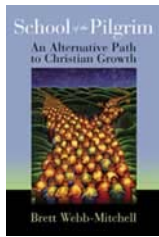
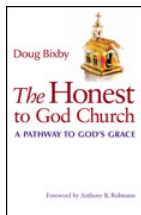




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**School of the Pilgrim: An Alternative Path to Christian Growth, Brett Webb-Mitchell** - Moving beyond traditional human developmental theories, pastor and Christian education theorist Brett Webb-Mitchell uses stories and analysis to walk with readers on a road toward rediscovering an ancient Christian custom that may ultimately lead to new roads in Christian education. This important work encapsulates a new understanding of faith development in the context of pilgrimage and examines how traditional human developmental theories have been used to categorize individuals instead of celebrating their unique characteristics, which reflect their creation in the image of God. Webb-Mitchell puts forth a challenge to the church to work toward a broader educational mission to be a community of Christ's pilgrim people, in which change and growth are discussed in the rhetoric and practice of pilgrimage. **(268.43 SCH)**



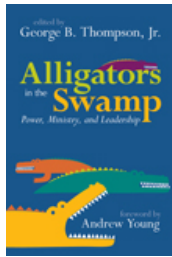
**The Honest to God Church: A Pathway to God's Grace, Doug Bixby** - Bixby knows that many of us have had enough of the liberal vs. conservative battles in the church. In *The Honest to God Church*, Bixby demonstrates how these extremes have distracted us from our true calling as conduits for God's grace—both individually and as congregations. **(253 HON)**



**Choosing Partnership, Sharing Ministry: A Vision for New Spiritual Community, Marcia Barnes Bailey** - In *Choosing Partnership, Sharing Ministry*, the author invites pastors and congregations to a new understanding of ministry, leadership, and the church that challenges hierarchy by fully sharing responsibilities, risks, and rewards in mutual ministry. This model took shape over 10 years as Bailey, pastoral colleague Marcus Pomeroy, and the congregation they served began writing their own definition of partnership—creating their own map, trusting their own instincts, making their own mistakes. **(259 CHO)**



**What do our neighbors believe? Questions and Answers on Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Howard R. Greenstein, et al** - Featuring a constructive and user-friendly question/answer format, *What Do Our Neighbors Believe?* offers salient and reliable introductions to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, allowing readers the flexibility to compare and contrast as they read along or, if they prefer, concentrate on one religion at a time. Accessibly and engagingly, an expert on each faith clearly conveys the histories, theological understandings, practices, and contemporary challenges of these three great traditions. Including appendixes of important dates, key terms, Internet sites, and recommended readings for each faith, *What Do Our Neighbors Believe?* is an ideal resource for personal or group study. **(200 WHA)**



**Alligators in the Swamp: Power, Ministry, and Leadership, George B. Thompson, ed.** -Thompson and a team of contributors--Beverly Thompson, Harvey K. Newman, and Jim Watkins--explore the nature of power and the challenges it poses to pastoral ministry. By using the metaphor "alligators in the swamp," they present and explore the nature of power from diverse yet complimentary perspectives such as: Power and self (attire); Power and culture in church and community (map/compass) Power and community decision-making (craft); Power and public advocacy (gear). **(253 ALL)**



**Winning Grants to Strengthen Your Ministry, Joy Skjegstad** - Ministry leaders possess the compassion, creativity, and knowledge about community needs that grant funders appreciate. Yet ministry groups are often less experienced than other types of nonprofit organizations in discerning which funding to seek, understanding how to build relationships with funders, and putting together proposals. This book offers a pathway to strengthening new and existing ministries. **(254.8 WIN)**