

Restoring The Soul Of A Church Healing Congregations Wounded By Clergy Sexual Misconduct

Sex, Priestly Ministry, and the Church - Len Sperry 2003

"Would removing the celibacy requirement really eliminate priest pedophilia?" "Won't tough corrective measures such as a 'zero tolerance policy' only exacerbate the priest shortage?" These questions reflect the kind of concerns many of us are thinking and talking about lately. Despite the ongoing media coverage of sexual impropriety in the Church, there is relatively little known about sexuality issues involving priests. *Sex, Priestly Ministry, and the Church* provides an objective and authoritative account of psychosexual development in priests and key background information on the many sexual issues facing the Church today. It is a concise, comprehensive, one-of-a-kind resource of the most current information needed to understand these sexual issues and controversies and make reasoned, responsible decisions. Chapters under Part I: Essential Facts: Psychosexual Development are "Sex and Sexuality: Everything You Need to Know," "The Process of Psychosexual Development," and "Sexuality, Intimacy and Celibacy." Chapters under Part II: Essential Facts: Sexual Misconduct are "Determinants of Ministry Health and Sexual Misconduct," "Abusiveness and Sexual Misconduct," "Narcissism, Sexuality and Sexual Misconduct," and "Priest Sexual Misconduct with Children, Adolescents and Adults." Chapters under Part III: Pressing Sexual Issues are "Selecting Suitable Candidates for the Priesthood," "Homosexuality and the Priesthood," "Decisions About Removing Priests," and "Preventing Sexual Misconduct in Ministry."

Trustworthy Connections - Anne Winchell Silver 2004-01-25

Although God is at the center of the process of spiritual direction, the more readily visible

participants are human beings. Like all other people, directors and directees are subject to relationship dynamics. *Trustworthy Connections* identifies some issues and challenges that can arise in spiritual direction relationships and offers resources for further consideration and reflection. The topics and examples are focused on traditional one-to-one, face-to-face spiritual direction, although some are also relevant to group direction and direction by correspondence. *Trustworthy Connections* is designed for use as a reference and a springboard for discussion for spiritual directors and anyone else who is interested in spiritual direction. Like the process of spiritual direction itself, this book is about asking questions, discussing ideas, and suggesting alternatives rather than giving advice or getting answers.

The Integrity of the Body of Christ - Arden Mahlberg 2016-05-23

For religious communities to have integrity and credibility they must flourish as places of love and respect. Every aspect of church life is defined and protected by essential boundaries: boundaries around space, time, thought, speech, will, emotion, and behavior--both for clergy and church members. Lack of awareness and attention to boundary keeping diminishes the integrity of the church and harms its mission, whereas insight and vigilance about best practices lend freedom and energy to the calling of the church to care for others and to reach out to the world. In a flourishing Christian community, a wide array of boundaries must be recognized, celebrated, and navigated--from the boundaries that define and protect us as individual persons to role boundaries and the boundaries that define essential communal functions, such as worship. This book is no conventional account of boundaries. It takes a comprehensive approach to the challenge of

understanding and creating healthy boundaries. It applies the lessons from the emerging field of behavioral ethics to the rich and rewarding complexity of boundaries in church life, helping us to be more loving and responsible in how we think, speak, and act, so that the church can be true to its identity and mission.

Gender, Violence, and Justice - Pamela Cooper-White 2019-03-20

Gender, Violence, and Justice is a volume of collected essays by an expert in the field of violence against women and pastoral theology. It represents over three decades of research, advocacy, and pastoral theological reflection on the subject of sexual and domestic violence. Topics include intimate partner violence, sexual abuse and trauma, and clergy sexual misconduct; controversial theological issues such as forgiveness; and, as well, positive frameworks for fostering well-being in families, church, and society. Framed by a foreword and an introduction that place this work in the context of new and contemporary challenges in theory and practice, these essays show an evolution of issues and frameworks for theology, care, and activism arising over time from the movement to end violence against women (both within and beyond religious communities)—while at the same time demonstrating an unchanging core commitment to gender justice.

Clinical Management of Sex Addiction - Patrick Carnes 2013-06-17

This is the first comprehensive volume of the clinical management of sex addiction. Collecting the work of 28 leaders in this emerging field, the editors provide a long-needed primary text about how to approach treatment with these challenging patients. The book serves as an excellent introduction for professionals new to the field as well as serving as a useful reference tool. The contributors are literally the pioneers of one of the last frontiers of addiction medicine and sex therapy. With a growing awareness of sex addiction as a problem, plus the advent of cybersex compulsion, professional clinicians are being confronted with sexual compulsion with little clinical or academic preparation. This is the first book distilling the experience of the leaders in this emerging field. With a focus on special populations, it also becomes a handy problem-

solving tool. Readable, concise, and filled with useful interventions, it is a key text for a problem clinicians must be able to identify. It is destined to be a classic reference.

The Living Church - 1997

Before the Fall - Nils Friberg 1998

Church and theological seminary leaders have long desired a guidebook to help them orient candidates for ministry to the issue of sexuality and ministry. This is that book. Nils Friberg and Mark Laaser lay out the major problems and guidelines for solutions.

Time to Listen - Helen Goode 2003

Foreword by Thomas G. Plante. First major book on this controversial topic. Groundbreaking, comprehensive... a remarkable accomplishment.- Thomas G. Plante, University of Santa Clara/Stanford University. This book is a major assessment of clerical s

Sex, Lies, and Rabbis: Breaking a Sacred Trust - Charlotte Rolnick Schwab 2003-07-08

Sex, Lies, and Rabbis: Breaking a Sacred Trust by Charlotte Rolnick Schwab, Ph.D. is a powerful book, a combination of memoir and nonfiction, about what happens when clergy, specifically, rabbis, are deified. It is about the betrayal and the cover up of the betrayal of teen aged girls and women by male rabbis, and thereby, the betrayal of these rabbis wives, families, congregations, communities, denominations, and all Judaism. Two murders are connected to rabbis sexual abuse. One rabbi is awaiting retrial for allegedly hiring a hit man to murder his wife because of his sexual misconduct. This author writes about her own frightening, shocking experience as the wife of a rabbi-perpetrator of sexual abuse of other women, his violence toward her, and threat to kill her if she told about his nefarious double life. The book delineates in one volume: the crisis in the rabbinate, in congregational Judaism; what needs to be done to bring about healing and change; gives description of cases of rabbis sexual abuse as told to the author (these cases are all composites; the victims/survivors identities are disguised), and as reported in the media, including the two murders related to rabbis sexual abuse; the alarming extent of this problem; outlines policies that synagogues and denominations need to adopt; provides

definitions of sexual abuse; discusses the kinds of personalities of rabbis which can lead to rabbis becoming sexual predators; and offers some suggestions for prevention. The book offers a Resources List and extensive Bibliography, including articles from Jewish and secular newspapers around the country, about rabbis sexual abuse. The book provides a healing program geared toward Jewish victims/survivors or rabbis sexual abuse; it can be adapted for victims/survivors of abuse by other clergy and of other kinds of abuse, including abuse by batterers. Women who suffered abuse of any kind will find this book validating and helpful for healing and recovery. "12 Steppers" will be especially interested in this book. The book is helpful to people of all religions who are experiencing the crisis of their religious authorities sexual abuse and covering up of that abuse, including Buddhists, Catholics, and Protestants. It is an urgent read for all Jewish people concerned about the safety of their teen aged children and women, and about the future of their religious organizations and communities. Books have been written about Catholic priests and Protestant ministers and sexual abuse; this is the first about rabbis sexual abuse. Rabbis Arthur Gross-Schaefer and Marcia Zimmerman, and Rev. Nils Friberg praise the book on the book jacket. Maj-Britt Rosenbaum, MD, psychiatrist and former Director of the Long Island Hillside Medical Center Sexuality Center, wrote the Preface. Gary Schoener, Ph.D., clinical psychologist, who treat both clergy-perpetrators and victims, wrote the Foreword.

Christian Counseling Ethics - Randolph K. Sanders 2013-03-08

Editor Randolph K. Sanders assembles a team of scholar-practitioners to forge a comprehensive ethical approach to Christian counseling. Christian psychotherapists, pastors and others in the counseling profession will find here a ready resource for a wide array of contemporary clinical scenarios.

Transitional Ministry - Molly Dale Smith 2009-06

Transition is the word we use to describe the time following significant change. In congregations, that change might be the departure of the pastor, a catastrophe such as Hurricane Katrina or 9/11, or simply the changes

caused by growth. Transition calls for clergy with special training to respond to the needs generated by the special time. "Task, training, and time limit" are the hallmarks of transitional ministry. Trained intentional interim clergy must have the skill and experience to lead congregations during transition. However, transitional or interim ministry has a bad reputation in some places. As one diocesan leader said, "We have never had a church in this diocese that was so bad off that an interim was needed." Indeed, there are some "sick" churches, but most congregations have some good things happening and some things that need attention. Intentional interim ministry can be medicine for the sick, but in most cases it is better compared to vitamins that are taken to promote health. This book seeks to clear up misconceptions about transitional ministry and present an accurate and up-to-date picture of transitional ministry and to describe the various settings in which this specialized ministry can be helpful. Chapter authors, all expert in transitional ministry in mainline Protestant denominations, include: Robert Friedrich, John Keydel, George Martin, Loren Mead, Barry Miller, Nancy Miller, Ineke Mitchell, Ken Ornell, Molly Dale Smith, and Rob Voyle.

No Stones - Marnie C. Ferree 2010-02-25

In this book Marnie C. Ferree offers a unique resource for women struggling with sexual addiction. Written by a counselor who understands the condition from the inside out, No Stones offers practical help for those battling sexual addiction and those who want to come alongside women as they seek help. Important for pastors and church leaders, this book will also be a much sought-after resource for Christian counselors and therapists counseling women who grapple with this type of addiction.

Telling the Truth - John S. McClure 1998

Every congregation in North America has victims, survivors, and perpetrators of violence in its midst. Many in the church, while supporting marital and family connections, do not know how to address abuse. Many ministers are searching for theological and ethical perspectives with which to frame an effective pulpit, teaching, and pastoral ministry. Telling the Truth assembles the wisdom of experts from across disciplines and denominations. Biblical

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and theological issues are analyzed by Johanna Van Wijk-Bos, Shawn Copeland, and Wendy Farley. Pastoral resources are presented by Marie M. Fortune, James Poling, Nancy Ramsay, and David Goatley. Preaching strategies are discussed by Barbara Patterson and John S. McClure. Four sermons are also included to provide effective models for ministering against sexual and domestic violence.

Clergy Sexual Abuse - Claire M. Renzetti
2013-06-11

An examination of the clergy sexual abuse crisis from diverse scholarly perspectives

Ministerial Ethics - Joe E. Trull 2004-03-01
Ministerial Ethics provides both new and experienced pastors with tools for sharpening their personal and professional decision-making skills. The authors seek to explain the unique moral role of the minister and the ethical responsibilities of the vocation and to provide "a clear statement of the ethical obligations contemporary clergy should assume in their personal and professional lives." Trull and Carter deal with such areas as family life, confidentiality, truth-telling, political involvement, working with committees, and relating to other church staff members. First published in 1993, this edition has been thoroughly updated throughout and contains expanded sections on theological foundations, the role of character, confidentiality, and the timely topic of clergy sexual abuse. Appendices describing various denominational ministerial codes of ethics are included.

Sexual Offending and Restoration - Mark Yantzi 2009-09-01

Mark Yantzi provides new methods for dealing with the pervasive problem of sexual abuse. He shows caring ways to confront and support those who have offended. He also calls for understanding and compassion toward those victimized by sexual wrongdoing. Yantzi's unique approach is illustrated through case examples and candid dialogue by a group of victims and those who have offended. Readers hear authentic voices and share in the process toward healing. The book honors the words of victims, offenders, their families, and communities.

Clergy Sexual Misconduct - John Thoburn
2012-07-10

Nearly 10 percent of pastors have adulterous

affairs and 15 percent are addicted to Internet pornography. Clergy Sexual Misconduct addresses how prevention, education, and treatment interventions can positively impact all levels of the clergy system. Numerous contributing experts share guidance on how individuals, families, congregants, and denominations can achieve recovery and reconciliation through a systemic approach.

Wolves Within the Fold - Anson D. Shupe 1998

The abuse of power by religious authorities at the expense of their followers is termed clergy malfeasance by sociologist Anson Shupe and examined in WOLVES WITHIN THE FOLD. This collection of essays explores behavior that is sometimes illegal and always unethical, sometimes punished but often not. Groups analyzed include the Roman Catholic Church, Protestant denominations, televangelists, and the Hare Krishnas.

Understanding Clergy Misconduct in Religious Systems - Candace R. Benyei
2014-10-13

In Understanding Clergy Misconduct in Religious Systems, you'll take an incisive look at why sexual misconduct occurs in religious systems and how to implement proactive strategies for holistic change. Applicable to both Jewish and Christian communities, this illuminating exploration takes a look at the psychology behind scapegoating, why it is perpetuated, and how you can quell the damaging tradition of silence. Understanding Clergy Misconduct in Religious Systems helps you see leaders of religious institutions in a way that the world has been afraid to see them--in a glass clearly. Enriched with metaphoric myths and fairy tales instead of technical jargon, its unique systemic perspective reveals the psychodynamics behind the obsession with family secrets and lets you understand this dysfunction from the perspectives of victim, abuser, and counselor. These specific areas will both inform and aid you in dealing with this difficult subject: the religious institution as a family system the religious system as an illusion of the perfect family the concept of God-transference and the overridealization of clergy clergy personal relationships and clergy congregational relationships vulnerability and the psychology of the victim strategies for

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Understanding Clergy Misconduct in Religious Systems comes at just the right time--in an era when little has been written on the subject, especially from a systemic perspective, this work comes at a time when the phenomena of clergy sexual misconduct has rocked the very foundation of religious systems worldwide. Whether you're a lay congregational leader, judicatory administrator, pastoral counselor, psychologist, or seminarian, you'll find that the coping strategies and intervention techniques it outlines will guide you in pinpointing the sickness at its source and restoring felicity and

order to your religious leaders and their communities.

Restoring the Soul of a Church - Nancy Myer Hopkins 1995

The Interfaith Sexual Trauma Institute has commissioned this pastoral work which focuses on the healing of congregations following clergy sexual misconduct. The book discusses the original problem of sexual misconduct and exploitation and then focuses on those neglected "secondary" victims of abuse: the congregation, the wider community, other clergy, the wider church, the offender's family, and the pastor who takes over.

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