

Texts for PS 1062: Introduction to Congregational Care (Spring 2018)

Greetings, one and all! I hope that this finds you well.

I'm writing to you today because, according to WebAdvisor, you are registered for my Introduction to Congregational Care course (PS 1062) this coming Spring semester. I'm looking forward to being with you.

Since people in the past have inquired about texts, here are the books I'm planning to assign:

- Kornfeld, Margaret Z. *Cultivating Wholeness: A Guide to Care and Counseling in Faith Communities*. New York: Continuum, 1998.
- Lester, Andrew D. *Anger: Discovering Your Spiritual Ally*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007.
- Richardson, Ronald W. *Creating a Healthier Church: Family Systems Theory, Leadership, and Congregational Life*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1996.
- Savage, John S. *Listening and Caring Skills: A Guide for Groups and Leaders*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996.
- Wimberly, Edward P. *Recalling Our Own Stories: Spiritual Renewal for Religious Caregivers*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1997.

I checked Amazon.com yesterday and all five are available for purchase, either brand-new or as used books (please feel free to use the bookseller of your choice), and of course you are welcome to borrow them from friends! They will be on reserve at the GTU Library, and ABSW (through the generosity of the First Baptist Church of Berkeley) also will have reading copies of some of the texts on the 4th floor of Hobart Hall.

You will need to have the books by Kornfeld, Savage, and Wimberly accessible to you before February 6th, which is when we'll have our first reading quiz. You'll have access to any other assigned reading materials through Moodle.

I hope this helps. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks, and best wishes to you as the New Year gets under way—

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