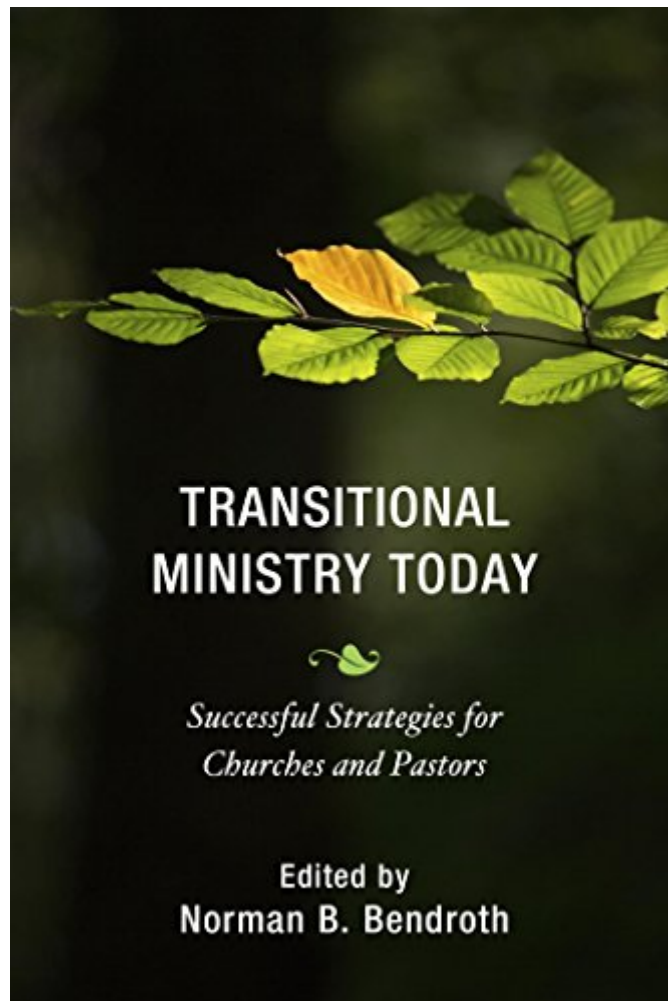


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# Transitional Ministry Today: Successful Strategies For Churches And Pastors



## Synopsis

Transitional ministry can be tremendously helpful for congregations in times of change, and yet, to be successful today transitional ministers and churches need to take into account the major changes in the religious landscape. From the decline of mainline churches to the rise of those who don't identify with any religious tradition, the religious scene has changed dramatically since transitional ministry began three decades ago, and to remain vital today, the practice of transitional ministry must change as well. This book provides transitional ministers and congregations with essential information on re-thinking transitional ministry in ways that take the current religious climate into account. Ten experienced authors—including seasoned practitioners of transitional ministry and those who oversee transitional ministry denomination-wide—propose new ways to approach transitional ministry today. Chapters address practical theology, leadership, specialized interim situations, renewal during interim time, alternative models of transitional ministry, and more. Essays address a range of diverse churches in size, racial/ethnic background, and location. *Transitional Ministry Today* highlights how creative and cutting-edge ministry can be done during the "in-between-time" through creative thinking and practice in the face of new realities.

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I highly recommend this book to people who have been trained as intentional interim ministers. The writers raise some very viable questions about how to best assist churches in the transitional process. I know there are those persons who have been trained in certain processes that get very nervous about discussing adaptability and flexibility in the tool kit of the interim minister. This book will raise some important questions for how we navigate the future in helping churches with the transitions they face.

This book has a number of good essays that cover everything from issues of transition, to transformation, to hospice care for dying congregations. Given the busy lives of pastors in this work, while the whole book has good information, it may not be realistic to sit down to read it all. Thus, it is very helpful that the essay titles clearly reflect the information they provide so that it is easy to pick and choose what one needs to read. There are essays that provide a big picture/lay of the land (the first, by Rev. David Sawyer comes to mind), as well as essays with some concrete steps for congregational engagement. Also, while it is a useful resource for private reading, I think it could become even more valuable if read among a group of pastors. The Reflection Questions at the end of each chapter provide a place to start a conversation in that setting that would be fruitful.

Excellent presentation of the new landscape of interim/transitional ministry today. Well worth my purchase.

Along with wonderful insights into "Church" today, this compilation of writings from experts in the field offers refreshing, practical ideas and process for revitalizing ministry.

Excellent book. Lots of helpful information.

Very current and covers the waterfront well.

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