

Intentional interim ministry: What good is it?

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What does a successful intentional interim look like, and what do pastors and churches have to say about intentional interim ministry? Part 2 of 2.

Intentional interim ministry: How is it different?

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If your church could be known for healthy relationships, a confident vision, an exciting mission and vibrant fellowship, would you be interested? Intentional interim ministry is designed to get your church there.

Talking about sex with our children and churches

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Talking about sex at church and with children can be difficult. LeAnn Gardner, a lecturer at Baylor University's Garland School of Social Work,

offers ways and reasons to make it easier.

Tell someone: There are more than 700

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To survivors and churches: Far more people have been sexually abused than are reported. The reasons for underreporting are numerous. It's long past time to defang those reasons.

Child sexual abuse and the church: Prevention resources

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How can you reduce the possibility of a child being sexually abused? Scott Floyd, director of Counseling Programs at B.H. Carroll Theological Institute, provides guidance and resources for preparing children and their environments to be safer places.

Child sexual abuse and the church: Reporting and care after abuse occurs

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When abuse does occur, what should be done? Scott Floyd, director of Counseling Programs at B.H. Carroll Theological Institute, explains who should report abuse and when and how. He also gives guidance on how to care for children and families during the reporting process.

Child sexual abuse and the church: The church's responsibility to protect children

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How should churches act out their responsibility to provide safe places for children to grow in Christian faith? Scott Floyd, director of Counseling Programs at B.H. Carroll Theological Institute, provides some clear guidelines.

Love in a less-than-wonderful world

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Louis Armstrong's song, "What a Wonderful World," is one of my favorites. The words and tune echo in my mind and escape my lips often. And yet

Staffing the church for healthy ministry

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While church staffing is a difficult conversation, it is one we must have if we are to be good stewards of our resources and our witness.

Commentary: To abuse

survivors: ‘You are strong, brave & your voice matters’

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To any other man or woman who has been a victim of sexual abuse, I would like to tell you that you matter and I believe you. What happened to you was not your fault. You deserve healing and an opportunity to live a life free from shame and fear.

Child sexual abuse and the church: Impact on adults

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Like children and youth, adults experience a range of affects from childhood sexual abuse. Scott Floyd examines some of those affects and points to hope and resilience for adults survivors of abuse.

Commentary: 7 suggestions for

welcoming new pastors

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When a congregation welcomes a new pastor, it is an exciting time, a new beginning for both the congregation and the new minister. To maximize this new beginning, it is important to prepare spiritually, cognitively and emotionally for a new chapter.