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VT E05 002 C1	Steinke, Peter BALANCING ACT. 1998. This 2-program (45-min. each) video introduces the concept of the congregation as an emotional system. This is not a how-to but rather a how-to-see presentation. It is a tool for leadership development and helping leaders see the powerful role mature leaders play in building a healthy congregation.	Adult /ideocassettes
KT E03 005 C1	Goetz, David L., Editor BUILDING CHURCH LEADERS NOTEBOOK. 1998. Designed to help you develop a dynamic team of leaders who can think strategically and biblically about the mission of your church. Select the training handout you feel meets the needs of your leaders, photocopy it, and then lead a 20-minute discussion at the beginning of your meeting. Or use several handouts for a longer session at a retreat.	Adult Kits
BK A03 3530 C1	Melander, Rochelle GENEROUS PRESENCE. 2006. A Generous Presence is a collection of story-driven essays about the philosophy, tools, and work of coaching that is designed to support all spiritual leaders in deepening and enriching their personal and professional relationships. By practicing the coaching tools Rochelle Melander offers, spiritual leaders will be better equipped to guide those they work with toward accepting the past, creating a life vision, and setting goals for the future. Additionally, the tools provided in this book will help leaders understand themselves and enable them to strengthen their definitions for healthy living, raise their awareness about their own life and relationship skills, and improve their skills in relating to individuals and groups. (Alban website)	Adult Book
BK E05 015 C1	Ramey, Jr., Robert H. GROWING CHURCH LEADERS. 1995. These practical helps for developing lay leaders address the church in a changing age and aim for the growth of leaders in their personal life and in their skills for ministry.	Adult Book
BK E05 3631 C1	Bass, Richard, ed. LEADERSHIP IN CONGREGATIONS. 2007. This new book in Alban's Harvesting the Learnings Series gathers the collected wisdom of over 10 years of Alban research and reflection on what it means to be a leader in a congregation, how our perceptions of leadership are changing, and exciting new directions for leadership in the future. (Alban website)	Adult Book
BK A03 038 C1	Hawkins, Thomas R. LEARNING CONGREGATION: A NEW VISION OF LEADERSHIP. 1997. Congregations today face an adaptive challenge of immense proportions. Many respond with classic signs of work avoidance: holding on to past assumptions, blaming authority, and denial. This new vision of church leadership can provide a way to break through these defensive routines.	Adult Book
BK A02 053 C1	Eason, Steven P. MAKING DISCIPLES , MAKING LEADERS: A MANUAL FOR DEVELOPING CHURCH OFFICERS. 2004. This book offers a unique model for selecting and training church officers that is grounded in spiritual discernment and development. It begins with a biblical understanding of leadership, moves into consideration for how to train a nominating committee to select leaders according to the biblical vision, and then offers a step-by-step plan for a training event with three components.	Adult Book

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BK A03 046 C1	<p>Goleman, Daniel; Boyatzis, Richard; McKee, Annie</p> <p>PRIMAL LEADERSHIP: LEARNING TO LEAD WITH EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE. 2002.</p> <p>In this book, the authors explore the role of emotional intelligence in leadership. Unveiling neuroscientific links between organizational success or failure and primal leadership, the authors argue that a leader's emotions are contagious. If a leader resonates energy and enthusiasm, an organization thrives; if a leader spreads negativity and dissonance, it flounders.</p>	Adult Book
BK A03 3366 C1	<p>Geoffrion, Timothy C.</p> <p>SPIRIT-LED LEADER. 2005.</p> <p>Designed for pastors, executives, administrators, managers, coordinators, and all who see themselves as leaders and who want to fulfill their God-given purpose, The Spirit-Led Leader addresses the critical fusion of spiritual life and leadership for those who not only want to see "results," but who also desire to care just as deeply about who they are and how they lead as they do about what they produce and accomplish. Geoffrion creates a new vision for spiritual leadership as partly an art, partly a result of careful planning, and always a working of the grace of God. (Alban website)</p>	Adult Book
BK A01 007 C1	<p>Hook, M. Anne Burnette; Clement, Shirley F.</p> <p>STAYING FOCUSED-BUILDING MINISTRY TEAMS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION. 2002.</p> <p>Staying Focused helps leaders of ministry teams in United Methodist congregations focus on their stated ministry task and on the spiritual formation of the team members. If we stay focused on Christ, avoiding being distracted by the business of the committee or group, spiritual formation and guidance from the Spirit will occur. Helps are provided for leaders of the lay leadership committee; and for the nurture, outreach, and witness ministry teams.</p>	Adult Book
BK A04 3451 C1	<p>Daniel, Lillian</p> <p>TELL IT LIKE IT IS. 2006.</p> <p>In Tell It Like It Is, Lillian Daniel describes how the practice of testimony strengthened lay leadership, fostered more intimate community, and drew her congregation closer to God. (Alban website)</p>	Adult Book
BK A01 032 C1	<p>Olsen, Charles M.</p> <p>TRANSFORMING CHURCH BOARDS INTO COMMUNITIES OF SPIRITUAL LEADERS. 1995.</p> <p>Provides a model for a new way of working on church boards that can be fulfilling instead of draining. The author faces the problem of burnout among church officers and offers a 4-point program: shared stories, scripture, prayer, and discernment.</p>	Adult Book
BK A A03 3375 C1	<p>Jones, Jeffrey D.</p> <p>TRAVELING TOGETHER: A GUIDE FOR DISCIPLE-FORMING CONGREGATIONS. 2006.</p> <p>"In Traveling Together, Jeff Jones takes his readers on a journey, providing a guidebook that maps out the factors facing congregations in this post-modern, post-Christian world, what it means to be a disciple, biblical foundations for understanding the purpose of the church to become a disciple-forming community, key experiences that contribute to the growth of disciples, and eight important qualities of a disciple-forming congregation. Rather than bemoaning the state of the church in the world today, Jones says we need to be open to the possibility that the struggles of these times are God's way of calling the church to be what it is supposed to be, to do what it is supposed to do in this new world." (Alban Institute website)</p>	Adult Book

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BK A01 3372 C1	Robinson, Anthony B. WHAT'S THEOLOGY GOT TO DO WITH IT?. 2006. In this book, "Anthony Robinson carefully defines theology as the core convictions that help members of a congregation understand their common perspective and shared identity. Theology is the foundational Christian experience, the wisdom that both forms and transforms lives. Rather than avoiding theology, congregations should openly express their beliefs and values to clarify their purpose, argues Robinson. Instead of trying to define the boundaries of belief, a congregation will zero in on a reasonably clear core faith." (Alban website)	Adult Book