

New Member Resources

A Brief History of the Presbyterians	285.137	Offers laity & clergy a thorough introduction to the history of Presbyterianism. He provides a fresh look at the uniquely Presbyterian contribution to American history/culture. Contemporary insights the reflect recent changes are included.
Assimilating New Members	254.5	Two videos that take you step-by-step through a 2-day seminar conducted by Roy Oswald of Alban Institute. Six 2-hour sessions. Follows the book "The Inviting Church"
Assimilating New Members: Segments I, II, and III (video)	254.5	These 6 segments identify the common characteristics of congregations that are warm, inviting, and growing. About 4 hours on 2 tapes with Discussion Leader's guide. Leaders will also need a copy of the book The Inviting Church.
Being A Presbyterian	262.4	This 15 minute video outlines what it means to be "Presbyterian", for use with new members classes or confirmation classes.
Bread for the Journey: Resources for Worship	264.13	Contemporary worship resources that emphasize worship as part of an ever-evolving journey toward God. Included are pieces for baptism, communion, confirmation, new member litany, funeral & seasons of the Christian year.
Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts : Ordination and Christian Vocation Volume 40.2 Year B	264.042	Liturgy, essays and articles devoted to ordination services, women's ordination, Reformation ordination, and the ongoing formation of Christians
Church & Society Novovember/December 1991: Presbyterian 101	262.4	Helps to answer the question "What Is a Presbyterian?." Good resource for new members as well as leadership training.
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.
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.
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

Foundations of Faith: Education for New Church Members (Student Guide)	262.15	Based on the Apostles' Creed, this study provides new members (& seasoned members) the opportunity to consider what the church confesses & what implications this has for how Christians live their lives. Eight sessions with teachers guide.
Foundations of Faith: Education for New Church Members (Teacher's Guide)	262.15	Based on the Apostles' Creed, this Teacher's Guide provides background material, scripture references, resources, catechism questions & answers.
Great Ends of the Church: Church Papers	262.5137	A short-term study course for adults produced for the Great Ends of the Church emphasis.
How to Attract and Keep Active Church Members	254.5	A study of church growth & membership retention. The author says that if a church is to survive, it must concentrate on keeping its current members as well as attracting new ones, and shows how this can be done.
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 Worship as a Presbyterian	264.0513	An important book on the "how" of congregational worship. The author discusses the worshipper's role in each act of worship. Discussion questions are included.
Introducing the Reformed Faith: Biblical Revelation, Christian Tradition, Contemporary Significance	230.42	The author examines Reformed beliefs on 16 theological topics. He details each doctrine's biblical basis, its handling in church history, its emphases within the Reformed tradition & its significance in the 21st century. Complete with discussion questions.
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.
Living As Neighbors	262.15	Pastor's study guide for preparing persons from a Mormon background to become Presbyterian church members.
Living Water: A Guide to Baptism for Presbyterians	265.1	Describes the many aspects of what baptism means in a Presbyterian church. Can be used in study groups, candidates for baptism & the parents of children to be baptized, new member classes, etc.

Making Your Church More Inviting: A Step-by-Step Guide for In-Church Training	250	This training manual provides a workbook approach to Alban's "Inviting Church" materials. 15 sessions to help you discover how well you invite, welcome, & incorporate new members into the life of your church. An excellent revitalization tool.
Meet the Presbyterians	262.4	Contains basic information about Presbyterian history, theology, and church governance. Affordable resource to hand out to new members or those interested in learning what it means to be Presbyterian. (Purchases come in packs of five - from PC(USA))
Members Together: A Study for Adult New Members (Leader's Guide)	262.15	This study for adult new members leads the participants through the Faith & Work of the Church; Presbyterian Heritage & their personal commitment. A Participants book is available.
Members Together: A Study for Adult New Members (Participant's Book)	262.15	This participant's book will aid new adult members in understanding the faith & work of the church as well as looking at their own personal commitment & acquainting them with the Presbyterian Heritage.
Mobilizing Church Volunteers	262.1	A 2-volume video with materials for use in conducting individual or small group training sessions on involving church members into the life of the church.
My Church's Story: The Presbyterian Church	268.433 045	Twenty-four activity worksheets on church history, beliefs, sacraments, symbols; church government and mission for junior age through adult.
Partners in Mission: Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ	266.5	12 minute video that shows how Presbyterians use the denomination's structure to carry out mission programs. (1996)
People Like Us: Life in the Spirit (The Adult Journey)	268.434	Five part adult study for the Sundays after Pentecost. An essay on the Christian Life as a series of choices we make about life, death, responsibility vocation, worship, spiritual disciplines & other aspects. (5-10 session) Also good for retreat setting.
Preparing Adults For Church Membership (A syllabus for session & pastors)	262.15	Booklet for sessions to use with a new members class.
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.
Presbyterians Profess: Outline for Studying the Book of Confessions	238.5137	Ten session study on the Book of Confessions that deals with the nature & purpose of confessional statements; history & suggestions for study & discussion. (1968)

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.
Presbyterians: People of the Middle Way - Student Text	262.15	Student book to be used in a study for new members, youth, leadership development & others that want to learn more about being a Presbyterian. Leader book available
Presbyterians: People of the Middle Way - Teacher's Guide	262.15	Addresses some of the beliefs & practices of the Presbyterian faith. Helpful for new members, confirmation; leadership development. Student book available.
Short Course In The Christian Faith: Part 1	262.15	Designed to teach about the core elements of the Christian faith. Part 1: Ten Commandments & Apostles Creed. Study helps in folder.
Short Course In The Christian Faith: Part 2	262.15	Teach about the Lord's Prayer & the Sacraments and how they are part of the core of the Christian faith. Study helps in folder.
So Great a Cloud of Witnesses: A Survey of Church History	268.433 045	33 sessions to help participants learn some significant Christian men & women through the ages as they have witnessed to their faith. Good for a variety of youth, adult & new member classes.

So, You're A New Member	262.15	An excellent interactive & instructional video in segments for use in new member classes of older youth and adults. Workbook included. (65 minutes)
So, You're Becoming a New Member	254.5	Designed for new members. It identifies what it means to be Presbyterian & Reformed. Segments on History, Beliefs & the Government are also included.
Some Biblical Bases of "A Brief Statement of Faith"	268.434 081	Focuses on some Bible passages that illustrate some major ideas in the Statement. Seven sessions.
Study Guide to Holy Baptism and Services for the Renewal of Baptism	265.1	To help congregations, worship committees, etc. explore the use of the accompanying book. Six to eight sessions. Can be used with confirmation classes, new members & retreats.
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 Church: A Believing Fellowship	268.434	Classic examination of what it means to become a member of the church. (Junior High Communicant classes, church officer training and new member classes).
The Confirmation Class Curriculum	268.433 048	Complete curriculum for confirmation class covering Presbyterian church history, John Calvin, Sacraments, worship, church membership, etc. Can be used in other areas of the church.
The Great Ends of the Church (revised)	262.5137	Revised edition - Short Term study course for adults to help reclaim the common ground in the gospel of Jesus Christ by studying the Great Ends of the Presbytery Church as found in the Book of Order.
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 Inviting Church: A Study of New Member Assimilation	254.5	Discover how your congregation can meet growth challenges. Includes a self-study design for assessing new member assimilation & analyzing visitors' perceptions.
The Meaning of Mystery: Baptism & Communion	265	Part of the "Learning & Leading" video series (1992) that introduces the Reformed understanding of the sacraments. 2-parts to assist adults & youth in their exploration. Leaders guide included.

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 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.
To Be a Presbyterian - Revised Edition	262.4	Provides overview of the faith using actual situations in churches & examines major themes in Reformed life. New chapters address spiritual practices, hymnody & the environment. Useful for new members and officer training.
Welcome! Tools & Techniques for New Member Ministry	254.5	An action-oriented "how-to" manual that will help even small groups get started quickly. A complete greeting program, procedures to track each newcomer's first 12 months, sample forms, welcoming brochures, pamphlets and more.
What Is The Church Anyway?	268.434	1990 Brown lectures, as preached by Fred B. Craddock, interprets the church through its instruments. Can be used as an adult study that covers the: Book, Place; Table; Pew; & Pulpit. 2 video tapes, each segment varies from 25 to 45 minutes.
What Makes Us Distinctive as Presbyterians	262.18	Explains 7 principles for interpreting the Bible adopted by the church, & 10 doctrines characteristic of our Book of Confessions, & the principles of representative government in our Book of Order. 54 minute video.
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)