

## Newer Resources for Churches and Clergy transitioning through Search and Call

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### **The Pastoral Search Journey: A Guide to Finding Your Next Pastor.**

John Vonhof (Alban, 2010)

“It’s not a common occurrence to seek out a new pastor, so **pastoral search** committees can sometimes feel as though they are inventing the process from scratch. In **The Pastoral Search Journey**, John Vonhof provides detailed guidance for search committees to ensure a good match between pastor and congregation. This is Vonhof’s third book about the pastoral search—but the first to discuss interim pastors, transitions between pastors, and the use of the Internet and digital media.”

**So You’re on the Search Committee.** Bunty Ketcham, Celia Allison Hahn (Alban, 2005)

“So You’re on the Search Committee focuses on the experience of pastoral search committees and the unique role that laity in most denominations play in this crucial process. Because a change of pastors is, as Alban Institute founder Loren Mead puts it, a “critical moment of ministry,” participation as a member of a search committee is a big investment with tremendous rewards, both for the congregation as well as for the individual.”

### **When the Spirit Moves ; A Guide for Ministers in Transition.**

By Riley Walker and Marcia Patton (Judson, 2011)

“Dozens of resources help churches seeking new pastoral leadership, but what about the ministers who are seeking a specific ministry call? How can a pastor discern when to stay or where to go?”

### **Sorting It Out: Discerning God's Call to Ministry.**

By Alice R. Cullinan (Judson, 1999)

“Sorting It Out walks Christians of all ages through the questions and uncertainties that come with a person’s call to vocational ministry. Alice R. Cullinan analyzes what a call is, provides many examples of how others have received the call, considers the different kinds of ministry opportunities, and offers advice on how to proceed once one discerns a calling from God.”

### **Calling an American Baptist Minister (CD-ROM) (Judson)**

“Calling an American Baptist Minister’ is a comprehensive guide for pastoral search committees with step by step resources. It was developed by the American Baptist Personnel Services for use by churches and American Baptist regional staff to facilitate the pastoral search process.”

