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The Educational Ministry of the Church, 2nd Edition is a treasure-trove of resources for those involved in Christian education within the context of the local church. This second edition, edited by J. Jonathan Kim, updates Charles A. Tidwell's milestone contribution to the field of Christian education, summarizing changes in the field since its last edit in 1996 and introducing the next generation of church leaders to various methods of educational administration.

Three leading Christian educators offer a survey of

faith formation from various perspectives: biblical, theological, pastoral, practical, and global. They present a biblical theology of faith formation for individual and congregational life and show how faith can be formed through the life and mission of the local church through practices such as communal worship, Bible study, and mission. They also explore the faces of faith formation in multicultural and global contexts. The book includes practical exercises for those beginning in ministry and reflection questions. PowerPoint slides are available through Textbook eSources.

The church is a global body of believers called to grow in

*Christ. Yet too often, it privileges a few voices and ignores the practical dimensions of the faith. Offering a multi-denominational, multi-ethnic vision, this volume brings together biblical scholars, theologians, and practitioners from around the world to pursue a theology and praxis of spiritual formation for the global church. In *College Ministry in a Post-Christian Culture*, Stephen Lutz translates missional theology to the practice of college ministry-ministry as a proactive movement that is constantly adapting to its ever-changing environment. *A Handbook for Theological Education*
*The Resilient Pastor**

Leading Across Cultures

A Comprehensive Model for Students and Ministers

What Makes Education Catholic

Multicultural Ministry Handbook

A. B. Simpson

Wisdom from Some of the Greatest Church Leaders of our Time Ten of the Largest Church Ministries Aggressively Touching the World is about the innovative ways these leaders plant churches, and the unique strategies they utilize to teach and disciple their people. It also explores the multi-faceted methods they use to reach people for Jesus. Ten methods are examined, including marketing

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techniques, powerful worship, and Scripture translation. These methods are based on eternal Biblical principles that never change, even when culture changes. This is your invitation to harvest wisdom and insight from some of the most respected, cutting-edge, and unique church leaders alive today! These methods will transform your own ministry for greater Kingdom effectiveness. The great faith of men and women challenge you to gain understanding of the principles to grow your faith to accomplish the impossible. May the testimonies and stories in this book challenge your faith to do something revolutionary in your life and for the Kingdom of God! Regarding the question of office in the Christian churches,

this volume illuminates with heightened ecumenical sensitivity the arguments for the participation of women in all church offices and ministries, without which there will be no way to the visible unity of the churches. It documents the ecumenical congress that took place in Osnabrück in December 2017 and the “Osnabrück theses”—meant to serve the future international and ecumenical conversation and further discussion about the questions of women in church offices—passed by the congress. The editors hope that this publication will help to set into motion a debate about ministries and services in the Church, which has been stagnant for a long time, and that it will become clear that these questions can only be

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answered together—by men and women—from now on. It is of strategic importance for international students and scholars to come under the umbrella of global missions. The author is convinced there is need for a paradigm shift in global missions. With over one million international students from practically every country on the face of the earth, many being Christian, having come to the U.S. for their higher education, we cannot afford to waste this golden opportunity. Reasons will be provided why this is our divine “moment” in history for Christian leadership to rise up and take action. The potential is there for us to create a tremendous impact for Christ on nations which in the past have been difficult to reach. God works in

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mysterious ways and this has to be one of them. It is imperative that we get with God's program and focus on:

- identifying Christian international students soon after their arrival on campus.
- training them Biblically and theologically.
- equipping them for their return home.
- following them up after their return with support.

Documentation is provided, some from missionaries themselves, showing that properly trained Christian international students after returning home are much more effective than traditional foreign missionaries. Reasons why are clearly and with great conviction provided. However, we still need traditional foreign missionaries because of the fields being white unto harvest but the

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laborers are few. The reader will be fascinated by the illustrations of those Christian international students who returned home to accomplish feats for God on a scale that never before had been thought possible.

Women have been central to the work of Christian ministry from the time of Jesus to the twenty-first century. Yet the story of Christianity is too often told as a story of men. This accessibly written book tells the story of women throughout church history, demonstrating their integral participation in the church's mission. It highlights the legacies of a wide variety of women, showing how they have overcome obstacles to their ministries and have transformed cultural constraints to spread the gospel and

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build the church.

How to Know If God Is Leading You to the Ministry

Assemblies of God History, Missions and Governance

Created to Flourish

Spiritual Formation for the Global Church

The Navigator Bible Studies Handbook

Strategies and Best Practices for a Post-Website World

Four Views of Youth Ministry and the Church

Dear Friends: Word Christian University has established a new paradigm in Bible education and ministry training through an extension campus program called

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World Christian University Educational System. The primary commitment of WCUES is to serve the local church and its leadership by providing quality Bible education and preparation for ministry in all areas of church and para-church ministries. World Christian University is known for a high standard of integrity in academia and administration. As a member of World Christian University Educational System your ministry will benefit from that

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same standard of excellence. We are literally partnering with you to provide the finest in Bible and Ministry education for your congregants. It is our vision that as an educational System, together, we will achieve a state-of-the-art universal institution that will bring Bible Education and Ministry Preparation to a new level. As a member of the WCUES, you will step into a new future of Christian education and Ministry

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training. You host the students; we provide the curriculum and course content. You will oversee the spiritual growth and development of your leadership and congregation; we grant recognition of that growth. My staff and I welcome your affiliation and membership to the World Christian University Educational System. Our partnership will bring the finest Bible education and Ministry Training to your congregation and community. God bless

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you and yours as we pursue God's
highest and His best. Sincerely, Dr.

Jose. De La Rosa

Global Youth Ministry Reaching
Adolescents Around the World Zondervan
Join the conversation as experts
propose, defend, and explore Four Views
of Youth Ministry and the Church. In a
dialog that often gets downright
feisty, four youth ministry
academicians delineate their distinct
philosophical and ecclesiological views

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regarding how youth ministry relates to the church at large--and leave a taste of what's profound and what's not in these four typologies: Inclusive congregational (Malan Nel). What happens when a church thoroughly integrates its adolescents, making them full partners in every aspect of congregational life? Preparatory (Wesley Black). Why and how should a church consider its teenagers as disciples-in-training and its youth ministry a

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school of preparation for future participation in church life? Missional (Chap Clark). What does a church look like, whose youth ministry does not necessarily nurture "church kids" but is essentially evangelistic? Whose youths and youth workers are considered missionaries? Strategic (Mark Senter). How feasible is it for a youth ministry to become a new church on its own--the youth pastor becoming the pastor, and the new church planted with the

blessing of the mother church? In *Four Views of Your Ministry and the Church*, solid academic writing and an inviting tone and design create a compelling text for both in-the-field, practicing youth workers and undergraduates and graduate students.

The Dead Sea Scrolls are regarded as perhaps the most important archaeological find of the twentieth century - their importance to the history and development of Judaism and

Christianity is unquestionable. This lavishly produced book shows the scrolls in their context, providing translations, pictures, and information on associated finds.

Reform Movements in Ecumenism

The Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster

Women in Pentecostal and Charismatic Ministry

Systematic Theology

College Ministry in a Post-Christian

Culture

His Message and Impact on the Third
Great Awakening

Ministry in the Digital Age

David Anderson and Margarita Cabellon bring together an experienced team of practitioners to share best practices for multicultural ministry. Drawing on the pioneering expertise of Bridgeway Community Church and BridgeLeader Network, the contributors present a holistic and multifaceted portrait of what a dynamic,

grace-filled and diverse ministry can look like in your church.

Drawing on more than 60 years of experience from The Navigators, this book teaches specific and time-tested methods of Bible study, giving you the ability to find out for yourself what the Bible says. Missiologist James E. Plueddemann presents a roadmap for crosscultural leadership development in the global church. With keen understanding of current research on cultural dynamics, he integrates theology with leadership theory to apply biblical

insights to practical issues in world mission.

A compelling call to carry Christ's love and mercy to families in poverty around the world This eminently practical book by two leading experts on poverty alleviation offers a clear plan to help ordinary Christ-followers translate their compassion into thoughtful action. Authors Peter Greer and Phil Smith draw on their personal experiences to discuss proven solutions for effectively alleviating poverty. Created to Flourish examines the

pitfalls of traditional approaches and outlines a new model of economic development aimed at breaking the cycle of dependency. Through discipleship-based savings groups and small loans, families in poverty are employing their God-given talents to provide for their families and serve their communities. With photographs showcasing the dignity of clients from around the HOPE International network, this book provides straightforward guidance for individuals and groups eager to carry God's justice, mercy, and

compassion throughout our world.
Women in Church Ministries
An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine
Inclusive Congregational, Preparatory,
Missional, Strategic
Spiritual Foundations
The Ministry Multiplication Cycle
Reimagining the Church's Missionary-
Sending Process
Hope for a Changing World

Capitol Hill Baptist Church associate pastor Michael Lawrence contributes to the IXMarks series as he centers on the practical importance of biblical

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theology to ministry. He begins with an examination of a pastor's tools of the trade: exegesis and biblical and systematic theology. The book distinguishes between the power of narrative in biblical theology and the power of application in systematic theology, but also emphasizes the importance of their collaboration in ministry. Having laid the foundation for pastoral ministry, Lawrence uses the three tools to build a biblical theology, telling the entire story of the Bible from five different angles. He puts biblical theology to work in four areas: counseling, missions, caring for the poor, and church/state relations. Rich in application and practical insight, this book will equip pastors and church leaders to think, preach, and do

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ministry through the framework of biblical theology. Lillian stared at the closed door through which both her father and Mrs. Bolstreath had passed, and then looked at Dan, sitting somewhat disconsolately at the disordered dinner-table. She was a delicately pretty girl of a fair fragile type, not yet twenty years of age, and resembled a shepherdess of Dresden china in her dainty perfection. With her pale golden hair, and rose-leaf complexion; arrayed in a simple white silk frock with snowy pearls round her slender neck, she looked like a wreath of faint mist. At least Dan fancifully thought so, as he stole a glance at her frail beauty, or perhaps she was more like a silver-point drawing, exquisitely fine. But whatever image love might find

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to express her loveliness, Dan knew in his hot passion that she was the one girl in the world for him. Lillian Halliday was a much better name for her than Lillian Moon. Dan himself was tall and slim, dark and virile, with a clear-cut, clean-shaven face suggestive of strength and activity. His bronzed complexion suggested an open-air life, while the eagle look in his dark eyes was that new vast-distance expression rapidly being acquired by those who devote themselves to aviation. No one could deny Dan's good looks or clean life or daring nature, and he was all that a girl could desire in the way of a fairy prince. But fathers do not approve of fairy princes unless they come laden with jewels and gold. To bring such to

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Lillian was rather like taking coals to Newcastle since her father was so wealthy; but much desires more, and Sir Charles wanted a rich son-in-law. Dan could not supply this particular adjective, and therefore--as he would have put it in the newest slang of the newest profession--was out of the fly. Not that he intended to be, in spite of Sir Charles, since love can laugh at stern fathers as easily as at bolts and bars. And all this time Lillian stared at the door, and then at Dan, and then at her plate, putting two and two together. But in spite of her feminine intuition, she could not make four, and turned to her lover--for that Dan was, and a declared lover too--for an explanation. As the world's youth population continues to grow and

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interact globally, youth ministry is developing in equal fashion. Local fellowship and growth is mingled with international blogging, texting, and electronic socializing. Global youth ministry presents enormous opportunities, but it also requires careful leadership education and preparation. Seeking to write a definitive yet succinct textbook on the challenges and requirements of international ministry, authors Terry Linhart and Dave Livermore invited twenty-three prominent youth ministry leaders from around the world to contribute chapters. The overarching purpose was to focus on essential topics, and to inform readers on the various theological, theoretical, sociocultural, and historical issues that shape

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international youth ministry. Global Youth Ministry uses diverse voices from mainline, evangelical, and Catholic ministries to bridge international and denominational divisions and ensure there's no agenda from a particular theological or political niche. The result is a useful and versatile text that both challenges and educates ministry students with a heart for missions and a spiritual empathy for youth around the world.

Theology, Church, and Ministry: A Handbook for Theological Education enables readers to understand the key role that theological education plays in preparing God-called ministers for service in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. This distinctive

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resource explains the purpose for theological education, including how it has developed, and how it contributes to the formation and preparation for ministry. Each chapter provides a broad survey of the field, while helping students, prospective students, board members, and church leaders understand why this area of study is important for theological education and the life of the church. All chapters include questions for further reflection and a list of books or key articles for additional study. In addition to the contributions from David Dockery and Timothy George, this distinctive work offers insights from some of the outstanding leaders and thinkers in the field of theological education today, including Timothy

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Tennent, Mark Bailey, Daniel Akin, Kevin Vanhoozer, Daniel Block, Robert Smith, Dana Harris, Graham Cole, Malcolm Yarnell, Greg Wills, Christopher Morgan, and Constantine Campbell, among others.

The Mystery Queen

Connecting Creatively to a Diverse World

Well Sent

How Employment-Based Solutions Help Eradicate Poverty

Their Influence, Authority, and Legacy in the Second through Fifth Centuries

The Educational Ministry of a Church, Second Edition

Paradigm Shift: Why International Students Are so Strategic to Global Missions

After harmonizing the four Gospels into one unified story, the author examines the ministry of Jesus to see what we can learn today for our own churches and ministries. As the story unfolds, one finds Jesus implementing four strategic ministry tactics, in this order:

***• Outsiders becoming new believers through evangelism • New believers becoming committed disciples through establishing
• Committed disciples becoming effective workers through equipping • Effective workers becoming world Christians through missions mobilization Together these four tactics form the “ministry multiplication cycle.” To***

determine whether this strategy is truly a biblical strategy or not, an in-depth look is then taken into the book of Acts. There we find the apostles, the men whom Jesus trained, implementing these same four tactics in the exact same order, with the exact same results—powerful growth through multiplication. The question remains whether the ministry multiplication cycle can be replicated today in our own culture. The answer is a resounding “yes,” when we learn to think in terms of principles and not just practices. This book is a product of over thirty years of clarifying these principles in the classroom and

implementing them around the world, the latter resulting in over two thousand churches being planted among unreached people groups. Is God calling you or someone you know to the ministry? How can you find out for sure? This practical book helps young adults understand what ordained ministry is and discern whether they are called to such ministry. Follow Keith Drury on a guided tour through the ministry, where you'll learn: -what ministers actually do; -how to know if you are called to the ministry; -what kinds of jobs are available to ministers; and -how ministry affects dating, marriage, and family life . This is an updated edition and

includes an expanded FAQ section with questions students have asked about the call to ministry.

This volume looks at the Third Great Awakening, one of the most exciting times in the history of American Christianity. A. B. Simpson's impact on the Third Great Awakening and his influence on the modern church is examined. Emphasis is placed on the denomination he founded, the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Simpson's message, the Fourfold Gospel, is also explored. The Fourfold Gospel is: Christ as the Christian's Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King. The

denomination Simpson founded took this message not only to North America, but also throughout the world. Five movements made up the Third Great Awakening and Simpson's contribution to each one is examined. These five movements include: Evangelizing, Holiness Movement, Healing Movement, Pre-millennial Movement, and Urban and Worldwide Outreach. As this book concludes with a look at Simpson's influence on the church today, we are reminded that as the church goes through the twenty-first century, the Fourfold Gospel continues to be proclaimed just as it was during the Third Great Awakening.

David Bourgeois offers a step-by-step guide for discerning and implementing a digital strategy in your ministry. Presenting Christianity itself as a grand communication event, he helps Christians see that the advent of electronic media is truly good news for the world.

Informing a Dialogue on Gender, Church, and Ministry

Pastoral Ministry in the Real World

The Call of a Lifetime

Their Opportunities and Obstacles throughout Christian History

Global Youth Ministry

Leading Your Church in a Rapidly Changing

World Theology, Church, and Ministry

Churches often realize they need to change. But if they're not careful, the way they change can hurt more than help. In this culmination of his well-received *Ministry in a Secular Age* trilogy, leading practical theologian Andrew Root offers a new paradigm for understanding the congregation in contemporary ministry. He articulates why it is so hard for congregations to change and encourages an approach that doesn't fall into the negative traps of our secular age. Living in late modernity means our lives are constantly accelerated, and calls for change in the church often support this call to speed up. Root asserts that the recent push toward innovation in churches has

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led to an acceleration of congregational life that strips the sacred out of time. Many congregations are simply unable to keep up, which leads to burnout and depression. When things move too fast, we feel alienated from life and the voice of a living God. This book calls congregations to reimagine what change is and how to live into this future, helping them move from relevance to resonance.

Women in Pentecostal and Charismatic Ministry: Informing a Dialogue on Gender, Church, and Ministry, co-edited by de Alminana and Olena, offers missing and/or silent voices in the Pentecostal/charismatic movement an important corrective and a way forward to shape gender-focused discussions.

Why are most churches still segregated by race and culture? Is

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it possible to build intercultural ministries today? What are the challenges of creating and maintaining these ministries? How do intercultural churches give equal power and privilege to each culture? How do they avoid assimilating minority cultures into dominant cultures? Intercultural Ministry explores these questions and more with chapters from a racially and denominationally diverse group of pastors, theologians, and teachers who reflect on their experiences and experiments in intercultural ministry. Contributors include Peter Ahn, Amy Butler, Brad Braxton, Brandon Green, Daniel Hill, Angie Hong, Karen Oliveto, Carlos Ruiz, Sheila Sholes-Ross, Christine Smith, and more!

The Christian church has a long tradition of systematic

theology, that is, of studying biblical teaching on centrally important doctrines such as the Word of God, redemption, and Jesus Christ. Wayne Grudem's bestselling *Systematic Theology* has several distinctive features: A strong emphasis on the scriptural basis for each doctrine Clear writing, with technical terms kept to a minimum A contemporary approach, treating subjects of special interest to the church today A friendly tone, appealing to the emotions and the spirit as well as the intellect Frequent application to life Resources for worship within each chapter Bibliographies in each chapter that cross-reference subjects to a wide range of other systematic theologies.

Intercultural Ministry

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Why Our Past Matters for Everything We Do

Church History for Modern Ministry

Reaching Adolescents Around the World

Christian Women in the Patristic World

The Feminization of Christianity

Verse by Verse Ministry International

Steve Beirn moves the conversation on global missionary sending from the mission agency to the front door of the local church. With a special chapter by George Murray, Well Sent equips local churches in launching missionary sending through scalable guidance, accessible illustrations and practical action points. More than a how-to manual, Well Sent critically

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evaluates topics such as sending perception and evaluation of the missionary call. This book will prepare potential missionary candidates for service and support the missional efforts of any church.

The first in a new Bible study series from Verse By Verse Ministry International (vbvmi.org). This 12-week VBVMI Group Study on End Times features thought-provoking teaching of core biblical concepts in prophecy. The workbook prepares both individual students and small groups for a deeper study of eschatology by examining key ideas and highlights from the book of Revelation, Daniel and other scripture. Students will gain a foundational understanding of God's plan for Israel, the Church and the end of the age. The

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VBVMI Group Study series is designed to suit the needs of students new to a study of end times while still offering a challenge to experienced Bible students. Each lesson in this study includes a video available to stream for free over the internet. The videos feature the teaching of Stephen Armstrong, acclaimed for his unique and gifted approach to explaining the Bible. The 12 videos are available for viewing or download for free at: <http://www.vbvmiendtimesstudy.org>. A printable PDF copy of the workbook may also be downloaded for free.

Pastoral Ministry in the Real World not only explores the character of a worthy minister, but also his three primary functions: loving, teaching, and leading God's

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people. The book applies the timeless biblical instructions for pastors to the ever-changing realities of today's ministry environment.

How can pastors become resilient in a rapidly changing world? Is it possible to love well and lead faithfully? In the wake of crises that have exposed and accelerated massive cultural shifts, we see more clearly the seismic shifts of post-Christendom, the surging storms of a new paganism and pluralism, and the scattered debris of the cultural aftermath. Drawing on new research from the Barna Group, Scripture, and church history, pastor, theologian, and researcher Glenn Packiam addresses some of the most pressing questions for today's leaders, including - What is a

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pastor's calling and vocation? - How do church leaders regain credibility in a disillusioned world? - How do church leaders cultivate a deeper life with God? - How do pastors develop meaningful relationships? - Why does the church gather in worship? Does it still matter if we do? - How do we actually make disciples in this new landscape? - How can we face the challenges to unity presented by nationalism and racism? - What is the church's mission in the world? - How do we welcome the presence and power of God in our churches? This book is for all who are burdened by the challenges facing the church as well as the turbulence of our times. With infographics, enlightening data, and insights from other ministry leaders, this book is the

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perfect resource for church leaders who want to cultivate resilience in their ministry today.

The Dead Sea Scrolls

Loving, Teaching, and Leading God's People

A Multi-Denominational, Multi-Ethnic Approach

Biblical Theology in the Life of the Church (Foreword by Thomas R. Schreiner)

God's Smuggler

Theological, Congregational, and Global Dimensions

End Times

The current preoccupation with the role of women in the church obscures the more serious problem of the perennial absence of men. This provocative book argues that Western churches have become women's clubs, that

the emasculation of Christianity is dangerous for the church and society, and that a masculine presence can and must be restored. After documenting the highly feminized state of Western Christianity, Dr. Podles identifies the masculine traits that once characterized the Christian life but are now commonly considered incompatible with it. He contends that though masculinity has been marginalized within Christianity, it cannot be expunged from human society. If detached from Christianity, it reappears as a substitute religion, with unwholesome and even horrific consequences. The church, too, is diminished by its emasculation. Dr. Podles concludes by considering how Christianity's virility might be restored. In the otherwise stale and

overworked field of gender studies, The Church Impotent is the only book to confront the lopsidedly feminine cast of modern Christianity with a profound analysis of its historical and sociological roots.

"As the events shaping our lives give rise to character, so too do they shape and influence what become our passions and interests. In "My Sister is an Only Child" the author chronicles snapshots of his life and heritage that have informed his passion for engaging in and developing small group ministry within the broader context of the evangelical Christian experience. Always revealing, often humorous, the twelve chapters, a number that is not random but symbolic, each illustrate from true life narratives a dozen guiding principles for

the small group leader. Mr. Patterson draws from a wide variety of personal sources and familial background to develop a delightful series of autobiographical reveals, each set in its historical context. Each chapter stands alone and is supplemented by a complimentary appendix providing a biblical perspective, complete with scripture references, of the guiding principle illustrated in the sketch. It is the authors intent and hope that small group leaders, coordinators and participants alike will benefit from this modest, happy tome. While not a DIY end all treatise on the subject, anyone desiring to enhance the small group experience will find fresh perspectives from this fairly easy read. Alliteration abounds and the reader may be well advised to keep a dictionary close by as the

vocabulary should provide some aid to the avid scrabble enthusiast." Because kids of all ages matter to God, With all the pressing demands of modern ministry, why make time to learn church history? Is it relevant to worship and ministry today? Pastor Dayton Hartman argues that church history is not old news, but a vital component of a healthy ministry. In Church History for Modern Ministry, Hartman explores the importance of church history and shows how an understanding of our past can help us address contemporary issues. The faithfulness, discipleship, and perseverance of the early church can help today's church stand firm in times of change. "Hartman gives us an enjoyable, readable, and trustworthy book in Church History for Modern Ministry

that helps us see the theological and ministerial value of studying our history. If you're a pastor, you need to know church history--not just for doctrinal clarity and sermon illustrations, but also for your own spiritual nourishment. I will be pointing pastors and aspiring pastors to this book for years to come." --Tony Merida, founding pastor, Imago Dei Church, Raleigh, NC For many evangelicals, church history jumps from the book of Acts, has a brief stopover in the Protestant Reformation, and picks up in the present day. In Church History for Modern Ministry, Hartman corrects our dangerous a-historical view by mining the rich history of our faith. I'll be recommending this to pastors and parishioners alike. It's a great way for them to meet the family they never knew they had! --Drew

Dyck, managing editor, Leadership Journal; author, Yawning at Tigers: You Can't Tame God, So Stop Trying It seems to me that 95 percent of the stupid things we do as pastors could be avoided if we knew a little church history. I am very happy that Dayton Hartman has written this book. As both a practicing pastor and a practicing church historian, he is well poised to bring the insights of our forefathers to bear on the day-to-day issues that confront church leaders. That Church History for Modern Ministry is both short and snarky is an added bonus!
--Mike McKinley, author; contributor and speaker, 9Marks; senior pastor, Sterling Park Baptist Church (Sterling, VA) In this helpful book Hartman shows pastors why we should appreciate church history. Every

generation of Christians and pastors stands on the shoulders of those who have gone before. The lessons that God taught our forebears can be very useful for ministry today. Hartman helps us see how this is so, and also provides practical suggestions for introducing historical insights into congregational life. I recommend this book for pastors as well as other church leaders.
--Tom Ascol, PhD; executive director, Founders Ministries Christians in America today--especially evangelicals--suffer from a damaging lack of connection to the 'cloud of witnesses' who have preceded us in Christian history. I am happy to commend Dr. Dayton Hartman's readable introduction to church history for pastors, who will surely be the key players in teaching

***Christians about the riches of the church's past.
--Thomas S. Kidd, PhD; professor of history, Baylor University Over the past decade, I have taught church history to over a thousand seminarians and college students. Many of them have raised questions about whether or not church history is really useful for pastors and other ministers. While I make regular pastoral application in the classroom, I have yet to find a good book to point students to that weds church history and practical ministry. I'm grateful that pastor-historian Dayton Hartman has written this book--it fills an important gap and answers many of the questions my students are asking. I hope Church History for Modern Ministry is widely read and leads more pastors and other***

ministry leaders to mine the depths of Christian history for contemporary spiritual flourishing. --Nathan Finn, PhD; dean of the School of Theology and Missions, Union University All pastors and Christian teachers can greatly benefit from a solid knowledge of church history. And the best place to start is with Dayton Hartman's book Church History for Modern Ministry. This helpful book presents the key content of church history in a clear, concise, and careful manner. Yet the book is also distinct in reflecting careful theological ideas in a readable and sometimes humorous way. I endorse this book and its author to all readers. --Kenneth R. Samples, senior research scholar, Reasons to Believe Church History for Modern Ministry is a lighthearted yet serious

look into the value of Christian history for contemporary ministry. Knowing the past helps ministers respond to future events with practical wisdom and theological depth. Hartman frames historical and theological developments with the expertise of a historian and the disposition of a pastor while introducing us to saints of old along the way. --Walter Strickland II, special advisor to the president for diversity, instructor of theology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Cloaked in skinny jeans, coiffed with a faux-hawk and possessed by a sense of humor and engaging style, Dayton Hartman invites his tribe (pastors) to visit the foreign country that is the church's past. An able guide, Hartman gives an introductory tour that will surely inspire his group to visit

again and again and to appreciate, value, and dialogue with church history as they press on to lead the people of God today. --Edward L. Smither, PhD; dean of the College of Intercultural Studies, Columbia International University; author of Augustine as Mentor This book is like most of my favorite books: short, enjoyable, and surprisingly practical! Hartman has provided an easy-to-read primer on the need and relevance of church history for our modern-day ministry. This book is anything but dry, and Hartman writes in a way that is relatable, refreshingly accessible, and immediately helpful. I was challenged by my own distance from the church of the past and encouraged to close that gap as a result of this work. Read it, enjoy it, and put these exhortations to use

for the glory of God and the good of His church! --Brian Davis, hip-hop artist (God's Servant), Lamp Mode Recordings; pastor/church planter, Risen Christ Fellowship (Philadelphia, PA)

Codex Sinaiticus is one of the world's most remarkable books. Written in Greek in the fourth century, it is the oldest surviving complete New Testament, and one of the two oldest manuscripts of the whole Bible. No other early manuscript of the Christian Bible has been so extensively corrected, and the significance of Codex Sinaiticus for the reconstruction of the Christian Bible's original text, the history of the Bible and the history of western book making is immense. Since 2002, a major international project has been creating an electronic

version of the manuscript. This magnificent printed facsimile reunites the text, now divided between the British Library, the National Library of Russia, St Catherine's Monastery, Mt Sinai and Leipzig University Library.

My Sister is an Only Child

The Congregation in a Secular Age

the machinations of a small group facilitator

Extension Campus Program of World Christian University

The Church Impotent

World Christian University Educational System

Effective Ministry and Mission in the Global Church

Can I get a "ramen" from the congregation?! Behold

the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster (FSM), today's fastest growing carbohydrate-based religion. According to church founder Bobby Henderson, the universe and all life within it were created by a mystical and divine being: the Flying Spaghetti Monster. What drives the FSM's devout followers, a.k.a. Pastafarians? Some say it's the assuring touch from the FSM's "noodly appendage." Then there are those who love the worship service, which is conducted in pirate talk and attended by congregants in dashing buccaneer garb. Still others are drawn to the Church's flimsy moral standards, religious holidays every Friday, or the fact that Pastafarian heaven is

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