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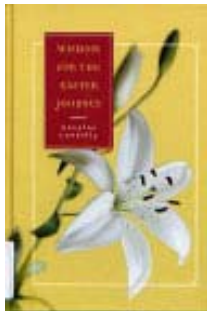


Highlighting Resources for Christian Education and Worship...

NEW LENDING RESOURCES

Wisdom for the Easter Journey

By Douglas Connelly



A companion for your Easter journey filled with heartwarming stories, meaningful prayers, and enlightening insights, *Wisdom for the Easter Journey* is a compendium of inspiration for all believers. This beautiful book presents the spiritual wisdom and comfort to help Christians approach Easter with full hearts and spirits. Follow Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection, and renew your commitment to faithful living

with this thought-provoking and wise guide.

The Heart of the Matter: Pastoral Ministry in Anabaptist Perspective

Erick Sawatzky, Editor

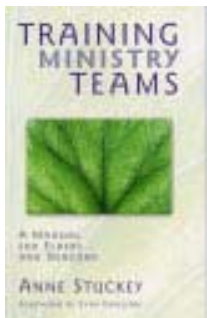


Explored are Anabaptist understandings of such images of the pastor as shepherd, teacher, healer, and prophet as well as such issues as leadership, authority, ecclesiology, improvisation, and much more. In 17 chapters plus appendices, notes, and indexes, the authors affirm resources for pastoral ministry found in the Anabaptist tradition, and suggest areas for growth. The book will

be useful to those with Anabaptist roots and others interested in learning from an Anabaptist perspective.

Training Ministry Teams: A Manual for Elders and Deacons

By Anne Stuckey



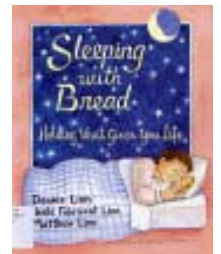
Elders or deacons have a vital calling and function in building strong congregations. But they need clear guidelines and training to be effective. This manual provides practical instruction to help pastors and congregational leaders bring clarity and purpose to this key role.

Every session in *Training Ministry Teams*

reflects on Jesus' method of training leaders. In "Sent Out with Instructions," lay leaders will learn what they need to minister as deacons and elders. An "As You Go" section contains group assignments designed to move participants to act.

Sleeping with Bread: Holding What Gives You Life

By Dennis Linn, Sheila Fabricant Linn, and Matthew Linn



"If you were to join us in either of our homes at the end of almost any evening, or if you were to attend one of our retreats, we would invite you to do with us the process described in these pages. This book is about asking ourselves two questions: For what am I most grateful? For what am I least grateful? These questions help us identify moments of consolation and desolation. We call this process the examen. For centuries, prayerful people have found direction for their days and for their lives by identifying these moments. Since even small children can do this, we have tried here to present the examen in a format that families, friends, and communities can share and that will be easily accessible to anyone." (from back cover)

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