



333 Main Street · Burrage Library · Olivet College
Olivet, Michigan 49076
1-800-262-1620 x 12
bmauro@nacc.org · www.nacc.org
Rev. Dr. D. Elizabeth Mauro, Dean

RESOURCES ON CHURCH GOVERNANCE

Generated by the Governance Gathering Participants
February 20, 2010

Sponsored by the Michigan Conference of Congregational Churches
And the Center for Congregational Leadership

Books:

1. Governance and Ministry by Dan Hotchkiss. The Alban Institute, 2009. ISBN: 978-1-56699-370-8
2. Leadership in Congregations by Richard Bass, editor. The Alban Institute, 2007. ISBN: 978-1-56699-334-0
3. Becoming a Blessed Church by N. Graham Standish. The Alban Institute, 2005. ISBN: 1-56699-312-1
4. The Indispensable Guide for Smaller Churches by David R. Ray. The Pilgrim Press, 2003. ISBN: 0-8298-1507-4
5. Becoming a Healthy Church by Stephen A. Macchia. Baker Books, 1999. ISBN: 978-8010-6503-3
6. Raising the Roof by Alice Mann. The Alban Institute, 2001. ISBN: 1-56699-254-0
7. Healthy Congregations by Peter Steinke (good background) The Alban Institute, 2006. ISBN: 978-1-56699-330-2
8. Transforming Church Boards into Communities of Spiritual Leaders by Charles M. Olsen. The Alban Institute, 1995. ISBN: 1-56699-148-X
9. The Nonprofits Guide to the Power of Appreciative Inquiry by Miller, Carolyn, et.al. Community Development Institute, 2004. ISBN 0-976-1843-0-3
10. Memories, Hopes, and Conversations: Appreciative Inquiry and Congregational Change by Mark Lau Branson. The Alban Institute, 2004. ISBN 1-556699-288-5
11. Appreciative Inquiry Handbook: The first in a series of AI workbooks for Leaders of Change by David L. Cooperrider et.al. Crown Custom Publishing, 2005. ISBN: 1-57675-269-0
12. The Spirit Led Leader: Nine Leadership Practices and Soul Principles, by Timothy C. Geoffrion. Alban Institute, 2005. ISBN: 1-56699-317-2
13. Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What, by Peter L. Steinke. Alban Institute, 2006. ISBN: 1-56699-328-9
14. Reframing Organizations by Lee Bolman and Terrance Deal. Jossey Bass, 2008. ISBN 978-0-7879-8799

15. [Creating a Healthier Church](#) by Ronald Richardson. Augsburg Fortress, 1996. ISBN 0-8006-2955-8
16. [Images of the Church in the New Testament](#) by Paul S. Minear and Leander Keck. Presbyterian Publishing Group, 2004. ISBN 9780664227791
17. [Energizing the Congregation](#) by Carl S. Dudley and Sally A. Johnson. Westminster John Knox, 1993. ISBN 978-0664253592
18. [The In-Between Church](#) by Alice Mann. Alban Institute, 1998. ISBN 1-56699-207-9
19. [Holy Conversations](#) by Gil Rendle and Alice Mann. Alban Institute, 2003, ISBN 1-56699-286-9
20. [Why Christianity Has to Change or Die](#) by John Shelby Spong. HarperCollins, 1999. ISBN 9780060675363
21. [Left Behind in a Megachurch World](#) by Ruth A. Tucker. Baker Books, 2006. ISBN 978-0801012693
22. [Simple Church](#) by Thomas S. Riner and Eric Geiger. B&H Publishing Group, 2006. ISBN978-0-8054-4390-5
23. [Rediscovering Values](#) by Jim Wallis. Simon and Schuster, 2010. ISBN 9781439183120

Alban Articles:

15. "A Map for Thinking About Governance", by Dan Hotchkiss:
<http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=7816&terms=governance>
16. "The Art of Governance", by Dan Hotchkiss: <http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=7642>
17. "Preventing Burnout in Board Members", by Lawrence Peers:
<http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=7642>
18. "Creating 'Breadlike' Boards", by Charles M. Olsen:
<http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=2876>
19. "Helping Committees Be Their Best", by Robert Leventhal:
<http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=6188>
20. "Who Owns a Congregation?" by Dan Hotchkiss: <http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=5902>
21. "Defining the Role of the Executive Committee", by Robert Leventhal:
<http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=2212>

Websites:

22. Related to the Carver Model of Policy Governance:
<http://www.carvergovernance.com/>; <http://www.carvergovernance.com/model.htm>;
<http://www.carvergovernance.com/pg-np.htm> (for non-profits)
explanation of how this model worked in the UUA:
<http://archive.uua.org/ga/ga00/217.html#nutshell>
23. <http://www.boardsource.org/>

24. Job Descriptions for nonprofits:

<http://www.idealists.org/if/idealists/en/FAQ/QuestionViewer/default?section=03&item=02>

Congregationalism:

25. How to Order and Gather a Congregational Christian Church by A. Vaughan Abercrombie (Available from the NACCC)

26. Creeds and Platforms of Congregationalism by Williston Walker (from Amazon)

27. The Law of Congregational Usage by William E. Barton (Center Library)

28. Congregational Worshipbook by Henry David Gray (Center Library)

A ministry of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

Bringing together Congregational Christian Churches
for mutual care and outreach to our world
in the name of Jesus Christ.