

A Ministry Of Presence Chaplaincy Spiritual

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at the heart of the role of chaplaincy is presence this manual designed for new chaplains explores four dimensions of presence 1 as the chaplain is present to him herself with compassion and awareness and 2 is present to the presence with sensitivity and authenticity he she then 3 moves outward to others with simple skillful means to help lighten their loads in life and 4 helps others to connect more deeply to the presence in ways that serve their highest good this is part training manual part memoir part prayer book and part self care handbook the author provides practical

suggestions for pastoral support and prayer with others offers bits of wisdom to apply in one's ministry and uses stories from his pastoral work in detention and hospital ministries to provide concrete examples of ways to apply these ideas additionally this book is meant to help the chaplain nurture his/her own soul through self care and prayer

ministry of presence speaks to the heart of chaplaincy it deals with the history and definition of chaplaincy as well as the chaplain's call to ministry and relationship to his church specific challenges within the framework of chaplain ministry such as pluralism prayer and proselytizing are also addressed ministry of presence would easily fit in the library of those already in the chaplaincy chaplain candidates who are preparing for ministry or anyone who is interested in learning about chaplaincy the principles presented are not simply theory but have been born out of the context of Whit's experience and practicing what he preaches his insights will encourage and challenge anyone seeking to minister from a biblical perspective in any venue of chaplaincy

most people in the united states today no longer live their lives under the guidance of local institutionalized religious leadership such as rabbis ministers and priests rather liberals and conservatives alike have taken charge of their own religious or spiritual practices this shift along with other social and cultural changes has opened up a perhaps surprising space for chaplains spiritual professionals who usually work with the endorsement of a religious community but do that work away from its immediate hierarchy ministering in a secular institution such as a prison the military or an airport to an ever changing group of clients of widely varying faiths and beliefs in a ministry of presence winnifred fallers sullivan explores how chaplaincy works in the united states and in particular how it sits uneasily at the intersection of law and religion spiritual care and government regulation responsible for ministering to the wandering souls of the globalized economy the chaplain works with a clientele often unmarked by a specific religious identity and does so on behalf of a secular institution like a hospital sullivan's examination of the sometimes heroic but often deeply ambiguous work yields fascinating insights into contemporary spiritual life the politics of religious freedom and the never ending negotiation of religion's place in american institutional life

ministry of presence forms the heart of the chaplain's ministerial role yet how does ministry of presence manifest when the chaplain is estranged from or does not have physical access to their service members this project explored the question of ministry of presence among chaplains in highly dispersed and secure military intelligence units within the context of a unitarian universalist historico theological framework the research methodologies for the author's data corpus included

ethnographic research questionnaires focus group discussions and expert and informal interviews she then analyzed the results in order to glean a better understanding of the applicability of ministry of presence across multiple deployed spaces the findings suggest that flexibility and an expanded notion of presence as interconnection presence within and presence as creativity lead to greater fulfillment in performing and providing religious and spiritual support for one s deployed personnel leaf 2

in our distraction filled world few gifts prove rarer or more needed than a fully attentive presence simply being there explores how we can slow down and make space to see hear and reach people amid life s grief and joy drawing on decades of ministry experience and the powerful example of jesus the author reveals the surprising yet critical difference presence makes in fostering understanding and healing he offers spiritual insights and practical steps to incarnate god s love through our undivided focus this book will recalibrate your assumptions about what matters most in service and relationships it will awaken you to simple but courageous opportunities to minister christ s presence by fully entering moments with others will you accept the calling to show up with patient attention empathy and hope the goal is first to get interested in the disconnect between desired presence and pervasive distraction then build anticipation of the book s guidance toward the small yet brave acts of availability and attentiveness that can touch lives before culminating in a call to action for the reader to embrace presence as their ministry

this book reminds us of the great challenges priests face daily and shows us how they find the strength love and wisdom to serve in their ministry as true apostles

this book is a guide for selecting training and supervising lay pastoral care providers in churches and other faith communities it was written primarily for liberal religious faith communities

near the end of hemingway s a farewell to arms there is a word that has continued to stay with me he said the world breaks everyone then some become strong at the broken places as a pastor i have seen people become strong at the broken places and i have seen people become broken up at the broken places of life i hope that the reader will learn how to assist those who are suffering and will at the same time learn something of great value for living in these days author joe pennel unfortunately suffering is a part of living none of us have escaped this fact even so it s difficult to know how to console someone going through a broken place in the gift of presence bishop joe pennel offers practical help to give confidence and skill to clergy and laity serving the broken hearted with a central message on the importance of simply being there pennel combines practical how to s with prayers

readings and services this small casebound book outlines real ways to help through planning visits writing notes finding scriptures and prayers to read avoiding cliches and thinking through the theology of god humans and suffering the gift of presence includes pertinent topics such as the ministry of presence quietness sincerity and the art of helping i found bishop pennel s book to be concisely written compassionately expressed extremely helpful tool for anyone in relationship with someone suffering because all of us will be in such a relationship at some time in our life the gift of presence would be a great read in preparation for life s difficult events rev lori lampert lead associate pastor schweitzer umc springfield missouri the gift of presence is both practical and contemplative encouraging the reader to remember why we are in ministry but also to pay attention to how we engage in ministry i would definitely recommend this to any stephen minister program we also have a lay counseling program where it would be very helpful frankly it would have been a wonderful book to receive before i started making hospital visits as a new pastor bishop pennel has given us his gift of presence in the writing of this book i appreciated his willingness to share his own stories of ministry and life as well as the knowledge he has gathered from several years of practical experience rev barbara miner assoc pastor floris umc herndon virginia i appreciated the sample letters and prayers found in the gift of presence the chapters on seven simple do s and don ts and common responses to suffering will be helpful to stephen ministers rev rick plain minister of pastoral care los altos umc los altos california

pennel offers an indispensable guide for clergy and laity serving people in grief that includes practical tips with prayers readings and services church life

the chaplain s heart is a short book that uses stories and inspirational quotes as ministry of presence guide for both lay and ordained chaplains and chaplains in training written by pastor megan rohrer this book also includes diverse prayers for diverse people and recommended resources for additional reading with an eye towards justice this book seeks to inspire chaplains to love everyone they encounter at work in ministry and in their personal lives

return to the parish the pastor in the public square is a pastoral theology that challenges pastors to view their local community rather than their congregation as their primary sphere of ministry too many churches have become insular by hoarding their resources including their pastors and trying to sustain their own survival instead of seeking the peace and prosperity of their town or city by breathing new life into an old idea of parish this book casts a vision for pastors and churches to actively engage their community with the gospel rather than simply perpetuate more programs inside the church it offers a new paradigm for pastoral ministry where pastors model and mobilize their churches to make disciples of jesus

christ in the public square through community involvement and cultural engagement the book chronicles seven young pastors from diverse ministry contexts as they seek to become new parish pastors who lead their congregations into engaging various sectors of the public square business and workplace science and technology healthcare politics education the arts and multiethnic settings

indigenous education and the metaphysics of presence a worlded philosophy explores a notion of education called worldedness that sits at the core of indigenous philosophy this is the idea that any one thing is constituted by all others and is therefore educational to the extent that it is formational a suggested opposite of this indigenous philosophy is the metaphysics of presence which describes the tendency in dominant western philosophy to privilege presence over absence this book compares these competing philosophies and argues that even though the metaphysics of presence and the formational notion of education are at odds with each other they also constitute each other from an indigenous worlded philosophical viewpoint drawing on both maori and western philosophies this book demonstrates how the metaphysics of presence is both related and opposed to the indigenous notion of worldedness mika explains that presence seeks to fragment things in the world underpins how indigenous peoples can represent things and prevents indigenous students critics and scholars from reflecting on philosophical colonisation however the metaphysics of presence from an indigenous perspective is constituted by all other things in the world and mika argues that the indigenous student and critic can re emphasise worldedness and destabilise presence through creative responses humour and speculative thinking this book concludes by positioning well being within education because education comprises acts of worldedness and presence this book will be of key interest to indigenous as well as non indigenous academics researchers and postgraduate students in the fields of philosophy of education indigenous and western philosophy political strategy and post colonial studies it will also be relevant for those who are interested in philosophies of language ontology metaphysics and knowledge

let the spirit live inside you are you hungry for an encounter with jesus do you want to make an impact on the world in this power packed book bill johnson discusses how you can be a person who hosts the presence of god though all believers obviously have the spirit of god within them there is more that enables you to be so full that you overflow his spirit into your world take a journey and meet many great prophets and kings from the old testament who were known as people of the presence people who in johnson s words god wanted to be with in this succinct and powerful book johnson encourages you toward a pursuit of the presence of god above all else in this book you will discover how to pay attention to the holy spirit and respond to him how the holy spirit manifests himself biblical figures who were

hungry for more of god's spirit and learned to host him stories of presence filled revivalists and personal encounters with the presence bill johnson writes we are enabled to partner with the kingdom of heaven and see it released here on earth the presence of god within us will bring reformation to the world around us encountering a loving god host more of him today

the love of god and our catholic convention compel us to care for the suffering and sick however there is strong evidence of an increasingly secular approach in hospital and hospice care such that the spiritual needs of the dying are not considered a notable example is the firing of the spiritual care directors in the fraser health authority of british columbia this incident combined with fewer entering ordained ministries and an aging population add urgency to the need to encourage the laity to visit the sick and dying in hospitals and hospices the purpose of this essay is to provide the basis for developing a training program for lay pastoral care hospice visitors the stages of a hospice visit are embodied in a framework for a hospice visit which defines a process that guides the visitor from the doorway to the patient's bedside in the six stages preparation pre approach approach social visit pastoral visit and exit follow up the lay pastoral visitor is taught how to first establish rapport then engage in social conversation and finally focus on christian concerns during the twenty to thirty minute hospice visit five themes important for the pastoral visitor to embrace are described god's love for the world god's love for each of us individually the importance of self love boundaries of the volunteer hospice visitor and most important of all the ministry of presence it is hoped that this essay will be used as a foundational document for training lay pastoral visitors

the guiding purpose of this project is to develop a model to help congregations become re entry churches it is the development of a series of seminars to help congregations provide a deliberative type of pastoral care christological in nature to all those impacted by mass incarceration this project targets the highest racial and age percentage of men and women in prison it leans to but not limited to nonviolent crimes with an overall focus on equipping the church to receive and reach out to anyone on the margins it seeks to address the greatest moral and racial injustice of our time mass incarceration with the church as a way to turn the tide this project begins in a city overwhelmed with churches whom all know the impact of racism and incarceration goldsboro nc where the crime rate is higher than the average of the state inside this city is a congregation making a difference in the world greenleaf christian church disciples of christ is audacious enough to uplift the kingdom of god inside the church but also in its surrounding community it served as a pilot for this project for the work they were already doing but also to help them respond to the new construction of a prison near their church the anticipated outcome that will evolve from this project is that local churches would become more knowledgeable

about the trauma of incarceration that is already embedded in their churches more directly they will gain a deeper understanding of the politics of incarceration while juxtaposing biblical anthropology verse criminal anthropology doing so will lead in creating a climate of acceptance openness honesty and support lastly they will gain a stronger appreciation of pastoral care to the poor to the marginalized in respect to the birth the life the death and return of jesus christ i believe from a chaplain s perspective that if the church is authentic in serving god we will not forget those impacted by mass incarceration and will utilize every ministry to radically encourage a new era in the church beyond prison ministry

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nothing happens in the kingdom of god without prayer prayer is how things get done this book provides a new model for intercessory prayer called presence oriented prayer not only will this revolutionize your prayer life but you will see more answered prayers

leading theologian terry cross articulates the doctrine of the church s ministry from a pentecostal perspective demonstrating how pentecostals can contribute to and

learn from the church catholic this companion volume to cross s previous book the people of god s presence proposes a radical revision of the structural framework of the local church within the often overlooked corporate priesthood of all believers cross explores principles for leadership and ministry from the new testament and the early church helping all believers to do the work of ministry

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