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IVP RESOURCES FOR CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH



October is Clergy Appreciation Month. In recognition of significant work, as well as the challenges that pastors and church leaders encounter, the IVP Publicity Team is featuring the following resources to help support and sustain clergy for the long haul of ministry.

Check out [THIS LINK](#) for a complete list of church leadership resources for Clergy Appreciation Month.



THE FLOURISHING PASTOR:

Recovering the Lost Art of Shepherd Leadership

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"Some books you read for fun; some books you read to stay current in your field. But how many books have you ever read because it's a matter of life and death? If you're a pastor, that's why you need to read this book—your destiny is hanging in the balance. You may think I'm just being dramatic, but Tom Nelson—with more than three decades of experience as a pastor—shows how the hazards of your occupation are liable to squeeze the life right out of your soul unless you yourself learn to abide in the intimate watchcare of the Great Shepherd. Quite frankly, the stakes couldn't be higher! Now more than ever we need pastors who are thriving, because when pastoral leaders flourish, churches flourish, and when churches flourish, communities flourish. In short, pastoral self-care is mission critical."

—BILL HENDRICKS, executive director for Christian leadership, the Hendricks Center at Dallas Theological Seminary, and president of the Giftedness Center



TOM NELSON (DMin, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) is president of [Made to Flourish](#). He has also served as senior pastor of Christ Community Church in Kansas City for over thirty years. A council member for The Gospel Coalition, Tom is the author of several books, including *Work Matters* and [The Economics of Neighborly Love](#).

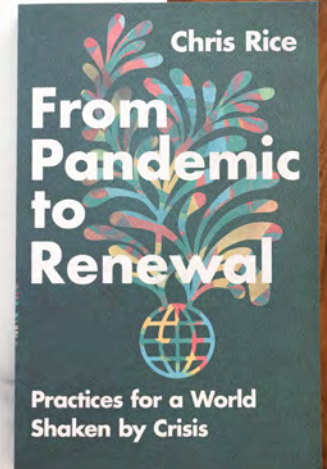


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FROM PANDEMIC TO RENEWAL: *Practices for a World Shaken by Crisis*

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“Chris Rice offers deep wisdom drawn as a widely read, engaged minister of reconciliation with broad regional, national, and global experience to help leaders and readers move From Pandemic to Renewal. Rather than another recitation of statistics and struggles, this book illustrates how the global Covid-19 pandemic exposed existing fractures and accelerated fast-moving changes. While many have been lost in lament, Rice seeks to help us remember that Christians do not grieve as those who have no hope. His vulnerability invites readers to enter his story with our stories, and his vision inspires us to lean in faith toward where God is leading.

The practices Rice proposes can help us to overcome the pressures of the pandemic, find rest in the risen Christ, and find the strength to serve well.”

— **DAVID EMMANUEL GOATLEY**, president of Fuller Seminary and professor of theology and ministry

CHRIS RICE (DMin, Duke University) is director of the United Nations Office of the Mennonite Central Committee, an international relief, development, and peace agency. He served as cofounding director of the Duke Divinity School Center for Reconciliation and has worked through the academy, churches, and faith-based organizations to heal social conflicts in east Africa, Northeast Asia, and the American South. He is coauthor of [Reconciling All Things](#) and [More Than Equals](#), which both won Christianity Today Book Awards.

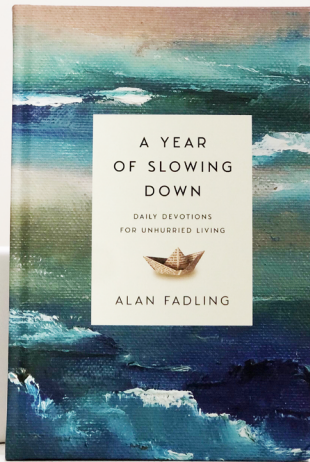


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From the author of [An Unhurried Life](#) and [An Unhurried Leader](#)



A YEAR OF SLOWING DOWN: *Daily Devotions for Unhurried Living by Alan Fadling*

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Alan Fadling has spent years coaching leaders and communities on how to live an unhurried life, teaching that productivity and success are not our chief end, but rather living at the pace that our true self longs to live. Designed to help you center your day around God's loving presence, *A Year of Slowing Down* offers six devotionals for each week of the year.

"If we are to offer hope and healing in a world of anxious, driven souls, we must incarnate—not just preach—the message of rest and grace found in Christ.

In this timely devotional, Alan Fadling offers us a simple, powerful reminder each day of who we are and who we are becoming. Slow down, Alan reminds us, so that we can savor the wonder of the life of God . . . and touch those around us with the love of God."

—JEROME DALEY,
executive codirector of the Vining Center



ALAN FADLING is president and founder of [Unhurried Living](#), Inc. in Mission Viejo, California. He speaks and consults internationally with organizations such as Saddleback Church, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Cru, Halftime Institute, Apprentice Institute, and Open Doors International. He is the award-winning author of *An Unhurried Leader* and *An Unhurried Life*, which was honored with a Christianity Today Award of Merit in spirituality. He is also coauthor (with Gem Fadling) of [What Does Your Soul Love?](#) and a contributing author to *Eternal Living: Reflections on Dallas Willard's Teaching on Faith and Formation*. His next book, [A Non-Anxious Life: Experiencing the Peace of God's Presence](#), will release in February 2024.



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HUMILITY ILLUMINATED:

The Biblical Path Back to Christian Character

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DENNIS R. EDWARDS

(PhD, Catholic University of America) is associate professor of New Testament as well as vice president for church relations and dean of North Park Seminary, Chicago.

He has worked in urban ministry for over three decades, including serving as a church planter in Brooklyn and Washington, DC. His books include *Might from the Margins* and the *Story of God Bible Commentary on 1 Peter*.

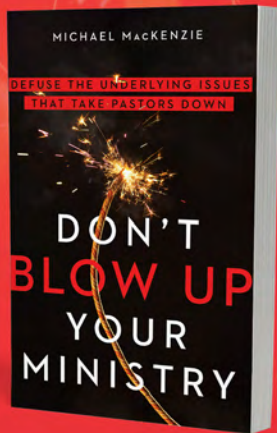
Filled with stories from the author's ministry experience, *Humility Illuminated* addresses common areas of leadership failure and how to avoid them, applies biblical texts on humility to multiethnic ministry and justice work, and issues a compelling challenge to the church.

"In Humility Illuminated, Dennis R. Edwards challenges us to move beyond the trappings of church and live into the example of Jesus. This book serves as an invitation to let American competitiveness fall by the wayside as we embrace the humble posture of the marginalized among us. Sitting with these words reminds us that if Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, humility is the safest path to godly community."

—**R. G. A. "TREY" FERGUSTON**, cohost of *Three Black Men* podcast and author of *Theologizin' Bigger*



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DON'T BLOW UP YOUR MINISTRY:

Defuse the Underlying Issues That Take Pastors Down

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“As ‘successful’ leaders it’s easy for us to become so busy helping others discover who they are ‘in Christ’ that we forget to apply those truths to ourselves. Mike shares wisdom and discernment that is founded in both solid head knowledge and passionate heart knowledge of God’s Word honed through decades of in-the-trenches experience in helping those who have spent their lives helping others. He goes beyond describing and defining the problem to detailing practical ways to not just get through but actually learn from and grow through the dark and difficult times in the process of becoming more than conquerors. God has given Mike a comforting, convicting, encouraging, and empowering message that will provide help and hope for anyone who has felt discouraged, defeated, overwhelmed, and ready to give up.”

—**GARY J. OLIVER**, executive director of the Center for Healthy Relationships and professor of psychology and practical theology at John Brown University



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