



The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

Commission on Ministry Recommended book list

Discernment

Dewar, Francis. *Called or Collared: An Alternative Approach to Vocation*. SPCK 2000. ISBN: 0281053502

Farnham, Suzanne. *Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community*. Morehouse Publishing, 1991. ISBN: 0819215635

Parker, Ronald E. *Do I Belong in Seminary?* Alban, 1998. ISBN: 156699201X

Sedgwick, Timothy F. *The Making of Ministry*. Boston: Cowley Publications, 1993. ISBN: 1561010820

Anglican identity

Anonymous. *The Cloud of Unknowing*. Paulist Press, 1981. ISBN: 0809123320

Paul Avis. *An Anglican Understanding of the Church: An Introduction*. SPCK, 2000. ISBN 0281052824

Chapman, Mark. *Anglicanism: a Very Short Introduction*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. ISBN 0192806939

Church, R.W. *The Oxford Movement*. Kessinger Publishing. ISBN 1419176544

Holmes, David L. *A Brief History of the Episcopal Church*. Harrisburg: Trinity Press, 1993. ISBN 1563380609

Holmes, Urban T. *What is Anglicanism?* Morehouse Publishing, 1982. ISBN: 0819212954 1982

Law, William. *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*. Paulist Press, 1978. ISBN: 0809121441

Lewis, C.S. Pretty much anything but especially *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce* and *Mere Christianity*.

Moorman, JRH. *A History of the Church in England. 3rd edition*. Harrisburg, Penn.: Morehouse, 1986. ISBN: 081921406X

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Moorman, John R.H. *The Anglican Spiritual Tradition*. London and Springfield: Darton, Longman, and Todd and Templegate, 1983. ISBN 0872431398 (a shorter alternative to his *History of the Church in England*)

Neill, Stephen. *Anglicanism*. 4th edition. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 1977. ISBN 195200330 (out of print)

Prichard, Robert. *A History of the Episcopal Church*. Morehouse Publishing, 1999. ISBN: 0819218286

Ramsey, Michael. *The Anglican Spirit*. Seabury Classics, 2004. ISBN: 1596280042

Ramsey, Michael. *The Gospel and the Catholic Church*. Cowley Publications, 1990. ISBN: 0936384913

Rowell, Geoffrey, ed. *The English Religious Tradition and the Genius of Anglicanism*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1992. ISBN 0687117623

Rowell, Geoffrey. *Love's Redeeming Work: The Anglican Quest for Holiness*. Oxford University Press, USA, 2004. ISBN: 0191070580

Rowell, Geoffrey. *The Vision Glorious: Themes and Personalities of the Catholic Revival in Anglicanism*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University, 1983. ISBN 0198264437

Schmidt, Richard H. *Glorious Companions: Five Centuries of Anglican Spirituality*. Grand Rapids and Cambridge: Wm. B. Eerdmann, 2002. ISBN 0802822223

Sykes, Stephen, ed. *Study of Anglicanism*. Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 1998. ISBN: 080063151X

Weil, Louis and Charles Price. *Liturgy for Living*. Morehouse Publishing, 2000. ISBN 0819218626

Williams, Rowan. *Anglican Identities*. Boston: Cowley Publications, 2004. ISBN: 1561012548

Wolf, William. *The Spirit of Anglicanism: Hooker, Maurice, Temple*. Morehouse, 1981. ISBN: 0819212636

The Diaconate

Booty, John. *The Servant Church: Diaconal Ministry and the Episcopal Church*. San Francisco: Harpersanfrancisco, 1984. ISBN: 0816422168

Borgegard, George, ed. *The Ministry of the Deacon: Anglican-Lutheran Perspectives*. Uppsala, Sweden: Nordic Ecumenical Council, 1999.

Brown, Rosalind. *Being a Deacon Today: Exploring A Distinctive Ministry in the Church and in the World*. Morehouse Publishing, 2005. ISBN: 0819222011

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Collins, John N. *Deacons and the Church: Making Connections Between Old and New*. Gracewing Publishing, 2003. ISBN: 0819219339

Collins, John N. *Diakonia: Re-interpreting the Ancient Sources*. Oxford University Press, 1990. ISBN: 0195060679

Cummings, Owen F., ed. *Theology of the Diaconate: The State of the Question*. Paulist Press, 2005. ISBN: 0809143453. Roman Catholic

House of Bishops. *Deacons in the Ministry of the Church. A Report to the House of Bishops of the General Synod of the Church of England*. London: Church House Publishing, 1988. ISBN: 0715137182

Keating, James. *The Deacon Reader*. Paulist Press, 2006. ISBN: 0809143895. Roman Catholic

Plater, Ormonde. *Deacons in the Liturgy*. Morehouse Publishing, 1992. ISBN: 0819215856

Plater, Ormonde. *Many Servants: An Introduction to Deacons*. Cowley Publications, 2004. ISBN: 156101270X

Priesthood

Brown, Rosalind. *On Being a Priest Today*. Cowley Publications, 2004. ISBN: 156101253X

St. Chrysostom. *On the Priesthood*. One of the Early Church Fathers. This is on the web at <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/ecf/109/1090018.htm>

Cox, R. David. *Priesthood in a New Millennium: Toward an Understanding of Anglican Presbyterate in the Twenty-First Century*. Church Publishing, 2004.

Nazianzen, Gregory *Defence of the Flight to Pontos* (Classic treatise on the nature of the priestly office.) This is on the web at <http://www.searchgodsword.org/his/ad/ecf/pos/gregorynazianzen/view.cgi?file=npnf2-07-33.htm>

Herbert, George. *Priest to the Temple, or, The Country Parson his Character and Rule of Holy Life*. Paulist Press, 1981. ISBN: 0809122987

Male, Edward. *The Ancient Fathers on the Priesthood*. Gorgias Press LLC, 2005. ISBN: 1-59333-043-X

Ramsey, Michael. *The Christian Priest Today*. SPCK, 1972. ISBN: 028102667X

Terwilliger, Robert E., ed. *To Be a Priest: Perspectives on Vocation and Ordination*. New York: Seabury Press, 1975.

Other

Coogan, Michael, ed. *The New Oxford Annotated Bible, New Revised Standard Version with the Apocrypha*. Oxford University Press, USA; 3rd edition ISBN 019528478X

(If you buy one study Bible, this is it. Can be used for both devotional and study purposes. Many Christian bookstores as well as the major book chains carry it.)

Gonzalez, Justo. *The Story of Christianity: Volume One: The Early Church to the Reformation*. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1984. ISBN 0060633158

Gonzalez, Justo. *The Story of Christianity: Volume Two: The Reformation to the Present Day*. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1985. ISBN 0060633166

(This is the best intro to Christian history that is comprehensive and well written while not being overly technical.)

Hatchet, Marion. *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*. HarperSanFrancisco; Harper edition, 1995. ISBN 0060635541

(This is the main commentary you will need.)

Wall, John. *Dictionary for Episcopalians*. Boston: Cowley, 2000. ISBN: 1561011789

(This book is an excellent resource of the definitions of all the fancy-sounding ecclesiastical terms.)

Webber, Christopher L. *A User's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer: Morning And Evening Prayer*. Morehouse Publishing, 2005. ISBN: 081922197X

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