

Resource Update

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Highlighting resources for Pastors and Congregational Leaders.....

Nurturing the Pastoral Soul:

—*Summer Reading Suggestions from Sven Eriksson*

Create yourself a Eugene Peterson mini-course by reading 3 books guaranteed to provide penetrating insight and profound encouragement from a master pastor. Not only does Peterson identify what is really important, but he writes very well. His books are a delight to read.

"Working the Angles"

If there is one book that I would make mandatory reading for pastors or students of the ministry it would be this one. In this work, Peterson helpfully identifies the priorities of pastoral work: Bible reading, prayer and spiritual direction. This book is most useful if you are overwhelmed by the many voices of expectations and daunted by the many needs around you. #4270

"The Contemplative Pastor"

Christianity Today and Word, 1989

A call for pastors to return to the art of spiritual direction as the central dynamic of their ministry. "This book provides a welcome refreshment for parched pastors. Peterson does not heap guilt for not being more disciplined. Instead, the book itself is an oasis, a source of rejuvenation and recommitment to true ministry." [Quoted from the dust jacket] #5046

"Under the Unpredictable Plant, an Exploration of Vocational Holiness"

Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, 1992

Using the Jonah narrative, Peterson traces the experience of a pastor running away from his call, seeking a more appealing and popular ministry in "Tarshish." The helpfulness of this book is found in Peterson's exploration of what is needed for us to stay faithful to our call as pastors. #5032

Reading up on the Missional Church

Essence of the Church by Craig Van Gelder, Baker Books 2000. #6355

Once and Future Church: Reinventing the Congregation for a New Mission Frontier by Loren B. Mead, Alban Institute 1991. #5214. We also have the Video study resource which includes six sessions which offer 1) tools for thinking about what has happened to your congregation, 2) insight into the functions your congregation must fulfill in the future, 3) clues about what obstacles you might encounter. V-840-1

New Kind of Christian by Brian McLaren, Jossey-Bass 2001. #6468

Websites worth a visit- www.emergentvillage.com and www.missionalchurch.org



Look for:

Leader - A New Leadership Magazine. MC Canada, in collaboration with MC USA and Mennonite Publishing Network, has been a part of the dreams, research and discernment that have birthed a new leadership magazine. *Leader - Equipping the Missional Congregation* is a quarterly magazine for all pastors and lay

leaders in MC Canada and MC USA. *Leader* has been created to inspire, equip, and empower congregations to reach their potential as Spirit-led, missional expressions of the Church of Christ. In addition to feature articles, the magazine will include the areas of Pastoring, Worship, Forming Faith, Managing the Church, Tending Body Life, Engaging the Word and Pondering the Word.—*Byron Rempel Burkholder (managing editor) and Richard Kauffman (senior editor).*

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