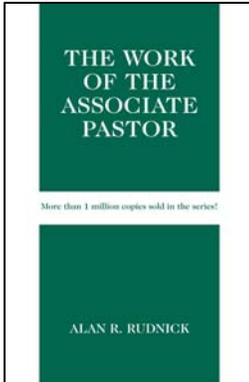


A View of Associate Ministry beyond the "Second Chair"



Valley Forge, PA – In the church setting, the analogy of second chair has served as the primary model for understanding associate work in coordination with the senior or head pastor. To show associate ministry in a better light and give it the respect and appreciation it deserves, former associate minister, now senior pastor Alan R. Rudnick has written *The Work of the Associate Pastor*.

In this vocational new addition to the best-selling Work of the Church series, Rudnick offers both a biblical understanding and a family systems-based approach to the associate pastorate, viewing it as equally important but distinctively different from the role of senior or solo pastor.

Drawing from case studies and the author's own experiences, *The Work of the Associate Pastor* provides a real-world view of this often specialized ministry. Within these pages, readers will

- Explore the diverse roles and responsibilities that fall under the associate umbrella
- Embrace associate ministry as more than training ground for a senior pastorate
- Discover the challenges and opportunities for associate pastors

The book's appendix offers guidance to those churches planning for an associate, including sample job descriptions and compensation guidelines. Associate ministers also will find a personal assessment, helpful in discerning when to stay and when to leave their associate position.

Whether one is an associate pastor, a senior pastor, a seminarian, or a member of the church staff or pastoral relations committee, this guide will provide valuable insight into one of the most undervalued and misunderstood ministries in the life of the church.



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