## **Synod Resource Center**

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## A very special invitation for pastors and for all who assist in the technology of online ministry



Here is the link you'll need: <a href="https://fb.me/e/iOpEXP2rN">https://fb.me/e/iOpEXP2rN</a>

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## **New Resources**

We are continually researching and purchasing new resources.

We value your input and invite you to make use of them.

Search the catalog located on our website: <a href="www.spsresourcecenter.org">www.spsresourcecenter.org</a>

"Becoming a Hybrid Church" by Dave Daubert and Richard E. T. Jorgensen, Jr., is one of several new books on the subject. It offers challenging and helpful "food for thought" as we bring congregations back to in-person ministry.....while at the same time realizing that the online world is also a place where genuine community and real ministry can happen. The authors lead the reader through an overview of several areas of congregational ministry and reflect on how to begin to move every aspect of church life to a dual platform — both on-the-ground and online. This "hybrid" kind of ministry is projected be the new norm for ministry.

Pr. Daubert, pastor of Zion Lutheran in Elgin, IL, is also the lead consultant for Day 8 Strategies. Check out their website. Pr. Jorgensen serves as Director for Evangelical Mission for the lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA.

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- "We Shall Be Changed," edited by Mark D. W. Edington, is subtitled: "Questions for the Post-Pandemic Church." This book includes five conversations in which several pastors give answers to specific questions, such as:
- —What have we learned about the worship we have been offering from having to create new ways of worship? Are there ideas or themes we should be careful not to lose?
- —What questions about financial structure and sustainability will emerge from this time of isolation to confront parishes and judicatories? Is self-help the only option?
- —What has the Covid pandemic taught us about the leaders and structures we have and the leaders and structures we need?

Contributors are Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran, UCC and Methodist pastors/leaders. Pr. Edington is the bishop of the Convocation of Episcopal churches in Europe.

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"The Post-Quarantine Church" (subtitle: Six Urgent Challenges and Opportunities that will Determine the Future of your Congregation) by Thom S. Rainer. From thousands of surveys of church leaders and in-person consultations, the author has gathered the essential wisdom you will need as you face the challenges and opportunities that the quarantine crisis has created for the local church, including:

- A wide-open door for growing the digital church
- A moment to rethink the facilities

This book will help you plan and prepare for the future. In the midst of struggle due to Covid-19, here's hope, wisdom, encouragement and vision as you move forward.

We have a number of books from Rainer and his group.

All are short — speak directly to a subject — and contain easily-used suggestions.

Some of the others we have:

"Scrappy Church - God's Not Done Yet"

"Autopsy of a Deceased Church"

"Becoming a Welcoming Church"