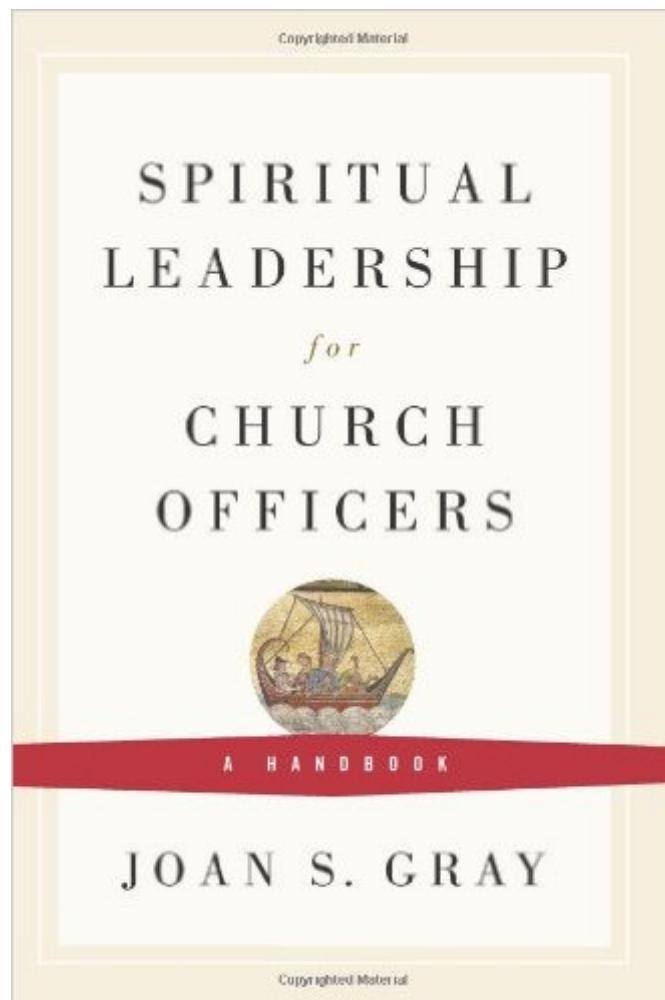


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# Spiritual Leadership For Church Officers: A Handbook



## **Synopsis**

This timely new leadership guide for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is written for church officers who are looking for a deepened relationship with God. Joan Gray challenges elders and deacons to see themselves as spiritual leaders and equips them to lead alongside their pastors. Gray lays out a variety of leadership styles and helps leaders understand when each is appropriate. She also provides resources for dealing with relationships in the church and identifies ways churches can be supportive of the spiritual leadership of elders and deacons.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I very much appreciated the discussion of the experiences of other church leaders. I am relatively new to church leadership and in the beginning I thought my disillusionment was only something that I felt. Since reading this and talking to other new leaders in my church I am finding that my feelings are more common than I thought. I also really appreciate the Biblical grounding of the book - I love learning and think a Biblical basis for anything is very important. The advice was sound.

Especially for those in the Reformed branch of Christianity, this book is a fine guide for church officers. Its author, Joan Gray, says there are two kinds of congregations, those who row the boat and those who sail the boat. Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers helps leaders to discern and catch the wind (the Holy Spirit, of course) in the church's sails by making decisions on what God wants for the church, and God's will for the world. A great ancient/modern concept, very biblical.

The book is both practical and inspirational -- and greatly needed. Highly recommended.

I found this book to be an excellent place to begin team building by giving us all the same point of reference. Gray's book combines biblical authority, traditional precedence and enough organizational behavior terms to help get a group of church officers talking about who they are and how they do ministry. As the moderator, I thought the session would enjoy this book as I did. In studying it together, however, I am amazed to discover there are some folks who are still really stuck on the word "spiritual" as a buzzword that connotes "loony"! The idea of "Letting go and letting God" fill the sails of the church's ministry boat - well, that is also just a silly idea for those whose definition of ministry is based on their works, busyness, blood sweat and tears. Of course this is the rowing that goes nowhere - but for the committed rowers, the argument in Gray's book simply fails. I personally really felt this to be a helpful book, thoughtfully and beautifully written. Please be aware that it is not everyone's cup of tea and for a few, they may even be hostile to the use of this book. Don't let that stop you, though! So beware, and bless you on the journey of faith.

A practical, theological text from a respected and experienced church leader. I use this training new Elders for Session leadership, and it is both inspiring and empowers them at whatever level they seem to be entering service. I commend it to you.

Joan Gray has great experience in working with church officers. She has been moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and has been a pastor as well. She knows what is needed for church officers to be effective in their leadership.

New ways to do officer training are always welcomed. I liked the spiritual approach for church officers.

Rev. Joan Gray has mastered the mind-heart-soul connection, and offers practical encouragement to Presbyterian (any denomination!) leaders anywhere. Easy to understand and use in small groups, as an interim pastor, I've begun many session meetings with an insight from Joan.

We purchased these books at our church for Deacon/Session training and I found mine on my Kindle. So I saved a little money for the church.

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