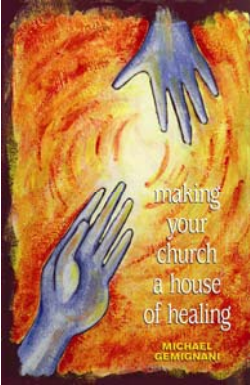


Establishing the Church as an Instrument of Spiritual Healing



Valley Forge, PA —Author, pastor, and spiritual director Michael Gemignani believes that if the church is to fulfill its mission as the Body of Christ on earth, it must have spiritual healing as the focus of its ministry. In *Making Your Church a House of Healing*, he offers a practical primer for churches which seek to become instruments of spiritual healing. Gemignani addresses key questions, including:

- What is spiritual healing?
- Why is it so important?
- How can my church develop a ministry focused on spiritual healing?
- What obstacles we are likely to encounter and how might we overcome them?

The book includes questions for small-group discussion and congregational action, and concludes with examples of prayers and rituals that might be used for healing, as well as additional resources to assist churches in their healing ministries. A free online workshop is also available at www.judsonpress.com.

Foreword writer and prolific author Keith Miller described *Making Your Church a House of Healing* as “a remarkable book.” He writes, “Rarely does a brilliant intellectual come up with a deceptively simple and user-friendly theological insight that can transform life in a local congregation.”

Spiritual director and author Dr. Leslie A. Hay offered her praise: “Michael Gemignani has carefully crafted a straightforward guide for church ministry that is sensitive to the healing of both individual members and the congregation as a whole. He helps the reader consider what it means to be a healthy church—the loving reflection of the ‘Body of Christ’ we profess to be.”

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