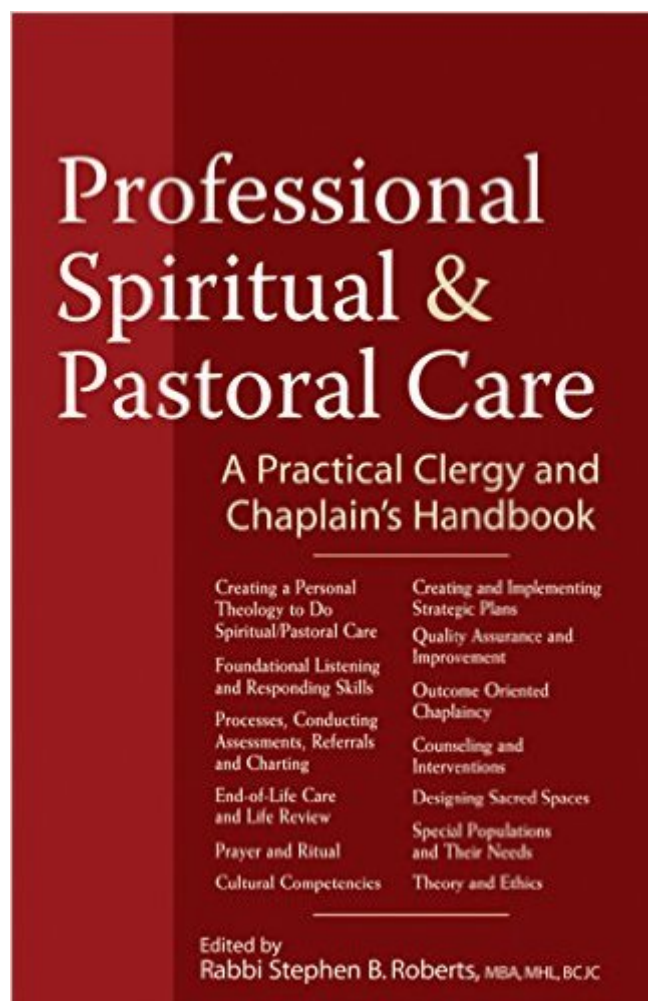


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# Professional Spiritual & Pastoral Care: A Practical Clergy And Chaplain's Handbook



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The first comprehensive resource for spiritual and pastoral caregiversâa vital resource for clergy, seminarians, chaplains, pastoral counselors and caregivers of all faith traditions. This essential resource integrates the classic foundations of pastoral care with the latest approaches to spiritual care. It is specifically intended for professionals who work or spend time with congregants in acute care hospitals, behavioral health facilities, rehabilitation centers and long-term care facilities. Offering the latest theological perspectives and tools, along with basic theory and skills from the best pastoral and spiritual care texts, research and concepts, the contributors to this resource are experts in their fields, and include eight current or past presidents of the major chaplaincy organizations.

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Pastoral care and chaplaincy are two disciplines that have been gaining attention in recent decades. Chaplains are found in hospitals, hospices, colleges, and military units. Their work is sometimes overlooked, but many people in time of crisis have been comforted by chaplains around the world.

The same could be said for pastors, who are always there for others. Literature on chaplaincy is not abundant, though it is easier to find a book on chaplaincy today than it was a decade ago. Pastoral care books are also gaining interest as pastoral care has become a professionalized discipline in some circles. Fortunately, Skylight Paths has combined both disciplines in a single volume and the result is a superb book. The book *Professional Spiritual & Pastoral Care: A Practical Clergy and Chaplain's Handbook*, by Rabbi Stephen B. Roberts (ed.) is a book that covers practical issues and for both pastors and chaplains. With the contribution of experts and experienced professionals in the field, this book offers insightful perspective about daily issues pastors and chaplains face every day. The book is divided in four parts, presented as follows: Part I Theology of Spiritual / Pastoral Care Part II The Process of Spiritual / Pastoral Care Part III Spiritual / Pastoral Care With Special Populations Part IV The Infrastructure of Spiritual / Pastoral Care Chapters (33 in total) are essays addressing pertinent topics to pastoral care and chaplaincy. Foundational Listening and Responding Skills, Counseling and Interventions, Life Review, Gender Issues in Pastoral Care, are some of the topics presented in this book. The focus of this book is not theory but practice. Every chapter is a challenge for pastors and chaplains to grow in their ministries and work.

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