

**Reading Program for Ordination**

***2023 Edition***

***To Be Used by Regional Leadership Teams and***

***Non-Traditional Ordination CandidatesTable of Contents***

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***Introduction to Reading Program 2012 – 2023 Editions***

This edition builds upon the hard work of many individuals. Several years ago the National Ordination Council recognized the need for a set of documents that would clearly define, standardize, and implement the guidelines of the National Association of Brethren Church Elders and the several districts (now regions) to provide for a national ordination examination process.

The members of the National Ordination Council developed the original “Sequence of Events Leading to Licensure and Ordination,” and the accompanying written exam, oral exam, forms, and readings. NOC members later developed the original tracking form and the checklist. The NOC later refined the reading program to a series of units with accompanying forms, to provide necessary tracking of the process. The many members of the Council who over the years developed, edited, and updated these documents have made this edition possible, and their contribution is gratefully acknowledged.

In order to distribute these documents as efficiently as possible, it was decided to have them edited for content, abbreviated whenever possible, and translated into electronic formats that could be easily transmitted and distributed. In many cases the original editions were lost, and it was only through the efforts of pastors throughout the denomination that a complete set of documents in adequate condition to be translated electronically became available.

It is with deep appreciation for the work done by so many, and in the hope that these documents will continue to assist those who seek to serve in ministry for the Kingdom of God in The Brethren Church that this edition is presented.

The 2012 Edition is the first with the reading Program appearing as a separate document.

The 2013 Edition added several works.

The 2014 Edition adds several contemporary works, and additional guidelines on where to find the materials.

The 2018 Edition is updated to reflect the changes caused by regionalization, with oversight for this document now under the National Board of Oversight (NBO).

The 2020 Edition provides alternatives for unit completion for those who due to disability or language may be unable to complete the traditional reading and writing requirements.

The 2021 Edition adds suggested works in Spanish for many of the units. Special thanks to Paul Stanley and Brenda Colijn for making this possible.

The 2023 Edition moved readings in Polity, History and Doctrine into the Required Readings for all candidates document.

Dr. G. Emery Hurd, editor

**Digital Submission Guidelines**

* All documents will be submitted in either Word compatibility mode (.doc, .xls, .ppt, .pps) or Rich Text Format (.rtf) or adobe (.pdf)
* All documents will have the following naming rules:
  + Last Name, dash (-), then First Name of Candidate
  + Title of Document
  + Four-digit year
  + Dash (-) then two-digit month
  + OPTIONAL – Dash (-) then two-digit day
  + EX: Smith-Edward Form A 2009-05-12.doc
  + Date is NOT NEEDED if document is not a report, although the date format above is still recommended.
* It is difficult to send by email large documents to some servers. It is therefore advisable to send multiple small files instead of a single large one.
* All audio will be sent in either MP3, WAV, or WMF formats or on a CD.
* All Video will be sent in either AVI, MPEG, or WMV formats or on a DVD.

***BRETHREN READING PROGRAM GUIDELINES***

**Those applicants that have not received a degree in pastoral ministry (MDIV, MA Pastoral Studies, MA Practical Theology, or other similar degrees approved by the appropriate regional leadership team), the following additional materials must be submitted. For any unit, texts and other media may be added by the appropriate regional oversight team**.

**Regional Leadership Teams may choose to review any courses or seminars taken by a candidate and certify that these courses fulfill in full or in part the requirements of a given unit, provided the course or seminar required writing a paper and had the required number of hours.**

The Brethren Reading Program is provided as an alternative pathway for individuals to complete the necessary training to prepare for ordination in the Brethren Church. These guidelines are designed to give guidance to candidates, regions, supervising elders, and mentor coaches as they supervise candidates going through the reading program.

With most units there are items that are required study. These texts or courses will include an asterisk (\*) before the title. Others may be assigned by the Regional Leadership Team (RLT). This will include any written assignment and specific instructions not limited to the following: outlining a book; writing an article of special interest; writing an appropriate service or sermon. The length of each document written by the candidate will be determined by the Regional Leadership Team. **It is expected that the non-degree candidate will have read and responded to several works in each unit indicated.**

1. Scope and Structure

**The reading program may be completed in any timeframe that is convenient for the candidate.** What follows is a suggested schedule for either a three-year or a five-year program. The three-year program is designed for candidates that can commit significant time and energy to the study. In the three-year cycle, each unit is completed in ten weeks, with five units completed per year. This program only allows two breaks, one in December and one in the summer for one week each. While scheduling and unit order is flexible, this cycle demands high levels of discipline and accountability by the candidate and the mentor. In the five-year cycle, the same fifteen units are covered, but only three each year, with each unit taking thirteen weeks. This pace is best suited for candidates that are in active full-time ministry, since it gives significant time off between each unit, and allows a slightly slower pace for each unit covered.

**No specific order of units is suggested to allow each candidate the flexibility necessary to complete the program while in active ministry. Each candidate and region should be intentional in developing a unit completion schedule in advance.**

1. THREE YEAR CYCLE

**Year One**

Unit 1 (10 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 2 (10 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 3 (10 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

One week break

Unit 4 (10 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 5 (10 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

One week break

**Year Two**

Unit 6 (10 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 7 (10 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 8 (10 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

One week break

Unit 9 (10 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 10 (10 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

One week break

**Year Three**

Unit 11 (10 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 12 (10 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 13 (10 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

One week break

Unit 14 (10 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 15 (10 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. FIVE YEAR CYCLE

**Year One**

Unit 1 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Six week break

Unit 2 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Seven week break

Unit 3 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Six week Break

**Year Two**

Unit 4(13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Six week break

Unit 5 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Seven week break

Unit 6 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Six week Break

**Year Three**

Unit 7 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Six week break

Unit 8 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Seven week break

Unit 9 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Six week Break

**Year Four**

Unit 10 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Six week break

Unit 11 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Seven week break

Unit 12 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Six week Break

**Year Five**

Unit 13 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Six week break

Unit 14 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Seven week break

Unit 15 (13 weeks):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Unit Administration, Accountability, and Setting

Each unit will require the following:

* A reflection/interaction paper of 3-5 pages written for each document/book studied, or a record of significant interaction/discussion with the Supervising Elder or their designee of the contents of the studied item.
* A minimum of 3 books read and reviewed in each unit. See below for alternative fulfillment
* A written summary by the candidate of the discussions with the mentor/coach for each unit.
* Completion of all required readings in units where they are indicated
* A record of the hours spent on each unit.
  + Contact hours: Hours in a group training setting or with a coach/mentor
  + Unit hours: Hours spent reading, studying, or writing.
  + Minimum of 20 Total hours per unit

These requirements for each unit can be fulfilled in any of the following settings:

* An intensive course offering at the seminary or its equivalent
* A group class setting with an instructor over a series of meetings
* An individually supervised study with the required contact hours by phone or other means
* Attendance at a conference/seminar in the unit area provided that said activity is approved by the Regional Leadership Team IN ADVANCE and all other requirements of hours spent and written materials are met.
* Comprehensive Interviews with the candidate by the Supervising Elder or their designee to the extent that they and the Regional Leadership Team are satisfied of the competency of the candidate in that module.

It is the responsibility of the assigned supervising elder or their designee to certify the completion of each unit, and the Regional leadership Team to oversee the integrity of the process.

***3. Brethren Reading Program Unit Completion Form***

*The candidate and the appropriate regional team should maintain a copy of this form.*

*A separate form should be completed for each unit.*

***Attach to this form all written materials completed by the candidate for this unit.***

***PLEASE SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS DIGITALLY IF POSSIBLE***

Region Responsible for Oversight: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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E-Mail**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Unit Completed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours Spent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ How many of these were contact hours? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List Books/Materials Read **AND** Written About for Unit, **OR** Intensive Attended **OR** Date and Title of Seminar(s) or Conference(s) Attended **OR** intentional conversations held to determine completionin Completion of Unit on a separate document.

**I do hereby certify that the information above and items attached are accurate and represent adequate completion of this unit of study:**

**Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature of Supervising Elder \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature of Designee, if assigned for this unit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

4. The units (Required Readings Indicated by an “\*”)

The books listed below can usually be found at online sites, such as Amazon.com or ChristianBook.com. The Brethren works may also be available at our national office in Ashland, Ohio, from the Brethren Heritage Center (BrethrenHeritageCenter.org) which has a new and used online bookstore, or from the Brethren Encyclopedia, Inc. (BrethrenEncyclopedia.org). You may also wish to ask elders in your area if these can be borrowed from their personal libraries. They may also be available for loan from local libraries through an inter-library loan.

Spanish Speakers will find Spanish works listed in each area after the English language works. Many of the English language works may be available in Spanish. A search by Author for such works is suggested.

Regions and churches are encouraged to assist candidates with the purchase of necessary books for the reading program, and candidates are encouraged to request support from their church and region.

* BRETHREN DOCTRINE (in addition to intensive)

*\_\_\_\_\_ completed intensive and read all items in the Required Readings document*

* BRETHREN HISTORY (In addition to intensive)

*\_\_\_\_\_ completed intensive and read all items in the Required Readings document*

* BRETHREN POLITY (In addition to intensive)

*\_\_\_\_\_ completed intensive and read all items in the Required Readings document*

* PREACHING AND WORSHIP

*\_\_\_\_\_ \*Living Waters for Thirsty Souls*, Marvin McMickle;

*\_\_\_\_\_ \*Worship Old and New,* Robert Weber

*\*Biblical Preaching,* Haddon Robinson

*\_\_\_\_\_ The New Worship*, Barry Liech

*\_\_\_\_\_ Between Two Worlds,* John R. W. Stott

*Preaching,* Fred Craddock

*Preaching the Gospel from the Gospel,* G. R. Beasley Murray

*Quick and Easy Way to Public Speaking,* Dale Carnegie

*Ministry of Music,* Vic Delamont

*Quest for Better Preaching,* Edward Marquart

*Worship Matters*, Bob Kauflin

*Thinking in Story: Preaching in a Post-literate Age,* Richard A. Jensen

ISBN: 1-55673-573-1

**SPANISH WORKS**

*La Predicacion Biblica (Biblical Preaching)*

ISBN-10: 1938420276 - Haddon Robinson

*Manual de Homiletica (Manual of Homiletics)*

ISBN-10: 8482678981 – Samuel Vila

*El Sermon Eficaz (Effective Preaching)*

*ISBN-10: 031142032X* – James D. Crane

*Las Siete De la Ensenanza (the Seven laws of Teaching)*

ISBN-10 : 0311114148 – J.M. Gregory

*Cómo preparar mensajes bíblicos (How to Prepare Bible Messages)*

*ISBN-10 : 082541072X – James Braga*

*Alabadle!: Adoración Cristiana Hispana* *(Praise Him!: Hispanic Christian Worship)* – Justo González (Kindle Book Only)

*Principios de Predicación (Principles of Preaching*) –

Pablo A. Jiménez (Kindle Book Only)

Please list other works read and written about below:

* PASTORAL COUNSELING AND PASTORAL CARE

*\_\_\_\_\_ \*Practical Psychology for Pastors,* Miller and Jackson

*\_\_\_\_\_ Christian Counseling,* Gary Collins

*Pastoral Counseling,* Wayne Oates

*Psychology of Religion,* Wayne Oates

*\_\_\_\_\_ Effective Biblical Counseling,* LarryCrabb

*\_\_\_\_\_ Personality Plus,* Florence Littauer

*Marital Therapy,* Jacobsen and Margolin

*Soul Care,* David Benner

**SPANISH WORKS**

*El Pastor Como Consejero (Pastoral Counseling)*

ASIN : 0829706402– Pablo Hooff

*Las 21 cualidades indispensables de un líder (21 Indispensable Laws of Leadership)* ISBN-10 : 0881135585– John C. Maxwell

*Cuidado con el Iceberg – (Beneath the Surface)*

ISBN-10 : 0311462901 - Bob Reccord

*Curso De Formacion Teologica Evangelica (Evangelical training Course)*

*ASIN : B07T76WMMJ* – Francisco Lacueva

*El Arte De Counselor bíblicamente– (Biblical Counseling)*

*ISBN-10 : 193842025X -* Larry Crabb

*Discursos A Mis Estudiantes (Lecture to My Students)*

ISBN: 0311420060– Charles Spurgeon

*Diccionnario de Dificutades y apaentes contradicciones biblicas Dictionary of difficulties and Apparent Biblical Contradictions)* ISBN-10 : 847645323X – Haley & Esuvain

*Diccionario Biblico Ilustrado (Illustrated Bible Dictionary)*

ISBN-10 : 0805494901– Holman

*Creando Ninos (Raising Children)* ISBN-10 : 0789919249– James Dobson

*Matrimonio Y Sexualidad (Marriage and Sexuality)*

ISBN-10 : 0789919222– James Dobson

*Familias Confidas (Confident Families) ISBN-10 : 0789914409*– James Dobson

Please list other works read and written about below:

* SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

*\_\_\_\_ \*Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster

*\_\_\_\_ \*Prayer*, Richard Foster

*\_\_\_\_ Renovation of the Heart*, Dallas Willard (I’d like to require this)

*The Great Omission: Reclaiming Jesus’ Essential Teachings on Discipleship*,

Dallas Willard

*\_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Formation as if the Church Mattered*, James C. Wilhoit

*Disappointment with God*, Philip Yancey

*\_\_\_\_\_ The Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence

*The Way of the Heart*, Henri Nouwen

*The Return of the Prodigal Son*, Henri Nouwen

*The Wounded Healer*, Henri Nouwen

*Surrender to Love*, David Benner

*Building a Discipling Culture*, Mike Breen and Steve Cockram

*The Cost of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, Eugene Peterson

*Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, Donald Whitney

*Too Busy Not to Pray*, Bill Hybels

*God at War*, Gregory Boyd

*War on the Saints*, Jessie Penn-Lewis

**SPANISH WORKS**

*Celbracion Dell Disciplina (Celebration of Discipline)*

ISBN: 9875572128– Richard Foster

*La Oracion (Prayer)* ISBN-10 : 0881132381- Richard Foster

*Con Razon lo ilaman el Salvador (They Rightly call Him Savior)*

*ISBN-10 : 0789919079* – Max Lucado

*Las bendiciones del Quebrantamiento (Blessings from Breaking)*

*ISBN: 0829758895* – Charles Stanley

*El Problemo del Dolor (The Problem of Pain)*

ISBN-10 : 0061140031– C.S. Lewis

*Cartas del Diablo a su Sobrino (The Screwtape Letters)*

ISBN-10 : 006114004X – C.S. Lewis

*Isaias 53 una Expliacion (Isaiah 53 Explained)*

ASIN : B0187HXC4S– Mitch Glasser

*Probados por las Tentacion (Tested by Temptation)*

ISBN 13: 9788472287488 – W. Graham Scroggie

*El Secreto de la vida Cristiana (The secret of Christian Living)*

ISBN-10 : 0935008934 – Watchman Nee

*Sentaos, Andad, estad Firmes (Sit Down, Walk, Stand Firm)*

ISBN-10 : 0825415055 – Watchman Nee

*El Costo del Discipuado (The Cost of Discipleship)*

ISBN-10 : 1478196726 – Dietrich Bonhoffer

*Sus Dones Espirituales (Your Spiritual Gifts*) – C. Peter Wagner

*Introducción a las Disciplinas Espirituales (Introduction to Spiritual Disciplines)* *ISBN-10 : 0687655803* – Roberto Amparo Rivera

Please list other works read and written about below:

* CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

\**A Work of the Heart,* Reggie McNeil

\**Church Leadership: Vision, Culture, Team, Integrity* by Lovett Weems and

Rosabeth Moss Kanter

\**Natural Church Development,* Christian A Schwartz

ISBN: 1-889638-00-5 [moved up and required]

\**The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict*, Ken Sande

*Values- Driven Leadership: Discovering and Developing Your Core Values for*

*Ministry,* Aubrey Malphurs. ISBN: 0-8010-9015-6

*Leading Congregational Change: A Practical Guide for the Transformational*

*Journey,* Jim Herrington, et al. ISBN: 0-7879-4765-2

*Church Unique*, Will Mancini

*Five Dysfunctions of a Team,* Patrick Lencioni

*Developing the Leader within You,* John Maxwell

*AND: The Gathered and Scattered Church*, Halter & Smay

*Be a People Person,* John Maxwell

*Church 3.0,* Neil Cole

*Crucial Conversations*, Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan, et al

*The Elephant in the Boardroom*, Wesse & Crabtree

*Big Dreams in Small Places,*  Tom Nebel

*Death By Meeting*, Patrick Lencioni

*\_\_\_\_\_ Antagonists in the Church,* Kenneth Haugh

*\_\_\_\_\_Preparing Your Church for the Future, Carl* George

*Dying for Change,* Leith Anderson

*The Debt Squeeze,* Ron Blue

*Taming the Money Monster,* Ron Blue

*\_\_\_\_\_ Looking in the Mirror*, Lyle E. Schaller

*\_\_\_\_\_ Leadership,* Charles Swindoll

*\_\_\_\_\_ Strengthening Your Grip,* Charles Swindoll

*\_\_\_\_\_ How to Break Growth Barriers,* Carl George

*\_\_\_\_\_ The Open Church,* James Rutz

*\_\_\_\_\_ Unleashing Your Potential,* Frank Tillapaugh

*\_\_\_\_\_ How to Win Friends and Influence People,* Dale Carnegie

*\_\_\_\_\_ The Disciple Making Pastor,* Bill Hull

*\_\_\_\_\_ Proclaim Good Tidings,* Vernard Eller

*\_\_\_\_\_ Message and Mission,* Eugene Nida

*\_\_\_\_\_ The Purpose Driven Church,* Rick Warren

*ISBN: 0-310-20106-3*

*From Followers to Leaders, Bob Logan*

*\_\_\_\_\_ Full Disclosure,* Stephen Gray

*Taking Your Church to the Next Level,* Gary McIntosh

*\_\_\_\_\_ The Unity Factor*, Larry Osborne

*Healing the Heart of Your Church,* Kenneth Quick

*\_\_\_\_\_ Holy Discontent,* Bill Hybells

*Legacy Churches,* Stephen Gray

*\_\_\_\_\_ Missional Map-Making,* Alan Roxburgh

*Organic Church,* Neil Cole

*\_\_\_\_\_ Planting Fast Growing Churches,* Stephen Gray

*Silos, Politics and Turf War, Patrick Lencioni*

*\_\_\_\_\_ Sticky Church,* Larry Osborne

*Sticky Teams,* Larry Osborne

*\_\_\_\_\_ Implementation Guide to Natural Church Development,* Christian A Schwartz and

Christoph Schalk. ISBN: 1-889638-03-X

*\_\_\_\_\_Calling and Character: Virtues of the Ordained Life.* William Willimon

**SPANISH WORKS**

*Admonistracion de la Christina, L (The Christian Church Administration)*

*ASIN : 0829713549* – Wilfred Calderon

*Liderazgo Espiritual (Spiritual Leadership)*

*ISBN: 1433644584*– Henry & Richard Blackaby

*Como sembrar Iglesias en el siglo XXI (How to Plant Churches in the 21st Century)* *ISBN-10 : 0311138810* – Daniel R. Sanchez, Ebbie C. Smith, Curtis E. Watka

*Edificando una Iglesia de grupos pequenos (Building a Church of Small Groups)* ISBN-10 : 0829748830 – Bill Donahue, Russ Robinson

*Desarolle el Lider Que Esta en (Developing the Leader That is In You)*

*ISBN-10 : 1520095627*– John Maxwell

*Una Iglesia con Proposito (The Purpose Driven Church)*

ISBN-10 : 9780829716832– Rick Warren

*Las Ocho Caracteristicas de una Iglesia Saludable (The 8 Characteristics of Natural Church Development)* *ISBN 84-7645-912-2* – Christian Schwarz

*Manual de Billy graham Para Obreros Cristiano (The Billy graham Handbook for Christian Workers)* ISBN-10 : 0789900408– Billy Graham

*La Administración de las Finanzas de las Iglesias (The Administration of Church Finances)* ISBN-10 : 1426733925 – Inés J. Figueroa

Please list other works read and written about below:

* THEOLOGY AND CHURCH HISTORY

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*The Story of Christianity*, Justo Gonzalez

*Introduction to the History of Christianity*, Tim Dowley

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\**How to Think Theologically,* Stone and Duke

*Essentials of Christian Theology*, Donald Bloesch

*An Exploration of Christian Theology*, Don Thorsen

*Evangelical Dictionary of Theology,* ~~Wayne~~ [Walter] Elwell, ed.

*Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms*, Stanley Grenz and Cherith Fee Nordling

*The Mosaic of Christian Belief*, Roger Olson

*A History of Christian Thought*, Justo Gonzalez

*The Naked Anabaptist*, Stuart Murray

*Following in the Footsteps of Christ: The Anabaptist Tradition*, Arnold Snyder

*The Believers' Church: The History and Character of Radical Protestantism*.

, Donald Durnbaugh

*Christianity Through the Centuries,* Earl Cairns

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\**An Introduction to the New Testament,* David deSilva [moved up and required]

\**New Testament Theology*, Frank Matera

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*New Testament Theology*, I. Howard Marshall

*Images of Salvation in the New Testament*, Brenda Colijn

*How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels*, N. T. Wright

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*Epistola a los Hebreos (The Epistle to the Hebrews)*

ISBN-10 : 0825417341 - Ernesto Trenchard

*Carta a los romanos (Letter to the Romans)* – Alan F. Johnson (Out of Print)

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*Introduccion a los Evangelios (Introduction to the Four Gospels)*

ISBN: 0825417244– Jesse Lyman

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*Old Testament Survey,* LaSor, Hubbard, and Bush

*An Introduction to the Old Testament*, Tremper Longman III and Raymond

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Brueggemann, Terence Fretheim, and David Petersen

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\**God’s Design: A Focus on Old Testament Theology* Elmer Martens

*Old Testament Theology: An Introduction*, Walter Brueggemann

*Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy*, Walter

Brueggemann

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*Panorama del Antiguo Testament (Panorama of the Old Testament)*

ASIN : B00N4EVJ4K– Paul N. Benware

*Introduccion de Antiguo Testamento (Introduction to the Old Testament)*

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*El pentateuco (The Pentateuch)* ISBN-10 : 1713523264– Pablo Hoff

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\*On *Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision*, William Lane Craig

\**Elements of Biblical Exegesis*, Michael Gorman

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*Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*, William Klein, Craig Blomberg, and

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*Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*, N. T. Wright

*The Last Word*: *Beyond the Bible Wars to a New Understanding of the Authority*

*of Scripture*, N. T. Wright

*Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis

*Handbook of Christian Apologetics*, Peter Kreeft and Ronald Tacelli

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*Readings in Christian Ethics,* Robert Rakestraw and David Clark

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*Exploring Christian Ethics: Biblical Foundations for Morality*, Kyle Fedler

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*ISBN-10 : 0825414741 –* Bruce Mawhinney

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\**When Helping Hurts,* Steven Corbett and Brian Fickart

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*Serving With Eyes Wide Open*, David Livermore Baker

*Out of the Salt Shaker*, Becky Pippert

*Becoming a Contagious Christian*, Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg

­­­­­ *Just Walk Across the Room*, Bill Hybels

*Reimagining Evangelism: Inviting Friends on a Spiritual Journey*, Rick

Richardson

*Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism*, Martha Grace Reese

*Living Proof: Sharing the Gospel Naturally*, Jim Petersen

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*Evangelizar Yo? (Evangelize me?)* ASIN : B00VF0RYMG – Chris Richards

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*Your God Is Too Small,* J. B. Phillips

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*My Utmost for His Highest,* Oswald Chambers

*Knowing* God, J. I. Packer

*The Knowledge of the Holy,* A. W. Tozer

*Basic Christianity,* John R. W. Stott

*The Imitation of Christ*, Thomas à Kempis

*True Christianity*, Johann Arndt

*Pia Desideria* [“Pious Desires”], Philip Jacob Spener

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