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What is the bottom line at your church?

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95 Questions to Shape the Future of Your Church is a comprehensive commentary on systemic change for the church. It combines the spirit of Luther's 95 Theses with depth of insight akin to Luther's reformation catechism. This book will be essential for every congregational, denominational, and seminary bookshelf. Church leaders and members all yearn for a new Reformation that will realign Christian congregations with God's mission. This book frames the right questions, and focuses the right answers. It helps church leaders do the hard work of assessment and planning. The next Reformation will be an extraordinarily practical endeavor. Leaders need to apply the tactics that will leverage the greatest change, and guide the church deeper into the mystery of Christ and further in companionship with Christ. We want to be faithful. Now we know how to be faithful.

A complete and updated commentary on the Code of Canon Law prepared by the leading canonists of North America and Europe. Contains the full, newly translated text of the Code itself as well as detailed commentaries by thirty-six scholars commissioned by the Canon Law Society of America.

Research report published by the Research and Statistics Department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention concerning the impact of property debts upon certain areas of church programs in Southern Baptist churches.

Church leaders understand that managing the day-to-day operations of a church can be challenging because of limited resources, managing volunteer labor, and supporting the needs of the congregation. Smart Church Management: A Quality Approach to Church Administration, Third Edition is an updated guide for managing the resources of a church -

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which is people, time and money. This book provides tools and examples for decision making and problem-solving for church administration that is easy to understand and more importantly, quick to implement! This book also includes discussion questions to provoke thought and discussion for church teams. This book is ideal for ministry students, church boards, church leadership and church administrators.

The reign of Queen Mary is popularly remembered largely for her re-introduction of Catholicism into England, and especially for the persecution of Protestants, memorably described in John Foxe's Acts and Monuments. Mary's brief reign has often been treated as an aberrant interruption of England's march to triumphant Protestantism, a period of political sterility, foreign influence and religious repression rightly eclipsed by the happier reign of her more sympathetic half-sister, Elizabeth. In pursuit of a more balanced assessment of Mary's religious policies, this volume explores the theology, pastoral practice and ecclesiastical administration of the Church in England during her reign. Focusing on the neglected Catholic renaissance which she ushered in, the book traces its influences and emphases, its methods and its rationales - together the role of Philip's Spanish clergy and native English Catholics - in relation to the wider influence of the continental Counter Reformation and Mary's humanist learning. Measuring these issues against the reintroduction of papal authority into England, and the balance between persuasion and coercion used by the authorities to restore Catholic worship, the volume offers a more nuanced and balanced view of Mary's religious policies. Addressing such intriguing and under-researched matters from a variety of literary, political and theological perspectives, the essays in this volume cast new light, not only on Marian Catholicism, but also on the wider European religious picture.

In 2020s Foresight, authors Tom Sine and Dwight Friesen seek to "wake up" Christian leaders and those whom they serve to the realities that leaders in other fields must deal with all the time. We are no longer simply living in changing times. We live in the reality that we are racing into a new world of accelerating change. The authors want to enable leaders in churches and Christian organizations to learn how to lead in this time of acceleration. They focus on three vital practices: foresight (analyzing the accelerating changes and anticipating new opportunities and strategies for addressing change); reflection (discerning biblical purposes for times like these); and creating innovative ways to engage new challenges so as to advance God's purposes in our lives, congregations, and organizations in the 2020s. The book is intended to equip Christian leaders to anticipate some of the new challenges in the 2020s; discover God's shalom purposes for our lives, the church, and God's world; and create innovative new possibilities for our lives, communities, and congregations that both engage new opportunities and advance God's purposes.

" Historical documentation and pictures intertwine with John's war experience and nightmares. How it affected John, his parents, wife and children. US info on Blood Drives, recycling, rations, the draft and production of war materials. Cecilienhof Palace and Reichstag historically detailed."

A father once taught his son that the two things he should avoid debating are faith and politics. He was adamant that his son avoids political arguments, citing that no one ever wins them because people are passionately stubborn about the powers that represent them. Concerning matters of faith, his father offered the same counsel, claiming people are equally as passionate about the "higher power(s)" they represent. In Straight Talk, against his father's advice, the author dives into both arguments. Within is a conversation for theocracy over democracy and God's Will over man's way. In Straight Talk For Crooked Church, Pastor Armand arms the reader with an awareness of the Divine Design for Church. This read will undoubtedly tear down obstacles that hinder churches from being and functioning as God's intended Bride. This book is not a vaccination against the challenges of Church leadership or Church scandal. It serves, however, as a kind of blueprint churches need to stand upright and be strong. While

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critics of the Church are leery of so-called "Jesus freaks," Straight Talk seeks to correct any misinterpretations about the Church by painting an accurate picture of the Body of Christ, along with its functions, as they were originally intended by its Architect, the Lord Jesus Christ. 'An outstanding resource for anyone handling the financial affairs of a church.' Simeon May, CPA, Executive Director, National Association of Church Business Administration The most understandable, easy-to-follow tax guide of its kind---explains complex tax concerns in plain language. This annual reference guide continues to be one of the few resources offering tax and financial advice to churches and nonprofit organizations. Issues of financial accountability, receiving and maintaining tax-exempt status, accounting for charitable gifts, and other crucial topics receive careful and full discussion. The 2006 edition also contains a thorough description of tax laws affecting churches and other nonprofit organizations, including changes made in 2005, ensuring compliance with all regulations. This guide is indispensable to church treasurers and anyone else responsible for the financial operation of a nonprofit organization. This 2006 edition includes: *Expert advice on handling charitable gifts *Sample policies and procedures *Easy techniques for simplifying financial policies and procedures *Understanding medical expense reimbursements *Key steps in sound compensation planning *Examples of required IRS filings 'This volume will have great value for folks in the financial services end of our various nonprofits as well as churches. It show a great deal of research and careful thought.' Ted W. Engstrom, World Vision 'Because of the completeness of these guides, they should be in every church library and in every pastor's study.' Publishers Weekly ReligionBookLine 'This basic reference guide fills a long-standing need.' ---Larry Burkett's Money Matters

As a practical and empowering resource for congregational leaders, this comprehensive guide to Christian financial responsibility addresses church fundraising, stewardship campaigns, budgets, financing capital needs, endowments, and innovative approaches to economic sustainability.

Our entire understanding of funding and sustainability must change. Tithes and offerings alone are no longer enough to provide for the needs of the local church, enable pastors to pursue opportunities, or sustain long-term ministry impact. Growing financial burdens on the middle class, marginal increases in contributions to religious organizations, shifting generational attitudes toward giving, and changing demographics are having a negative impact on church budgets. Given that someday local churches may be required to pay taxes on the property they own and/or lose the benefit of soliciting tax-deductible gifts, the time to pivot is now. What's needed is disruptive innovation in church economics. For churches to not only survive but thrive in the future, leaders must learn to leverage assets, bless the community, empower entrepreneurs, and create multiple streams of income to effectively fund mission. You'll learn why you should and how to do so in *The Coming Revolution in Church Economics*.

The pastor's and treasurer's essential handbook to all aspects of church finance. Building on a stewardship model, this guide outlines sound, up-to-date financial practices.

Thousands of Protestant churches are perplexed by plateaued or declining attendance, while other congregations nearby thrive. Is there a way for them to combine forces, drawing on both their strengths, in ways that also increase their missional impact? In *Better Together, Expanded and Updated: Making Church Mergers Work*, church merger consultant Jim Tomberlin and award-winning writer Warren Bird make the case that mergers today work best not with two struggling churches but with a vital, momentum-filled lead church partnering with a joining church. This much-needed resource describes the range of mergers for strong, stable, stuck, and struggling churches. No matter what type of merger a church may be considering, the authors address key questions about the process: How can a merger help a church go forward? How will a merger process unfold? Where can a declining church find another congregation to join? What are the pitfalls that both pastor and congregation should avoid?

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How can "better together" lead to more, rather than fewer, life-giving, high-impact, reproducing churches? They provide a complete, practical, hands-on guide for church leaders of both struggling and vibrant churches, so they can understand the issues, develop strategies, and execute mergers for church expansion and renewal--ultimately, so they can reinvigorate declining churches and give them a "second life." No matter what your motivation for merging your church with another--to begin a new church life cycle, cross racial lines, reach more people for Christ, multiply your church's impact, or better serve your local community--Better Together will give you the tools you need to create a thriving new entity.

A nongovernmental survey of urban and rural churches of black communities based on a ten year study.

Walter Stapeldon, fifteenth bishop of Exeter, was the founder of Exeter College, Oxford, and the greatest of Edward II's treasurers of the Exchequer. As Edward's regime crumbled in 1326, he paid the price of his master's rapacious policies, of which he was the chief instrument. This study shows how the Plantagenet revolution in government, the most massive overhaul of the Exchequer ever undertaken in medieval England, was shaped with a clear financial purpose. On the basis of his extensive research in the Exchequer archives, Dr Buck reveals for the first time the extent and severity of the government's action on the levying of debts to the Crown, which, although initiated earlier, was exacerbated in the early 1320s when parliament and the clergy were refusing the king supply. Placing the policies of Stapeldon's treasurership in their political and parliamentary context, he argues that the Exchequer was Edward's most powerful weapon against the aristocratic opposition and in the process reassesses the accepted interpretation of these years of turmoil.

This detailed, comprehensive interpretation of the Presbyterian Book of Order is the most complete resource of its kind. Joan S. Gray and Joyce C. Tucker have revised this best-selling book to include the new standards from the new Form of Government in the Book of Order. It explains the system of Presbyterian government, from sessions to presbyteries to synods to the General Assembly itself.

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A complete tax and financial guide for churches and other nonprofit organizations, written in plain English.

Church Ethics and Its Organizational Context is the first book to provide a broadly interdisciplinary approach to understanding the leadership crisis in the Catholic Church in the wake of the sex abuse scandal and how it was handled. Well-known scholars, religious clergy, and laymen in the trenches of church formation and leadership come together from the disciplines of organizational behavior, theology, sociology, history,

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and law, to foster the creation of a new code of ethics that is both ecclesial and professional. Touching on issues of governance, authority, accountability, and transparency, this volume goes on to specifically explore whether and how professional ethics can shape the identity and actions of Church leaders, ministers, and their congregations. While evoked by the sex scandal in the Church, the essays in this book raise questions that have implications far beyond this current issue, to much broader issues such as the role of professionalism in ethics and what it means for an organization to engage in moral action.

A cautionary investigative exposé into some of the controversial ways the Catholic Church uses its considerable wealth traces the journey of money collected by some of the U.S.'s poorest parishes, revealing the considerable measures taken to conceal Vatican resource allocation. 50,000 first printing.

The people are the church—not just the pastor. Yet, in many congregations there is a heavy imbalance in the ownership of ministry. Clergy and paid staff are seen as God's agents in the world, and congregants as occasional participants.

Sometimes, clergy and other leaders perpetuate this imbalance. Ann Michel presents a more inclusive, collaborative understanding of ministry, which affirms the gifts and calling of both clergy and lay servants. She uses the concept of "synergy" as a theological framework undergirding this approach. Michel lays out an inclusive and collaborative paradigm of ministry affirming the work of both lay and clergy servants. Synergy also provides practical advice on the day-to-day skills of synergistic or collaborative ministry – how to engage others in ministry, how to build teams, how to manage meetings, how to develop others as leaders, etc. The book helps church workers, paid and unpaid, understand how their ministry relates to the mission of God and the ministry of the church, and provides practical guidance on the interpersonal ministry skills essential to any expression of collaborative ministry. "Synergy is both a practical and deeply spiritual resource that helps provide a more collaborative way of thinking about ministry shared between clergy and laity. Ann has captured the challenges that can present themselves as laity serve in ministry not only from her research but also from her personal experience as a lay person and respected Seminary theologian, and she offers practical ways to equip laity to fully live in this call of lay servants and lay staff members. As a lay person who has served on a church staff for more than 23 years, understanding this synergistic energy articulated so well in Ann's writing has reignited my passion and affirmed my call." - Debi Williams Nixon, Managing Executive Director, The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection

Shepherding the church requires up-to-date knowledge of budgets, insurance, financial management, personnel organization, audits, and legal liability. These responsibilities are complex and ever-changing. While as pastor, you are called to be a faithful steward of the church's resources and an effective planner of its ministries, you need facts and skills to get your job done. This book will help you organize and weave your way through the often complex business of the church. Contents include: Definition of Ad-Ministry and What It Means to be an Ad-

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Minister A Theological Model for Ad-Ministry The Church as an Organization Stewarding People—Paid and Unpaid Staff Staffing the Volunteer Organization Stewarding Resources—Finances and Budgeting Stewarding Places and Spaces Stewarding Fiduciary Responsibility—Legal and Liability Issues Stewarding the Mission of God Strategic Planning to Fulfill God's Call on Your Congregation Includes templates, and samples, including Church Staff Review forms, Staff Growth Plans, Offering Tracking Logs, Financial Statements, Property Inventory Worksheets, and Emergency Procedures Worksheets.

Church Administration by Robert Welch will assist pastors and church administrators in becoming effective and efficient leaders, managers, and administrators.

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