

MINISTRY

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Life and Leadership (<http://www.lifeandleadership.com/>)

Maintained by Carlus Gupton. This is “an annotated, continuously updated, and web-interactive guide to resources on the life and leadership of those who serve churches. It summarizes and/or categorizes over 1,500 books. Numerous “Ministry Resource Guides” are divided by topic (see either the Quick-list or the Index). Each guide usually begins with a brief essay, followed by a categorized menu to help you go straight to your subject of interest. Books are listed under the categories, often in recommended order, with thumbnail descriptions and a link to a separate page for each book. Each book page features an expanded description and comparison to similar resources, followed by the publisher’s description and author bio. It also features a picture of the book and direct links to several major online bookstores. The book pages are also extensively cross-referenced for browsing of related resources.”

Worship

R.R.016.264/T468. Thompson, Bard. *A Bibliography of Christian Worship*. ATLA Bibliography series, 25. Metuchen, NJ: American Theological Library Association, 1989.

A 739-page bibliography arranged under 51 major headings with multiple headings under each. It includes books and periodical literature through 1982. Includes author/editor index.

*R.R.264.003/D256d/2002. Bradshaw, Paul, ed. *The New Westminster Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002.

Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by 129 contributors. A replacement not a revision of J. D. Davies’s 1986 work by the same title. All entries have been rewritten and in nearly every case by a new contributor; deleted some entries and rearranged others. Contains over 200 new entries. Emphasis is on the history of worship.

264/W585d. White, James F. *Documents of Christian Worship: Descriptive and Interpretive Sources*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992.

A collection of original documents and classical statements concerning worship. Arranged to enable the reader to “trace significant structures of worship through the course of their development.” A selected bibliography follows each chapter.

264.011/J67. Johnson, Lawrence J. *Worship in the Early Church: An Anthology of Historical Sources*. 4v. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2009.

Contains English translations of “excerpts from early Christian writings illustrating the Church’s liturgical practice in both East and West from its Jewish beginnings through the end of the sixth century.” “Includes doctrinal and historical treatises, scriptural commentaries, sermons, letters, synodal legislation, early church orders, monastic rules, and baptismal and funeral epigrams.” For each author or major selection there is a short introduction with bibliography. Each volume contains an index and a comprehensive index of the set is in volume 4. An accompanying CD-ROM includes the content of each volume in a PDF file.

264/W372c. Webber, Robert E., ed. *The Complete Library of Christian Worship*. 7v. Nashville: Star Song Publishing Group, 1993-94.

The purpose is “to make biblical, historical, and contemporary resources on worship available to pastors, music ministers, worship committees, and the motivated individual worshiper.” It “contains biblical and historical information on all aspects of worship and numerous resource materials, as well as suggested resource books, audio tapes, and video instructional material for every worship act in the local church.” The seven volumes cover the following areas: The Biblical Foundations of Christian Worship, Twenty Centuries of Christian Worship, The Renewal of Sunday Worship, Music and the Arts in Christian Worship, The Services of the Christian Year, The Sacred Actions of Christian Worship, and The Ministries of Christian Worship.

Christian Education

R.R.268.03/E56. Kurian, George Thomas, and Mark A. Lamport. *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*. 3v. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.

Contains 1,200 signed articles (with bibliographies) by over 400 authors from more than 75 countries. The articles provide a “survey of the history, traditions, methodologies, institutions, curricula, and rubrics of Christian education for the last 2,000 years.” “Overview entries survey the subject comprehensively, define the field, and include historical commentary and background and reviews of literature. Breakout entries are shorter, descriptive entries that explore in greater detail some facets of a core article. Interpretive essays deal with ideas and trends.” Includes articles on significant people and Christian education in different countries. Nineteen “lead-in introductions” in vol. 3 (1427-1500) introduce the major sections of the encyclopedia. “Each of the relevant entries arranged by section are included at the end of each lead-in introduction.” A select bibliography of the most significant resources follows the lead-in introductions (3:1500-1517). Volume three also contains “World Statistics on Christian Populations” (1519-37), “World Listing of Christian Universities by Continent” (1539-52), index of names, and index of entries.

*R.R.268.03/E923. Anthony, Michael J. *Evangelical Dictionary of Christian Education*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001.

Contains over 850 signed articles (most with bibliographies) by 236 scholars on “the history, philosophy and theology of Christian Education” with “insights into educational methodology, learning theory, and practice.” Includes numerous cross references.

268/T747t. Towns, Elmer. *Towns' Sunday School Encyclopedia: A Practical Guide for Sunday School Workers*. Wheaton: Tyndale House, 1993.

In this alphabetical arrangement of information the author deals with such topics as job descriptions of Sunday school workers, recent trends in Sunday school ministry, effective teaching methods, facilities, policy statements, new methods & strategies, and biographies of important Sunday school people. Also includes research questionnaires and a selected bibliography.

268.433/H236. Atkinson, Harley, ed. *Handbook of Young Adult Religious Education*. Birmingham: Religious Education Press, 1995.

Contains 16 chapters by a diversity of subject specialists under the following headings: Foundations of Young Adult Religious Education, Characteristics of Young Adults, Educational Procedures, Focused Religious Education for Young Adults, and Programming Young Adult Religious Education. Each chapter contains bibliographical references.

Education Index, 1929-

An author/subject index to about 250 education journals. Book reviews indexed in back. Available at University of Memphis.

ERIC: The major education database produced under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Education. Contains over 1,300,000 records from 1966 to the present. Provides links to some full-text materials. Available through Eric.ed.gov.

R.R.016.268/W977. Wyckoff, D. Campbell, and George Brown, Jr. *Religious Education, 1960-1993: An Annotated Bibliography*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1995.

Contains a "bibliographical essay on the theory and practice of religious education, highlighting and mapping the materials listed in the annotated bibliography." Under seven main categories the authors annotate 1169 items which they "believe represent the most important literature on the subject."

Spiritual Formation

R.R.248.03/U68. Beasley-Topliffe, Keith, ed. *The Upper Room Dictionary of Christian Spiritual Formation*. Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2003.

Contains signed articles by 53 contributors on spiritual writers, topics, and methods of prayer and group practice. A few articles provide the text and history of particular prayers, and many include a "suggested individual or group process placed in a pagewide box." Designed as "a basic resource for exploring the history and practice of spiritual formation." Boldfaced words in articles serve as cross references. A chart in the back compares "several major streams of Christian spirituality" and includes cross references to articles related to those themes.

*R.R.248.03/Z87. Scorgie, Glen G., ed. *Zondervan Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011.

Designed as "an accessible and reliable academic resource. . . that will offer a discerning orientation to the wealth of ecumenical resources available while still highlighting the distinct heritage and affirming the core grace-centered values of classic evangelical spirituality." It is divided into two main sections: 34 "integrative perspective" essays and nearly 700 alphabetical smaller entries many of which are biographical. The essays and articles by 213 contributors include bibliographies. Note the first essay on the "Overview of Christian Spirituality" (27-33). Also includes cross references.

*R.R.248.03/W532/2005. Sheldrake, Philip, ed. *The New Westminster Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005.

Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by 180 contributors on "themes, movements, regions or periods." Includes no biographical entries. A separate section in the front contains 13 short essays that survey the content, methods, and current debates in the field of spirituality. Includes cross references and an "Index of Names and Titles."

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Christian Education

Christian Education Journal. 1980-

A peer-reviewed journal published twice a year by Talbot School of Theology in cooperation with the North American Professors of Christian Education. Its purpose “is to strengthen the conception and practice of Christian education in church and parachurch settings through: Encouraging reflection on the foundations of Christian education and implications for ministry practice; Exploring the integration and application of social science theory and research to educational ministry concerns; Fostering improved teaching in the field of Christian education at colleges and seminaries, equipping people for leadership in this field; and Promoting the assessment of our changing cultural context and of contemporary educational ministry needs, models, and trends.” Includes book reviews. Published as *Journal of Christian Education*, 1980-82; as new series, 1997-2002 (starting with a new volume 1), and 3rd series from 2003 on (starting with a new volume 1). Table of contents and abstracts of all articles on website: <http://journals.biola.edu/cej/volumes/>. Indexed in ATLA Religion Database since 1980. HST library has a complete print set (PER.268/J86).

Religious Education. 1906-

Published 5 times a year by the Religious Education Association. “Offers an interfaith forum for exploring religious identity, formation, and education in faith communities, academic disciplines and institutions, and public life and the global community. Articles consider education in houses of worship, schools, informal programs, and institutions of higher learning involving adults, youth, children, and families.” Each issue is divided into three sections: articles on research, scholarship, and insights from practice relating to the intersection of religion and education; forum with conversations engaging diverse points of view on topics of interest; and critique which includes review essays on practice and shorter reviews of books and media. Table of contents of all issues at website: <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/urea20>. There is an occasional free article available, but all can be purchased. Indexed in ATLA Religion Database since 1926 with full text for those years although there a number of missing issues, 1926-65. HST library has 1906-53 on microfilm, 1954-88 in print (PER.268/R279) and from 1989 on microfiche.

Spiritual Formation

Journal of Spiritual Formation & Soul Care. 2008-

A peer-reviewed journal published twice a year by the Talbot School of Theology Institute for Spiritual Formation. “The purpose of the journal is advancing the discussion of the theory and practice of Christian formation and soul care for the sake of the educational ministries of the church, Christian education and other para-church organizations through scholarly publications that are rooted in biblical exegesis, systematic theology, the history of Christian spirituality, philosophical analysis, psychological theory/research, spiritual theology, and Christian experience.” Includes book reviews. Table of contents and abstracts of all issues available at website: <http://journals.biola.edu/sfj/volumes/>. Indexed in ATLA Religion Database from 2008. HST library has a complete print set (PER.253.53/J86).

Weavings: A Journal of the Christian Spiritual Life. 1986-

Published quarterly and organized by themes by The Upper Room. Includes articles, stories (fiction and non-fiction), meditations on Scripture, sermons, prayers, or poetry on “significant topics in Christian spirituality visible in personal, congregational, and public life; practicing spiritual disciplines; the role of

non-discursive communication in spiritual formation (e.g. art, music, architecture, dance); linking individual and corporate renewal in the church; relating personal and social transformation; and integrating contemporary experience and classical wisdom.” Indexed in ATLA Religion Database since 1986. HST library has a complete print set (PER.248/W363).

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Great Commission Research Journal. 2009-

Published twice a year by Biola University's Cook School of Intercultural Studies, in cooperation with the Great Commission Research Network. Scholarly articles deal “with all aspects of Church Growth, effective evangelism and successful Great Commission strategies.” Includes book reviews and abstracts of recent dissertations and theses in the field. Table of contents and abstracts of all articles available at website: <http://journals.biola.edu/gcr/volumes/>. Continues the *Journal of The American Society for Church Growth*. Indexed in the *Christian Periodical Index* since its beginning. HST library has a complete print set (PER.254.5/G786).

Youth Ministry

Group. 1975-

Published 6 times a year. Each issue structured to help the youth worker connect with teenagers. Offers “insight into teen culture and trends; resource reviews. . .; discussion starters using the latest music and movies; Bible studies; games; fund-raising ideas; exclusive survey results; and goofy stuff” that's just there to make the reader laugh. Indexed in *Christian Periodical Index* since 1982. HST has print copies from 2001 on (PER.259.23/G882).

Journal of Youth Ministry. 2002-

Published twice yearly by the Association of Youth Ministry Educators in cooperation with Gordon College and Nyack College. The journal “is intended to be a peer-reviewed medium through which professional youth ministry educators may share with, encourage, and challenge each other through the various academic and practical disciplines related to youth ministry education.” Includes “Research Reviews” of recent articles and book review. Indexed with full text in the ATLA Religion Database since 2002. HST library has a print set from 2002 on (PER.268.433/J86).

Youthworker Journal. 1984-

Published bi-monthly. Provides “youth ministry game ideas, fundraiser tools, insightful interviews with today's top youth ministers, independent reviews on all the latest resources, books and curriculum, a strong community of peers in youth ministry, plus some humor and encouragement.” Indexed in *Christian Periodical Index* since 2007. HST library has a complete print set (PER.259.23/Y83).