

Interim Ministry Resources

Beginning Ministry Together: The Alban Handbook for Clergy Transitions

262.006 An excellent book to help you through the journey of transitions in a pastoral relationship, including work of committees, interview ideas, congregational profile, and much more.

Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts : Liturgy and Spiritual Formation - Volume 38.2

264.042 Continuing the tradition of Reformed Liturgy and Music, this issue addresses and supports that liturgy itself serves as a primary place of spiritual formation, through a collection of essays, conversations and articles.

Critical Moment Of Ministry:A Change of Pastors

262.143 The author shows how the process used in finding a new pastor can lead to a stronger church and increased ministry. Particularly helpful are the sections dealing with the role of the lay leader and the search committee members.

Interim Journey: A Traveling Guide For Sessions

262.142 This basic guide for sessions will help guide you through four phases which your congregation will travel during the interim time: Saying Farewell; Organizing for Ministry: Ministry During Transition; Saying Hello.

Interventionist

253 The most effective way to influence both individual & institutional behavior is to ask questions. This resource provides a frameworkd for asking questions about congregations, classifies various syndromes preventing new life in a church.

Minister Is Leaving: A Project Test Pattern Book in Parish Development

262.143 This book consists of stories of 14 different congregations which made use of professional consultation in the course of their search process.

Options: What To Do When Your Pastor Leaves

262.142 This video can be used to examine possible choices when needing an interim minister. A study guide is included to discuss three different types of interim pastors.

Revitalizing Congregations: Refocusing and Healing Through Transitions

262.12 6 stories of congregation in the interim period, attempting to revitalize their mission, trying to work their way through this potentially difficult time. Aalso shows how the interim pastor can make an important difference.

Saying Goodbye: A Time of Growth for Congregations and Pastors

262.143 The author explores the complicated and emotion-filled process of pastoral termination as revealed through the experiences of many denominations.

Temporary Shepherds: A Congregational Handbook for Interim Ministry

262.142 Excellent resource for congregations going through a pastoral transition and for understanding interim ministry. Readable essays on the substance and the doing of this specialized ministry.

The In-Between Time	262.142 A training video and resource for committees on ministry and sessions dealing with the time in-between installed pastors. It is intended to aid session members in understanding the special dynamics of that time & recognize tasks to be accomplished.
The Interim Pastor	262.142 The purpose of this paper is to draw together the basic elements of the interim period in a congregation, appropriate roles, relation to the larger church systems and to suggest theological, ethical & strategic issues involved.
The Interim Pastor's Manual	262.142 This official manual of the PC(USA), is an invaluable resource prepared by the Vocation Agency. It contributes to an understanding of ministry & how it changes when undertaken for a limited period of time.
What You Can Expect from an Interim Pastor and an Interim Consultant	262.142 A study paper of how your congregation might benefit from the services of an interim specialist, written by an assistant to the Bishop for Clergy and Parish Development, Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia.
A Change of Pastors: And How It Affects Change in the Congregation	262.143 Helps clergy understand the process church members go through before the new pastor arrives & gives lay members guidance that allows them to take advantage of this fertile time for change. Discover what God wants them to be & do.
So You're on the Search Committee (revised)	262.006 Insightful reflections on the deeper issues of congregational identity & transformation that committees find during this time & they raise warnings about some obstacles that may be encountered. Revised edition has a few updates.