

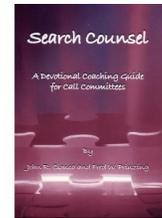
Annotated Bibliography for Search Committees

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Cionca, John R. and Fred W. Prinzing. *Search Counsel: A Devotional Coaching Guide for Call Committees.* (Santa Fe Springs, CA: Wylde & Sons, 2005).

A devotional, the authors structure practical advice with spiritual reflectivity on several themes: timeline, church survey, expectations, questions, references, compensation, preaching, due diligence, preparing the congregation and many others. Devotions include a scriptural reference, encouraging and informative entries with a closing prayer and a final thought. An informative resource devoted to the spiritual and practical process of a search team.

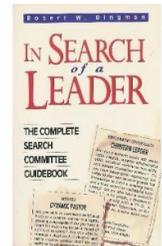
ISBN-10: 0971076928; **ISBN-13:** 978-0971076921



Dingman, Robert W. *In Search of a Leader: The Complete Search Committee Guidebook.* (Westside Village, CA: Lakeside Books, 1994).

This book basically provides a search team with a paper-back consultant. Dingman brings over thirty-years of experience as an executive recruiter to understanding the process of searching for a new pastoral leader. Dingman utilizes humor and insight in candidly addressing search teams/congregations in how to proceed in a search, sustaining the congregation, developing realistic expectations, evaluating candidates, checking references, analyzing financial needs/compensation, and welcoming the new leader. Furthermore he provides advice on using a consultant as well as several appendices in helping churches develop the resources utilized in a search such as letters to prospective candidates, offer of employment, chart of events in a search, checklist of “finalist” candidates, and more. A comprehensive resource for search teams who want all the details.

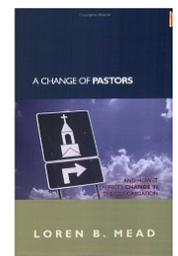
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Mead, Loren B. *A Change of Pastors...and how it affects change in the congregation.* (Herdon, VA: The Alban Institute, 2005).

Loren Mead, founder of the Alban Institute, developed this informative resource. In observing the incredible change which can occur during a ministerial transition, Mead seeks to empower a congregation in ministry during this time of changing pastors. This book provides insight to clergy in understanding the process parish members go through as well as provides guidance to the congregation in nurturing their transition as a fertile time of change. The author starts his book from the moment a pastor leaves the congregation, journeys with the congregation in its time of transition, identifies important resources and processes, and arrives at the change in pastors and change itself. Mead identifies various emotions and thoughts a congregation may experience, displaying his pastoral skill in this brief and empowering book.

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Vonhof, John. *The Pastoral Search Journey: A Guide to Finding Your Next Pastor.* (Herdon, VA: Alban Institute, Inc., 2010).

An updated resource to Vonhof's “The Pastoral Search,” this book also provides several appendices on sample letters, congregational survey, and questionnaire as well as the intricacies of forming a pastoral search committee. The book practically assists the congregation in the interim as well as communicating the personality and values of a congregation to potential candidates. Furthermore, Vonhof elaborates on selection criteria, evaluations, and recommendations while providing insights on managing references, interviewing candidates and identifying possible red flags. This book helps a search team conduct the call process and enable a smooth transition.

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