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VT A02 015 C1	Griggs, Donald L. <b>ACROSS THE CENTURIES. 1990.</b> Designed to help church officers better understand The Book of Order, especially the form of government. Using artful computer graphics, the video leads the viewer through the Book of Order and provides an overview of its structure and contents.	Adult /ideocassettes
BK P06 005 C1	Thornburg, P. Alex; Foote Jr., Ted V. <b>BEING DISCIPLES OF JESUS IN A DOC.COM WORLD. 2003.</b> The authors of "Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt" return with a new book that engagingly and wittily examines Christian discipleship in the midst of the postmodern world. With chapter titles such as "Is God Eccentric or Comfortably Middle Class?" "How Much is Grace, or Is It Just Cheap?" "What Would Jesus Drive?" and "Am I My Siblings' Keeper, or Are They the Weakest Links?" Includes study questions, journaling opportunities, and suggestions for group leaders.	Adult Book
BK G01 027 C1	<b>BEING PRESBYTERIAN IN THE BIBLE BELT. 2000.</b> Addressing such questions as "Is the Bible the literal word of God or just a long, boring book", this is an easy-to-understand, slightly irreverent approach to theology and the kind of theological questions that youth (and others) have today. The authors assume that fundamentalist rhetoric sets the agenda for Christian youth, formulated in such questions as "Are you saved?", "What would Jesus do?", and "Are you going to heaven?" They try to help Presbyterian young people articulate their faith by addressing each of these questions and answering them from a mainline point of view.	Youth Book
BK A02 007 C1	<b>BOOK OF CONFESSIONS. 1994.</b> Part I of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Contains the 11 confessional documents of the denomination and a comprehensive cross-reference index. It also includes color photographs and explanations of the symbolism in eight of the confessions.	Adult Book
KT A02 3552 C1	<b>BOOK OF ORDER - ANNOTATED EDITION . 2004.</b> The pattern of annotated entries in this copy of the Book of Order provides information about all changes and interpretations which have been made since 1983.	Adult Kits
BK A02 048 C1	<b>BOOK OF ORDER-CURRENT EDITION.</b> The Book of Order is the second part of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This volume contains the Form of Government, the Directory for Worship, and the Rules of Discipline. Additional information is provided to the reader through the inclusion of Received Ecumenical Statements of Guidance, Articles of Agreement, and material on the seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).	Adult Book
BK A07 3303 C1	Ramsey, William M. <b>CHURCH HISTORY 101: AN INTRODUCTION FOR PRESBYTERIANS. 2005.</b> William Ramsay presents the story of the growth and development of the Christian church from the New Testament era to the present day. The book, which gives special attention to the experiences of Presbyterians in America, highlights key events and profiles prominent individuals who had an impact on the church's life. This wonderful look at the history that led Presbyterians to America serves as a valuable introduction for new member classes, adult study groups, and all those eager to learn more about church history. (Cokesbury website)	Adult Book

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BK A02 054 C1	<p><b>COMMON FAITH, COMMON MISSION. 2004.</b></p> <p>The four sessions in this leader's guide are designed to give older youth and adults an opportunity to become familiar or reacquainted with the two books that make up the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which are The Book of Confessions and the Book of Order. The sessions are meant to give a hands-on introduction to our polity, or government, providing the foundations of how we govern ourselves as Presbyterians and how we relate to the world. The sessions are designed to be completed in about one hour's time; however, ninety minutes will allow for a more thorough opportunity for sharing what the group learns.</p>	Adult Book
BK A02 3545 C1	<p>Chapman, William E.</p> <p><b>DISTINCTIVELY PRESBYTERIAN. 2006.</b></p> <p>In this book, the author continues to explore the Book of Order as a story of people together seeking ways to carry out their call by God to faithful unity in the midst of diversity. Contending that chapter four of the Book of Order addresses the issue of what holds the PC(USA) together, the author gleans wisdom from his close look at the tensions inherent in our unity, and he challenges us to remember and to live out our call to serve Jesus Christ, responsive to the diversity in which we live. Includes a leader's guide for group discussion.</p>	Adult Kits
VT A02 002 C2	<p>Rogers, Jack</p> <p><b>ESSENTIAL TENETS OF THE REFORMED FAITH.</b></p> <p>This video is divided into two parts: "Essential Tenets of the Reformed Faith" (36 minutes); and "Touring the Creeds" (52 minutes). This video is great for Officer Training and/or New Member and Adult Study. Could also be used with older confirmands.</p>	Adult /ideocassettes
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BK A02 041 C1	<p>Chapman, William E.</p> <p><b>FINDING CHRIST IN THE BOOK OF ORDER. 2003.</b></p> <p>Chapman explores the theological framework of the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA), illustrating how this can be overlooked if the Book of Order is used as an operations manual. Well suited for officer training sessions, adult study groups, and new member classes.</p>	Adult Book
BK P06 140 C1	<p>Small, Joseph D.</p> <p><b>GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH. 2003.</b></p> <p>A Short-Term Study Course for Adults. The 1997 General Assembly called on Presbyterian churches to reshape their lives in line with the great ends of the church. This resource helps us understand this vision more clearly and offers practical ways for congregations and communities to move toward these great ends.</p>	Adult Book
BK E05 018 C1	<p>Chapman, William E.</p> <p><b>HISTORY AND THEOLOGY IN THE BOOK OF ORDER: BLOOD ON EVERY PAGE. 1999.</b></p> <p>The Companion to the Constitution tells officers in the local church how to carry out their functions. This book explains why it is that we are so concerned about decency and order. An interesting approach to the study of the Book of Order with a leader's guide.</p>	Adult Book

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BK A02 017 C1	Angell, James W. <b>HOW TO SPELL PRESBYTERIAN - REVISED. 2002.</b> This revised edition of the readable, accessible book is divided into six parts-key ideas, commitment, witness, order, discipline, and covenant-and includes a handy glossary to commonly used Presbyterian terms.	Adult Book
VT A02 010 C1	<b>IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. 1991.</b> Introduces the Directory of Worship, the denomination's guide for the worship life of the church. Gives clergy, church officers, and people in the pews a personal tour of the entire text of this critical document for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	Adult
BK A02 053 C1	Eason, Steven P. <b>MAKING DISCIPLES , MAKING LEADERS: A MANUAL FOR DEVELOPING CHURCH OFFICERS. 2004.</b> 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
BK A02 3715 C1	McGeachy, Pat <b>MEET THE PRESBYTERIANS. 2007.</b> This small book is sold in sets of 5 for \$11.95. It is a great pocket size and gives basic information about what it means to be Presbyterian. Good for new and prospective members as well as confirmation.	Adult Book
BK A02 3275 C1	Chapman, William E. <b>MISSION SYMPHONY: NOTES FOR THE THIRD MILLENNIUM. 2004.</b> In this book, the author explores the third chapter of the Book of Order, "The Church and Its Mission". Comparing this chapter to Schubert's Eighth Symphony, known as the "Unfinished", the author notes that mission is "what Christians do." This book includes a leader's guide, which offers suggestions for studying this chapter of the Book of Order, as well as the author's thoughts on how to incorporate music into your study sessions. (from the back of the book)	Adult Book
BK A02 019 C1	McKim, Donald K. <b>PRESBYTERIAN BELIEFS-A BRIEF INTRODUCTION. 2003.</b> This book is a clear introduction to the major beliefs of Presbyterians. It is written non-technically to provide readers with a clear discussion of what Presbyterians believe about key theological topics. It is arranged according to three broad headings: the God Who Reveals, Creates, and Guides; the Christ Who Saves People Like Us; and the Church Where Faith Begins, is Nourished, and Grows all to the glory of God! The book is ideal for personal and group study in churches.	Adult Book
BK A02 042 C1	Rogers, Jack <b>PRESBYTERIAN CREEDS: GUIDE TO BOOK OF CONFESSIONS. 1991.</b> The author explains terms and places current issues in perspective by examining the meaning of the creeds and confessions in their role in history. If you are using the video "Essential Tenants of the Reformed Faith", this is a good companion to that study.	Adult Book

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BK E05 001 C1	Johnson, Jr., Earl S. <b>PRESBYTERIAN DEACON. 2002.</b> In this highly useful book, the author explores the role of the deacon in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its office as a ministry of sympathy, witness, and service. It examines the office as described in the Book of Order and analyzes how the word deacon is used in Scripture. Biblical texts are explored, historical information regarding the inclusion of women is provided, and innovative ways to incorporate the office into the larger ministry of the church are suggested.	Adult Book
BK A02 022 C1	Wright, Paul S. <b>PRESBYTERIAN ELDER. 1992.</b> A standard work, revised by Ben Lane, for all session members. This book describes the requirements of the office, how sessions are engaged and organized to do their work, and the basic theology and principles of the Presbyterian system.	Adult Book
BK A02 3399 C1	<b>PRESBYTERIAN HANDBOOK. 2006.</b> This Presbyterian version of the popular Christian Handbook is a companion for people who want help navigating the faith journey. You will discover a combination of reliable, historical, and theological information alongside some fun facts and very practical tips on being a churchgoing follower of Jesus Christ. The book has been written with a dry sense of humor. It can be used in the classroom with students, at the dinner table with family, or in solitude.	Adult Book
BK A02 030 C1	Gray, Joan S.; Tucker, Joyce C. <b>PRESBYTERIAN POLITY FOR CHURCH OFFICERS-CURRENT EDITION. 1999.</b> This comprehensive and detailed interpretation of the Book of Order explains the system of Presbyterian government, from sessions to presbyteries to synods to the General Assembly. (Cokesbury website)	Adult Book
BK A02 044 C1	McKim, Donald K. <b>PRESBYTERIAN QUESTIONS, PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS. 2003.</b> Featuring a unique question and answer format, this book is an accessible and concise treatment that provides a sampling of questions about Presbyterian theology and beliefs and brief but complete answers from a distinguished Presbyterian theologian.	Adult Book
BK A02 3299 C1	Small, Joseph D. <b>PRESERVATION OF THE TRUTH. 2005.</b> This is the second book in a series of books based on the Great Ends of the Church. The Great Ends represent a brief statement of principles found in the Book of Order. The author writes that, "The paramount truth in our world is not a fact, a doctrine, or a private belief. The Truth is a person, Jesus Christ, who is God with us and for us." Study questions for each chapter are included at the end of the book.	Adult Book
BK A02 047 C1	Rogers, Jack <b>READING THE BIBLE &amp; THE CONFESSIONS. 1999.</b> Jack Rogers sets forth seven guidelines for the interpretation of scripture and the Confessions. He builds upon the confessional and governmental heritage of the church in offering suggestions for practical application of these interpretations in the future. His purpose is to stimulate individual and communal use of both scripture and the Confessions in accordance with Presbyterian faith, and he encourages us to use these resources to apply Christ's message in our own time and context.	Adult Book

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BK E05 019 C1	Johnson, Jr., Earl S. <b>SELECTED TO SERVE-A GUIDE FOR CHURCH OFFICERS. 2000.</b> Johnson has created an accessible, popularly written textbook for Presbyterian churches, which covers all aspects of officer training - call, duties, ethics, the Presbyterian Constitution, and much more. The book begins with a chapter on the call to serve as an officer, and follows with chapters on questions officers often ask, the various sections of the Book of Order, the ordination vows, ethics for church officers, and guidelines for growing a church.	Adult Book
BK A02 3508 C1	Caldwell, Elizabeth F. <b>SHELTER, NURTURE, AND SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD. 2006.</b> Each chapter of this book focuses on biblical texts and a connection with one of two recent confessions of our church, The Confession of 1967 and A Brief Statement of Faith. On each chapter, the author identifies challenges that this end often presents. She then shows how faith is shaped in the process of meeting these challenges and responding to the end's mission in the context of hope. This book is great for both individual and group study. (book jacket)	Adult Book
VT A02 013 C1	<b>SO, YOU'VE BEEN ELECTED A DEACON. 1991.</b> A 44-minute video, including workbook, which can be used in four sessions: The Office of Deacon, Presbyterian Faith and Order, Deacons at Work, and Duties and Ordination.	Adult /ideocassettes
VT A02 014 C1	<b>SO, YOU'VE BEEN ELECTED AN ELDER... 1989.</b> This is a self-study video for newly elected Presbyterian elders. Workbook included. Video is 56-minutes long.	Adult /ideocassettes
BK P06 138 C1	Plunkett, Stephen W. <b>THIS WE BELIEVE. 2002.</b> This introduction to the Christian faith from a Presbyterian perspective offers a hands-on look at the whole story of the Bible in an effort to help the person in the pew grapple with what it means to be a Christian in a world of conflicting ideologies and competing claims. This book is designed to inspire conversations and prayers concerning the story of the Bible, our theological heritage as Reformed Christians, and the changing culture in which we live.	Adult Book
VT A02 017 C1	Meister, J. W. Gregg <b>TO ALL GENERATIONS: BOOK OF CONFESSIONS. 1994.</b> Historical vignettes about the eleven documents in the Book of Confessions place them in their proper context. Graphic art illustrates complex theological assertions, such as the true presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Actors bring to life the crucial debate at Nicaea, the courage of John Knox, and the precision of Professor Wallace.	Adult /ideocassettes
BK A02 043 C1	Kirkpatrick, Clifton; Hopper, William H. <b>WHAT UNITES PRESBYTERIANS: COMMON GROUND FOR TROUBLED TIMES. 1997.</b> The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) often seems to relish its divisions more than celebrate the unity which does exist within this denomination. This book is ideal for use in church officer training and is a must read for all Presbyterians who want to understand their faith tradition more fully.	Adult Book

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VT A02 003 C1	<b>WHO ARE WE PRESBYTERIANS?. 2002.</b> What does it mean to be a Presbyterian? Presbyterians come in all shapes, sizes, ages, ethnicities, and theologies. While we are diverse, we also share a common history, form of government, and set of beliefs. This is a tool for church school, officer training, new members class, and much more.	Adult