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In Collaborative Practical Theology, Henk de Roest documents and analyses research on Christian practices as it can be conducted by academic practical theologians in collaboration with practitioners of different kinds in Christian practices all around the world.

Unity, joy, simplicity, beauty, truth—these are the hallmarks of the three Persons in one God, the Trinity. In *Contemplating the Trinity*, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, the preacher to the papal household, invites readers to

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turn to the Trinity so that they can enter into and experience the relationship of love that the divine Persons share with one another. Convinced that Christians today need a spirituality that is more clearly trinitarian, Fr. Cantalamessa draws from theology, spirituality, and art to articulate this new perspective and its implications. As readers accept Christ ' s invitation to immerse themselves in the “ bottomless sea without shores ” that is the Trinity, they will find themselves on a journey that promises a deeper understanding of how this relationship of love can be our standard for holiness. In this landmark volume, internationally recognized scholars address with unheralded honesty key

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intellectual and practical conundrums that not only trouble practical theology but reflect biases and breakdowns in the construction of theological knowledge in academy and religious communities at large.

What is church? What spaces does church occupy? Can ecclesial space exist beyond the boundaries of church? In *An Interweaving Ecclesiology* Mark Scanlan offers a fresh vision of Christian community as constructed for and by participants as potential ecclesial spaces combine to create an experience which we call “ church ” . Drawing in particular on research into the dynamic between youth groups and the churches within which they operate, Scanlan brings us a distinct approach to the church in mission that

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can nuance and develop the tired and sometimes flawed thinking around Fresh Expressions and pioneer ministry. Combining deep ecclesiology with a practical approach, this book will be useful to students and scholars of pioneer and youth ministry and those with a wider interest in how churches operate.

An Introduction

Discovering a Discipline

Sola Scriptura

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Practical Theology, Theological Education, and Christian Ministry

The Wiley Blackwell Companion to

Practical Theology

Evangelicals Engaging in Practical Theology

The mounting evidence of

the interconnectedness of spirituality, health, and medicine suggests giving new attention to the healing ministry of Jesus. Through a fresh reading of the Gospel narratives, Bruce Epperly reveals the centrality of whole-person healing within Jesus' mission as teacher and social reformer and stresses that churches should seek to recover a healing ministry that touches both the spirit and the body. God's

Touch traces the links between Jesus' approach to wholeness of mind, body, spirit, and relationships, and the practices of complementary and alternative medicine today.

Where is Jesus Christ? This fundamental question is the starting point of this book, which investigates the shape of Christian life and ministry in a post-Christendom context. Over the last decades there has been a shift

in much of Western theology towards focusing on Christian practices in ministry and theological education. This may be seen as a way to deal with theological anxiety in an era of heightened personal autonomy. In *Practicing Baptism* Bard Norheim critically analyzes the engagement in Christian practices. As a response to this engagement Norheim develops a missional and diaconal theology for ministry, focusing on

the presence of Christ in Christian practices. Fundamentally, this is an attempt to answer a pressing question for today: What do Christians do? Norheim draws on Martin Luther's theology and his notion of the three modes of Christ's presence, the present tense of baptism, and Luther's idea of the marks of the church. Based on this reading of Luther's theology, Norheim suggests that Christian life and ministry could

be interpreted through the concept practicing baptism.

Christian ministry is deeply concerned with proclaiming the transforming power of God's gift of faith in the daily lives of disciples. How is it, then, that so often Christian faith fails to orient our lives? Christian Scharen offers the compelling argument that such a way of life needs communities and leaders that build and communicate faith as

foundation. Pastors will be able to impart this vision of faith, he cautions, only if they themselves are compelled by it and if their parishioners find that the model helps them make sense of life as a whole. Faith as a Way of Life is one response to this call for reflection on Christian faith as an orienting force impacting every aspect of daily life. Scharen examines the powerful languages that can replace faith language?

emotion-driven
therapeutic and results-
driven managerial
models? and shows how
their domination leads
to faith becoming a weak
sibling. He directly
engages the problems
these languages often
lead to with the hope of
fostering pastoral
leadership grounded in a
vision of faith as a way
of life. Faith as a Way
of Life is an engaging
and encouraging
examination of how
pastoral leaders can
model and mediate faith

as the beating heart
pumping life-blood
through every sphere of
life

Petrus van Mastricht's
Theoretical and
Practical Theology
presents one of the most
comprehensive methods of
treating Christian
doctrine. In it,
Mastricht treats every
theological topic
according to a four-part
approach: exegetical,
dogmatic, elenctic, and
practical. As a body of
divinity, it combines a
rigorous, scholastic

treatment of doctrine with the pastoral aim of preparing people to live for God through Christ. Students and pastors will find it a valuable model for moving from the text of Scripture to doctrinal formulation that will edify the people of God. Volume 1, Intellectual Prerequisites, provides an introduction to doing systematic theology. Mastricht begins by addressing the nature of theology, wherein he lays out the proper

method, subject matter, and definition of theology. He then discusses Scripture as the rule of doing theology, as it is the only infallible source and foundation for knowing God. Finally, Mastricht gives his rationale for the best distribution of theological topics. This volume also includes Mastricht's homiletical aid "The Best Method of Preaching," as well as a biographical sketch by Adriaan Neele to help

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readers understand the
significance of
Mastricht's life and
ministry.

The Teaching and
Learning of Pastoral
Supervision
Conundrums in Practical
Theology

Theoretical and
Practical Theology
Volume 1: Intellectual
Prerequisites

Practicing Witness
Wiley Blackwell

Companion to Qualitative
Research and Theology

The Religious Lives of
People without Homes

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A Framework for a Discipline in Flux

From the inception of the Reformed tradition, Reformed Christians have followed God's call to engage and change the world. Yet little work has been done to bring the tools of practical theology and ethics to bear on the task of understanding the Reformed tradition. This comprehensive volume addresses that problem. It gathers some of the most respected voices from within the study of Christian ethics and practical theology to ask how the Reformed tradition understands its calling into the world. What does being Reformed mean for how one engages the ills of racism, white supremacy, and homophobia? What does it mean for an

environmental ethic? How does Reformed preaching and liturgy respond to sexual violence? These are among the many important issues this book seeks to address. Readers will come away with a firmer grasp of how the Reformed tradition informs and animates Christian engagement with the world. Contributors include Denise Ackermann, Jana Childers, Susan Davies, Etienne de Villiers, Cynthia Jarvis, Jong Hyuk Kim, Ralph Kunz, Cam Murchison, Piet Naudé, Cornelius Plantinga, Nancy Ramsay, Kang Phee Ramsay, Dirk Seng, Max Smit Stackhouse, William Storrar, Geoff Thompson, and Hmar Vanlalauva. Sola Scriptura offers a multi-disciplinary reflection on the theme of the priority and importance of

Scripture in theology, from historical, biblical-theological and systematic-theological perspectives, aiming at the interaction between exegesis and dogmatics.

This book aims to introduce a distinctively evangelical voice to the discipline of practical theology.

Evangelicals have sometimes seen practical theology as primarily a 'liberal' project. This collection, however, actively engages with practical theology from an evangelical perspective, both through discussion of the substantive issues and by providing examples of practical theology done by evangelicals in the classroom, the church, and beyond. This volume brings together established and emerging voices to debate the growing

role which practical theology is playing in evangelical and Pentecostal circles. Chapters begin by addressing methodological concerns, before moving into areas of practice.

Additionally, there are four short papers from students who make use of practical theology to reflect upon their own practice. Issues of authority and normativity are tackled head on in a way that will inform the debate both within and beyond evangelicalism. This book will, therefore, be of keen interest to scholars of practical, evangelical, and Pentecostal theology.

Contains a general introduction to the discipline, featuring classic and pioneering essays that address the history, methods, issues, and exemplary illustrations of research, teaching, and

practice Presenting a diverse collection of landmark essays, The Wiley-Blackwell Reader in Practical Theology explores the turn-of-the-century renaissance of practical theology as an academic discipline and shows how the discipline has advanced a steady epistemological insurgency in theology throughout the twentieth- and twenty-first century. The text provides scholars, students, and ministerial professionals with easy access to original seminal sources that represent major milestones, growing edges, and useful classificatory rubrics. A handy, one-volume primer to practical theology, the book: Offers an excellent bird's-eye-view of the discipline's essential foundational contributions Provides significant introductory

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*overview material helpful in guiding
both new and experienced readers to*

practical theology Includes brief

overview introductions before each

essay to situate the reading and

highlight key contributions and

occasional limitations Features essay

selections that consider race, gender,

sexuality, age, and other differences as

a critical subtheme The Wiley-

Blackwell Reader in Practical

Theology is an indispensable resource

for students, faculty, and professionals

in practical theology and colleagues in

related cognate disciplines in

theological education and religious

studies.

A Vision for Pastoral Leadership

The Church, Mission and Young

People

Introducing Practical Theology
Feminist Pastoral Theology and the
Challenge of Identity

God's Touch

Courageous Conversations

Aspects of Catholic Practical Theology

This work by a leading figure in the field offers one of the first attempts to formulate a complete theory of practical theology for scholars, teachers, students, and those directly involved in pastoral ministry.. "Designed to serve as a reference tool, this volume provides the necessary theoretical discussion for work in the entire discipline of practical theology. Gerben Heitink first surveys the historical development of practical theology from the thought of Schleiermacher to the present. He then outlines the theoretical aspects of practical theology, looking especially at the

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hermeneutical, empirical, and strategic points of view. Finally Heitink discusses the various contexts in which practical theology takes place.

"Bass and Dykstra have written extensively and collaboratively on Christian Practices, arguing that the what Christians have done faithfully over time constitutes a life-giving way of life, and that this living of Christianity is more primary to what it means to be Christian than doctrinal confession, that our confessions spring from faithful living rather than the other way around. This book contains numerous essays that take up the question of Christian Practices and ministry--the preparation of ministers, theological education, etc. in a post-Enlightenment understanding of the relationship of practice and head knowledge. Because the book is the result of a community conversation, it doesn't

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have a clear thesis, but it models its conviction that reflection on theology arises from community conversation around our life in discipleship together.

An extremely helpful beginning to a conversation about ministry, practices of faith, clergy preparation, etc., as the time has come to integrate the kind of learning that comes in the classroom with the kind that only comes from living the faith with others"--Amazon.com.

Courageous Conversations is designed to assist with the complexities of pastoral supervision in a variety of settings, such as local congregations, seminary programs of field education, clinical pastoral education, clinical training of spiritual directors and certified pastoral counselors, and more.

The preparation and training of supervisors is diverse and often learned through 'on-the-job-training.' This book draws on a wide variety of experienced

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supervisors in clinical pastoral education to seminary faculty members. The topics covered in the book address very pragmatic aspects of supervision, for pastors in local congregations who supervise seminary interns to well-developed theoretical aspects of supervisory education that are utilized in clinical pastoral education. Readers of this book will benefit from theoretical viewpoints as well as practical hands-on application to their ministry. Special attention is given to the task, purpose, and methods of pastoral supervision, and helpful suggestions are provided for working with important issues such as pastoral identity, skill development, attending to ethics, postmodernism, gender, sexuality and more.

In this richly collaborative work, five distinguished scholars examine the oft-neglected embodied practical wisdom that

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is essential for true theological understanding and faithful Christian living. After first showing what Christian practical wisdom is and does in several real-life situations, the authors tell why such practical wisdom matters and how it operates, exploring reasons behind its decline in both the academy and the church and setting forth constructive cases for its renewal.

Practicing Baptism

Theology that Impacts Church and World

Faith as a Way of Life

Recognizing Other Subjects

Integrating Work in Theological

Education

The Wiley Blackwell Reader in Practical
Theology

A Practical Theology of Help that Gives
Hope, Understanding, and Self Esteem to
"street People" Through the Curriculum of
Abundant Life I Am Ministries

The second edition of Qualitative Research responds to the growing need in Doctor of Ministry programs for a textbook that guides students in Participatory Action Research, prospectus, and dissertation that reflect the recent trends in the discipline of practical theology. The Standards of Accreditation for the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools states, “The Doctor of Ministry is an advanced, professionally oriented degree that prepares people more deeply for religious leadership in congregations and other

settings.” Standard 5.3 states, “The Doctor of Ministry degree has clearly articulated student learning outcomes that are consistent with the school’s mission and resources and address the following four areas: (a) advanced theological integration that helps graduates effectively engage their cultural context with theological acumen and critical thinking; (b) in-depth contextual competency that gives graduates the ability to identify, frame, and respond to crucial ministry issues; (c) leadership capacity that equips graduates to enhance their effectiveness as ministry

leaders in their chosen settings; and (d) personal and spiritual maturity that enables graduates to reinvigorate and deepen their vocational calling.” In accordance with the standards, Qualitative Research guides students through appropriate research methods to satisfy the objectives of the degree in order to enhance ministerial leadership for the transformation of communities of practice.

Practical theology as a subject area has grown and become more sophisticated in its methods and self-understanding over the last

few decades. This book provides a complete and original research primer in the major theories, approaches and methods at the cutting-edge of research in contemporary practical theology. It represents a reflection on the very practice of the discipline itself, its foundational questions and epistemological claims. Each chapter examines different aspects of the research process: starting with experience and practice, aspects of research design and epistemology, communities of learning, the influence of theological norms and tradition

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on the practice of research, and ethical considerations about what constitutes 'the good' in advanced research. The uniqueness of this book rests in its authoritative overview of current practical theological research across a range of traditions and approaches, combined with a comprehensive introduction to research methodology. It offers worked examples from the authors, their colleagues and research students that serve to illustrate key ideas and approaches in practical theological research. The four authors are all internationally-leading scholars and rank

amongst the most influential figures in practical theology of their generation. The book promises to be of interest to students, teachers and researchers in practical theology, especially those looking to conduct original practice-based enquiry in the field.

If only we could do a better job of helping students at "connecting the dots," theological educators commonly lament. Integration, often proposed as a solution to the woes of professional education for ministry, would help students integrate knowledge, skills, spirituality,

and integrity. When these remain disconnected, incompetence ensues, and the cost runs high for churches, denominations, and ministers themselves. However, we fail in thinking that integrating work is for students alone. It is a multifaceted, constructive process of learning that is contextual, reflective, and dialogical. It aims toward important ends--competent leaders who can guide Christian communities today. It entails rhythms, not stages, and dynamic movement, including disintegration. Integrating work is learning in motion, across domains, and

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among and between persons. It is social and communal, born of a life of learning together for faculty, staff, administrators and students. It is work that bridges the long-standing gaps between school, ministry practice, and life. It's a verb, not a noun. Here a diverse group of theological educators, through descriptive case studies, theological reflection, and theory building, offer a distinctive contribution to understanding integrating work and how best to achieve it across three domains: in community, curriculums, and courses.

How do we care justly when

the self suffers because of the identity that they inhabit?

Pastoral theologian Katharine E. Lassiter approaches this interdisciplinary question from a feminist perspective in order to understand how suffering, subject formation, and social injustice are connected.

Lassiter identifies the challenges of identity in developing a pastoral theological anthropology, reflecting on tensions in her own experiences of caring for selves. Drawing from theories of recognition, she argues that doing just care requires recognizing the need for recognition as well as

acknowledging the impediments to receiving interpersonal, social, and theological recognition. Bringing together resources from pastoral theology and social theory, she develops a feminist pastoral theology and praxis of encounter in order to advance a care that does justice. Scholars, social justice practitioners, and pastoral caregivers will be able to use this resource to discover not only how and why recognition affects human development but also how we might implement a liberative theological praxis that is attentive to the role of

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recognition in subject
formation.

Opening the Field of Practical
Theology
Common Worship in
Theological Education
Practical Theology
Handbook of Theological
Education in World Christianity
Walking Victoriously in the
Power of the Spirit
A Practical Theology for
Fundraising
Collaborative Practical
Theology
One of the more neglected theological
topics over the past 500 years of
church history is a practical theology of
the Holy Spirit; how the Holy Spirit
works in your life as a believer every
single second of every single minute of

every single day in the grace of Christ Jesus. There are some very good systematic theology books that deal in their respective chapters with the Holy Spirit as they cover the doctrine of God, and there are even some very well written single volumes on the Spirit compiled in a systematic fashion by divines looking to give us a "theological overview of the Spirit." But there are relatively no books on the Holy Spirit that take a biblical and historic-confessional approach and marry that with a theology of victoriously walking in the Spirit, as it relates to the abundant life that Jesus Christ has promised to his church. Jesus did not come merely to give life, but to give believers abundant life in the Spirit! Is this what you experience in your daily walk? Every Christian desires spiritual victory in Christ, and

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to walk victoriously in the Spirit as outlined by Scripture, but how would you explain that daily reliance, and how would you as a believer experience the fullness of the Spirit in your own course of life? Well, that is what this little volume is about. It is to arm you with the necessary biblical ideas surrounding a victorious and abundant life of walking in the Spirit day by day in order to please King Jesus, and experience true happiness as Christ promises. It covers what abundant life is, who the Spirit is in Scripture as it relates to his work in a believer, what it means to be baptized in the Spirit, indwelt by the Spirit, anointed by the Spirit, illuminated by the Spirit, filled by the Spirit, empowered by the Spirit, and led by the Spirit. It also covers what it means to pray in the Spirit, how to exemplify

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the fruit of the Spirit, how to exercise your gifts in the Spirit, and how to walk in the Spirit victoriously. It concludes with a chapter on rejoicing in Christ in the Spirit, which ought to be a culmination of this abundant life for you as a born-again believer.

Christians should be walking in abundance in Christ right now through the work of the Spirit. Are you?

How might a church infused with missional theology change the way it approaches Christian practices?

Interacting both with the missional theology of George Hunsberger and Darrell Guder and with the theology of Christian practices laid out by Craig Dykstra and Dorothy Bass, Benjamin T. Conner argues that allowing these two disciplines to inform one another can enhance the nature of the church's witness, its congregational

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discipleship, and its theological education. Framing his work with real-world narratives and applications inspired by his work as a minister to adolescents with special needs, Conner shows how a practical missional mindset can redefine and reinvigorate the spirit and purpose of a congregation.

Through a series of essays contributed by leading experts in the field, The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology presents an introduction to practical theology as a major area of Christian study and practice, including an overview of its key developments, themes, methods, and future directions. The first comprehensive reference work to provide a survey, description and analysis of practical theology as an area of study A range of leading

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scholars in the field provide original contributions on the major areas, issues, and figures in practical theology Reviews an extensive range of methods for studying theology in practice, along with sub-disciplines in theological education such as pastoral care and preaching Covers developments in the discipline in a range of global contexts and distinct Christian traditions Shows how practical theology is relevant to everyday life

What is the place of corporate worship in theological education? Certainly it is not unexpected to have ministry students attending seminary chapel, but what are the expectations for the students who attend chapel? Is it to form their liturgical sensibilities into conformity with a particular worship tradition or style? Or is it to provide a

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safe place to try things that one would be reluctant to experiment with in congregational worship? Although common worship for ministry students is almost a given in all theological schools, there are few common understandings about its goals and purposes. *Common Worship in Theological Education* is the first book to address the theological, pedagogical, and political issues involved in the planning and execution of seminary chapel. It offers voices from across the theological and ecumenical spectrum about chapel, as well as involving multiple disciplines in the conversation. This volume provides the first comprehensive survey of the worship issues at stake in seminary education today. The essays in this collection provide the foundation for a productive

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conversation within a seminary faculty or among colleagues within a theological discipline. This volume makes the case that the chapel ought to have a seat at the table when the education mission of a theological school is being discussed. So pull up a chair and prepare for a fascinating conversation.

Theological Perspectives, Ecumenical Trends, Regional Surveys
Worship in American History
Biblical and Theological Perspectives on Scripture, Authority, and Hermeneutics

Shelter Theology

By the Vision of Another World

History, Theory, Action Domains :

Manual for Practical Theology

Contemplating the Trinity

The Handbook of Theological Education in World Christianity is

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the first attempt to map and analyze developments in theological education on a global scale. This volume, with contributions from 98 leaders in theological education from around the world, provides a comprehensive introduction to the major themes and contexts in the international discourse on theological education, surveys of the issues and challenges faced in different regions, and introductory essays on the developments in the major denominational families in World Christianity. The editors are Dietrich Werner, World Council of Churches, Geneva; David Esterline, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago; Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth; and Joshva Raja, Queen's Foundation,

"With mainline religious organizations in decline, many church leaders experience a similar decline in support for mission work. This paper asserts that the church can find new donors for their charitable mission work by looking beyond church membership, and in this way can expand its vision for what the kingdom of God can look like in its community. The author interviewed generous people unaffiliated with Christian congregations and shared the insights from these interviews with local church leaders, who then imagined how to connect new people to mission work. As a result of the shared insight, church leaders expressed an expanded vision of whom they

could involve in mission projects.

In the process, they also expanded their own understanding of and commitment to generosity.” -- Leaf [2].

A unique introduction to the developing field of Theology and Qualitative Research In recent years, a growing number of scholars within the field of theological research have adopted qualitative empirical methods. The use of qualitative research is shaping the nature of theology and redefining what it means to be a theologian. Hence, contemporary scholars who are undertaking empirical fieldwork across a range of theological subdisciplines require authoritative guidance and well-developed frameworks of practice and theory. The Wiley

Blackwell Companion to Theology and Qualitative Research outlines the challenges and possibilities for theological research that engages with qualitative methods. It reflects more than 15 years of academic research within the Ecclesiology and Ethnography Network, and features an international group of scholars committed to the empirical and theological study of the Christian church. Edited by world-renowned experts, this unprecedented volume addresses the theological debates, methodological complexities, and future directions of this emerging field. Contributions from both established and emerging scholars describe key theoretical approaches, discuss how different empirical methods are used within

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theology, explore the links between qualitative research and adjacent scholarly traditions, and more. The companion: Discusses how qualitative empirical work changes the practice of theology, enabling a disciplined attention to the lived social realities of Christian religion and what theologians do Introduces theoretical and methodological debates in the field, as well as central epistemological and ontological questions Presents different approaches to Theology and Qualitative research, highlighting important issues and developments in the last decades Explores how empirical insights are shaping areas such as liturgics, homiletics, youth ministry, and Christian education Includes perspectives from scholars

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working in disciplines other than

theology The Wiley Blackwell

Companion to Theology and

Qualitative Research is essential

reading for graduate students,

postgraduates, PhD students,

researchers, and scholars in

Christian Ethics, Systematic

Theology, Practical Theology,

Contemporary Worship, and related

disciplines such as Ecclesiology,

Mission Studies, World Christianity,

Pastoral Theology, Political

Theology, Worship Studies, and all

forms of contextual theology.

Postfoundationalist Reflections in

Practical Theology seeks to explore

the implications of a

Postfoundationalist theology for

the discipline of Practical Theology.

While moving beyond the

modernist and postmodernist

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debates, it charts a way forward for a theology that is bound by neither relativism nor certainty. It believes that Practical Theology is well suited to this task by its very nature and methodology.

Christian Practices and the Presence of Christ

Qualitative Research, Second Edition

Engaging Practitioners in Research on Christian Practices

Christian Theology in Practice

Practicing Abundant Life in Community

A Missional Vision of Christian Practices

A Multi-Methods Approach to Projects for Doctor of Ministry Dissertations

For the past fifty years,

scholars in both pastoral and practical theology have attempted to recapture human religious experience and practice as essential sites for theological engagement -- redefining in the process what theology is, how it is done, and who does it. In this book Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore shows how this trend in scholarship has led to an expanded subject matter, alternative ways of knowing, and richer terms for analysis in doing Christian theology. Tracing more than two decades of her own search for a more

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inclusive discipline -- one that truly grapples with theology in the midst of life -- Christian Theology in Practice shows not only where Miller-McLemore herself has traveled in the field but also how pastoral and practical theology has developed during this time. Looking forward, Miller-McLemore calls on the academy and Christian congregations to disrupt conventional theological boundaries and to acknowledge the multiplicity of shapes and places in which the "wisdom of God"

appears..

This groundbreaking study offers an innovative critical analysis of poetry as a resource for reflective practice in the context of continuing professional development. In the contemporary drive in all professions for greater rigour in education, training, and development, little attention is paid to the inner shape of learning and meaning-making for individuals and groups, especially ways in which individuals are formed for the task of their work. Building on empirical

research into the author's professional practice, the book takes the use of poetry in clergy continuing ministerial development as a case-study to examine the value of poetry in professional learning. Setting out the advantages and limitations of poetry as a stimulant for imaginative, critical reflexivity, and formation within professional reflective practice, the study develops a practical model for group reflection around poetry, distilling pedagogical approaches for working effectively with poetry in

continuing professional development. Drawing together a number of strands of thinking about poetry, Practical Theology, and reflective practice into a tightly argued study, the book is an important methodological resource. It makes available a range of primary and secondary sources, offering researchers into professional practice a model of ethnographic research in Practical Theology which embraces innovative methods for reflexivity and theological reflection, including the

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value of auto-ethnographic poetry.

This book samples the rich variety of worship practices in American history to show how worship can be a fruitful subject for historians to study and how past cases can enrich our understanding of worship today. By the Vision of Another World gathers highly regarded historians who usually are not read together because of the widely different subjects on which they typically work. Yet their essays all fit together here as they address how worship, work,

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and worldview converge and reinforce each other no matter what particular place, era, denomination, or ethnic/racial group is under consideration. The variety of methodologies and voices will appeal to a breadth of critical interests, while the consistently high quality of historical narrative will keep readers engaged.

Susan J. Dunlap offers the theological fruits of time spent working as a chaplain with people without homes. After depicting the local history of her small southern city, she describes the

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prayer service she co-leads in a homeless shelter. Clients offer words of faith and encouragement that take the form of prayer, sayings, testimony, song, and short sermons. Dunlap describes both these forms of expression and their theological content. She asserts that these forms and beliefs are a means of survival and resistance in a hostile world. The ways they serve these purposes are further demonstrated in life stories told as testimonies, incorporating scripture, sayings, oral tradition, and

popular culture. Dunlap concludes that white supremacy and neoliberalism have produced the problem of homelessness in America and are forms of idolatry. The faith and practices shared at the shelter are spiritual and theological resources for people in the grip of and seeking freedom from this idolatry. Claiming that only God can free us from bondage to idolatry and that to draw close to the poor is to draw close to God, Dunlap calls for proximity to people living without homes who are

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practicing their faith amid
poverty.

An Interweaving Ecclesiology

Feed My Sheep

Invitation to Research in

Practical Theology

What It Is, Why It Matters

Christian Practical Wisdom

Practical Theology in Church

and Society

Keeping Faith in Practice

Keeping Faith in Practice is an

addition to SCM's growing

Practical and Pastoral

Theology list. Most books in

this field are written by

authors from various

Protestant backgrounds.

Catholic teachers in this field

are frequently asked by colleagues for suggestions of Catholic resources, and find themselves at a loss. The central subject of this book is an exploration of how theology engages with the dimension of practice in the life of the Church and contemporary society and culture. The book covers the main focal points of a Catholic view of pastoral/practical theology - its foundations and different fields.

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