

A Handbook on

LEADING LEARNING in CONGREGATIONS

A Christian Learning Community Perspective

Leadership audit included

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This handbook is about Christian learning and leadership in church congregations from a learning community perspective. It is written for clergy and local leaders to use in their congregation/parish. In the course of reading the handbook leaders will consider the competencies, capabilities and skills required for learning community leadership. Then, they will be encouraged to think about their own competencies, capabilities and skills; those that they have already and those that they may need to develop in order to put their vision of leadership into practice.

A leadership audit tool is provided to help leaders in decision-making about their continuing education outcomes and in-service training courses. Questions for discussion/reflection, course and resource suggestions are included in this 72 page handbook.

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The ideas and methods in this second handbook contribute to a discussion in our churches about re-imagining congregations towards new futures and re-skilling educational leadership in congregations. The insights about leading learning in congregations revealed in this handbook are exciting and inspire a fresh look at education and mission.

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