



Pastoral Manual

Clergy and Lay Ministry Guide



A five-page liturgical document for clergy, catechists, altar servers, missions, and lay study, prepared in a Gothic-style Prayer Book format for the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America.

Pastoral Authorization

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Purpose and Scope

The Pastoral Manual guideth clergy and lay ministers in visitation, counsel, household prayer, crisis response, mission care, and sacramental preparation.

Rubric. Pastoral care shall be confidential, safe, lawful, and grounded in Scripture.





Pastoral Method

Listen patiently. Pray reverently. Read Scripture fittingly. Speak truth without cruelty. Refer to medical, legal, or mental-health professionals when the matter requireth care beyond pastoral counsel.





Core Offices

The minister should know the rites of Baptism, Confirmation, Communion of the Sick, Reconciliation, Burial, and Household Blessing. The parish register shall be updated accurately after pastoral acts.





Safeguarding and Records

Use and Care

This booklet is designed for practical use. The officiant shall prepare the readings, persons, vessels, vestments, music, and pastoral notes before the service begins.

Rubric. The text may be shortened only when necessity requireth; the essential prayer, Scripture, and sacramental form shall be preserved.

Authorization

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