

Church Council Resignation Letter

*Pastors say goodbye to congregations. Sometimes their goodbyes are timely and sweet; sometimes they are jarring and painful. But as they leave, they face a unique journey of grief, one shaped by their role. They face both the outward grief of leaving people behind and the inward grief of leaving an identity behind. In *The Graceful Exit*, Lutheran pastor Mary Lindberg shares insights from her experience of ending her service to a congregation, as well as wisdom from other pastors who have changed their life work. Lindberg invites readers to pull apart the strands of self and role, individual and community; confront regrets, confusion, and dislocation; and figure out where and who God is at this juncture in their lives. She offers the book she wishes someone had handed her about finding a new church home, about getting a life, about relating to the colleagues who stayed. She reflects on how to be a pastor in a non-pastoral role, how to find community, and how to be graceful in the midst of the awkward unknown. Lindberg acknowledges that as pastors leave congregations, they have to discern how to wrap up their ministry and get out the door without regrets. She recognizes that most pastors will struggle with the spiritual themes of fulfillment, surrender, community, legacy, and separation. But she also believes pastors can face these challenges together. *The Graceful Exit* invites them into a community of healing and shows them that God walks with them to a new place, even as God keeps on loving the place they have left.*

Church Resistance to Nazism in Norway, 1940–1945 examines the evolution of the Lutheran state Church of Norway in response to the German occupation. While German Protestant churches generally accepted Nazism and state incorporation, Norway's churches rejected both Nazism and ideological alignment. Arne Hassing moves through the history of the Church of Norway's relationship to the Nazi state, from its initial confused complicities to its open resistance and separation. He writes engagingly of the people at the center of this struggle and reflects on how the resistance affected the postwar church and state. Predominantly on historical account of the Naga's movement for their right to self-determination.

Anna Hubbard

Minutes of the Committee of Council on Education; Correspondence, Financial Statements, &c.; and Reports by Her Majesty Inspectors of Schools

Medieval Church Councils in Scotland

The Church Missionary Review

Missionary Encounters in an Age of Empire

How to Get Along With Your Church

This book tells the history of Christian missionary encounters with non-Christians, as British and American missionaries

spread out from Delhi into the heartland of Punjaba part of the world where there were no Christians at all until the advent of British imperial rule in the early 19th century."

Uniquely in the kingdoms of western Christendom, the Scottish bishops obtained authority, in 1225, to hold inter-diocesan meetings without a supervisory archbishop, and continued to meet in this way for nearly 250 years. Donald Watt provides an authoritative study of these church councils from the Latin and English records based on original sources. In addition to creating an original work of considerable historical interest, Professor Watt brings discussion of the councils and their significance into the broader context of Scotland's political, legal, ecclesiastical and social situation over a long period. An important contribution to Scottish church history and to its influence on contemporary affairs.

Religious traditions provide the stories and rituals that define the core values of church members. Yet modern life in America can make those customs seem undesirable, even impractical. As a result, many congregations refashion church traditions so they may remain powerful and salient. How do these transformations occur? How do clergy and worshipers negotiate which aspects should be preserved or discarded? Focusing on the innovations of several mainline Protestant churches in the San Francisco Bay Area, Stephen Ellingson's *The Megachurch and the Mainline* provides new understandings of the transformation of spiritual traditions. For Ellingson, these particular congregations typify a new type of Lutheranism—one which combines the evangelical approaches that are embodied in the growing legion of megachurches with American society's emphasis on pragmatism and consumerism. Here Ellingson provides vivid descriptions of congregations as they sacrifice hymns in favor of rock music and scrap traditional white robes and stoles for Hawaiian shirts, while also making readers aware of the long history of similar attempts to Americanize the Lutheran tradition. This is an important examination of a religion in flux—one that speaks to the growing popularity of evangelicalism in America.

Unfinished Course

Discovery to Catastrophe!

Imperial Fault Lines

With a Genealogical Register of Stonington Families

With Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men

Introduction to an Anglican Tradition

In 1854, American Presbyterian missionaries arrived in Egypt as part of a larger Anglo-American Protestant movement aiming for worldwide evangelization. Protected by British imperial power, and later by mounting American global influence, their enterprise flourished during the next century. American Evangelicals in Egypt follows the ongoing and often unexpected transformations initiated by missionary activities between the mid-nineteenth century and

1967--when the Six-Day Arab-Israeli War uprooted the Americans in Egypt. Heather Sharkey uses Arabic and English sources to shed light on the many facets of missionary encounters with Egyptians. These occurred through institutions, such as schools and hospitals, and through literacy programs and rural development projects that anticipated later efforts of NGOs. To Egyptian Muslims and Coptic Christians, missionaries presented new models for civic participation and for women's roles in collective worship and community life. At the same time, missionary efforts to convert Muslims and reform Copts stimulated new forms of Egyptian social activism and prompted nationalists to enact laws restricting missionary activities. Faced by Islamic strictures and customs regarding apostasy and conversion, and by expectations regarding the proper structure of Christian-Muslim relations, missionaries in Egypt set off debates about religious liberty that reverberate even today. Ultimately, the missionary experience in Egypt led to reconsiderations of mission policy and evangelism in ways that had long-term repercussions for the culture of American Protestantism.

No Future in This Country: The Prophetic Pessimism of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner is a history of the career of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner (1834–1915), specifically focusing on his work from 1896 to 1915. Drawing on the copious amount of material from Turner ' s speeches, editorial, and open and private letters, Andre E. Johnson tells a story of how Turner provided rhetorical leadership during a period in which America defaulted on many of the rights and privileges gained for African Americans during Reconstruction. Unlike many of his contemporaries during this period, Turner did not opt to proclaim an optimistic view of race relations. Instead, Johnson argues that Turner adopted a prophetic persona of a pessimistic prophet who not only spoke truth to power but, in so doing, also challenged and pushed African Americans to believe in themselves. At this time in his life, Turner had no confidence in American institutions or that the American people would live up to the promises outlined in their sacred documents. While he argued that emigration was the only way for African Americans to retain their “ personhood ” status, he also would come to believe that African Americans would never emigrate to Africa. He argued that many African Americans were so oppressed and so stripped of agency because they were surrounded by continued negative assessments of their personhood that belief in emigration was not possible. Turner ' s position limited his rhetorical options, but by adopting a pessimistic prophetic voice that bore witness to the atrocities African Americans faced, Turner found space for his oratory, which reflected itself within the lament tradition of prophecy.

Are congregations inevitably stuck during a change of pastoral leadership? Or are there ways they can take advantage of this interim to grow and set new directions? Researcher and seminary professor William Avery tells us the stories of six congregations (from different denominations, regions of the country, settings, sizes, and ethnic and racial makeup)

that attempted to revitalize their mission during this critical time of change and transition. As Loren Mead explains in the foreword, however, Avery does not tell congregational leaders “ the way ” to transformation through an interim. Rather, he offers detailed snapshots of congregations and their leaders trying to work their way through this potentially difficult time. He also shows how a trained interim pastor can make a difference in the ensuing effectiveness of the congregation. “ These are stories about how faithful congregations have attempted to build toward and discover a leadership model that works for them, ” Mead says, “ These are stories from which your congregation can learn much. ”

The History of the Church of Scotland

AF Press Clips

The Megachurch and the Mainline

From the Reformation to the Present Time

The Spirit Said Go, Second Edition

Revitalizing Congregations

The Bond of Love, the third book in the Finley's Tale series, completes Finley Newcastle's journal of experiences involving church people and church mice. Highlighted are the state-sponsored Underground Railroad tours, the eye-opening discovery by the mice that Historic St. Peter's is a "Lutheran" church, a sheep-stealing debacle, and umpteen other developments. At last, Finley says farewell to his journaling days, turning his attention to another goal on his bucket list. Years later, his journal is rediscovered by a new generation of church mice who are riveted to learn of St. Pete's past. Finley Newcastle becomes a hero in the mouse world, the only mouse who has picked up a pen and written a journal about the most important place on earth: Historic St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Oswald County. This is the first collection of essays to discuss the impact of the Cold War (1945-1990) on Christianity in East Asia. In historical overviews, case studies and theological reflections, scholars from Asia, Europe and North America explore the variety of ways in which the Cold War has shaped the churches' involvement in society, politics and culture. The Cold War continues to have an impact the Korean peninsula, in Greater China and throughout the region. Churches are challenged to address the issues of the past that affect Christian life today. [Die in diesem Band gesammelten Aufsätze setzen sich erstmals aus unterschiedlichen Perspektiven mit den Auswirkungen des Kalten Krieges (1945-1990) auf das Christentum in Ostasien auseinander. In geschichtlichen Übersichten, Fallbeispielen und theologischen Erörterungen erkunden Wissenschaftler aus Asien, Europa und Nordamerika die vielfältigen Wege in denen er das Engagement der Kirchen in Gesellschaft, Politik und Kultur beeinflusst hat. Der

Kalte Krieg wirkt auf der Koreanischen Halbinsel, China und vielen anderen Ländern der Region noch stets nach. Die Kirchen sind herausgefordert, sich diesem geschichtlichem Erbe zu stellen, das Auswirkungen bis in das christliche Leben heute hat.]

Founded primarily on town, church, and charter records, this work is divided into two main sections: the "History of Stonington" and the "Genealogical Register of Stonington Families." The genealogies in the second section generally begin with the immigrant ancestor and continue through six or seven generations in the direct line of descent, providing a progression of names and dates of birth and marriage, with incidental references to places of residence, land holdings, and probated estates.

The Living Church

Race, Women, War, and the Assemblies of God

Studies in the Dissolution of the Weimar Republic and the Establishment of the Third Reich, 1932-1934
Church Resistance to Nazism in Norway, 1940-1945

The Ecclesiastical gazette, or, Monthly register of the affairs of the Church of England

Minutes of the Committee of Council on Education, with Appendices

What causes us as a people of faith to think and act the way we think and act? Are we motivated by whatever is most practical, by a particular understanding of Scripture, by the influence of the culture around us, or by something more profound? On the premise that Pentecostalism does have much to contribute to the study of ethics, this book explores how one group, the American Assemblies of God, has wrestled with issues of racism, women in ministry, and Christian involvement in war. In the process, readers are invited to examine the connection—or disconnect—between what we believe and how we live out our faith.

By culture, George B. Thompson Jr. means not just racial, ethnic, economic, or regional culture, but also a congregation's way of doing things--its history, customs, conventions, and procedures. In order to launch and maintain a successful ministry, pastors and other church leaders must come to grasp that unique culture of their parish. They must develop a "culture capital" within their congregations, meaning that they invest themselves deeply in how their church does its work and goes about its ministries. The author presses clergy to answer such questions as "How well do I know what I'm getting into?" and "Have I been adopted yet?" and even "Is it time to move on?" The book is ideal for pastors in solo settings, but pastors in multiple staff settings will also

find the author's insights helpful.

Although there have been many regional studies of the proprietary church or particular aspects of it, this is the first extensive study of it covering most of western Europe, from the end of the Roman Empire in the West to about 1200. The book aims at a broad survey in varying degrees of intensity and with a shifting geographical focus; and it asks questions that are as much social and religious as legal or administrative. The book vindicates, for village and estate churches, Ulrich Stutz's basic concept of a church with its possessions, revenues, and priestly office as an object of what we can reasonably call property. But it largely rejects his and his followers' application of this to great churches, and sees the position of intermediate churches (such as small or middling monasteries) as various, changeable, and ambivalent. Above all it turns away from Stutz's view of the property relationship as a distinct institution or system of 'Germanic church law', presenting it rather as a fluid set of assumptions and practices taking shape as customary law. The book considers also the changing background of ideas and the bearing on it of important polemical writings (with some questioning of their established interpretations). Finally the book discusses how property in churches was imperfectly superseded by the new canon-law patronage, in the increasingly bureaucratic post-Gregorian Church.

Christianity and the Cold War in East Asia

**Report of the Committee of Council on Education (England and Wales), with Appendix
From Weimar to Hitler**

New Outlook

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The Acts and Resolves, Public and Private, of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay

"God's got a plan for your life" is an aphorism frequently heard by Christians. But how do you discover that plan? The Spirit Said Go is designed to help believers find God's will. Using Paul's journeys in Acts as examples, Wilson discusses twenty lessons on guidance drawn from these journeys. Using his firsthand experience traveling along these routes in the Eastern Mediterranean, he reads between the lines offering additional insights into Luke's account. He also provides important geographical and archaeological information to illustrate Paul's world among the Jews, Greeks, and Romans. Wilson then illustrates each lesson with autobiographical vignettes drawn from his own spiritual pilgrimage of over forty years as a

follower of Jesus. Friends and colleagues also share stories of similar experiences of guidance. Each chapter ends with reflection questions that help the reader integrate the lesson into Christian living. The volume offers an inductive Bible study combined with practical, spiritual insights regarding how God guides his people then and now.

A small Ohio town has been visited by a mysterious light for years. At first, it was just "there." Then people started getting harmed when they came in contact with it. What changed it from a benevolent entity to a force of evil? A group of townspeople gather to try to figure out what or who it is. They become close despite a great diversity in ages. Two of them locate the personality behind the light. That person comes back to Homer's Mill with disastrous results. Along the way, Ann Lawson locates her birth parents, leaving her with conflicting emotions. If you are interested in the paranormal, UFOs, etc., you will enjoy Homer's Mill.

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The Outlook

Horn of Africa Bulletin

The Bond of Love

Remaking Religious Tradition in the Twenty-first Century

The Graceful Exit

American Evangelicals in Egypt

Anna Eikenhout (1902-1986) was an honors graduate of Ohio State University, a fine-arts librarian, a skilled pianist, and an avid reader in three languages. Harlan Hubbard (1900-1988), a little-known painter and would-be shantyboater, seemed an unlikely husband, but together they lived a life out of the pages of Thoreau's Walden. Much of what is known about the Hubbards comes from Harlan's books and journals. Concerning the seasons and the landscape, his writing was rapturous, yet he was emotionally reticent when discussing human affairs in general or Anna in particular. Yet it was through her efforts that their life on the river was truly civilized. Visitors to Payne Hollow recall Anna as a generous, gracious hostess, whose intelligence and artistry made the small house seem grander than a mansion.

The events leading up to the promulgation of the apartheid laws in South Africa often raised huge concern, perhaps more so where the color lines merged. Blacks, being confined mostly to homelands and Bantustans, were regarded as a rarity in many communities. In one such community, the laws meant being suspicious even of your neighbours if they had darker complexions. A young woman with exceptional abilities but of mixed breed found herself close to, but on the wrong side, of the color line. Church interference and scandalous gossip increased when it became known that she was living with two white men. On regular visits with his father to collect

oysters, a young white boy made her acquaintance. Over the years, a strong bond develops. Unfortunately, life-shattering events completely beyond their control overtake them.

Though often depicted as a rapid political transformation, the Nazi seizure of power was in fact a process that extended from the appointment of the Papen cabinet in the early summer of 1932 through the Röhm blood purge two years later. Across fourteen rigorous and carefully researched chapters, *From Weimar to Hitler* offers a compelling collective investigation of this critical period in modern German history. Each case study presents new empirical research on the crisis of Weimar democracy, the establishment of the Nazi dictatorship, and Hitler's consolidation of power. Together, they provide multiple perspectives on the extent to which the triumph of Nazism was historically predetermined or the product of human miscalculation and intent.

The Proprietary Church in the Medieval West

A Tickey on a Train Track

Nagas' Rights to Self Determination

History of the Town of Stonington, County of New London, Connecticut, from Its First Settlement in 1649 to 1900

Unfinished History

An Anthropological-historical Perspective

Most Christians are completely unaware that for over 200 years there has existed in England, and at times in Wales, Scotland, Canada, Bermuda, Australia, New Zealand, Russia and the USA, an episcopal Church, similar in many respects to the Church of England, worshipping with a Prayer Book virtually identical to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, and served by bishops, presbyters and deacons whose orders derive directly from Canterbury, and ecumenically enriched by Old Catholic, Swedish, Moravian and other successions. The Free Church of England as an independent jurisdiction within the Universal Church began in the reign of George III. In 1991 the Church sent a bishop to George Carey's Enthronement as Archbishop of Canterbury. In addition to presenting for the first time a detailed history of the Free Church of England, John Fenwick also explores the distinctive doctrinal emphases of the denomination, its Constitution, its liturgical tradition, its experience of the historic episcopate, and its many connections with other churches (including the Reformed Episcopal Church in the USA). He discusses why the Church has, so far, failed to fulfil the vision of its founders, and what the possible future of the Church might be - including a very significant expansion as many Anglicans and other Christians considering new options discover this historic, episcopal, disestablished Church with its international connections and ecumenical character.

Lessons in Guidance from Paul's Journeys

Out of the Shadows

Journal of the ... General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

History of Plymouth County, Massachusetts

Refocusing and Healing Through Pastoral Transitions

Containing the History and Sufferings of the Martyrs...