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James Fowler's work as the originator of faith development research -- his use of the theories of Jean Piaget and Erik Erikson for theology -- has been widely acclaimed for its profound impact on the field of religious education, and for its promise for other fields.

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Despite astute critiques and available resources for alternative modes of thinking and practicing, individualism continues to be a dominating and constraining ideology in the field of pastoral psychotherapy and counseling. Philip Rieff was one of the first to highlight the negative implications of individualism in psychotherapeutic theories and

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practices. As heirs and often enthusiasts of the Freudian tradition of which Rieff and others are critical, pastoral theologians have felt the sting of his charge, and yet the empirical research that McClure presents shows that pastoral-counseling practitioners resist change. Their attempts to overcome an individualistic perspective have been limited and ineffective because individualism is embedded in the field's dominant theological and theoretical resources, practices, and organizational arrangements. Only a radical reappraisal of these will make possible pastoral counseling practices in a post-individualistic mode. McClure proposes several critical transformations: broadening and deepening the operative theologies used to guide the healing practice, expanding the role of the pastoral counselor, reimagining the operative anthropology, reclaiming sin and judgment, nuancing the particular against the individual, rethinking the ideal outcome of the practices, and reimagining the organizational structures that support the practices. Only this level of revisioning will enable this ministry of the church to move beyond its individualistic limitations and offer healing in more complex, effective, and socially adequate ways.

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most African mainline churches exclude any traditional religious rituals. A new pastoral theology of care and psychodynamic understanding of integrative consciousness is needed in these contexts. A pastoral care-giver with integrative consciousness (possessing an awareness of both the traditional and Western worldview and/or integration thereof) is required to address the psychological and religious identity conflict existing in post-colonial contexts such as Zimbabwe.

In this book David Augsburger discusses the dynamics of pastoral care and counseling across cultural lines. Augsburger combines theology with global perspective and cultural sensitivity to posit an inclusive understanding of pastoral care. This book will be of great interest to pastoral counselors in both academic and practical contexts.

An expert in the field of pastoral care, John Patton demonstrates that pastoral care is a ministry of the church. He focuses on the community of faith as an authorizer and source of care and upon the relationship between the pastor and a caring community. Patton identifies and compares three paradigms of pastoral care: the classical, the clinical pastoral, and the communal contextual. This third paradigm emphasizes the caring community and the various contexts for care rather than focusing on pastoral care as the work of the ordained pastor.

Learn: Pastoral Care is written for all ordained and lay pastoral ministers, youth and children's workers, community leaders, chaplains and volunteers working in all branches of health and residential

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care. This latest volume in the Learn series is designed to provide you with an introductory resource and guidance on Christian pastoral care and to help you to reflect upon your care for others as well as yourself. This publication is divided into four parts. The first part explores what Christians mean by pastoral care and why we care from biblical, theological and missional perspectives. The second part considers who could or should provide pastoral care, the opportunities for the Church to work in partnership with other professional organisations and where pastoral care should be offered. The third part focuses on various ways that pastoral care could be offered, while looking at the significance of self-awareness when offering care to others and caring for the self. Finally, the fourth part explores seven selected themes of pastoral care, each of which deals with two topics and suggests practical guidance. Each part begins with a 'My Story', which shares a real-life experience of pastoral care, and closes with a prayer. Selected themes include: -Caring for children and young people -Relationships and separation -Loneliness and isolation -Mental health struggles -Dementia -Caring for the terminally ill and their loved ones -Bereavement Attractively illustrated throughout and illuminated by real life human stories, this is an essential volume for all involved in working in this key area of ministry.

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A Critique of Pastoral Care is firmly established as a classic text in the field of pastoral theology. The book is now reissued in a third edition which contains a significant new concluding chapter articulating the author's vision for the field: pastoral theology should be a lively, ecstatic theology, transforming individuals and communities alike. Such a theology will also be subtle and allusive, including doubt, darkness and shadow as well as assertion and light. Finally, it should be an imaginative, creative activity which enters the public consciousness and changes lives and practices well beyond the confines of the church. Stephen Pattison is a pastoral theologian passionately concerned for the place and future of theology in the world, and in this, one of his finest books, he advances a powerful case for a re-energized, committed public theology, alongside a politicized and compassionate form of pastoral care. The case study method is popular and effective in the pastoral care of individuals. This book outlines a method for using the case study approach on a congregational level, offering guidelines for analyzing and refining such aspects of ministry as worship, preaching, and Christian education. Based on her twenty years of teaching and on her own experience in pastoral care, Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner has written a basic pastoral-care text to assist in the emotional and spiritual preparation of pastoral caregivers. Stevenson-Moessner sees

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pastoral care as the interconnection and interplay of love of God, love of neighbor, and love of self. Her brief book engenders confidence and caring in the initiate, and assuages the fear and anxiety that naturally occur when one accompanies people in life-changing pain and travail. Through biblical parables — especially the Good Samaritan and the Good Shepherd — and stories from her own experience, Stevenson-Moessner imparts genuine wisdom and meaningful support to those who courageously dare to offer caregiving ministry in whatever situation or through whatever method or paradigm.

This publication carefully describes the HIV/AIDS pandemic and how it is understood in some African contexts, which hampers prevention initiatives. It also delineates the complex nature of the poverty and HIV/AIDS interplay. To address the situation, a family systems practical ecclesiological theology and approach to HIV/AIDS ministry, and a pastoral counselling approach that derives from and is sensitive to the African context, are proposed.

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Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counseling remains the standard in pastoral care and counseling. This third edition is enlarged and revised with updated resources, methods, exercises, and illustrations from actual counseling sessions. This book will help readers be sensitive to cultural diversity, ethical issues, and power dynamics as they practice holistic, growth-oriented pastoral care and counseling in the parish.

Drawing on psychological, theological, and cultural studies on suffering, Carrie Doehring encourages counselors to view their ministry through trifocal lenses and include approaches that are premodern

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(apprehending God through religious rituals), modern (consulting rational and empirical sources), and postmodern (acknowledging the contextual nature of knowledge). Utilizing strategies from all three perspectives, Doehring describes the basic ingredients of a caregiving relationship, shows how to use the caregiver's life experience as a source of authority, and demonstrates how to develop the skill of listening and establish the actual relationship. She then explains the steps of psychological assessment, systemic assessment, and theological reflection, and finally she delineates the basic steps for plans of care: attending to the careseeker's safety, building trust, mourning losses, and reconnecting with the ordinariness of life.

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--For many years I have drawn on seven African-born pastoral care and counseling colleagues for insights related to the cultural and religious models and practices of pastoral care and counseling needs

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of African-Americans. In this new book these practical theologians have deliberately turned their attention to the pastoral care needs of the African Christian community, and their focus is on the negative impact that colonialism has had on African traditional caring practices. Moreover, they have targeted the need to apply pastoral care resources to the ongoing current African problems such as HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, and political corruption.-- --Edward P. Wimberly, PhD, Professor of Pastoral Care, Special Assistant to the President, Interdenominational Theological Center --In this timely volume the authors demonstrate that it is impossible to talk about practical theology in an African context without discussing the issues of health, healing, and wholeness. Tapiwa Mucherera and Emmanuel Lartey assemble an impressive, important, and incisive collection of essays that deal with practical theological concerns and serve to illuminate the African experience. The essays speak to each other in ways that will greatly enhance the teaching, study, and practice of contextual pastoral care and counseling with a focus on Africa and the African Diaspora experiences.-- --J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, PhD, Baeta-Grau Professor of Contemporary African Christianity and Pentecostal Theology, Trinity Theological Seminary, Ghana Tapiwa N. Mucherera is Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, Asbury Theological Seminary, and

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the author of three books: *Glimmers of Hope* (2013), *Meet me at the Palaver* (2009), *Pastoral Care from a Third World Perspective* (2001). Emmanuel Y. Lartey

is the L. Bevel Jones III Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care and Counseling in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He is the author of *In Living Color: An Intercultural Approach to Pastoral Care and Counseling* (2003).

Written by significant researchers and practitioners within the field, this unique collection of key texts introduces the reader to practical theology. It critically explores the way in which the spiritual dimension of pastoral care has entered into constructive dialogue with other disciplines and ways of thinking, including: psychiatry, psychology, counselling, intercultural studies, educational methodology, narrative theory and political studies. Set within this multidisciplinary context, the individual contributions (a selection of articles from a leading journal of pastoral theology, *Contact: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Pastoral Studies*) cover a wide range of practical and theological issues that alert the reader to the spiritual dimension of pastoral care, such as bereavement, sexuality, ethics, learning disabilities, infertility, the meaning of pain, sickness and suffering and the nature of theology as a practical discipline. The book is an invaluable resource for practitioners, researchers, students and all who have an interest in the ways in which a

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Western medicine is not only a science that has relieved much suffering in the world; it is also a philosophy that stands contrary to biblical Christianity. Medical science can offer physical help, but it cannot answer the most profound questions asked by the suffering and dying: Why am I sick? Why did I contract this disease? Why am I dying? Only the Bible offers adequate and satisfying answers to such questions. Author Christopher Bogosh navigates the waters of modern medical practice and its underlying assumptions and presents biblically informed answers to questions about illness, disease, death, and dying. Here is valuable guidance for pastors on becoming part of the healthcare team, counseling those facing the end of life, and making choices about medical care. Indeed, this book provides all Christians with help and hope that is based in sound theology and

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biblical ethics. Christopher W. Bogosh, RN, B.Th. is the Director of Clinical Services and Education for Christian Community Care, an alternative end of life care, consultative, advocacy, and educational ministry. Rev. Bogosh has written several booklets on end of life issues, a published article, and most recently has authored *The Physiology of Hope: How People Persevere in the Face of Death*. Chris, his wife Robin, and son Noah reside in Yulee, Florida. The essentials of pastoral care involve the pastor's distinctive task of caring for those who are estranged--the lost sheep. Taken from the biblical image of the shepherd, the pastor by virtue of his or her professional calling cultivates wise judgment in order to hear the hurting and offer guidance, reconciliation, healing, sustaining presence, and empowerment to those in need. This book will outline the quintessential elements pastors need to wisely minister in today's context by discussing four major kinds of lostness: grief, illness, abuse, and family challenges. The purpose of the Abingdon Essential Guides is to fulfill the need for brief, substantive, yet highly accessible introductions to the core disciplines in biblical, theological, and religious studies. Drawing on the best in current scholarship, written with the need of students foremost in mind, addressed to learners in a number of contexts, Essential Guides will be the first choice of those who wish to acquaint themselves or their

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students with the broad scope of issues, perspectives, and subject matters within biblical and religious studies.

The coming of Colonization and Christianity to Africa and other indigenous cross-cultural contexts was a “mixed bag” of pros and cons. The impact of the advent of the two has had a lasting effect being felt even today. It created issues of bi-culturalism and bi-religiousness in personal and religious identities that counselors and the church need to address when working with people from these contexts. There is the existence of deep cultural trauma (including psychological and spiritual scars) needing healing for those living in most of these post-colonial contexts. The Western counseling approaches and Christian rituals need contextualization. A counselor or pastoral caregiver with an integrative consciousness is required to address the psychological and religious identity conflicts existing in African and other indigenous cross-cultural contexts.

The contents of this book are an expression in word form of my experience and those things I have witnessed. This document on Pastoral Care was originally written for Bible students preparing for Pastoral leadership, and compiled over a period of time with careful consideration given to each chapter.

‘We believe that a person always stands before God, hand in hand with others, and at the same time with others before God.’ With these words the authors, theologians and therapists, alert us to the importance of understanding a

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person within her or his relational network (context). This context refers not only to the current relational network but also to the generations before us and the generations to come. In this way the conflicts of the past generations but also their resources, influence the people of the current generation and this in turn has an influence on the unborn generations. Family loyalty predetermines the choices we make and the priorities we set. How can family loyalty be a liberating motivation as a legacy for living with each other but also for meeting with others outside the family and even outside their own heritage and influences regarding e.g. ethnicity, culture, politics and religion/church? The aim of the contextual pastoral care approach is to develop a greater understanding between people and culture within their specific contexts and participate in restoring trust and trustworthiness within their relations. In this way God is in our midst on our journey towards fairness, trust and hope. This intergenerational dialogical approach was inspired by the work of the Hungarian /American family therapist and psychiatrist, Ivan Boszormenyi-Nagy, and was later in turn inspired by scholars such as Martin Buber and Emmanuel Levinas. The Unexpected Third is used in many pastoral courses, academic, post- academic and practical, in the Netherlands and in Eastern-Europe. It is received as a meaningful contribution to Practical Theology and Pastoral care for individual counselling, family care and also for reworking certain conflicts in the parish and community. Fulfill Christ's injunction in Matthew 25! Pastoral Care to Muslims: Building Bridges recognizes that more and more often pastoral care workers are encountering Muslims in hospitals. This is the guidebook you need to provide the spiritual support these patients are able to accept--support that doesn't conflict with their religious affiliations. The first section of Pastoral Care to Muslims provides an outline of the

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Practices. The second section of the book delivers a set of guidelines for the practice of pastoral care to hospitalized Muslims. These guidelines have been field tested with positive results. The book's two appendixes supply you with samples of the kinds of prayers that are acceptable to Muslims. In this valuable book you'll find: background information about the Muslim faith quotations from the Koran that you can use in your practice what you need to understand about the Muslim view of sickness, death, and dying Plus explanations of terms and concepts found in Islam, including: the Islamic Creed Tawhid (the concept of the unity of God) Gehenna (Hell) the Five Pillars of Islam Pastoral Care to Muslims: Building Bridges will help you do just that: build bridges between Christians and Muslims. It will supply you with material you can use to minister to Muslims without the fear of offending them and give you the confidence you need to deliver effective pastoral care to this growing segment of the population.

From a thoroughly biblical viewpoint Eduard Thurneysen probes deeply into the nature and practice of pastoral care. His rich understanding of men, his experience in counseling, and his grasp of theological thought infuse his approach with vitality and truth. As he considers the basis of pastoral care, Thurneysen puts forward the thesis that the purpose of counseling is to communicate the Word of God to individuals. Pastoral care is a ministry along with those of sermon and sacrament; its aim is to lead the counselee back to sermon and sacrament in the worship of the church. Although he does little more than hint at rules and techniques for pastoral care, Thurneysen is greatly concerned with its practical aspects. It is his belief that the care of souls occurs through conversation--confident, open-minded conversation which is

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Founded on the Word of God, informed by prayer, and manifested in active listening to, and acceptance of, the counselee. Thurneysen demonstrates the importance of a knowledge of psychology and the principles of psychotherapy. Depth psychology and psychotherapy deeply enrich our understanding of human nature and serve to communicate the message of forgiveness all the more powerfully. This book provides a critical theological study of the whole field of pastoral care. As a work in practical theology, it will be stimulating and useful to professors of counseling as well as to students in the field. Counselors and pastors will find it helpful because it throws light on the fundamental issues involved in problems which they face in their ministries.

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The Bloomsbury Guide to Pastoral Care provides a framework for reflection on pastoral care practice and identifies frontier learning from the new and challenging practical contexts which are important in pastoral care research today. In this collection of essays from leading practitioner-scholars, Bernadette Flanagan and Sharon Thornton set out core principles underpinning professional identity and the practice of pastoral care in rapidly changing social settings. Such pastoral challenges as, developing compassionate and effective companionship to those who have suffered trauma, torture, catastrophic events, social disintegration, the moral wounds of war and cultural dislocation are treated with insight and deep care. The new frontiers of pastoral care in more familiar circumstances such as family, health settings where patients facing life-challenging medical events and multi-cultural communities are also explored. With contributions from Kevin Egan, Michael O'Sullivan SJ, Rita Nakashima Brock and Julia Prinz VDMF, The Bloomsbury Guide to Pastoral Care is an essential reference for the theory and practice of pastoral care.

'Pastoral Care: A Thematic Approach' offers a much needed development of the thematic approach in the

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study of personality as a theoretical basis for pastoral care. This approach, which includes the personality theories of Henry Murray, Robert W. White, Robert J. Lifton, and especially Erik H. Erikson, is notable for its emphasis on personal and institutional change. The book emphasizes the role that pastoral care can play as a change agent in the local parish, pastoral counseling as a model for change, and the role of pastoral care in effecting change through personal and institutional crises. Selected case studies illustrate how the thematic approach applies to pastoral care situations. Primarily a contribution to pastoral psychology, it also touches on problems and issues in pastoral theology.

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