

Resources for TIM Groups

Resources that Together in Ministry collegial covenant groups have identified as helpful to sustain excellence in pastoral ministry are varied. They include books, people, organizations and methods/activities:

- Books
 - Bibles and lectionaries
 - *So Much Better: How Thousands of Pastors Help Each Other Thrive*, Penny Long Marler, D. Bruce Roberts, Janet Maykus, et. al.
 - *Leaders That Last: How Covenant Friendships Can Help Pastors Thrive*, Gary D. Kinnaman
 - *The Purpose-Driven Church* and *The Purpose-Driven Life*, Rick Warren
 - *The Spiritual Leader's Guide to Self-Care*, Rochelle Melander and Harold Eppley
 - *Temporary Shepherds: The Congregational Guide for Interim Ministry*, Roger S. Nicholson
 - *Reinventing Sunday*, Brad Berglund
 - *Addicted to Hurry* and *Rest in the Storm*, Kirk Byron Jones
 - *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People*, Dorothy S. Bass, Ed.
 - *A Fish Out of Water: 9 Strategies Effective Leaders Use to Help You Get Back into the Flow*, George Barna
 - *In The Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership*, Henri J. M. Nouwen
 - *A New Kind of Christian: A Tale of Two Friends on a Spiritual Journey*, Brian D. McLaren
 - *Celebration of Discipline* and *A Spiritual Formation Workbook*, Richard Foster
 - *A Hidden Wholeness: Journey Toward an Undivided Life*, Parker J. Palmer
 - *Growth by Accident, Death by Planning: How Not to Kill a Growing Congregation*, Bob Whitesel
 - *A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants*, Reuben P. Job and Norman Shawchuck
 - *Leadership on the Line: Staying Alive Through the Dangers of Leading*, Martin Linsky and Ronald A. Heifetz

- *Leadership Without Easy Answers*, Ronald A. Heifetz
 - *The Practice of Adaptive Leadership*, Ronald A. Heifetz, Alexander Grashow, Marty Linsky
 - *Primal Leadership: Learning to Lead with Emotional Intelligence*, Daniel Goleman, Richard Boyatzis, Annie McKee
 - *The Church and the Dechurched: Mending a Damaged Faith*, Mary Tuomi Hammond
 - *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society*, Eugene H. Peterson
 - *Kicking Habits: Welcome Relief for Addicted Churches*, Thomas G. Bandy
 - *Cultivating Wholeness: A Guide to Care and Counseling in Faith Communities*, Margaret Zipse Kornfeld
 - *The Leader's Journey: Accepting the Call to Personal and Congregational Transformation*, Jim Herrington, et al
 - *Primal Leadership: Realizing the Power of Emotional Intelligence*, Daniel Goleman, et al
 - *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*, Jim Wallis
 - *Many Members, Yet One Body: Committed Same Gender Relationships and the Mission of the Church*, Craig L. Nesson
 - *Dance of the Dissident Daughter*, Sue Monk Kidd
- Organizations
 - Pastoral Excellence Network at Christian Theological Seminary - <http://www.cpx.cts.edu/network>
 - Renovare
 - Alban Institute
 - Nehemiah Leadership Network
 - Worshipful Work Center for Transforming Religious Leadership
 - Shalem Institute
 - Creative Church Consulting International - www.c3intl.org
 - Bethany House of Prayer

- People
 - Regional or local leaders, such as regional executive and area ministers, spiritual directors, pastoral counselors, chaplains, seminary professors and presidents, retired pastoral leaders
 - Christina Braudaway-Bauman and Lawrence Peers – Clergy Peer groups and Communities of Practice
 - Larry Matthews, on family systems
 - Alice Mann, Alban Institute consultant
 - John S. Savage, Lead Consultants, Inc., on spiritual intelligence
 - Molly Marshall, on theology and spiritual formation
 - David Wood, on the imperative of clergy friendships
 - Glenn Hinson, on spiritual formation
 - Kirk Byron Jones, on Sabbath pace
 - William Herzog, on New Testament and theology
 - James Mulholland, on theology
 - Beth Moore on women's leadership

- Methods/Activities
 - Bible study
 - Daily prayer for one another
 - Prayer journaling
 - Lectio divina
 - Quaker Questions
 - Study of family systems theory
 - Lectionary discussion
 - Ministry case studies
 - Preaching practice and study of new techniques
 - Retreats
 - Coaching
 - Marriage enrichments retreats
 - Group spiritual direction
 - Myers Briggs Temperament Indicator
 - Scenario building
 - Clergy spouse and/or family picnics
 - Discussion of theological themes in films
 - Singing and praying the hymns of the faith
 - Learning technology for church use
 - Yahoo chat group