

RESOURCES FOR DISCERNING CANDIDATES

Helpful books related to general call and discernment

Bass, Dorothy C. & Mark R. Schwehn, eds. *Leading Lives That Matter: What We Should Do and Who We Should Be*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

Campbell, Dennis M. *The Yoke of Obedience: The Meaning of Ordination in Methodism*. Nashville: Abingdon.

Clapper, Greg. *Living Your Heart's Desire: God's Call and Your Vocation*. Nashville: Upper Room.

Holderness, Ginny Ward. *Career and Calling: A Guide for Counselors, Youth and Young Adults*. Louisville, KY: Geneva Press.

Leider, Richard. *The Power of Purpose: Creating Meaning in Your Life and Work*. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler.

Mahan, Brian. *Forgetting Ourselves on Purpose: Vocation and the Ethics of Ambition*. San Francisco: Josey-Bass.

Neafsey, John. *A Sacred Voice is Calling: Personal Vocation and Social Conscience*. New York: Orbis.

Palmer, Parker J. *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*. New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Parks, Sharon Daloz. *Big Questions, Worthy Dreams: Mentoring Young Adult in Their Search for Meaning, Purpose and Faith*. San Francisco: Josey-Bass.

Placher, William C., ed. *Callings: Twenty Centuries of Christian Wisdom on Vocation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

Smith, Christian. *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Svennungsen, Ann & Melissa Wiginton, eds. *Awakened to a Calling: Reflections on the Vocation of Ministry*. Nashville: Abingdon.

Other Books Related to United Methodism and Clergy Roles

The General Board of Higher Education, Board of Higher Education & Ministry. *The Christian as Minister*.

Berry, Jo. *Making Your Life a Ministry*. Zondervan.

Cetuk, Virginia Samuel. *What to Expect in Seminary: Theological Education as Spiritual Formation*. Nashville: Abingdon.

Cullinan, Alice R. *Sorting It Out: Discerning God's Call to Ministry*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press

Guiness, Os. *The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life*. Nashville: Word Publishing.

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Hoge, Dean R. & Jacqueline E. Wenger. *Pastors in Transition: Why Clergy Leave Local Church Ministry*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

Hybels, Bill. *Character: Who You are When No One's Looking*. InterVarsity Press.

Maxwell, John C. *Developing the Leader Within You*. Thomas Nelson.

Pagitt, Doug and the Solomon's Porch Community. *Reimagining Spiritual Formation: A Week in the Life of an Experimental Church*, Zondervan.

Parker, Ronald E. *Do I Belong in Seminary?* The Alban Institute, Inc.

Yaconelli, Michael. *Messy Spirituality*. Zondervan.

Websites

Missouri Call www.thecalltoministry.org

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry www.gbhem.org

SoulConnections www.mosoulconnections.org

Forum for Theological Exploration www.exploreministry.org

Lewis Center for Church Leadership www.churchleadership.com

Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation www.ptev.org

United Methodist Student Movement www.gbhem.org/education/collegiate-ministry/resources/students