

## Resource Center News

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### TIME FOR TRAINING OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

If you're a busy pastor or just the moderator of the Session in another congregation, how do you find time - and resources - to train your new elders and deacons using the new Form of Government section of the Book of Order: 2011-2013? Let YOUR Resource Center help! We have three studies that can be emailed or mailed to you this month from [www.thepresbyterianleader.com](http://www.thepresbyterianleader.com), online studies created by the PC(USA).

- 1) **"The Awesome Task of Elder"** by Ruling Elder Cindy Bolbach, current moderator of the PC(USA), examines Parity between Ministers and Elders, Privilege and Responsibility, and the Challenges for Ruling Elders.
- 2) **"The Approved Presbyterian New Form of Government"** looks at What is Polity?, Councils as an Expression of the Unity of the Church, The New Form of Government, The Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, What's in It?, Questions to Consider as You Read the Foundations, and The Form of Government (6 chapters, each with the heading "what's new" and "questions to consider")
- 3) **"Selecting and Preparing Ruling Elders and Deacons"** is divided among sections on why we prepare and examine leaders for ordination in the church; how councils (session, presbytery, synod, General Assembly) are called to determine the leader's ability and commitment; and practical applications for what sessions should do in preparation and examination of ruling elders and deacons. Other resources are available from YOUR Resource Center on the Book of Confessions, Presbyterian history, doctrine and government via the special issue of Presbyterians Today magazine entitled "What Presbyterians Believe."

### DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

Recommended by the network of Resource Center Directors I respect are: From the "Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding" curriculum series of the denomination **"Discipleship: The Way of Jesus"** adult study with leader's guide and six session student book and **"Kicking Habits: Welcome Relief for Addicted Churches"** (Acc. #BK7430) by Thomas G. Bandy.

### ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS BOOKS

**"From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light"** (Acc. #BK9541) by beloved author Ann Weems and subtitled "Poetry for Worship, Study, and Devotion" is a favorite for Presbyterian Women.

**"Come, See the Wonder"** (Acc. #BK9510) collects four complete Christmas programs for children at church.

**"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** (Acc. #BK9504) weaves an illustrated story of the writing of "Adeste Fideles" with the story of Jesus' birth.

**"Mary, Did You Know?"** (Acc. #BK with music CD9502) is an illustrated book for teenagers based on the gospel song.

**"The Legend of the Christmas Tree"** (Acc. #BK9515) is an older children's book beautifully telling the inspiring story of a treasured tradition.

**"Christmas Gifts that won't break: An Advent Study"** (Acc. #BK9482) by master storyteller James W. Moore is an all-church, four session study with a book for adults, one for youth and one for children so that the whole congregation is looking at hope, love, joy and peace on the way to Christmas.