth and adults an opportunity to become familiar/reacquainted with the Book of Order & the Book of Confessions.
Companion to the Constitution: Polity for the Local Church Fourth Edition - 1999	262.9	An excellent tool to bring about a better understanding of the the Presbyterian Church's Constitution & how it works.
Consider Your Ministry: A Study Manual For New Officers (5th Revised Edition)	262.18	This volume was prepared for use by the PC(USA) as a training manual for new officers. It includes chapters on Your Work of Ministry, Mission of the Church, Life in the Church Community, Presbyterian Structure & Your Congregation and its Ministry.
Courageous Leadership	253	The author shares what he has learned about Christian leadership in his nearly 30 years at Willow Creek. You'll gain insights, discover your own leadership style, help develop other leaders, embrace change, stay on course and more.
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.
Distinctively Presbyterian	262.9	The author considers chapter IV of the Book of Order, addressing the issue of what holds the PC(USA) together, also looking historically at the development of the reunion of 1983.
Effective Church Leadership: Building on the Twelve Keys	254.5	A practical "how-to" manual to help develop leadership competencies by cultivating new understandings & practices. It focuses on the foundational principles for developing leadership on a mission field.

- Effective Management of Volunteer Programs 262.1 A practical guide to volunteer management, covering practical issues on people making a career of matching volunteers to places where they are needed.
- Evaluating Ministry: Principles and Processes for Clergy & Congregations 262.136 This text approaches the review & evaluation task in a positive & straightforward manner. Helpful sample materials, check-lists, practical guides that will help most congregations assess their current work and future calling.
- Everyday Creativity (DVD Kit) 250 Excellent DVD with workbook & guide, can be used in church or personal lives to encourage us to view our challenges from a different perspective & teaches us we all have the ability to be more creative in all aspects of our work & lives.
- Everyday Creativity (Video Kit) 250 Excellent video with workbook & guide, can be used in church or personal lives to encourage us to view our challenges from a different perspective & teaches us we all have the ability to be more creative in all aspects of our work & lives.
- Finding Christ in the Book of Order 262.9 The author discusses the first 4 paragraphs of the Book of Order & how this section represents a concise theological statement about Christ as the Head of the Church; His calling the church into being; He gives the church its faith & life & it's authority
- Great Ends of the Church: Church Papers 262.5137 A short-term study course for adults produced for the Great Ends of the Church empasis.
- Growing In Authority, Relinquishing Control: A New Approach To Faithful Leadership 253 For those seeking to be mature leaders who are authoritative, but not authoritarian. Interviews with the picture of authority in the Gospels to produce a new understanding of how to grow toward faithful, integrated authority. Questions for reflections.
- Guidelines for a Session Personnel Committee (4th Edition) 262.136 (1989) These guidelines are offered to help you in your work with staff to encourage the full use of the gifts and talents of each staff member. Includes guidelines for writing position descriptions.
- History and Theology in the Book of Order: Blood on Every Page 262.9 The author takes a fresh look at the history & theology that undergirds the Book of Order. He describes the tensions between the theological, historical & practical realities of life in the church, reflecting the dynamic nature of Presbyterian polity.
- How To Spell Presbyterian (Revised) 262.4 The author tells about our commitment, witness, order, discipline & covenant as we seek to serve Jesus Christ as Presbyterians. Good for new member classes.

How to Spell Presbyterian: Newly Revised Edition	262.4	The author tells what it means to be a Presbyterian in a very readable, accessible 6 part book that also includes a glossary. This updated version contains statistics & polity information. Ideal for new members, confirmation students & inquirers
How to Survive Being A Presbyterian: a Merry Manual Celebrating the Funny Foibles of the Frozen Chosen!	262.4	A humorous look at Presbyterians, the church, the meetings & the other goings on in the life of the "Frozen Chosen".
In Spirit and In Truth: The Directory For Worship	264.002	This video introduces the Directory For Worship, the denomination's guide for the worship life of the church. Can be used by worship committees, adults sunday school & leadership training to grow in their understanding & experience of Christian worship.
Leading the Team-Based Church	253	The author challenges those in leadership to embrace a fresh leadership model that calls upon the entire ministry to join together as a collaborative team.
Life Together in the Community of Faith: Standards of Ethical Conduct (A Study Guide)	262.1	A brief guide for all ordained officers, members & employees to clarify expectations & to build public accountability across the church. A study booklet is included to explore these standards of ethical conduct.
Making Disciples, Making Leaders: A Manual a for Developing Church Officers	262.18	Offers a model for selecting & training church officers according to the biblical vision, & offers a plan for an training event. Multiple tools included are handouts, charts & worksheets. Excellent resource!
More Than Enough: Matthew 14:13-21	248.34	An inspirational piece to help your people recover hope in the Jesus Christ who takes our gifts & our limited vision & does wonderful things with them. Great for helping elders/adults know they can face big challenges.
Not Another Meeting! A Practical Guide for Facilitating Effective Meetings	262.1	For anyone who has the responsibility of conducting a meeting & wants to get more accomplished in less time. Written for business management, but has excellent tools for general usage. Includes chapters on agendas, rules, discussion helps, conflict, etc.
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.
Patterns of Polity: Varieties of Church Governance	262.4	Survey of comparative polities in which the author examines the whole spectrum of ways in which Christian believers have organized their inst

Presbyterian Polity for Church Officers - Third Edition	262.9	Newly revised edition - comprehensive interpretation of the Book of Order. It explains the system of Presbyterian government, from sessions to presbyteries to synods to the G.A. itself. Very helpful for elders.
Presbyterian Polity For Church Officers (Second Edition)	262.9	A comprehensive interpretation of the Book of Order & Presbyterian polity, covering all aspects of church polity which explains the system of Presbyterian government. Helpful for elders.
Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers: Exploring Christian Faith	262.4	Questions on important topics that frequently arise in discussions with answers from a distinguished Presbyterian theologian. Ideal for individual & group study, officer training, new member & confirmation classes.
Presbyterian Source: Bible Words That Shape a Faith	262.4	The author walks you through the fundamentals of Presbyterianism by studying 12 faith-shaping biblical passages. He explores the Presbyterian tradition, which has used the bible as a guide, remaining faithful to both the Old & New Testaments.
Presbyterians: Making All Things New	262.4	This video examines five historic themes of the Presbyterian Church. Helpful for new members classes, office training and other adult groups.
Presbyterians: Part I: The People	262.4	Shows who Presbyterians are as a people, sketching an identity by letting Presbyterians talk & sing about their faith & life.
Presbyterians: Part II - History and Tradition	262.4	Divided into 7 segments for study purposes: Prologue; the Early Church; Reformation; Rebellion; Birth of a Nation; One Nation for Christ; Challenge
Presbyterians: Part III: Belief and Doctrine	262.4	Lifts up the dynamics involved in what an individual believes & how that is shaped by, interacts with & is critiqued by what others in the faith community believe, what the church teaches & what our tradition says.
Presbyterians: Part IV: Polity	262.4	This video puts a human face on the system by which Presbyterians in the U.S.A. govern themselves.
Presbyterians: Part V: Vision and Mission	262.4	Shows how individuals are responding to Christ's call by acting on their passion to serve God by following the example set forth in Christ Jesus.

Reading the Bible and the Confessions: The Presbyterian Way	238	The author sets forth 7 guidelines for the interpretation of scripture & the confessions. He builds upon the confessional & governmental heritage of the church in offering suggestions for practical application of these interpretations in the future.
Running Good Meetings	262.1	Video that offers ways to improve and what is necessary in helping your meetings run better.
Sacred Cows Make Gourmet Burgers: Ministry Anytime, Anywhere, by Anyone	253	This book is about freeing individuals and teams to make responsible contributions to the body of Christ without having to first ask for permission.
Selected To Serve: A Guide For Church Officers	262.1	Handbook for Presbyterian church officers, including elders, deacons, trustees & pastors. Good for officer training events or as a handy reference/guide.
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.
Session Activities Index: Toward the Improvement of Ministry Series	262.136	A comprehensive, detailed description of the tasks for which session has responsibilities, organized into seven areas of responsibilities.
So, You've Been Elected An Elder	262.18	An interactive, instruction video designed for 6 session with newly elected elders. Excellent resource for overnight or one-day retreat settings.
Spirituality Matters For Committee Meetings	262.1	To help transform ordinary committees into intentional communities by renewing the spiritual life of its leaders so they in turn can renew the church they serve.
Stewardship and the Directory for Worship	262.18	Eight session study using the Directory for Worship to help church leaders better understand their responsibility for stewardship in their congregation.
The Bread of Life: A Guide to the Lord's Supper for Presbyterians	264.36	Clear understanding of what the Lord's Supper means for Presbyterians. Includes guide & questions for individual or group discussions. Good for leadership training and new members.

The Duties of the Ruling Elder	262.18	A discussion of the meaning of the office of ruling elder & what is required at ordination, qualifications & the session & its work, etc.
The Great Ends of the Church: PowerPoint Presentation	262.5137	Power Point presentation, based on the Great Ends of the Church: Short-Term Study Course for Adults. Divided into six sections, used to teach a 5 or 6 week class.
The New Robert's Rules of Order: The Classic Manual of Parliamentary Procedure (Revised and Updated Edition)	262.9	A modern edition to closely follow the content of Henry Robert's last revision to his classic work, while incorporating updates for today.
The Presbyterian Elder do	262.18	This resource describes the requirements of the office, how elders are engaged & organized to do their work, & the basic theology & principles of order of the Presbyterian system.
The Presbyterian Elder (revised)	262.18	Revised to conform with the 1991-92 Book of Order, examining the Pres. & Reformed understanding of the Christian faith & qualifications for the office of elder.
The Presbyterian Handbook	262.4	Presents essential facts & noteworthy tidbits about being Presbyterian. Handy & humorous, good for youth, adults, students & families, providing historical & theological info about beliefs as well as other fun tips & practical advice.
The Spirit-Led Leader: Nine Leadership Practices and Soul Principles	253	Designed for pastors, administrators, & other leaders who want to deepen their own spiritual lives & lead from a place of greater spiritual depth. Explores key leadership practices, includes exercises & questions and reflections.
The Study Catechism - Full Version (revised)	262.16	This comprehensive version is ideal for use in training church officers, in adult groups & in the education of new church members.
This We Believe: Eight Truths Presbyterians Affirm	230.051	The author presents eight beliefs that form the basis of the Christian faith in the Reformed & Presbyterian traditions. To help leaders & those in the pew grasp the theological core of our tradition in a hands-on accessible way.
Transforming Church Boards into Communities of Spiritual Leaders	262.1	Discover inspiring, practical ways your board can make its meetings become opportunities for deepening faith, developing leadership, & church renewal. Orientation booklet and retreat booklet available by Ellen Morseth.

Turning Committees Into Communities	262.1	This booklet will help your church committees to become more authentic examples of caring Christian communities.
We Believe: A Study of The Book of Confessions for Church Officers	238.5137	A helpful study guide that assists Presbyterians in understanding the creeds of the church.
We Believe: A Study of The Book of Confessions for Church Officers (revised edition)	238.5137	Updated to include an analysis of "A Brief Statement of Faith, this book is useful in training church officers. It explains the 10 documents now included in the Book of Confessions with some study guides.
What Every Leader Needs to Know About Leading in a Congregation	262.1	The church needs not just leaders, but spiritual leaders. This booklet from a series will help you discover that you as a leader are called, how to practice spiritual leadership, growing in faith grounded in the means of grace & equipping others.
What Every Leader Needs to Know About Leading in Prayer	262.1	Booklet in a series for leaders and lay members grow in their spiritual life & their effectiveness as part of a faith community. This booklet will guide you and others through the importance of prayer and being in community.
What Every Leader Needs to Know About Leading Meetings	262.1	One in a series to help lay & clergy leaders gain a better understanding of the purpose of meetings in the church, planning, leading, handling conflict, & seeing others as God's people.
What Every Leader Needs to Know About Leading With Purpose	262.1	One in a series of booklets that help lay & clergy leaders in congregations as they grow in their spiritual life & in their effectiveness as leaders of a faith community.
What Unites Presbyterians: Common Ground for Troubled Times	262.4	A cogent account of the distinctive features of Presbyterianism which define and unite the church's theological tradition
Who Are We Presbyterians (2001)	262.4	Seventeen minute video to help understand who we are as Presbyterians. Convictions are shared that shape our identities & interactions to help provoke questions & share experiences.
Who Are We Presbyterians?	262.4	Video that can be used in both confirmation & new member classes to explain both the mission & theology/doctrine of our denomination. Very informative. (1989)

Why You Should Develop A Pastor-Parish Relations Committee	262.1	Two 25-minute segments video, taped before an audience, offering a rationale for a pastor-parish relations committee & their responsibilities. Leader's guide outlines video usage & suggestions for setting up this important committee.
With Dignity and Decency: Using Robert's Rules of Order	269.2	A short video to help church officers/leaders understand the procedure used at meetings.
Witness Without Parallel: Eight Biblical texts that make us Presbyterian	262.9	The author looks at texts that have been instrumental in forming the basis of Presbyterian belief & mission. He aims to help his readers avoid interpretative mistakes of the past & find insights to correctly to lead the church in the future.
Women Elders: Called by God? (Women and Ordination)	262.18	This study guide examines the scriptural basis for the ordination of women to offices in the church.