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# Index of "C-Change" Themes

## Internet Links to Congregational Resources

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### ACADEMIC AND SCHOLARLY RESOURCES

- **Academic Info** (religion page) <http://www.academicinfo.net/religindex.html>  
Maintains: Digital Library, General Links, Libraries & Archives, Academic Dept., Societies, Religious Tolerance, Reference Desk, Baha'i Faith, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, Comparative Religion, Alternative Spirituality, Gnosticism, Holocaust Studies, Law & Religion, Mythology, Native Am. Religions, Peace Studies, Rastafarianism, Religions in Canada, Religions in China, Religions in the US, Religious Movements, Women & Religion
- **All in One Biblical Resources** <http://www.ntgateway.com/multibib/>  
"The All-in-One Biblical Resources Search is divided into the following six sections: Bible Versions and Translations, Greek New Testament, Biblical Resource Sites, Ancient World, General Academic and Religion, Email List Archives."
- **Believe: Religious Information Source** <http://www.mb-soft.com/believe/indexa.html>  
"BELIEVE is a collection of over 2,000 articles by respected scholars on around 1,000 religious subjects. Protestant Christian Churches, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Orthodox Church, all follow Faiths which involve hundreds of individual subjects, which are each thoroughly presented in BELIEVE. Many of these subjects are very important to Faith, like Eschatology, but are seldom presented in Church Services or during Bible Study. Others are commonly known religious subjects, like Salvation, or Baptism, that we just present more thoroughly than is usually available. We think you might find it refreshing that we have no intention of pushing you toward any specific attitudes or positions. We also have no intention of trying to get you to like or dislike any specific group or Denomination or Faith."
- **Christian Classics Ethereal Library:** <http://www.ccel.org/>  
Hundreds of classic Christian books in electronic format, including early church fathers, non-English works, commentaries, classic sermons, meditations, pictures, word studies, musical settings, historical and archeologic notes.
- **New Religious Movements Gateway** <http://www.academicinfo.net/nrms.html>  
A directory with links to major indexes.
- **The New Testament Gateway** <http://www.ntgateway.com/>  
A comprehensive, annotated guide to academic material on the New Testament available on the Internet.
- **Questia** online library (Christianity section)  
<http://www.questia.com/SM.qst?act=search&keywordsSearchType=1000&keywords=christianity>  
Subscription library to online books and articles. "Questia is the first online library that provides 24/7 access to the world's largest online collection of books and journal articles in the humanities and social sciences, plus magazine and newspaper articles. You can search each and every word of all of the books and journal articles in the collection. You can read every title cover to cover. This rich, scholarly content -- selected by professional collection development librarians -- is not available elsewhere on the Internet."
- **Religion Online** <http://www.religion-online.org/>  
"Full texts by recognized religious scholars. More than 5,200 articles and chapters. Topics include Old and New Testament, Theology, Ethics, History and Sociology of Religion, Communication and Cultural Studies, Pastoral Care, Counseling, Homiletics, Worship, Missions and Religious Education."
- **Virtual Religion index** (Rutgers) <http://virtualreligion.net/vri/>  
"This site is designed to advance research in matters of religion. This Virtual Religion Index is a tool for students with little time. It analyzes & highlights important content of religion-related websites to speed research. Hyperlinks are provided not only to homepages

but to major directories & documents within. Our purpose is not to circumvent tours of worthy sites, but to cut down the time spent on surfing & sorting of gopher searches.”

- **Women’s Studies** <http://www.earlham.edu/~libr/acrlwss/wsstheo.html>

“Welcome to Women and Theology, part of [WSSLinks](#), developed and maintained by the Women’s Studies Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries. This page provides a selective, annotated list of links to Internet resources related to women in religion, feminist theology, and the feminine divine.”

#### ADVERTISING/PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR), MEDIA USE

- **Outreach** [http://www.outreach.com/print/op\\_default.asp?setorcook=no&checkedormcook=yes&](http://www.outreach.com/print/op_default.asp?setorcook=no&checkedormcook=yes&)  
“To create a network of churches and ministries working together to love and serve people with the goal of inviting every person in America to a local Bible believing church and, ultimately, into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Founded in 1996 by Scott Evans, Outreach Inc. has quickly grown to become the largest provider of outreach products and services in North America. The company was launched with the mission of empowering Christian churches to reach their communities for Jesus Christ. Products and services were made available to churches nationwide-empowering leaders with cost-effective, proven outreach methods and tools.”
- **Links**  
[http://dir.yahoo.com/Business\\_and\\_Economy/Business\\_to\\_Business/Marketing\\_and\\_Advertising/Business\\_to\\_Business/Church\\_Management/](http://dir.yahoo.com/Business_and_Economy/Business_to_Business/Marketing_and_Advertising/Business_to_Business/Church_Management/)

*Adult Education/Lay Leadership, see Congregational Leadership*

#### AFFLUENCE (CHRISTIAN)

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African-American congreg, resources  
ageing

#### AGEING AND END OF LIFE

- **Duke Institute on Care at the end of Life** <http://www.iceol.duke.edu/>  
“The Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life seeks to improve care at the end of life through interdisciplinary scholarship, teaching, and outreach. Based at the Divinity School, the Institute’s focus and efforts reflect the contributions of scholars and students from Duke University and partnering institutions.”

#### AGEING CONGREGATIONS

- **PC(USA) Older Adult Ministries** <http://www.pcusa.org/olderadults/>  
“The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s Older Adult Ministries is committed to equipping leaders, developing covenant connections and providing resources to welcome and encourage older adults to participate at every level of the church while meeting their needs and utilizing their talents.” “Did you know that 35 percent of all Presbyterians are 65 years of age and over, 57 percent are over 50 and that the fastest growing segment of our church population is women over 100? As the number of older adults increases in our congregations, the church is standing at a crossroads in older adult ministry. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) plans to be a pioneer in this new era of the graying church in a graying society.”

#### ALPHA COURSE (evangelism)<http://alphacourse.org/welcome/whatisit/index.htm>

“The Alpha Course consists of a series of talks addressing key issues relating to the Christian faith. Talk: After each talk we divide into small groups to discuss the topic of the evening, ask questions and express opinions. Coffee & Small groups Listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile.”

#### APOSTOLIC CONGREGATIONS

- **Hunter, George G., III.** *Radical Outreach: The Recovery of Apostolic Ministry and Evangelism* Abingdon, 2003.
- **Hunter, George G., III.** *Church for the Unchurched.* Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996.
- **Mead, Loren B.** *Five Challenges for the Once and Future Church,* Alban, 1996, ch. 5.
- **Mead, Loren.** *The Once and Future Church.* Bethesda, Md.: The Alban Institute, 1991, ch. 2.

#### ART

- **Art and Artists Directory/Links** <http://www.yourartlinks.com/links/themeindex.html>  
“Dedicated to bringing the world of art directly to you through your home or office computer. We are committed to creating the largest “Art Related” directory on the Internet; a one-stop guide for everything that is art.”
- **Art Cyclopedia** <http://www.artcyclopedia.com/index.html>  
“Our mission is to become the definitive and most effective guide to museum-quality fine art on the Internet. We have compiled a comprehensive index of every artist represented at hundreds of museum sites, image archives, and other online resources. We have started out by covering the biggest and best sites around, and have links for most well-known artists to keep you surfing for hours.

#### BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES

- **Bible Reference Tools** <http://www.mislinks.org/church/tools.htm>

#### BIBLE TEXT RESOURCES

- **Crosswalk** conservative study aids and Bible text <http://bible.crosswalk.com/>
- **Bible.com** conservative study aids and Bible text <http://bible.com/>
- **Bible text resources** <http://virtualreligion.net/vri/bible.html>  
Links to academic resources.
- **Bibles.net:** <http://www.bibles.net/>  
A directory of online Bibles and biblical reference material.
- **ECanon** academic portal to text research <http://rosetta.reltech.org/ECanon/ECanon.html>
- **Oremus** principally an NRSV interface <http://bible.oremus.org/>

#### BOOKSELLERS (NEW AND USED)

- **Abebooks** <http://www.abebbooks.com>
- **Alibris** <http://www.alibriis.com>
- **Amazon** <http://www.amazon.com>
- **Bibliofind** <http://www.bibliofind.com>
- **Bohley's Used Christian Books** <http://www.bohleysbooks.com/>
- **Bookfinder** <http://www.bookfinder.com>
- **Christian Book Distributor** <http://www.christianbook.com/?in=326&p=1008728>
- **Cokesbury** <http://www.cokesbury.com/>
- **Stevens Books** <http://www.stevensbks.com/>

buildings, letting go

burnout

#### CALVARY CHAPEL CHURCHES

- **mainpage** <http://www.calvarychapel.com/>

capital improvements

#### CASE STUDIES

- Alice Frazer Evans, Robert A. Evans, and David Roozen, *The Globalization of Theological Education*, Marynoll, NY: Orbis, 1993.  
Uses case study methods from global contexts in each of twelve chapters. The Evans', are pioneers in case study method in theological education.
- Mary Elizabeth Mullino Moore, *Teaching from the Heart: Theology and Educational Method*, Harrisburg, Pa.,: Trinity Press, 1991. Ch. 2.

#### CELL CHURCHES

- **Cell Church Links** through CrossSearch
- [http://www.crosssearch.com/Churches\\_and\\_Denominations/Churches/Cell\\_Churches/](http://www.crosssearch.com/Churches_and_Denominations/Churches/Cell_Churches/)  
Links to individual cell church sites

cell group ministries

change, managing

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH RESOURCES

- **Search Institute** <http://www.search-institute.org/>  
“Search Institute is an independent nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide leadership, knowledge, and resources to promote healthy children, youth, and communities. To accomplish this mission, the institute generates and communicates new knowledge, and brings together community, state, and national leaders. At the heart of the institute's work is the framework of [40 Developmental Assets](#), which are positive experiences and personal qualities that young people need to grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.”

#### CHILDREN AND SPIRITUALITY

- Robert Coles, *The Spiritual Life of Children*. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1990.

## CHRIST, VIEWS OF

- Pelikan, Jaroslav. *Jesus Through the Centuries: His Place in the History of Culture*, 1985.  
“Tracing the impact of Jesus on cultural, political, social, and economic history, Pelikan reveals how the image each successive epoch has created for him—from rabbi in the first century to universal man in the Renaissance to liberator in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries—is a key to understanding the values and temper of that age.”
- **Historical Jesus Theories** <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/theories.html>  
“The purpose of this web page is to explain and explore some of the theories offered up by contemporary scholars on the historical Jesus and the origins of the Christian religion. Issues include the nature of the historical Jesus, the nature of the early Christian documents, and the origins of the Christian faith in a risen Jesus Christ. An attempt has been made to include historical Jesus theories across the spectrum from Marcus Borg to N.T. Wright and to describe these historical Jesus theories in an accurate and concise way.”

## Christian community

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **POINT** (educators resource) <http://pcusa.org/point/>  
“Presbyterians Organized in Nurture and Teaching [POINT] is a network of knowledgeable, enthusiastic volunteers who have been trained and equipped to lead the way in sharing our curriculum with you. This includes We Believe, our denominational curriculum, as well as Bible Quest and The Present Word, our curricula produced in ecumenical partnership.”

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, ADULTS

- **Center for Christian Studies** (Fifth Avenue Pres., NY, NY) <http://www.christianstudies.org/>  
Begun in 1997, the Center for Christian Studies is an adult education ministry of Fifth Avenue Pres., seeking to build Christian character and through studies that resemble a sort of lay institute of theology. Courses range through Bible, theology, church history, practical and life issue theme, and literature and the arts. They are very reasonably priced and open to all, and provide an excellent model for Christian adult education that has a strong outreach into the community.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, CHILDREN

- **Search Institute** Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence <http://www.search-institute.org/research/SpiritualDevelopment.html>  
“*Long Term Vision*: Search Institute joins with a growing international network of organizations, scholars, and initiative that seek to see the following: Child and adolescent spiritual development will become an established, rigorous field of scientific inquiry around the world as well as an integral part of university education in human development and other social sciences. The wisdom of many faith traditions around the world will be articulated and interpreted in ways that strengthen scientific inquiry, seminary training, and spiritual formation practices of clergy, other religious leaders, parents, and others around the world. Practitioners and parents worldwide will have significantly better knowledge and tools to help them recognize, nurture, and celebrate the spiritual development of young people.”
- **Rotation.org** (Workshop Rotation Model) <http://www.rotation.org/>  
This highly popular, highly creative model for church/Sunday schools is an outgrowth of Harvard professor Howard Gardner’s acclaimed “multiple intelligences” theory. The model respects that each student learn through a different mix of aptitudes and learning styles—some are visual, some cognitive, some hands on, others expressive, etc. WoRM programs encourage each child’s exposure to a spectrum of learning opportunities on a given biblical theme over a series of weeks through different learning media, e.g. drama, crafts, Bible study, visual arts, computer interactive. *Rotation.org* helps teachers and church educators create local programs and offers program resources and curricula, as well as inviting newcomers to a helpful network of seasoned leaders.
- **Rotating Workshops** (WORM) multiple intelligences based curriculum <http://pcusa.org/curriculum/rotatingworkshop.htm>  
The 27 workshops cover more than six months of curricula for five age levels. Workshops include Art, Audiovisual, Computer, Cooking, Drama, Bible Puzzles and Games, Music, and Worship. Unit Overview pages, “Weaving Our Faith” and “Spiritual Practice Exercise for Leaders,” are included in each unit.
- **The Workshop Rotation Model** (WoRM) <http://www.kiskipby.org/Education/worm.htm>  
“The Workshop Rotation Model...a creative ...practical ...kid-friendly ...teacher-friendly ...facility transforming ...multimedia ...multiple intelligences ...grassroots inspired model for Sunday School that encourages both learning and returning, having fun and having faith.” Site contains: Brief WoRM Description; Longer Description; Articles about WoRM; Links

## Christian education, young adults

## Christian education, youth

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## church administration

church architecture

## CHURCH BODY WEB PAGES & INFORMATION SERVICES

### Links to most denominational web pages:

- **Hartford Institute** [http://hrr.hartsem.edu/org/faith\\_denominations\\_homepages.html](http://hrr.hartsem.edu/org/faith_denominations_homepages.html)  
“Hartford Seminary’s Hartford Institute for Religion Research has a twenty-seven year record of rigorous, policy-relevant research, anticipation of emerging issues and commitment to the creative dissemination of learning. This record has earned the Institute an international reputation as an important bridge between the scholarly community and the practice of faith. Research is at the heart of what we do—gathering reliable information about what is happening in religious life today.”
- **Association of Theological Schools** <http://www.ats.edu/members/membtoc.html>  
Links to all American and Canadian Theological schools, and to the reports, stats and archives of ATS, the accrediting agency.

## CHURCH BODIES/DENOMINATIONS, WEBSITES

- **American Baptist Convention** <http://www.abc-usa.org>
- **Association of Unity Churches** <http://www.unity.org/whatis.html>
- **Catholic Church (USA)** <http://www.catholic.org>
- **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)** <http://www.disciples.org/>
- **Episcopal Church** [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/index\\_flash.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/index_flash.htm)  
info desk <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/info.htm?>
- **Pentecostal/Charismatic Resources** <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/~kbanner/pentec.html>
- **Presbyterian Church (USA)** <http://www.pcusa.org/navigation/resources.htm>
- *Presbytel*: Eastern Time at (800) UP-2-DATE (872-3283) email: [presbytel@pcusa.org](mailto:presbytel@pcusa.org)  
*Research Services*, PC (USA) <http://www.pcusa.org/research/statistics.htm>  
helpful research links: <http://www.pcusa.org/research/links.htm>  
free demographic information: <http://ext.nazarene.org/m3/scr/pre.exe>
- **Reformed Church in America** <http://www.rca.org/index.html>  
resources <http://resources.rca.org/>  
helpline [helpline@rca.org](mailto:helpline@rca.org) 1-800-333-8300
- **Southern Baptist Convention** <http://www.sbc.net/>
- **United Church of Christ** <http://www.umc.org/>  
links: <http://www.ucc.org/links/index.html>
- **United Methodist Church** <http://www.umc.org/>  
*Infoserve*, 1-800-251-8400; [infoserve@umcom.org](mailto:infoserve@umcom.org)

church growth

church handbook

church management systems

church multiplication

CHURCH PLANTING (see also: new church dev.)

- **Mis Links** (church planting) <http://www.mislinks.org/church/chplant.htm>

church relocation/move

church shoppers, visitors

church, future trends

churches and the arts

churches as user-friendly

civic engagement, changes

civil religion

clergy couples

clergy, first call issues

clergy accountability

## CLERGY CAREER

- **Explore Ministry** <http://www.exploreministry.org/>

Created by the interdenominational Fund for Theological Education: "A calling. A passion. A vocation. A career. The last of the Renaissance professions. However it's described, ministry offers a fulfilling way to make a living -- and a life. Being a minister draws together all of who you are -- mind, heart, body and soul -- in the amazing work of healing the world. This web site is a tool for your exploration: Get answers to common questions. Learn from people who currently make ministry their profession. Find more resources to help you decide if ministry could be a satisfying career for you."

clergy children (PKs)  
clergy compensation (also cl. salary)  
clergy couples  
clergy dismissal  
clergy dropout  
clergy in popular media  
clergy job satisfaction  
clergy recreation  
clergy rest  
clergy salary (also cl. compensation)  
clergy selection

<http://www.religion-online.org/showarticle.asp?title=2147>

clergy spouses  
clergy supply and demand  
clergy team ministries  
clergy transition  
clergy transition to secular life  
clergy, changing roles  
clergy, continuing education  
clergy, financial crisis  
clergy, foreign born  
clergy, friendships  
clergy, gender  
clergy, liberal conservative split  
clergy, moral issues  
clergy, part-time  
clergy, pastoral excellence  
clergy, second career  
clergy, sexuality  
clergy, single  
clergy/staff time management  
coaching ministry  
communication skills  
community youth ministry  
community, service to  
computers (also: technology)  
computers and ministry  
computers, church mgmnt. software  
conflict management  
conflict, dealing with  
congregation as system  
congregation, death of  
congregation, life-cycle  
congregation, size transitions  
congregational decline  
congregational growth

congregational harmony

congregational inventory

### CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- **Louisville Institute** <http://www.louisville-institute.org/index.asp>

“As a center to support research and leadership education on American religion, the Louisville Institute seeks to nurture inquiry and conversation regarding the character, problems, contributions, and prospects of the historic institutions and commitments of American Christianity. In all of its work, the Louisville Institute is guided by its fundamental mission to enrich the religious life of American Christians and to encourage the revitalization of their institutions, by bringing together those who lead religious institutions with those who study them, so that the work of each might stimulate and inform the other.”

- **Resources for American Christianity** <http://www.resourcingchristianity.org/Default.aspx>

“This web site seeks to assist leaders and participants in Christian communities, scholars and other interested publics in better understanding the impact, trends and trajectories of Christianity in American society. By providing both information and reflection on selected projects funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc., it offers a unique vantage point for discerning the character and contributions of this tradition within American religion and culture.” Includes (under “Search”) a significant list of studies and reports on many facets of Christian institutions and culture.

### CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP, LAY AND CLERGY

- **Center for Christian Study** <http://www.studycenter.net/>

“We are a religious education and outreach organization that has ministered from our location near the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA, since 1976. Our vision is two-fold: “to foster serious consideration in the university environment of a biblical worldview” and “to facilitate wise discussion of the Truth in light of the challenges of contemporary culture.”

- **Center for Congregations and Family Ministries**

*Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.* “The mission of The Center for Congregations and Family Ministries is to strengthen the church’s ability to support families and their capacity to nurture the life of faith. Through continuing educational opportunities, workshop training, a professional journal, networking, consultation, and publicizing research findings, the Center is a leadership resource to a broad constituency beyond Louisville Seminary. At the same time, the Center is strongly integrated into the life and education of Louisville Seminary by offering courses relevant to and enhancing the seminary’s degree programs, especially the M.Div., D.Min., and the Marriage and Family Therapy programs. The Center hopes to encourage creative and effective approaches for working with families. While congregations and the Sunday School will continue to be crucial to Christian nurture, they cannot substitute for the formative power of home and family life, the ‘domestic church.’”

- **Church Relations and Ministry Resources** [http://www.cst.edu/church\\_and\\_community/church\\_relations.php](http://www.cst.edu/church_and_community/church_relations.php)

*Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, California.* “Through our work in church relations and ministry resources we seek to develop and nurture connections between the school and the churches, in order to strengthen the spiritual and intellectual vitality of the church and the school. This includes: communicating with the churches on behalf of the school and the school on behalf of the churches; building connections between faculty and churches that result in an increased educational presence of Claremont School of Theology in our region.; developing and nurturing Christian Conferencing programs for mutual learning involving clergy, laity, students, and faculty; developing and nurturing partnership with congregations including internships, student pastorates, and other related programs; attending to connections with our alumni/ae; Offering educational and renewal resources for clergy and other religious leaders.”

- **College of Pastoral Leaders** <http://www.austinseminary.edu/cpl/about/index.html>

*Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas.* “The College provides pastors and other church leaders opportunities to: deepen their spiritual lives, discover resources for emotional support, and increase their understanding of the pastoral arts through membership in learning cohorts. Pastors will have the opportunity to design their learning goals and strategies in consultation with the director of professional development. The College makes available personal resources such as spiritual directors, educators, counselors, psychologists, and other experienced pastors. The College also sponsors an annual conference, led by nationally recognized church leaders and scholars, to address concerns of ministry and church leadership. A cohort group is six to eight people who: covenant for mutual support and professional development, share similar learning goals, and are willing to commit to work together over a two-year period.”

- **Equipping Lay Ministry Program** <http://www.wesleysem.edu/layministry/default.asp>

*Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC.* “We believe that the church is at its best when it has lay leadership that is enthusiastic, spiritually-centered, informed, and biblically and theologically well-grounded. Lay persons today face the difficult task of interpreting the richness of faith in a complex and changing world. Together, the laity and clergy work as partners to bridge the gap between the church and the world. . . . The program provides a theological basis for the work of the laity, be it teaching, working with youth, leading in evangelism, parish nursing, or serving in other ways. Through study, worship and reflection, participants can exercise the vocation of the church to continue the ministry of Jesus in the world. . . . Want to study various areas of interest? *You can ‘tailor’ your own in the General Leadership Track.*”

- **Institute for Applied Theology** <http://www.united.edu/institute/>

*United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio:* The Institute is currently comprised of three “centers of excellence”: “*The Kenneth H. Pohly Center for Supervision and Leadership Formation* focuses on transformative leadership skills for lay and clergy leaders, as well as in-depth training in pastoral supervision. The Pohly Center works with churches and other organizations seeking to grow in effectiveness and in faithfulness to Gospel values. Special emphases include “ministry in the workplace,” “equipping congregations,” “connectional leadership,” and alternative models for ministry development. The *Center for Worship, Preaching and the Arts* leads . . . worship renewal in congregations, while remaining integrally related to the ongoing creativity and fellowship of the UTS student body, faculty, and staff. [Sponsors] public celebrations and workshops in varied worship arts including biblical storytelling, preaching, music, dance, media and multicultural worship, as well as children’s arts mini-camps and preaching seminars. The *Center for Urban*

Ministry is actively pursuing three special Initiatives: Hispanic, African American, and Appalachian. It seeks to become a major provider of urban ministry training with classes offered "multi-contextually."

- **Lay Institute** [http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/lay\\_institute/index.asp](http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/lay_institute/index.asp)  
*Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia.* "The courses, seminars, workshops, and retreats of The Lay Institute of Faith and Life are designed to help lay people better embody and share the Christian message in the home, workplace, church, and larger world. Among the institute's programs are Lay Schools of Bible and Theology offered as fall, winter, and spring morning or evening courses; weekday lunch-hour and evening seminars in local churches; monthly study groups in theology and literature or faith and film; a week-long Summer Lay Scholars program; and summer classes for Presbyterian Women Bible study leaders. The Lay Institute's [Certificate Program](#)—for certification either in practical Christianity or spiritual formation—is a three-year program for persons wishing to pursue a structured, intensive course of study."
- **Lay Pastor Training** <http://udts.dbq.edu/distance/clp.htm>  
*University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.* "The overall goal of the "Education for the Laity" program of UDTS is to strengthen the church through quality theological education for lay persons. While the courses offered are particularly designed for lay pastor candidates, they will serve the needs of all lay persons who are contributing their gifts to the ministry of their local church. Church officers, Christian education leaders and teachers, and persons who wish to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith will discover a rich opportunity through this program. Training is offered online through [www.udtslearning.net](http://www.udtslearning.net). Participants benefit from a theological education, including interaction with faculty and other students, via the internet."
- **Lewis Center for Church Leadership** <http://www.wesleysem.edu/>  
*Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC.* [need a more informative piece to insert here]
- **Office of Church Relations** <http://www.garrett.northwestern.edu/content.asp?A=5&C=1351>  
*Garrett-Evangelical Theological School, Evanston, Illinois.* "The mission of the office of church relations is to attend to the seminary's connections with the churches for the sake of strengthening the spiritual and intellectual vitality of the seminary and of the church. We pursue this mission by: Communicating with the churches on the behalf of the seminary and with the seminary on the behalf of the church; Providing hospitality for conference visitors, when you want to set up a campus visit); Facilitating links between students and their judicatories; Building connections between faculty and churches that result in an increased educational presence of Garrett-Evangelical throughout the North Central jurisdiction; Working with the churches to re-weave a practice and culture of Christian life as called to ministry, whether lay or ordained; Offering seminary educational support for United Methodist programs of education for the probationary period."
- **Ormond Center** <http://www.divinity.duke.edu/programs/ormond/>  
*Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC.* "The J.M. Ormond Center for Research, Planning and Development provides research and consultative services for churches and church leaders of the United Methodist Church and other denominations. The Center has a special concern to assist rural churches in their ministry and mission. It also provides opportunities for students, church leaders, and scholars for study and reflection on church life and dynamics."
- **Pastoral and Leadership links** <http://www.louisville-institute.org/secondary/links.asp>  
*Lilly Foundation:* Links to many theological education resources.
- **Perkins Theological School for the Laity** [http://www.smu.edu/theology/programs/PTSL/laity\\_main.html](http://www.smu.edu/theology/programs/PTSL/laity_main.html)  
*SMU Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX.* "The primary mission, as a community devoted to theological study and teaching in the service of the church of Jesus Christ, is to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry." - from the mission statement of Perkins School of Theology. . . . demonstrating Perkins' continuing commitment to provide the best in theological study for laity, especially in regard to their ministries and leadership in the church."
- **Pulpit and Pew** <http://www.pulpitandpew.duke.edu/>  
*Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC.* "Research on pastoral leadership; Duke Divinity School. Pulpit & Pew is an interdenominational project aimed at strengthening the quality of pastoral leadership (clergy and lay) in churches, parishes, and other faith communities across America. Two groups of church leaders and scholars are engaged in sustained conversation about the research findings. The Church Leaders group and the Core Seminar meet two to three times a year for seminars, conferences, and various other forms of shared reflection on the research projects."
- **Urban Ministries Program** [http://www.mccormick.edu/mod.php?mod=userpage&page\\_id=65&menu=1605](http://www.mccormick.edu/mod.php?mod=userpage&page_id=65&menu=1605)  
*McCormick Theological Seminary* pioneered urban ministry. This tradition is alive today as the city remains our campus and our frontier. Our urban ministry vision includes an emphasis on spreading the gospel, transforming communities, building congregations, practicing anti-racism, being multi- and cross-cultural, working for justice, and envisioning new ministries "outside the box." We invite you to explore the links below to find out about some of McCormick and Chicago's offering. But most importantly we invite you to check out the Urban E-Journal, a quarterly publication published exclusively on the web."
- **Urban Ministry Program** [http://www.iliff.edu/about\\_iliff/special\\_programs.htm#urban](http://www.iliff.edu/about_iliff/special_programs.htm#urban)  
*Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO.* "Program is a response to the challenge of bringing the gospel - effectively and intelligently - to the city. The program prepares ministers, particularly men and women of color, to serve in urban churches and urban service agencies."
- **Metro-Urban Institute** <http://www.pts.edu/metrourb.html>  
*Pittsburgh Theological Seminary* has been preparing leaders for Christian ministry for over 200 years. In 1991, the seminary initiated the Metro-Urban Institute (MUI) to help churches address growing concerns related to urban living. The MUI has become an important resource for those concerned with "the welfare of the city" (Jeremiah 29:7) whether or not they actually live in urban areas. The purpose of the Institute is defined with six primary goals: To provide Classroom and Field Placement Educational Opportunities; to cooperate with churches, church-related agencies, and other human service programs to respond educationally to the social and spiritual problems of people in the metropolitan context; to identify continuing education needs of pastors and others employed by churches as well as laypersons interested in better preparation for church work and Christian witness, at both the

undergraduate and graduate level; to identify problems related to issues for which the churches must or should provide services and support to their communities; to provide a well-rounded theological and community-based education experience that utilizes the expertise of seminary faculty and religious leaders from throughout the community; to provide assistance to congregations and the seminary community with scholarly research concerning urban ministry.”

- **S<sup>3</sup> Con-Ed Project** [http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/continuing\\_education/s3.asp](http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/continuing_education/s3.asp)  
*Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA.* “S3, which is named for the three components identified as being key to effective ministry—Sabbath, study, and service—is being funded by a \$1.3 million grant from the Lilly Endowment. The S3 project, under the direction of Dent Davis, Columbia’s dean and vice president of lifelong learning, will bring together six to eight groups of pastors each year over the next five years. Groups, known as learning cohorts, will consist of four to eight pastors. The cohorts will develop their own learning projects through a written proposal process that will be reviewed by Columbia’s Grant Advisory Committee. Upon approval, cohorts will receive approximately \$1,000 per person per year to fund their project’s work. The project also covers each participant’s program costs, including room and board, and up to \$300 for transportation costs (based on need) for participation in the four-day annual retreat held at Columbia each August.”

## CONGREGATIONAL REDEVELOPMENT

- ***Appreciative Inquiry*** <http://appreciativeinquiry.cwru.edu/>  
 “AI Commons”—a worldwide portal devoted to the fullest sharing of academic resources and practical tools on Appreciative Inquiry and the rapidly growing discipline of positive change. This site is a resource for you and many of us—leaders of change, scholars, students, and business managers—and it is proudly hosted by Case Western Reserve University’s Weatherhead School of Management. In the years since the original theory and vision for “Appreciative Inquiry Into Organizational Life” was articulated by two professors at the Weatherhead School of Management (see David Cooperrider and Suresh Srivastva, 1987) there have been literally hundreds of people involved in co-creating new concepts and practices for doing AI, and for bringing the spirit and methodology of AI into organizations all over the world.”
- **Leona M. English, “An Appreciative Inquiry into the Spiritual Values of Christian Higher Education”** *Department of Adult Education, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada.*  
 Abstract: “This article explores how institutions of higher education that declare themselves to be Christian can move closer to their mandate and mission. What is their spiritual mission and focus? How can they embody a Christian spirituality in their orientation and focus? The paper explores current issues in Christian higher education and highlights the obvious need for a reappraisal of existing paradigms. The authors use the appreciative inquiry methodology as a positive approach to recovering spiritual values and mission.” [article for purchase only, \$23 US].
- **Mark Lau Branson, *Memories, Hopes, and Conversations: Appreciative Inquiry and Congregational Change*** (Alban Institute, 2004). “When First Presbyterian Church in Altadena, California, was asked to provide a mission study report for its pastor nominating committee, the congregation was afraid that they would find themselves engaging in busy work and producing a report that would wind up in a file gathering dust. They then asked professor Mark Lau Branson to consult with them on writing this report, who invited them to join in a process of Appreciative Inquiry—a transformational organization change process—which resulted in a major shift in congregational conversations and a new sense of hope. *Memories, Hopes, and Conversations* recounts the experience of First Presbyterian and outlines a process that any congregation can utilize to harness the energies of the congregation at all levels of its common life.”
- ***Office of Congregational Transformation, PC(USA)***  
<http://www.pcusa.org/evangelism/churchdevelopment/congregational.htm>  
 “The mission of the office of Congregational Transformation is to assist congregations in finding new ways to respond to God’s calling in the midst of a changing culture and community. We do so by: encouraging and supporting the development of regional redevelopment networks; providing leadership and planning for workshops and training events; supporting the efforts of the Network for Churchwide Transformation; providing consultations to presbyteries and synods on redevelopment issues and opportunities. Providing and identifying resources; providing leadership training for clergy and lay leaders.”
- ***The Network for Churchwide Transformation*** <http://www.churchwidetransformation.org/network.html>  
 “The Purpose of The Network for Churchwide Transformation is to provide an organic web of relationships, support and education for redevelopment/transformation congregations, practitioners, governing body staff and committee persons.” Resources, bibliographies by theme, conferences.

congregations, excellent traits  
 congregations, understanding  
 consensus building, on not voting  
 consultant ministry

## CONTINUING EDUCATION, PASTORS AND STAFF

- **Cathedral College** (National Cathedral, D.C.) <http://www.collegeofpreachers.org/index.shtml>  
“The College of Preachers at Washington National Cathedral is a residential continuing education center in Washington, DC serving those who are engaged in ministries of proclamation. The College’s proclamation community is made up of ordained and non-ordained religious leaders and educators from many faith traditions who come to the College throughout the year to participate in opportunities for learning and renewal. The College received a gift from Mr. Philip W. Moeller to establish the Alfredo Leocadio Coye Memorial Fellowship Endowment. Awards will be made annually in the form of scholarships and stipends to clergy interested in attending programs at the College and will be made on the basis of need, with special consideration given to clergy serving economically disadvantaged parishes or congregations in minority communities.”
- **PC (USA) Denominational Calendar** (con-ed events) <http://www.pcusa.org/calendar/index.jsp>  
This calendar includes all multi-day, regional or national PC(USA)-sponsored events. We’re sorry, but we cannot accept most one-day events or those that are designed to attract a strictly local audience. To ensure that your event is seen, please submit it as early as possible (we recommend six weeks in advance).
- **Society for the Advancement of Continuing Education for Ministry** <http://www.sacem.com/index.htm>  
“Founded in 1967, SACEM believes that lifelong learning and growing are essential for healthy, effective, and competent ministry. SACEM is an ecumenical professional organization for continuing education directors and seminary representatives, and all those involved in providing or advocating for continuing education for ministry. Members include pastors, lay leaders, seminaries, and continuing education centers throughout the United States, Canada, and several countries around the world. This rich diversity of membership is a valuable resource for SACEM and its members.”
- **Continuing Education center** <http://www.ptsem.edu/ce/ce-overview.htm>  
“Princeton Theological Seminary’s continuing education programs offer a variety of multiday events, using different formats and learning modes. To help you in your selection, most event descriptions note the primary teaching style. Seminars are primarily lecture/presentation and group discussion. Workshops include “hands-on” activities like sermon preparation or an arts activity. Retreats use personal reflection and contemplative exercises. Small group process involves participant interaction. Conferences combine the learning modes of other events, including seminars, workshops, and keynote addresses.” Also available are many one day seminars, endowed seminars, and opportunities for independent study personal retreats.

control issues

core values

corporate/business ethics

Covenant Renewal

cultural change and the church

deacon resources

demographics

**DENOMINATIONS (SEE CHURCH BODIES)**

denomination, organizational structure

denomination, role with congregation

denominational labels/names

denominations, decline

denominations, future

discontent, managing

diversity in congregations

doctrine, church

doctrine, rethinking

dysfunctional people, dealing with

ecology and faith

**ECUMENICAL BODIES**

- **World Council of Churches** (WCC)

<http://www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/english.html>

links <http://www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/links/index-e.html>

- **World Alliance of Reformed Churches** (WARC) <http://www.warc.ch/>

links <http://www.warc.ch/who/links.html>

- **National Council of Churches of Christ** (NCCC) <http://www.nccusa.org/>

- **Parliament of World Religions** <http://www.cpwr.org/>

emerging church

ethnic ministry  
evaluation, congregation  
evaluation, personal  
evaluation, staff

#### EVANGELICAL RESOURCES

*Evangelical Resource Catalogue* <http://www.resourcecatalog.org/>

"A resource that delivers a dynamic mix of educational opportunities, insightful books; enlightening and provocative CDs and audio tapes; easy-to-use Sunday school curriculum; and other valuable material vital to the evangelical community."

evangelism

#### EXTERNALLY FOCUSED CHURCHES

- **Leadership Network** <https://www.leadnet.org/externallyfocused.asp>

"In recent years churches have begun to redefine their success factors from exclusively measuring their internal success in terms of people in worship to measuring external success in terms of people served in the community. The Externally Focused Leadership Community helps churches that are setting bold goals in this area to implement the ideas that help them grow their impact in their community. These churches are effective in proclaiming the good news and showing their love to their communities. They desire to see the transformation of individuals and communities."

faith development theory  
fasting  
fasting and prayer  
fellowship  
financial counseling  
flexibility and the church

#### FOUNDATIONS (funding sources)

- **Council on Foundations** [www.cof.org](http://www.cof.org)
- **Foundation Center** [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org)
- **Independent Sector** - [www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org)
- **The Polis Center** (IUPUI) [www.polis.iupui.edu](http://www.polis.iupui.edu)
- **Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University** [www.philanthropy.iupui.edu](http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu)
- **Eli Lilly and Company Foundation** [www.lilly.com/about/social/foundation/cash/index.html](http://www.lilly.com/about/social/foundation/cash/index.html)
- **Learning to Give** [www.learningtogive.org](http://www.learningtogive.org)
- **Center for Urban Policy and the Environment** IUPUI [www.urbancenter.iupui.edu](http://www.urbancenter.iupui.edu)

funding streams  
fundraising, capital improvements  
funerals  
future church  
futurism and the church

#### GAY AND LESBIAN MINISTRIES

- **Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministries** <http://llgm.org/>

"Founded in 1990, Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministries (LLGM) is a national mission society that supports openly identified sexual minority pastors, seminarians and lay ministers who have been discriminated against because of their sexual orientation. 150 years ago, the mission societies of Europe raised money to send pastors to serve the immigrant population on the American frontier, because the state churches of Europe refused to do so. Today, Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministries (LLGM) is doing the same for gay and lesbian pastors, because of the "refusal" policies of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). In the decade and a half since our founding, LLGM's donors have provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in support to congregations and ministries who call gay and lesbian pastors. LLGM provides financial, pastoral and legal support to sexual minority ministers and to the congregations that support them. In addition we encourage congregations to consider calling sexual minority clergy by serving as a placement vehicle for pastors approved by the Extraordinary Candidacy Project (ECP). LLGM has provided assistance to scores of Lutheran pastors, often after their congregations, colleagues and bishops have deserted them. Annually, LLGM provides financial support to congregations who call our pastors."

generational differences  
generations, boomer spirituality  
generations, boomers

generations, bridgers/silents  
generations, builders  
generations, busters  
generations, echoes  
generations, generation x  
generations, millennials  
generations, thirteenth

#### **GLOBALIZATION AND THE CHURCH**

- ***The Ethics of Globalization*** <http://globalization.mccormick.edu/>  
*McCormick Theological Seminary.* “The Ethics of Globalization is an experimental effort by McCormick Theological Seminary to develop a model for congregational engagement with issues of economic justice. It is a public series of education and reflection on the connections between Business and Economics, the Environment, Employment and Poverty, Religion, Race and Culture. The centerpiece of the course is a series of interdisciplinary "roundtables" focusing on particular issues of globalization. Invited participants include clergy and laypeople as well as professionals expert in various fields related to issues of globalization. These interdisciplinary "roundtables" seek to bring diverse voices together and create "safe spaces" to listen and speak, to learn and discern, and to invite participation in a process of coming to action.”
- Robert and Alice Frazer Evans

#### **HALF-TIME, MID-LIFE RENEWAL (also: sabbatical)**

- ***Leadership Network*** <https://www.leadnet.org/halftime.asp>  
“Churches have begun to tap the growing Leadership capacities resident in "Halftimers", those high-capacity members who have already proven their leadership in other areas outside the church. The Churches with Halftime Ministries Leadership Community is helping these churches pioneer new ways to match big leaders with big opportunities both inside their churches and externally in both community and global ministries. This is a five year initiative with one group underway and more groups planned for the future.”

healing ministry  
house churches  
individualism and community  
information technology (IT) and churches  
inner city ministry  
interfaith families  
internet and the church  
large church ministries  
lay leadership  
lay ministry, cultivating  
leadership development  
leadership patterns  
leadership, democratization of  
leadership, emerging models  
leading/cutting edge churches

#### **LAY THEOLOGY RESOURCES**

***Bill Mallard Lay Theology Institute*** <http://www.candler.emory.edu/ACADEMIC/OCME/LTI/index.html>

*Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA:* “Each year, in partnership with more than forty congregations representing a wide variety of denominations, Candler offers six-week courses and weekend seminars. The courses are taught by faculty from Candler School of Theology and professionals from the Atlanta community. Atlanta-area churches and Candler School of Theology serve as host sites for the courses. The curriculum provides excellent theological education for a lay, ecumenical student body. The goal of the Lay Theology Institute is to provide stimulating theological study to persons regardless of their religious or academic background. It is our understanding that persons interested in the Lay Theology Institute are searching for deeper understanding of their faith and of the faith of the ecumenical community. It is our hope that the courses offered through this program will respond to these personal and practical needs.”

#### **MAGAZINES, CHRISTIAN (SEE PERIODICALS)**

mainline/mainstream church challenges  
manse

meeting management  
megachurches  
member accountability  
membership care  
membership defections  
membership retention  
membership turnover  
men, ministry to

#### **MEN, PRESBYTERIAN**

- **Presbyterian Men** <http://www.pcusa.org/men>

middle class maladies and the church  
middle ground  
ministry to the elderly  
ministry, changing forms  
ministry, good traits  
mission resources  
mission trips

#### **MISSIONAL CHURCH**

- **Center for Parish Development Resources for the Missional Church**  
<http://www.missionalchurch.org/pages/resources.html>

“Drawing upon its rigorous [research](#), its blend of systematic theology and the change sciences, its collaborative [consulting](#) and [training](#) experience, and its 32 years of service to the church, the Center creates, publishes and distributes a variety of printed resources. All of the Center's in-house resources have a consistent and coherent understanding of the activity of God, the changing context for ministry and mission, and the church's calling to become the household of God.”

- **A New Kind of Christian** (Brian McLaren's webpage) [www.anewkindofchristian.com](http://www.anewkindofchristian.com).

Popular, thoughtful, sometimes kitschy author and Pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church (an Emergent Church), near Washington, DC. McLaren is a self styled “missional, evangelical, post/protestant, liberal/conservative, mystical/poetic, biblical, charismatic/contemplative, fundamentalist/calvinist, Anabaptist/Anglican, Methodist, catholic, green, Incarnational, depressed-yet-hopeful, emergent, unfinished Christian.”

money leadership  
money, talking about

#### **MOVIES/FILM AND THE CHURCH**

- **About.com** <http://christianity.about.com/od/themovies/tp/moviesmatter.htm>
- **Text This Week** <http://www.textweek.com/movies/movies.htm>
- **Bullfrog Films** (excellent discussion starters) <http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/>

“Over the last 31 years, Bullfrog Films has become the leading US publisher of independently-produced, environmental videos, that point the way to living healthily, happily, and with greater concern for the other inhabitants of this planet, and for our descendants. We also distribute world-famous performing arts programs from Rhombus Media.”

multi-media ministries

multiple intelligences theory (ref. CE:WORM)

#### **MULTI-SITE MINISTRIES**

- **Leadership Network** <https://www.leadnet.org/multisiteChurches.asp>

“In recent years, a new model of church has emerged that is focused on one church that meets at multiple locations. These churches are developing new models and understandings of leadership, stewardship, and the use of property. If your church is exploring or experimenting with alternative venues such as digital church, extension sites, video-café congregations, multiple campuses, satellite ministries, or other variations that go beyond your main worship area or main campus, then keep reading. You will find much help in the pages of this web community.”

music, contemporary/alternative  
music, ethnic  
music, traditional

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS**

- **National Association of Evangelicals** <http://www.nae.net/>

new age and the church

#### NEW ERA RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS

- ***New Religious Movements Gateway*** <http://www.academicinfo.net/nrms.html>  
A directory with links to major indexes.
- ***Emergent/Emerging Church***  
Closest to an “official site” <http://www.emergentvillage.com>  
Intro to Emergent Church & links <http://www.emergingchurch.org/>  
UK site <http://www.emergingchurch.info>  
Canadian site <http://www.resonate.ca>  
Church leader resources <http://www.theooze.org>

#### NEW ERA CHURCHES/TERMS

- ***Ancient-Future Church (article)*** <http://www.missionresourcing.net.au/pages/00000270.cgi>  
Leonard Sweet describes this as AncientFuture Faith. “Faith that’s filled with new-old thinking, that re-appropriates the traditional into the contemporary, faith that mingles the old-fashioned with the newfangled, faith that understands the times in which we live in order to claim the era in which God has placed us for Jesus Christ.” *Reality Magazine*, June/July, 2001.

res: Robert webber

- ***Leonard Sweet, Aqua Church (Group, 1999)***  
*Not an active ‘church-type’ but Leonard Sweet’s way of thinking about the church using the historic model of the church as a ship but in contemporary setting.*
- ***Calvary Chapel Church***
- ***Cedar Ridge Church***
- ***Cell Church***
- ***Church of the Apostles, Seattle, WA***
- ***Emergent Church***
- ***Emerging Church***
- ***Externally Focused Church***
- ***Full Service Church***
- ***High Expectation Church***
- ***Mall Church***
- ***Megachurch***
- ***Metachurch***
- ***Mission Driven Church***
- ***Multi-site ministries***
- ***New Tribe Church***
- ***Next Churches***
- ***Purpose Driven Church***
- ***Seeker Church***
- ***Seven-Day-a-Week Church***
- ***Vineyard Church***
- ***Vintage-Future Church***

“new” Christianity

#### NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT (also: church planting)

- ***Center for New Church Development*** <http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/ncd/index.asp>  
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. “Teaching, research, and consulting comprise the three-fold purpose of the Center for New Church Development (NCD), which participates in God’s mission expressed in forming new churches. Columbia students, NCD pastors, established or potential NCD pastors, their spouses, and church leaders who assist the nurture of new congregations are invited to participate.”

new member assimilation

new member recruitment  
 new members, attracting  
 new pastorate  
 nominating committee  
 non-Christians, ministry to  
 nonreligious persons, reaching  
 officer training  
 ordination, changing understanding  
 parking  
 pastoral care  
 pastoral counseling

**PEACE**

- **PeaceNet** <http://kimyb@peacenet.or.kr/index2.htm>  
 A site developed in Korea, with sections dealing with theological studies, resource materials for church history, bible study, sermons and women's theology.
- **Inter Religious Federation for World Peace** <http://www.irfwp.org/>
- **The Witherspoon Society** (peace/social justice) <http://www.witherspoonsociety.org/index.html>  
 "We are a network of concerned Presbyterians responding to God's call to do justice, and to work with hope for healing and wholeness in a world increasingly broken. Our mission is: to listen and learn from those who have been silenced; to nurture the prophetic voice of the church through reflection, discernment, and action; to equip Presbyterians for faithful participation in the church and the world; to challenge unjust relationships of power; to advocate for peace, justice, the integrity of creation, and the full inclusion of all God's people in church and society. Through our witness, we seek to revitalize the church's proclamation and action, informed by the full witness of the Bible and the confessions, animated by our hope for the reign of God."

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 Pentecostalism, explosion and impact

**PERIODICALS, MAGAZINES AND OCCASIONAL SERIES** [*research through PTS library list*]

- **Christian Century** <http://www.christiancentury.org/>
- **Christianity Today** <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ctmag/>
- **Clergy Journal** <http://www.logosproductions.com> (click "sermon prep"; scroll/search)
- **Congregations** (Alban Institute) <http://www.alban.org/journal.asp>
- **Church and Society** (Presb.) <http://www.pcusa.org/churchsociety/>
- **Ideas! For Church Leaders** (Presb. magazine) <http://www.pcusa.org/marketplace/index.jsp>
- **Interpretation** <http://www.interpretation.org/>
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- [*res: summary piece that MEM puts out*]
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- **Journal for Ministry Leaders** <http://www.capitalchristian.net/jml.html>
- **Journal of Religion and Society** <http://www.creighton.edu/JRS/>
- **Leader to Leader** <http://www.pfdf.org/>
- **Leadership** (Christianity Today) <http://www.christianitytoday.com/leaders/>
- **Logos Productions** [http://www.logosproductions.com/mainmenu.taf?client\\_id=43](http://www.logosproductions.com/mainmenu.taf?client_id=43)
- **The Lutheran** <http://www.thelutheran.org/>
- **Ministry Health** <http://ministryhealth.net/>
- **Net Results** <http://www.netresults.org/>
- **Presbyterian Outlook** <http://www.pres-outlook.com/>
- **Presbyterians Today** <http://www.pcusa.org/today/>
- **Religion & Ethics Newsweekly** - [www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/index.html)
- **Religion Watch** <http://www.religionwatch.com/index.html>
- **Resources for American Christianity** (Lilly) <http://www.resourcingchristianity.org/>
- **Sojourners Magazine** [http://www.sojo.net/magazine/index.cfm/action/back\\_issues.html](http://www.sojo.net/magazine/index.cfm/action/back_issues.html)  
 Full text of back issues from 1994.

- **Theology Today** <http://theologytoday.ptsem.edu/>

phone ministry

pledge drives

pluralism and religion

postmodernity and the church

poverty

#### PRAYER

- **Patricia Brown, *Paths to Prayer: Finding Your Own Way into the Presence of God*, 2003**  
Presents 40 different forms of prayer including Labyrinth, Praying with Beads, Walking Prayers, the Jewish Prayer Shawl.....plus all the more familiar methods like Centering, Confession etc. It is sort of an expanded version of last year's book "Praying with Our Hands."
- ***Soul Searching*** <http://www.soulsearching.ie/shabout.shtml>  
The idea behind SoulSearching.ie is to give you the opportunity to discuss and explore your faith and spirituality. These are often topics, which are taboo in our culture. The privacy and confidentiality that the Internet provides is a convenient, alternative route for their exploration. The way we aim to achieve this is to provide excellent, thought-provoking and inspiring content from a very wide range of disciplines such as art, music, social justice, philosophy, spirituality and many more. All of this content is closely linked to our discussion board facilities, giving you the chance to debate and discuss whatever you like (or dislike) and to have a bit of a laugh in the process.
- ***SpiritHome*** [http://www.spirithome.com/prayer\\_c.html#books](http://www.spirithome.com/prayer_c.html#books)  
Spirithome.com is an information resource for your spiritual walk. You're free to take from it what you want and come back for more as you need it. You won't agree with everything, but you'll come away with something each time you come. It's a resource on Christian spirituality. There's lots of common ground with other religions, especially Judaism, and you'll see some of that in SpiritHome. But let others tell you about their faith; they know it better than I do. I'm a Christian, and that's the realm I know and want you to know.

prayer and fasting

prayer in schools

prayer ministry resources

prayer walk

prayer, labyrinth

#### PRAYER

- ***Labyrinth Guild of New England***. (links/resources) <http://www.labyrinthguild.org/index.html>
- ***The Labyrinth Company*** <http://www.labyrinthcompany.com/generic26.html>  
"The Labyrinth Company is America's premier builder of walkable labyrinths. We build walkable labyrinths in all media, for temporary or permanent use, portable or fixed, from studios in Baltimore and New York. Much of our production is devoted to canvas labyrinth floor cloths in many designs. We also have extensive experience designing and building permanent labyrinths, especially in meditation garden settings."

#### PREACHING/SERMON AND WORSHIP RESOURCES

- ***Kir-Shalom*** venerable lectionary preaching resource <http://www.spirit-net.ca/sermon.html>
- ***The Text This Week*** very comprehensive lectionary resource <http://www.textweek.com/>
- ***Sermon Writer*** <http://www.lectionary.org/>  
A helpful exegesis of the New Testament, in English, Spanish and Chinese. Follows the lectionary schedule.

preaching and creativity

preaching and relevance

preaching to postmoderns

preaching to seekers

#### PRESBYTERIAN ORGANIZATIONS

- ***Covenant Network of Presbyterians*** <http://www.covenantnetwork.org/home.htm>  
"The Covenant Network of Presbyterians is a broad-based, national group of clergy and lay leaders working for a church that is simultaneously faithful, just, and whole. We seek to support the mission and unity of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in a time of potentially divisive controversy. We intend to articulate and act on the church's historic, progressive vision and to work for a fully inclusive church. We are committed to finding a way both to live out the graciously hospitable gospel we have received and to live together with all our fellow members in the PC(USA)."
- ***The Layman*** <http://www.layman.org/>  
The official website of the Presbyterian Lay Committee, an ultra conservative voice in the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- ***Presbyterian Church (USA)*** <http://www.pcusa.org/navigation/resources.htm>

*Presbyterel*: Eastern Time at (800) UP-2-DATE (872-3283) email: [presbyterel@pcusa.org](mailto:presbyterel@pcusa.org)  
Research Services, PC (USA) <http://www.pcusa.org/research/statistics.htm>  
helpful research links: <http://www.pcusa.org/research/links.htm>  
free demographic information: <http://ext.nazarene.org/m3/scr/pre.exe>

- ***Presbyterians for Renewal*** <http://www.pfrenewal.org/>  
“As followers of Jesus Christ, seeking to conform our lives and beliefs to the Word of God, our mission is to participate in God's renewing, transforming work in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our Vision.... The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be a church that: boldly proclaims Jesus Christ the incarnate Son of God and the only Savior and Lord of the world; confidently relies upon Scripture as the authority for our faith and life; effectively equips disciples to live abundantly in Christ; intentionally develops godly leaders for future generations; consistently supports congregations as the primary agents of God's mission in the world; willingly relies upon the healthy governing bodies for accountability, mutual encouragement, and shared witness; courageously embraces action for social justice and evangelism as essential dimensions of our primary task, to proclaim the Good News; faithfully lives with holy abandon in the power of the Holy Spirit, willing to risk all and serve all in order to show the love of Christ to all.”
- ***Westminster/John Knox*** <http://www.wjkbooks.com/>
- ***The Witherspoon Society*** (peace/social justice) <http://www.witherspoonsociety.org/index.html>  
“We are a network of concerned Presbyterians responding to God's call to do justice, and to work with hope for healing and wholeness in a world increasingly broken. Our mission is: to listen and learn from those who have been silenced; to nurture the prophetic voice of the church through reflection, discernment, and action; to equip Presbyterians for faithful participation in the church and the world; to challenge unjust relationships of power; to advocate for peace, justice, the integrity of creation, and the full inclusion of all God's people in church and society. Through our witness, we seek to revitalize the church's proclamation and action, informed by the full witness of the Bible and the confessions, animated by our hope for the reign of God.”

program planning

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#### **PUBLISHERS (religion)**

- ***Alban Institute*** <http://www.alban.org/bookstore.asp>
- ***Augsburg Fortress*** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/>
- ***Baker Books*** <http://www.bakerbooks.com/ME2/Audiences/default.asp>
- ***Brazos Press*** <http://www.brazospress.com/ME2/Audiences/default.asp>
- ***Cambridge Univ. Press*** <http://uk.cambridge.org/browse/default.asp?subjectid=1008597>
- ***Cokesbury*** <http://www.cokesbury.com/>
- ***CSS Publishing*** <http://www.csspub.com/>
- ***Eerdmans*** <http://www.eerdmans.com/>
- ***Geneva Press*** <http://www.genevapress.com/>
- ***Harvard University Press*** <http://www.hup.harvard.edu/subjectindex/religion.html>
- ***Intervarsity Press*** <http://www.gospelcom.net/ivpress/>
- ***Jossey-Bass*** (leadership/innovation) <http://www.josseybass.com/WileyCDA/>
- ***Oxford University Press*** <http://www.oup.co.uk/academic/humanities/religion/>
- ***Westminster/John Knox*** <http://www.wjkbooks.com/>
- ***Zondervan*** <http://www.zondervan.com/>

reading recommendations

#### **RECONCILIATION**

- ***Plowshares*** <http://www.plowsharesinstitute.org/default.htm>  
“Plowshares Institute is a catalyst for social change that has been addressing social risks and conflicts for nearly 25 years. In partnership with an international advisory council and collaborative agencies on five continents, the Institute staff designs and implements projects that identify and address emerging social needs in order to build a more just and peaceful world community. In the last decade many of these programs have provided skills in mediation and conflict transformation, and have empowered civic, religious, and political leaders to work together to deal constructively with emerging conflicts. These programs led to Plowshares' recent nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize by members of the South African parliament, with endorsement by leaders in China and Indonesia and members of the U.S. Congress.”

#### **RELIGION, GENERAL**

- ***Adherents.com*** <http://adherents.com/>

“Adherents.com is a growing collection of over 41,000 adherent statistics and religious geography citations -- references to published membership/adherent statistics and congregation statistics for over 4,200 religions, churches, denominations, religious bodies, faith groups, tribes, cultures, movements, ultimate concerns, etc. Basically, researchers can use this site to answer such questions as "How many Methodists live in Indiana?", "What are the major religions of India?", or "What percentage of the world is Hindu?" We present data from both primary research sources such as government census reports, statistical sampling surveys and organizational reporting, as well as citations from secondary literature which mention adherent statistics. Adherents.com is an Internet initiative and is not affiliated with any religious, political, educational, or commercial organization. Adherents.com is the 2nd most frequently visited general religion site on the Internet.”

- **Beliefnet** a multi-faith popular magazine format <http://beliefnet.com/>

“We are a multi-faith e-community designed to help you meet your own religious and spiritual needs -- in an interesting, captivating and engaging way. We are independent. We are not affiliated with a particular religion or spiritual movement. We are not out to convert you to a particular approach, but rather to help you find your own. Fundamental to our mission is a deep respect for a wide variety of faiths and traditions. We try to achieve our mission by providing information and inspiration. Our site has an extraordinary collection of experts and scholars. We give you spiritual tools such as prayer circles, kits to help you celebrate births, weddings, and other life milestones, as well as commemorate deaths. Most important, we help you to learn from each other through a breathtaking array of discussions and dialogue groups.”

- **Digital Librarian** (religion/philosophy links) <http://www.digital-librarian.com/religion.html>  
A Librarian's Choice of the Best of the Web. Maintained by Margaret Vail Anderson.
- **Religious Studies Related Newsgroups** <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/~kbanner/newsgrp.html>
- **Religious Web Site Developers** <http://www.religiousresources.org/homepage/>  
Web Site Development for Religious Organizations offers advice and information for religious organizations about planning, publishing and maintaining an organizational web site.
- **World Network of Religious Futurists** <http://www.wnrf.org/cms/index.shtml>  
“Exploring the future of religion.”

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#### RESOURCE CENTERS (DENOMINATIONAL)

- **Presbyterian Church (USA) Resource Centers**  
<http://www.pcusa.org/resourcecenters/directory.htm>  
A directory of centers listed by synod or clickable by map.
- **Point** (educators resource) <http://pcusa.org/point/>  
“Presbyterians Organized in Nurture and Teaching is a network of knowledgeable, enthusiastic volunteers who have been trained and equipped to lead the way in sharing our curriculum with you. This includes We Believe, our denominational curriculum, as well as Bible Quest and The Present Word, our curricula produced in ecumenical partnership.”
- **Good News** (United Methodist) <http://www.goodnewsmag.org/index.html>  
Web site for a renewal ministry within the United Methodist Church, committed to evangelical and historic Wesleyan concerns.

#### RESOURCE CENTERS (INDEPENDENT)

- **Alban Institute, Bethesda Maryland** <http://www.alban.org>  
“An ecumenical, interfaith organization founded in 1974, which supports congregations through consulting services, research, book publishing, and educational seminars. Practical, perceptive and experienced in working with congregations. Grounded in research and the real life realities of congregations and their leaders.” 703-964-2700 or 800-486-1318.”
- **BuildingChurchLeaders.com** (*Christianity Today*)  
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/bcl/features/welcome.html>  
“BuildingChurchLeaders.com is used by over 40,000 churches to help build faithful and effective leaders in their church or ministry. The ready-to-download, easy-to-use resources provide everything you need to prepare a relevant training session in a matter of minutes. Each resource is designed with church boards, committees, or staff in mind. You select the topical resource that fits what you want to accomplish, download it, make copies if needed, and lead a discussion with your team.”
- **Center for Parish Development** <http://www.missionalchurch.org/index.html>  
“The Center's purpose is to help churches strive to become more faithful and effective missional communities that engage the culture with the gospel, liberate themselves from Christendom bondage, and equip themselves to discern and participate in God's redemptive mission. Since its beginning, the Center has been a research and consulting agency that people call upon when they want to make major and profound change--to become faithful missional communities that engage American culture with the gospel. The Center was founded in 1968 by an ecumenical coalition of denominational mission boards, theological education institutions, and regional church bodies.”
- **Center for Progressive Christianity** <http://www.tcpc.org/>  
“Organized religion does not have to be irrelevant, ineffectual, or repressive.... The Center for Progressive Christianity provides guiding ideas, networking opportunities, and resources for progressive churches, organizations, individuals and others with connections to Christianity. We promote an understanding of Christian practice and teaching that leads to a greater concern for the way people treat each other than for the way people express their beliefs, the acceptance of all people, and a respect for other religious traditions. We affirm the variety and depth of human experience and the richness of each persons' search for meaning, and we encourage the use of sound scholarship, critical inquiry, and all intellectual powers to understand the presence of God in human life. We are opposed to any exclusive dogma that limits the search for truth and free inquiry, and we encourage work that eases the pain, suffering and degradation . . . .”

- **Christian Community** <http://www.churchstuff.com/home.html>  
“Christian Community is a nonprofit research and program development organization. Our focus is the health of local churches and the communities they serve. We affirm and celebrate the diversity of humankind and believe that congregations have a responsibility to share God’s love with all people. Christian Community works with Roman Catholic, Protestant, Anabaptist and Jewish congregations, as well as with people who are not involved in any religious faith.”
- **Church Leader Internet Portal** <http://www.zondervanchurchsource.com/CLIP/>  
“The Church Leader Internet Portal, your gateway to the World Wide Web, is brought to you by [Zondervan ChurchSource](http://www.zondervanchurchsource.com/). ZCS is a resource service to more than 350,000 churches and the people who lead them — pastors, staff, and volunteers — equipping church leaders for effective ministry. Turn to ZCS for news, information, and best-selling and award-winning resources to help you teach and lead your congregation in worship, group study, preaching preparation, evangelism, counseling, youth and women’s ministry, member involvement, church leadership, and more.”
- **Congregational Resource Guide** <http://www.congregationalresources.org/>  
“The [Alban Institute](http://www.albaninstitute.org/) and the [Indianapolis Center for Congregations](http://www.indianapoliscenterforcongregations.org/) have created the Congregational Resource Guide to help congregational leaders connect with resources they need to gain insight into problems and to encourage transformation in their communities of faith. To begin, select a feature, click on a category above, or enter a search term in the Quick Search box.... This project is a joint effort of the [Alban Institute](http://www.albaninstitute.org/) and the [Indianapolis Center for Congregations](http://www.indianapoliscenterforcongregations.org/). Funded by [Lilly Endowment Inc.](http://www.lillyendowment.com/)”
- **CrossSearch** (directory of websites) <http://www.crosssearch.com/>  
CrossSearch is an online directory of Christian websites. CrossSearch aims to provide quick, easy access to all manner of Christian resources and information on the Web. The CrossSearch directory can be browsed by category or explored via keyword searches.
- **Hartford Institute for Religion Research** <http://hirr.hartsem.edu/>  
“Hartford Seminary’s **Hartford Institute for Religion Research** has a twenty-seven year record of rigorous, policy-relevant research, anticipation of emerging issues and commitment to the creative dissemination of learning. This record has earned the Institute an international reputation as an important bridge between the scholarly community and the practice of faith.”
- **Indianapolis Center for Congregations** <http://www.centerforcongregations.org/default.asp>  
“The Center, established in 1997, was founded to help strengthen congregations in the central Indiana metropolitan area. The Center is affiliated with the Alban Institute, a research, publishing, education, and consulting organization based in Bethesda, Maryland that provides resources for congregations nationwide. The Center is a gift to the greater Indianapolis area from Lilly Endowment Inc.... Sometimes congregations need to connect with outside resources that help them find answers to questions and ways of putting their plans into action. The Center’s staff can stand alongside your congregation to help identify and articulate your challenges. We can also help you find and use the best resources available.”
- **Leadership Network** <http://www.leadnet.org/>  
“Leadership Network was created in 1984 to serve the Sr. Pastors of large congregations. Over the years, we have developed strong relationships and a foundation of trust with the leadership teams of innovative churches all across the USA and Canada. Our programs have changed over the years to adapt to the challenges and opportunities faced by the leadership teams of the churches we serve. Our mission is to identify, connect and help high-capacity Christian leaders multiply their impact.”
- **A New Kind of Christian** (Brian McLaren’s webpage) [www.anewkindofchristian.com](http://www.anewkindofchristian.com).  
Popular, thoughtful, sometimes kitschy author and Pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church (an Emergent Church), near Washington, DC. McLaren is a self styled “missional, evangelical, post/protestant, liberal/conservative, mystical/poetic, biblical, charismatic/contemplative, fundamentalist/calvinist, Anabaptist/Anglican, Methodist, catholic, green, Incarnational, depressed-yet-hopeful, emergent, unfinished Christian.”
- **New Life Ministries** <http://www.newlifeministries-nlm.org/>  
links index <http://www.newlifeministries-nlm.org/online/links-index.htm>  
“Resourcing leaders, congregations and denominations in evangelism, congregational growth and vitality, and Church planning”
- **Outreach Canada** <http://www.outreach.ca/>  
“OC works together with local churches and denominations in promoting a nationwide strategy of church planting and revitalization to reach Canada for Christ. The Goal: “That every person and people group in Canada receive the opportunity to see, hear and respond to the gospel.” The task of introducing the Gospel to every person in Canada is a challenge best met head-on. Churches are encouraged to refocus their energies for maximum Kingdom effectiveness and are given practical tools to meet that challenge.”
- **Parish Resource Center** <http://www.prcOhio.com/default.htm>  
“The mission of the Parish Resource Center is to equip leaders for ministry.... The vision of the Parish Resource Center is to strengthen communities of faith for their mission.... The Parish Resource Center offers congregations a way to provide their leaders and workers with individualized consultation and support in a time-efficient, cost-effective, results-oriented way.”
- **PraiseBuildings.com** <http://www.churchconstruction.com/index.php>  
“PraiseBuildings.com is the internet’s most comprehensive directory of professionals, artists/crafts, builder, vendors and suppliers of products and services for religious properties” A searchable database of over 13,000 participating providers of goods and services that promises strict user defined/restricted searches.
- **ReligiousResources.org** <http://www.religiousresources.org/>  
A multi-faith listing of almost 5,000 resources and websites.
- **UK Christian Handbook Online** <http://www.ukchristianhandbook.org.uk/>  
“For over 25 years the UK Christian Handbook has been the directory of Christian organisations and church headquarters. It has steadily grown over the years and now has nearly 6,000 addresses listed. Organisations are normally only listed if they are Trinitarian, that is, they accept the historic formulary of the Godhead.”

## RETREAT CENTERS

- **Retreats International** (Pennsylvania locations) <http://www.retreatsintl.org/list.htm#pennsylvania>  
A helpful center for guidance on location, setting, leaders, etc., for a range of retreat styles and groups. Check the home page.

## RURAL MINISTRY

- **Ormond Center** <http://www.divinity.duke.edu/programs/ormond/>  
*Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC.* “The J.M. Ormond Center for Research, Planning and Development provides research and consultative services for churches and church leaders of the United Methodist Church and other denominations. The Center has a special concern to assist rural churches in their ministry and mission. It also provides opportunities for students, church leaders, and scholars for study and reflection on church life and dynamics.”

## Sabbath practice

### SABBATICAL FUNDING/PLANNING AND STUDY RESOURCES (see also Halftime)

- **Center of Theological Inquiry** (Princeton Theological Seminary) <http://www.ctinquiry.org/>  
“*Pastor-Theologian Program* A three-year program supported by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. The Center of Theological Inquiry is acting on the conviction that in all denominations there are pastors and priests of extraordinary intellectual ability, equally as capable of the theological scholarship as the academic theologian, who lack only the time, context, and encouragement for such pursuits; and that on their emergence as a formative influence the renewal of the church depends.”
- **Center for Church Life** <http://www.auburnsem.org/church/about.asp?nsectionid=3&pageid=1>  
“Today daunting challenges confront mainline Protestant churches, including the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with which Auburn is affiliated. The Center for Church Life aims to renew congregations and denominations, to help church leaders deepen their understanding of their faith, and to equip them to assume more active roles in public life. Through inventive courses, stimulating forums and other events for clergy and lay leaders, the Center addresses such issues as the theological challenges of the Christian faith in a pluralistic world, the need for faithful and imaginative worship; gender and sexuality issues in the church; the relevance of organized religion in an increasingly secular society; and the hardships and opportunities facing small rural and urban churches.”
- **College of Pastoral Leaders** (Austin Seminary—Presb) <http://www.austinseminary.edu/cpl/>  
“‘The Glory of God is Humanity fully alive’ wrote St. Irenaeus, the second century theologian and pastor. Most pastors today would agree. But it is hard to inspire the glory of God among humanity when pastors themselves feel less than fully alive. The demands of leadership and administration, of church conflict and pastoral care, of meetings and programs deplete the emotional and spiritual lives of pastors. The College of Pastoral Leaders offers pastors a chance to practice life-long learning in the context of supportive long-term relationships with colleagues. Whether pastors want to make a healthy start in ministry, to find refreshment at midpoint, or to seek renewal prior to retirement, this program is dedicated to sustaining pastoral leadership.”
- **Duke Divinity School programs** <http://www.divinity.duke.edu/learningforlife/programs/>  
*Learning for Life* program offerings: Annual Lectures, Convocation & Pastors’ School, Courage to Serve, Course of Study for Ordained Ministry, Learned Clergy Initiative: Sustained Learning, Royce & Jane Reynolds Program in Church Leadership, Seminars and Conferences, Study Leave for Ministry Professionals, Laity Weekend, Lay Academy of Religion, Learned Clergy Initiative: Sustained Learning, Seminars and Conferences, Study Leave for Ministry Professionals.
- **Fund for Theological Education (FTE)** <http://www.thefund.org/>  
“Begun in 1954 with the goal of supporting excellence in the profession of ministry, the Fund for Theological Education has enjoyed a long and rich [history](#), providing gifted women and men with nearly 5000 fellowships and generating innovative new programs for theological and ministerial support. Supported by individuals and grants from a group of U.S. foundations, FTE envisions new and imaginative programs to encourage diversity and excellence in the churches and seminaries of North America.”
- **Louisville Institute grants** (Lilly) <http://www.louisville-institute.org/secondary/pastoralgrants.asp>  
“In 2004 pastoral leaders are eligible to apply to the *General Grant Program* and four different competitive grant programs of the Louisville Institute. Links for each program are found below. Use the descriptions of the nature and purpose of these programs to help you decide which program is best for you. Keep in mind that you may only apply to one program during a given grant year. *The Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders* program is the primary Louisville Institute grant program for pastors and other religious leaders seeking a time for study, reflection, retreat and rest for the renewal of their vocations. While each grantee must have a focal topic or theme of study, and writing is encouraged, emphasis is on balancing such study with sabbatical practices that renew and refresh. *The Summer Stipend, Christian Faith and Life, and Religious Institutions* grant programs support specific research and writing projects intended to produce publishable articles and books. Pastoral leaders who seek support for such projects, rather than a sabbatical that might include research and writing, should consider these programs. *The General Grant* program of the Louisville Institute supports a variety of research efforts, convening, and peer groups. Pastoral leaders with collaborative projects, peer groups, convening plans, or research and writing projects not qualifying for consideration in one of the competitive grants programs may inquire about the General Grant program.”
- **National Clergy Renewal Program** (Lilly) <http://www.clergyrenewal.org/>  
“Lilly Endowment, an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation, seeks to strengthen Christian congregations by providing an opportunity for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Renewal periods are not vacations, but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for drinking again from God’s life-giving waters, for regaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry. In the 2005 National Clergy Renewal Program, the Endowment anticipates awarding as many as 100 grants of up to \$45,000 each directly to Christian congregations for the support of a renewal program for their pastor. Up to \$15,000 of the grant may be used for congregational expenses associated with the renewal program.”
- **Pastoral Excellence grants** (Lilly) <http://pastoralexcellence.org/>

“Through a number of programs, the Endowment has sought to allow pastors opportunities to nourish and sustain their own spiritual lives, promote their ongoing intellectual growth and nurture their pastoral imagination and energy. The most recent of these programs, “Sustaining Pastoral Excellence,” was announced in January 2002. The Endowment has awarded 63 grants totaling \$84 million in this program. Lilly Endowment awards 16 additional grants to “sustain pastoral excellence.”

- ***Practicing our Faith*** (Valparaiso Univ., IN) [http://www.practicingourfaith.com/who\\_valpo.html](http://www.practicingourfaith.com/who_valpo.html)  
“The Valparaiso Project launched PracticingOurFaith.org as a way to extend the invitation offered in the 1997 book [Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People](#). Both book and website explore twelve time-honored practices shaped by the Christian community over the centuries, yet richly relevant to contemporary experience. These Christian practices are shared activities that address fundamental human needs and that, when woven together, form a way of life that is faithful and has integrity. The Valparaiso Project encourages creative thinking and writing on practices foundational to a Christian way of life. To learn about writing projects and conferences currently in progress, [visit the News section](#). The Valparaiso Project Grants Program provides financial support for activities designed to help specific communities nurture a way of life shaped by Christian practices. These grants enable creative leaders to strengthen teaching, learning, and reflection on Christian practices within the varied contexts where people engage in practices. [See what others are doing](#) and [apply for a Practice Grant](#).”

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#### SCIENCE AND RELIGION

- ***Metanexus Institute*** [http://www.metanexus.net/metanexus\\_online/index.asp](http://www.metanexus.net/metanexus_online/index.asp)  
“The Metanexus Institute advances research, education and outreach on the constructive engagement of science and religion. We seek to create an enduring intellectual and social movement by collaborating with persons and communities from diverse religious traditions and scientific disciplines. In a spirit of humility and with a deep concern for intellectual rigor, the Metanexus Institute promotes a balanced and exploratory dialogue between science and religion. While mindful of the complexities of this endeavor, we work to develop integrative approaches that enrich the domains of both science and religion.”
- ***Science and Spirit*** (magazine) <http://www.science-spirit.org/scireliglinks.html>
- “*Science & Spirit* explores how science and religion can work together to address the vital issues of our time. Life’s complexities can weigh heavy on the spirit. Looking at them through the lenses of both science and religion offers insight neither discipline provides alone. We appreciate serious science, and we cover a world of faiths. Our mission is to explore the integration of the scientific and spiritual aspects of our culture in a way that is accessible and relevant to everyday living.”
- **John Templeton Foundation** <http://www.templeton.org/>  
“The mission of the John Templeton Foundation is to pursue new insights at the boundary between theology and science through a rigorous, open-minded and empirically focused methodology, drawing together talented representatives from a wide spectrum of fields of expertise. Using “the humble approach,” the Foundation typically seeks to focus the methods and resources of scientific inquiry on topical areas which have spiritual and theological significance ranging across the disciplines from cosmology to healthcare. In the human sciences, the foundation supports programs, competitions, publications, and studies that promote character education and the exploration of positive values and purpose across the lifespan. It supports free enterprise education and development internationally through the Templeton Freedom Awards, new curriculum offerings, and other programs that encourage free-market principles.”

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secularism and the church

Seeker churches

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#### SERMON PREPARATION

- ***SermonWriter*** <http://www.lectionary.org/>  
Fine resources and study aids for sermon preparation according to the lectionary.
- ***The Text This Week*** <http://www.textweek.com/>  
Very comprehensive lectionary resource including extensive movie and art links.

shepherding/faith community ministries

shopping mall churches

signage

single adult ministries

small group leaders

small group ministries

small group planting

small town ministry  
social action  
social capital, changes  
social change, roots of  
spiritual discipline and practices

#### SPIRITUALITY/SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- **Office of Spiritual Formation, PC(USA)** <http://www.pcusa.org/spiritualformation/>  
“Spiritual formation is the activity of the Holy Spirit which molds our lives into the likeness of Jesus Christ. This likeness is one of deep intimacy with God and genuine compassion for all of creation. The Spirit works not only in the lives of individuals but also in the church, shaping it into the Body of Christ. We cooperate with this work of the Spirit through certain practices that make us more open and responsive to the Spirit's touch, disciplines such as sabbath keeping, works of compassion and justice, discernment, worship, hospitality, spiritual friendships, and contemplative silence.”
- **Renovaré** <http://www.renovare.org/index.asp>  
“RENOVARÉ Spiritual Formation Groups are small fellowships that exist for mutual support, mutual encouragement, and mutual accountability as we participate in our transformation into Christlikeness. Drawing their format from small group models that span the centuries—from the Benedictines in the 4th Century to Methodism in the 17th Century to Alcoholics Anonymous in the 20th Century—participants in these gatherings of between two and seven people ask one another in various forms the old question, "How is it with your soul?" And this is how members of these groups help one another in their life for Christ.”
- **Spirituality Program** <http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/spirituality/index.asp>  
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. “Columbia's Spirituality Program offers a variety of ways to explore spirituality and one's relationship with God. The Certificate in Spiritual Formation program is designed to prepare and encourage ministers and lay leaders in deepening their spiritual growth. Requiring no specific prior degree, it entails completing 18 units of elective courses in three to five years. These courses include a wide variety of subjects from biblical spiritual formation, the history of Christian Spirituality, classical spiritual authors, and contemporary and ancient spiritual practices. For Columbia seminarians and spouses wishing to nourish their faith and deepen their knowledge of spirituality, Columbia has created a special Certificate in Spiritual Formation. This intentional learning opportunity facilitates serious exploration of spirituality rooted in scripture, theology, and practice. Columbia also offers a [Doctor of Ministry](#) in Christian Spirituality.”
- **Search Institute Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence** <http://www.search-institute.org/research/SpiritualDevelopment.html>  
“*Long Term Vision:* Search Institute joins with a growing international network of organizations, scholars, and initiative that seek to see the following: Child and adolescent spiritual development will become an established, rigorous field of scientific inquiry around the world as well as an integral part of university education in human development and other social sciences. The wisdom of many faith traditions around the world will be articulated and interpreted in ways that strengthen scientific inquiry, seminary training, and spiritual formation practices of clergy, other religious leaders, parents, and others around the world. Practitioners and parents worldwide will have significantly better knowledge and tools to help them recognize, nurture, and celebrate the spiritual development of young people.”
- **Shalem Institute** <http://www.shalem.org/>  
“Shalem (pronounced "sha-lame") is named for the Hebrew word meaning whole: to be complete. Scripture tells us to worship God with a lev shalem, or a whole heart. The mission of Shalem is to be an ecumenical community responding to a call to help mediate God's Spirit in the world through the loving wisdom of contemplative tradition. We feel God has a vision for all persons to find their deep personal and common ground in the divine presence, and we feel a calling to support people in recognizing, claiming and nourishing their own desire for that presence, for their own sakes and for the world. Although Shalem is grounded in the Christian contemplative path, we continue to be enriched by the grace present in other traditions. We respectfully welcome anyone, regardless of tradition, who would seek to learn from the contemplative way.”
- **Hungry Hearts Spiritual Formation (Presb.)**  
<http://www.pcusa.org/spiritualformation/hungryhearts/index.htm>
- **Links** <http://www.pcusa.org/spiritualformation/links.htm>  
Presbyterian sight linking to many ecumenical listings for each of: Reformed Spirituality, General Information, Spiritual practices, Daily Office, Electronic Libraries Art and Music, Publishers/Booksellers, Articles, Benedictine Spirituality, Thomas Merton, Other Sites Related to Spirituality.  
Spirituality & Health: The Soul/Body Connection reports on the people, the practices, and the ideas of the current spiritual renaissance; offers self-tests, guidance on spiritual practices; reviews of the latest resources for people on spiritual journeys; inspiration and insights from leading teachers, researchers, and practitioners; and a forum for the active exchange of ideas among various disciplines and communities; This website and our bimonthly [print magazine](#) are published by Spirituality & Health Publishing, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of [Trinity Church, Wall Street](#). The magazine and website are editorially independent.
- **Spirituality and Health** [http://www.spiritualityhealth.com/newsh/items/home/item\\_216.html](http://www.spiritualityhealth.com/newsh/items/home/item_216.html)  
What does it mean to have an intimate relationship with God, in which resting with God is felt to be as important as doing something for God? Rather than an escape from life, the spiritual life is an immersion in it, our deep connection to the Holy One leading to deep connections with the world around us. From the commonplace and everyday to the overwhelming and life changing, God's gift is to live ordinary lives with extraordinary love.

spiritual quest, varieties

- **Council on Spiritual Practices (interfaith)** <http://www.csp.org/>

staff meetings

staffing

#### STATISTICS, RELIGIOUS—SOURCES

- **Adherents.com** <http://adherents.com/>

“Adherents.com is a growing collection of over 41,000 adherent statistics and religious geography citations -- references to published membership/adherent statistics and congregation statistics for over 4,200 religions, churches, denominations, religious bodies, faith groups, tribes, cultures, movements, ultimate concerns, etc. Basically, researchers can use this site to answer such questions as "How many Methodists live in Indiana?", "What are the major religions of India?", or "What percentage of the world is Hindu?" We present data from both primary research sources such as government census reports, statistical sampling surveys and organizational reporting, as well as citations from secondary literature which mention adherent statistics. Adherents.com is an Internet initiative and is not affiliated with any religious, political, educational, or commercial organization. Adherents.com is the 2nd most frequently visited general religion site on the Internet.”

- **American Fact Finder** <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?lang=en>
- **American Religion Data Archive (ARDA)** <http://www.arda.tm/>
- **Association of Theological Schools (ATS)** <http://www.ats.edu/data/factbook.htm>
- **Faith Communities Today (FACT)** <http://fact.hartsem.edu/>
- **Glenmary Research Center** <http://glenmary.org/grc/default.htm>
- **Research Services, PC (USA)** <http://www.pcusa.org/research/statistics.htm>
- **US Congregational Life Survey** <http://www.uscongregations.org/>

Based on the Presbyterian survey and subsequent book, *Beyond the Ordinary: 10 Strengths of US Congregations*, “The U.S. Congregational Life Survey is the largest and most representative profile of worshipers and their congregations ever developed in the United States. The U.S. Congregational Life Survey: examines congregational vitality to help congregations renew and enrich their mission, and describes the American religious landscape in the new millennium based on input from over 300,000 worshipers in more than 2,000 congregations across the United States; provides your congregation with the opportunity to learn about your unique strengths.”

stewardship

storytelling as planning vehicle

strategic mapping

team ministries

technology, (also: computers)

technology, bringing to congregation

technology, managing IT in churches

teenagers, reaching

#### THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

- **Bibliography of resources** <http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/grannell/te1.html>
- **Center for the Study of Theological Education**  
<http://www.auburnsem.org/study/publications.asp?nsectionid=2&pageid=3>

A series of well documented studies on topics such as: "Denominational Funding Patterns in Protestant Theological Education"; "Models of Manageable Educational Debt Levels"; "Who Should Pay for a Theological or Rabbinical Education?"; "Historical Perspectives on the Funding of Rabbinical and Theological Education"; "An Analysis of Educational Debt Among Theological and Rabbinical Students"; "Sound Learning: A Short History of Seminary Faculties"; "Treasure and Talent: Compensation of Theological School Faculty, 1987-1993"; "Hard to Find: Searching for Practical Faculty in the 1990s."

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theological education, challenges

theology

theology of ministry

theology, doing in ministry,

theology, doing with congregation

theology, reconstructing

trustee resources

twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) century models for ministry

unchurched, reaching  
unchurched, understanding

#### URBAN MINISTRY

- **Center for Urban Ministry** <http://www.united.edu/urbanmin/>  
*United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH.* “The Center for Urban Ministry is pursuing three special initiatives: Hispanic, African American, and Appalachian. It seeks to become a major provider of urban ministry training with classes offered multi-contextually. Courses are offered for working pastors and lay ministers who are actively serving in urban settings, but who may not have participated in traditional degree programs; pastors and congregational leaders desiring to re-tool for ministry and outreach in urban contexts; and seminarians interested in preparing for urban ministry through both classroom and contextual experience.”
- **Urban Ministries Program** [http://www.mccormick.edu/mod.php?mod=userpage&page\\_id=65&menu=1605](http://www.mccormick.edu/mod.php?mod=userpage&page_id=65&menu=1605)  
*McCormick Theological Seminary* pioneered urban ministry. This tradition is alive today as the city remains our campus and our frontier. Our urban ministry vision includes an emphasis on spreading the gospel, transforming communities, building congregations, practicing anti-racism, being multi- and cross-cultural, working for justice, and envisioning new ministries “outside the box.” We invite you to explore the links below to find out about some of McCormick and Chicago’s offering. But most importantly we invite you to check out the Urban E-Journal, a quarterly publication published exclusively on the web.”
- **Urban Ministry Program** [http://www.iliff.edu/about\\_iliff/special\\_programs.htm#urban](http://www.iliff.edu/about_iliff/special_programs.htm#urban)  
*Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO.* “Program is a response to the challenge of bringing the gospel - effectively and intelligently - to the city. The program prepares ministers, particularly men and women of color, to serve in urban churches and urban service agencies.”
- **Metro-Urban Institute** <http://www.pts.edu/metrourb.html>  
*Pittsburgh Theological Seminary* has been preparing leaders for Christian ministry for over 200 years. In 1991, the seminary initiated the Metro-Urban Institute (MUI) to help churches address growing concerns related to urban living. The MUI has become an important resource for those concerned with "the welfare of the city" (Jeremiah 29:7) whether or not they actually live in urban areas. The purpose of the Institute is defined with six primary goals: To provide Classroom and Field Placement Educational Opportunities; to cooperate with churches, church-related agencies, and other human service programs to respond educationally to the social and spiritual problems of people in the metropolitan context; to identify continuing education needs of pastors and others employed by churches as well as laypersons interested in better preparation for church work and Christian witness, at both the undergraduate and graduate level; to identify problems related to issues for which the churches must or should provide services and support to their communities; to provide a well-rounded theological and community-based education experience that utilizes the expertise of seminary faculty and religious leaders from throughout the community; to provide assistance to congregations and the seminary community with scholarly research concerning urban ministry.”

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Vineyard churches  
vision, creating  
visitation, home  
visitation, hospital  
visitation, prospective members  
visitor entry ports  
visitors, improving your welcome  
volunteers  
web site management  
women, changing roles, parenting

#### WOMEN

- **Women’s Studies** <http://www.earlham.edu/~libr/acrlwss/wsstheo.html>  
“Welcome to Women and Theology, part of [WSSLinks](#), developed and maintained by the Women’s Studies Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries. This page provides a selective, annotated list of links to Internet resources related to women in religion, feminist theology, and the feminine divine.”
- **Horizons (Presb.)** <http://www.pcusa.org/pcusa/horizons/>  
“A bimonthly magazine with annual Bible study, including resources for women and the church. Providing ideas, information and inspiration for Presbyterian Women.”
- **Women’s Studies Assoc. College & Research Libr.** <http://www.earlham.edu/~libr/acrlwss/wsstheo.html>

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women, ministry  
women, Presbyterian

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

- ***Lilly research studies*** <http://resourcingchristianity.org/titlesbysubject.aspx?subjectid=119>  
A fund of research findings covering 3+ decades of Protestant decline, with many hopeful prescriptions for renewal.

#### WORSHIP RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL

- ***Call to Worship*** <http://pcusa.org/theologyandworship/pubs/calltoworship.htm>  
Formerly, “Reformed Liturgy and Music”; published by the PC(USA).

worship resources, contemporary  
worship space, designing  
worship style  
worship teams  
worship, alternative times  
worship, blended  
yoked parishes  
young adults, reaching

#### YOUTH AND RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

- ***Youth Theological Initiative*** <http://candler.emory.edu/RESOURCES/YTI/>  
*Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA:* A center for research and education that serves the Church and Academy by exploring how adolescents think theologically.
- ***National Study of Youth and Religion*** [www.youthandreligion.org](http://www.youthandreligion.org)  
First Major NSYR Findings To Be Published in *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* by Christian Smith with Melinda Lundquist Denton. Oxford University Press. After three years of planning, data collection and analysis, the NSYR is ready to go public with its first major findings in *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*, to be released January, 2005 by Oxford University Press.
- ***National Study of Youth and Religion*** <http://www.ptev.org/indexer.aspx?sect=resources&tid=-11&iid=11>  
“The National Study of Youth and Religion is a research project being conducted at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill under the direction of Dr. Christian Smith, Professor in the Department of Sociology. This 4-year project will continue until August 2005, and is designed to enhance our understanding of the religious lives of American adolescents. Site includes research findings, resource guides and bibliographies.”

youth ministry resources  
youth sexuality

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#### Notes:

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