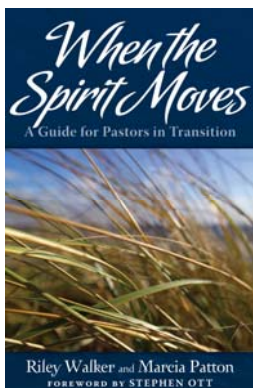


## A pastoral guide for the Spirit-based journey to a new calling



March 2011, Valley Forge, PA – Did you know that the average U.S. worker will change jobs 8–10 times and their career 3–5 times? Given current economic realities, some changes may be a requirement instead of a choice. No change is easy, but it can be particularly difficult for those in ministry who rely as much on the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they do on career advisors and job search engines. To ease the process for ministry leaders, denominational executives Riley Walker and Marcia Patton have coauthored *When the Spirit Moves: A Guide for Ministers in Transition*, a new release from Judson Press.

Hundreds of resources help more traditional job seekers, and dozens of books guide churches in seeking new pastoral leadership, but what about ministers who are pursuing a specific ministry call? How should Christian leaders evaluate their current ministry settings and consider new contexts? Walker and Patton begin this practical and spiritual resource with the conviction that it is God’s Spirit that guides ministry transition. The book does not offer a specific course but a plan for the journey. The authors identify common areas of concern, frequent pitfalls and missteps, and oft-traveled routes to a successful transition. Featuring a chapter for those forced out of their ministry setting, *When the Spirit Moves* also includes practical resources such as personal skill assessments, an overview of the typical church’s search and call process, sample interview questions, and best practices for ending one’s service with integrity and grace. A helpful appendix provides an overview of placement processes for various denominations.

Written for the experienced minister, the graduating seminarian, and those who provide guidance to church leaders, *When the Spirit Moves* will prove to be an invaluable resource during those challenging and uncertain times of transition.

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