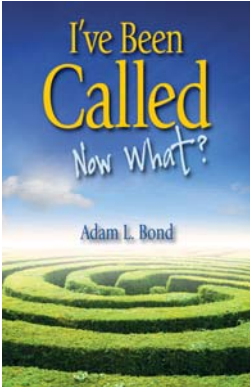


New Book a “Portable Mentor” for the Ministry Journey



Valley Forge, PA— The call to ministry can be one of the most confusing events of one’s life. Depending on the person and his or her community of faith, one of the biggest challenges for the newly called minister is discerning a vocational path. The looming question becomes “What do I do next?” Professor and denominational leader Dr. Adam L. Bond responds with *I’ve Been Called: Now What?*, a “portable mentor” for those on the ministry journey.

In *I’ve Been Called*, Bond anticipates the questions one asks after accepting the call to ministry:

- How do I discern the right ministry setting for me?
- Are pulpit preaching and parish ministry the only viable options?
- Should I go to a seminary or a Bible college?
- Should I be ordained – and if so, when?

Divided into three sections – Considering Ministry, Preparing for Excellence in Ministry, and Ministry Matters – *I’ve Been Called* casts an overview of the ministry landscape for a new minister at any stage of the journey, challenging some of the established beliefs about ministry options and questioning contemporary notions about the vocational development of ministers. Bond also recommends resources and traveling companions along the way, and concludes by examining competing visions of ministry excellence, asking the reader, “how will *you* define success in ministry?”



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