

Small Church Resources

Activating Leadership In The Small Church: Clergy and Laity Working Together	254.2	An in-depth look into the extended-family type church structure that will encourage all pastors & leaders to become more inventive & resourceful as they come to appreciate the unique sharing relationship that is in the small church congregation.
Building Church and Community Ministries	254.2	Video resource designed for adult study on a model for successful small church ministry. Included are a 6-part 90-minutes video, a book of the same title & a study guide including guidelines for a community study.
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.
Caring as a Healthy Small Church and Growing as a Healthy Small Church	254.2	A discussion on two different aspects of a small church congregation.
Christian Education In The Small Church	268.01	Helpful ideas for those dealing with Christian Education programs in the small sized church.
Church & Community Ministry: Ministry in the North Country: Making a Difference	254.2	This video captures the start-up process, & shows how the model developed by the Rev. Carl Geores is injecting new life into struggling rural churches & communities in Upstate New York. (25 minutes).
Collaborating In Ministry	254.2	Down to earth letters that address the special issues of vital ministry in smaller congregations, to both pastor and laity to encourage collaboration.
Developing Christian Education in the Smaller Church	268.1	A multitude of original ideas for teachers in small churches to help organize & run a Christian Education program.
Effective Small Churches in the Twenty-First Century	254.2	An indispensable resource for all those called to minister & lead in the small church. The author explores key components that contribute to the small congregation's sense of unity & that motivates its members to live out their faith.
Entering the World of the Small Church: A Guide for Leaders	254.2	Provides insights in the small church with images, models & strategies that reflect the uniqueness of the small church. Help for motivating change & growth & mobilizing the small church strengths.

Fifteen Services For Small Churches	264.13	Designed for small-membership churches at special gatherings, informal study groups & celebration of special days.
Leadership Options For Small Churches	254.2	Supplement to "New Times - New Call" booklet. It provides close-up looks at the options of tentmaking, the cooperative parish & the commissioned lay preacher.
Living the Vision: Small Church Ministry	269.2	Part of a series to challenge the churches to reach out to the unchurched during the next millennium. This one covers small church development, offering suggestions/illustrations to help explore small churches & their ministry.
Making the Small Church Effective	254.2	Examination of the well-based beliefs & values of members of small congregations, offering helpful resources, exercise & tools to highlight & affirm internal strengths/gifts that small churches uniquely possess.
Mission: The Small Church Reaches Out	254.2	The authors focus on local ministry as the starting point for your own church's mission & offer specific ideas to guide you through the process of revitalizing or building a mission outreach that makes a real difference.
Money, Motivation, and Mission In The Small Church	254.8	A practical, on-the-job understanding of small church culture, what motivates its members, & fund-raising suggestions specifically tailored to the way small congregations live, think, and act.
New Possibilities for Small Churches	254.2	Takes a critical look at the problems & challenges facing small churches, offering suggestions to help discover & develop their unique strengths.
New Times - New Call: A Manual of Pastoral Options For Small Churches	254.2	This booklet is to provide a resource that will define options for small church pastoral leadership, incorporate examples of places where such options have worked, & suggest planning processes that will enable laity in small churches to consider.
New Times - New Call: A Manual of Pastoral Options For Small Churches (Revised edition: 2003)	254.2	A great guide for presbyteries & small membership churches as they explore together ways of stepping out in faith & being open to various kinds of leadership.
Rising to the Risk: Stories of Small Congregations - Embracing the 21st Century	269.2	This booklet tells the success stories of vital and dynamic small congregations - committed to risk new ways as they respond to God's call.
Rising to the Risk: Stories of Small Congregations Embracing the 21st Century	254.2	Second in a series addressing the needs of the small church. Challenges small churches to risk being there, ministering and living their faith as a witness to Jesus Christ in the world.

Small Church Profiles	254.2	Provide sessions & other church groups with a visual statement of the importance of the educational & nurturing ministries in the small church. Covers Ministry & Values; Nurture & Education; Leader Development; Adaptability; & Connectedness.
Small Church Strategies	254.2	Insights for renewal in nine areas of small church life.
Small Churches Are Beautiful	254.2	A real nuts & bolts book that unveils the "beauty of Smallness" in church life. Showing the vital entities that must be understood as opportunities for renewal.
Small Churches Are The Right Size	254.2	See how the 5 basic areas of church life (worship, education, mission, caring & institutional maintenance) can be carried out effectively in the small church.
Small Congregation Big Potential: Ministry in the Small Membership Church	254.2	Excellent guide on dealing with the barriers to church growth, providing practical suggestions on developing an effective, customized small-church model that is relevant for ministry in the 21st century.
Small Is Big Enough	254.2	Interviews with people from small churches telling their stories, opening their ministries to the viewer to enable discussion about their own church's life & work.
Smaller Church Mission Study Guide	250	This guide is a do-it-yourself program of mission study for sessions & members of smaller congregations to help discover that they too are the church of Jesus Christ, that they are involved in mission, & that there is room to improve what they are doing.
The Small Church Is Different!	254.2	The author looks at 4 major areas of concern affecting small churches. He also looks at staffing, Christian Education & trends & hopes for the future.
The Small Membership Church: Scenarios For Tomorrow	254.2	The author demonstrates that the small membership church has a bright & promising future if the leaders will adapt to new roles in the culture. He suggests alternative scenarios that can lead to better use of resources & more focused energy in ministry.
Turn Around Strategies for the Small Church	254.2	See what kind of leadership, evangelism, & outreach can bring about a desirable turnaround in your church. The author provides specific actions to help develop skills for minister in the life of a small church.
Where 20 or 30 Are Gathered: Leading Worship in the Small Church	264	Address the challenges and opportunities of leading worship in a small church. The authors offer suggestions for effective ministry by equipping lay people to plan and lead worship.

Evangelism in the Small Membership Church	269.2	Helps leadership see possibilities & focus on: Visualizing Goals, Worship; Creating Environment; Passion/Commitment; Prayer; Witness; Time Management; Leadership Recruitment; Hospitality; New Member Assimilation; Change & Conflict.
Worshiping in the Small Membership Church	264	Helps leadershipfully ground worship in Scripture & tradition while being responsive to current times. (Includes helps for the Christian year, involving the congregation, incorporating music/arts & more). Part of a series of six books.
Spiritual Leadership in the Small Membership Church	248	Helps small membership church pastors see the spiritual development of their church in ways that tie directly to their own spiritual formation, resulting in a spiritual maturity as evidenced by inclusiveness and hospitality.
Administration in the Small Membership Church	254	Describes church administration as a ministry in the small membership church & outlines key steps to organize & manage time, volunteers, & resources. Gives pastors ways to sharpen their vision for local church & mission beyond the local church ministry.
Christian Education in the Small Membership Church	268	Introduction to pastoral care for pastors of small membership churches. From getting acquainted with congregation, weddings & funerals, picking up cues in a conversation to not-so-subtle conflicts, the author shares insights from years in small churches.
Pastoral Care in the Small Membership Church	253	This book invites pastors to lead their small membership churches to develop an imaginative and holistic vision of Christian Education.
Christian Education: Vital Ministry in the Small Membership Church	268.1	Guide for lay & leadership - anyone who cares about passing the faith on - towards a vital ministry of Christian Education. Talks about vision, environment, the message proclaimed, barriers, enlisting teachers & students! (Methodist)