

Chapter 1 : www.nxgvision.com: pastoral ministry

Not every Quaker meeting has a paid pastor, but some have found it helpful. Margaret Webb, pastor of New Garden Meeting in North Carolina, explains her role.

Francis, dedicating ourselves to following the prayer attributed to him. Many of you may know the joy of experiencing the unconditional love of a dog or other pet. Animals spontaneously give praise to God simply by being who they are created to be. They naturally convey a joy and openness that can often be transformative. After spending a day with Maggie and learning about her work, Jan and Laura came back to St. As part of this process, they interviewed church personnel who are affiliated with the LCC program, spoke with a number of therapy dog trainers and handlers, and investigated breeds that are well suited for this type of work. They also had conversations with human care professionals who attest to the incredibly positive effects a therapy dog can have on people of all ages in almost any setting and circumstance. After close to 10 months of research and careful consideration, the Vestry unanimously approved St. I am happy to let you know that a puppy has become available to us through a kennel in Alabama that has a Christian mission to breed and train Goldendoodles for visitation work. They are very excited about placing one of their dogs with us. Our female Goldendoodle is named Frances. She passed a temperament assessment test with flying colors and has begun a week training program. She will come to us in October and will be registered to make official visits as a member of the St. She will live with a host family. There will be a backup family for times of travel, etc. As we move forward, we will be looking for parishioners who are interested in becoming certified handlers in order to accompany our pastoral pup on visits. Frances will become a regular presence at St. She will also visit the Preschool, our Church School and Youth Programs, support groups, homebound individuals, hospitals and hospice, residential care facilities, community events, and provide crisis response. In addition, she will be available to visit any individuals or families who might appreciate the calm and consolation a special dog can bring to stressful situations. This will be an exciting ministry with almost unlimited possibilities to reach within and beyond our walls. It will be the first of its kind in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. We will provide regular updates and more information about how to get involved in the months ahead.

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the culture of the new minister, and even prejudicial or racist attitudes. international pastoral ministers, it is also important to remember that, in.

Pastoral literature[edit] Pastoral literature in general[edit] Pastoral is a mode of literature in which the author employs various techniques to place the complex life into a simple one. Paul Alpers distinguishes pastoral as a mode rather than a genre, and he bases this distinction on the recurring attitude of power; that is to say that pastoral literature holds a humble perspective toward nature. Thus, pastoral as a mode occurs in many types of literature poetry, drama, etc. Terry Gifford, a prominent literary theorist, defines pastoral in three ways in his critical book *Pastoral*. The first way emphasizes the historical literary perspective of the pastoral in which authors recognize and discuss life in the country and in particular the life of a shepherd. This Golden Age shows that even before Alexandria , ancient Greeks had sentiments of an ideal pastoral life that they had already lost. This is the first example of literature that has pastoral sentiments and may have begun the pastoral tradition. In this artificially constructed world, nature acts as the main punisher. Traditionally, pastoral refers to the lives of herdsmen in a romanticized, exaggerated, but representative way. The pastoral life is usually characterized as being closer to the Golden age than the rest of human life. The setting is a *Locus Amoenus* , or a beautiful place in nature, sometimes connected with images of the Garden of Eden. Come live with me and be my Love, And we will all the pleasures prove That hills and valleys, dale and field, And all the craggy mountains yield. The speaker of the poem, who is the titled shepherd, draws on the idealization of urban material pleasures to win over his love rather than resorting to the simplified pleasures of pastoral ideology. This can be seen in the listed items: The speaker takes on a voyeuristic point of view with his love, and they are not directly interacting with the other true shepherds and nature. Pastoral shepherds and maidens usually have Greek names like Corydon or Philomela, reflecting the origin of the pastoral genre. Pastoral poems are set in beautiful rural landscapes, the literary term for which is "*locus amoenus*" Latin for "beautiful place" , such as Arcadia , a rural region of Greece , mythological home of the god Pan , which was portrayed as a sort of Eden by the poets. The tasks of their employment with sheep and other rustic chores is held in the fantasy to be almost wholly undemanding and is left in the background, abandoning the shepherdesses and their swains in a state of almost perfect leisure. This makes them available for embodying perpetual erotic fantasies. The shepherds spend their time chasing pretty girls – or, at least in the Greek and Roman versions, pretty lads as well. *Georgics Book III, Shepherd with Flocks, Vergil Vatican Library Pastoral literature continued after Hesiod with the poetry of the Hellenistic Greek Theocritus , several of whose Idylls are set in the countryside probably reflecting the landscape of the island of Cos where the poet lived and involve dialogues between herdsmen. He wrote in the Doric dialect but the metre he chose was the dactylic hexameter associated with the most prestigious form of Greek poetry, epic. This blend of simplicity and sophistication would play a major part in later pastoral verse. Theocritus was imitated by the Greek poets Bion and Moschus. The Roman poet Virgil adapted pastoral into Latin with his highly influential Eclogues. Virgil introduces two very important uses of pastoral, the contrast between urban and rural lifestyles and political allegory [7] most notably in Eclogues 1 and 4 respectively. In doing so, Virgil presents a more idealized portrayal of the lives of shepherds while still employing the traditional pastoral conventions of Theocritus. He was the first to set his poems in Arcadia, an idealized location to which much later pastoral literature will refer. But as "the dreaming man" indicates, this is just a dream for Alfius. He is too consumed in his career as a usurer to leave it behind for the country. Italian poets revived the pastoral from the 14th century onwards, first in Latin examples include works by Petrarch , Pontano and Mantuan then in the Italian vernacular Sannazaro , Boiardo. The fashion for pastoral spread throughout Renaissance Europe. In Spain, Garcilaso de la Vega was an important pioneer and his motifs find themselves renewed in the 20th-century Spanish-language poet Giannina Braschi. Leading French pastoral poets include Marot and Ronsard. This image represents copy B, printed and painted in and currently held by the Library of Congress. It contains elegies , fables and a discussion of the role of poetry in contemporary England. Spenser and his friends appear under various*

pseudonyms Spenser himself is "Colin Clout". Additionally, he wrote *Arcadia* which is filled with pastoral descriptions of the landscape. In the 17th century came the arrival of the Country house poem. In , Ben Jonson wrote *To Penshurst*, a poem in which he addresses the estate owned by the Sidney family and tells of its beauty. The basis of the poem is a harmonious and joyous elation of the memories that Jonson had at the manor. It is beautifully written with iambic pentameter, a style that Jonson so eloquently uses to describe the culture of Penshurst. It is very important to note the insertion of Pan and Bacchus as notable company of the manor. Pan, Greek god of the Pastoral world, half man and half goat, was connected with both hunting and shepherds; Bacchus was the god of wine, intoxication and ritual madness. This reference to Pan and Bacchus in a pastoral view demonstrates how prestigious Penshurst was, to be worthy in the company with gods, notions of just how romanticized the estate was. Philips focuses on the joys of the countryside and looks upon the lifestyle that accompanies it as being "the first and happiest life, when man enjoyed himself. The poem is very rich with metaphors that relate to religion, politics and history. It moves through the house itself, its history, the gardens, the meadows and other grounds, the woods, the river, his Pupil Mary, and the future. Marvell used nature as a thread to weave together a poem centered around man. We once again see nature fully providing for man. Marvell also continuously compares nature to art and seems to point out that art can never accomplish on purpose what nature can achieve accidentally or spontaneously. In this pastoral work, he paints the reader a colorful picture of the benefits reaped from hard work. This is an atypical interpretation of the pastoral, given that there is a celebration of labor involved as opposed to central figures living in leisure and nature just taking its course independently. The pastoral elegy is a subgenre that uses pastoral elements to lament a death or loss. Milton used the form both to explore his vocation as a writer and to attack what he saw as the abuses of the Church. The formal English pastoral continued to flourish during the 18th century, eventually dying out at the end. In this work Pope sets standards for pastoral literature and critiques many popular poets, one of whom is Spenser, along with his contemporary opponent Ambrose Phillips. During this time period Ambrose Phillips , who is often overlooked because of Pope, modeled his poetry after the Native English form of Pastoral, employing it as a medium to express the true nature and longing of Man. He strove to write in this fashion to conform to what he thought was the original intent of Pastoral literature. As such, he centered his themes around the simplistic life of the Shepherd, and, personified the relationship that humans once had with nature. Spenser alludes to the pastoral continuously throughout the work and also uses it to create allegory in his poem, with the characters as well as with the environment, both of which are meant to have symbolic meaning in the real world. It is composed of six books but Spenser intended to write twelve. He wrote the poem primarily to honor Queen Elizabeth. William Cowper addressed the artificiality of the fast-paced city life in his poems *Retirement* and *The Winter Noddy* Burns explicitly addresses the Pastoral form in his *Poem on Pastoral Poetry*. Another subgenre is the Edenic Pastoral, which alludes to the perfect relationship between God, man, and nature in the Garden of Eden. It typically includes biblical symbols and imagery. It is a celebration of Mirth personified, who is the child of love and revelry. It was originally composed to be a companion poem to, *Il Penseroso* , which celebrates a life of melancholy and solitude. Pastoral epic[edit] Milton is perhaps best known for his epic *Paradise Lost* , one of the few Pastoral epics ever written. However, Milton in turn continually comes back to Satan, constructing him as a character the audience can easily identify with and perhaps even like. Pastoral romances[edit] Italian writers invented a new genre, the pastoral romance, which mixed pastoral poems with a fictional narrative in prose. Although there was no classical precedent for the form, it drew some inspiration from ancient Greek novels set in the countryside, such as *Daphnis and Chloe*.

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Pastoral Ministry Formation equips participants to fulfill the roles to which they are called by their baptism and for which their gifts and the needs of the times challenge them. Core Courses Theology and Methods of Ministry.

What resources exist for developing policies and practices in the ministerial workplace that integrate Gospel values and best organizational practices? What is the origin of Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord? Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord: At that time, in *Called and Gifted*, the bishops wrote that they welcomed the gift of "lay persons who have prepared for professional ministry in the Church. Starting in , a subcommittee of the Committee on the Laity focused its attention on the theology of lay ecclesial ministry, the preparation and formation of lay ecclesial ministers, and their identity and relationship within the Church. It is that subcommittee which prepared Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord. There is, however, one very important distinction: Co-Workers does not have the force of Church law as do the other two, which are based on universal Church documents. As its subtitle indicates, Co-Workers is a resource, which offers guidance but has no binding authority. The document has two major parts: The section on formation is the longest in the document and emphasizes the necessity of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation as well as ongoing formation. Back to top 2. What was the process of preparing Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord? The process of preparation began when the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved work on such a document in June, . Subsequently, the Subcommittee on Lay Ministry convened theologians, bishops, formation directors, seminary rectors, priests, deacons, canonists, human resource professionals, attorneys, and lay ecclesial ministers themselves to gather background and suggestions for the document. The same groups have reviewed early drafts of the document, and their consultation has resulted in many revisions of the document. Back to top 3. What is lay ecclesial ministry? Who are lay ecclesial ministers? Lay ecclesial ministry is: Lay because it is service done by lay persons. The sacramental basis is the Sacraments of Initiation, not the Sacrament of Ordination. Ecclesial because it has a place within the community of the Church, whose communion and mission it serves, and because it is submitted to the discernment, authorization, and supervision of the hierarchy. Ministry because it is the work by which Christians participate in the threefold ministry of Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king and continue his mission and ministry in the world. Lay ecclesial ministers are women and men whose ecclesial service lay ecclesial ministry is characterized by: Authorization of the hierarchy to serve publicly in the local church Leadership in a particular area of ministry Close mutual collaboration with the pastoral ministry of bishops, priests, and deacons Preparation and formation appropriate to the level of responsibilities that are assigned to them The following understandings should be kept in mind: The term "lay ecclesial minister" is generic. It is not used in order to establish a new rank or order among the laity. It is the responsibility of the bishop, or his delegate, in accord with the norms of canon law, to identify the roles that most clearly exemplify lay ecclesial ministry. Application of the term may vary from diocese to diocese. Back to top 4. Are deacons considered lay ecclesial ministers? Because deacons have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders, they are among the ordained, not lay, ministers of the Church. Back to top 5. Are religious brothers and sisters considered lay ecclesial ministers? However, as *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord* states, "it is necessary to offer a clarification regarding religious institutes dedicated to the works of the apostolate and other forms of consecrated life, whose members may participate in the exercise of the pastoral care of a parish or of another ecclesial service. Consecrated persons participate in ecclesial ministry by their own title, according to the nature of their institute. Their exercise of ecclesial ministry is imbued with the grace of their consecration. What are some examples of lay ecclesial ministers? Lay ecclesial ministers may also be found in hospitals and health care settings, on college and university campuses, and in prisons, seaports, and airports. Because it is the responsibility of the bishop to identify the roles that most clearly exemplify lay ecclesial ministry, application of the term may vary from diocese to diocese. Back to top 7. How many lay ecclesial ministers are there? An additional 2, volunteers work at least twenty hours per week in parishes. National Pastoral Life Center, J, In and , in the United States, more than 2, lay persons ministered in the name of the Church in hospitals and

health care settings, on college and university campuses, and in prisons, seaports, and airports. The National Association of Pastoral Musicians had a membership of approximately 8., and the National Catholic Education Association included 5, lay principals of elementary and secondary schools. Back to top 8. Is the number of lay ecclesial ministers growing? It now stands at 30, Back to top 9. What is the purpose of this document? Pastoral and theological reflection on the reality of lay ecclesial ministry and a synthesis of best thinking and practice. Affirmation of lay ecclesial ministers, conveying an understanding of how their service is unique and necessary for the life and growth of the Church. A call for Church leaders, ordained and lay, to become more intentional and effective in ordering and integrating lay ecclesial ministers within the ministerial life and structures of dioceses. Back to top Who is the audience for this document? Why issue this document now? In addition, various initiatives and explicit requests from ordained and lay leaders in theological schools and diocesan programs have encouraged the bishops to prepare this resource document as a next step in the process of ecclesial discernment and pastoral leadership. How do lay people hear and answer the universal call to holiness? There they are called by God to contribute to the sanctification of the world from within, like leaven, in the spirit of the Gospel, by fulfilling their own particular duties. All of the baptized are called to work toward the transformation of the world. Most do this by working in the secular realm; some do this by working in the Church and focusing on the building of ecclesial communion, which has among its purposes the transformation of the world. Working in the Church is a path of Christian discipleship to be encouraged by the hierarchy. See *Lumen Gentium*, nos. What are the relationships between lay ecclesial ministers and ordained ministers? Lay ecclesial ministers and those ordained seek to develop collaboration with each other that is mutually life-giving and respectful, a wonderful witness to the one communion and mission that binds all disciples together in Christ. When there are more priests, will lay ecclesial ministry be necessary? As Cardinal Mahoney writes, "lay ministry rooted in the priesthood of the baptized is not a stopgap measure. Even if seminaries were once again filled to overflowing there would still remain the need for cultivating, developing, and sustaining the full flourishing of ministries that we have witnessed in the church since the Second Vatican Council" Mahony, *As I Have Done for You*, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Will the presence of lay ecclesial ministry detract from vocations for the priesthood? Pope John Paul II encourages such initiatives to recruit for leadership in lay ministry: The final document of the Congress on Vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life in Europe recognizes the underlying connection of all vocations when it states: How might one begin exploring a call to lay ecclesial ministry? Discernment of a call to lay ecclesial ministry is a process that requires prayer, dialogue, and evaluation. A variety of experiences may characterize the initial period of discernment, including increased sacramental and liturgical practices, retreats, days of prayer and recollection, and individual or group spiritual direction. Pastors, parochial vicars, deacons, lay ecclesial ministers, teachers, and advisors all play an important role in the discernment process. These connections to the Church provide a supportive environment in which one can decipher, test, and strengthen a call to lay ecclesial ministry. In effect, the discernment becomes not only personal and communal, but ecclesial as well. What is involved in formation for lay ecclesial ministry? Lay ecclesial ministers need: The standards are a resource that can be helpful in identifying prospective lay ecclesial ministers as well as in setting goals for the formation and certification of those who are completing programs. How much time is involved in the formation process? Lay ecclesial ministers, their supervisors, and diocesan bishops are best able to discern local need and to set standards and expectations accordingly, seeking always to provide what would best serve a given pastoral setting or community. See page of *Co-Workers* for more information about the formation process for lay ecclesial ministry. Where does formation take place? The diocese and such institutions sometimes collaborate and share resources in order to better serve the needs of the Church. Who pays for the formation of lay ecclesial ministers? However, there is help. The USCCB Subcommittee on Lay Ministry, in the latter half of , conducted a study in collaboration of the Life Cycle Institute of Catholic University, of the financial assistance made available by dioceses and Catholic graduate schools of ministry to those preparing for lay ecclesial ministry. The local community where lay ecclesial ministers serve should be helped to recognize the value of their ministry and be encouraged to provide personal and financial support. Parishioners can provide personal support through recognition and affirmation for the ministry that lay

ecclesial ministers provide; and they can provide financial support through contributions to the parish that make possible just compensation for pastoral staff, financial assistance toward their formation, and subsequent compensation commensurate with increased competency acquired through formation. Partnerships among dioceses, academic institutions, and other training programs are helpful, in order to seek creative ways of providing opportunities for the preparation and formation of lay ecclesial ministers. Does a person need an academic degree to be a lay ecclesial minister? If the degree is pursued at a reliable Catholic school and if it includes theology and related disciplines, it can provide a foundation in Catholic teaching and lay the groundwork for a well-informed pastoral practice. However, any process for certifying the qualifications of candidates should include a provision for accepting experience in lieu of coursework for those whose service predates education and formation requirements. Provision should also be made for evaluating and recognizing academic credentials and ministerial experience acquired outside the United States. Lay ecclesial ministers working with children will be required, in accordance with diocesan policy, to submit to a background check. Psychological screening instruments can assess mental health and confirm the ability to function in typical human interactions as well as guide further growth. May be precluded or otherwise circumscribed by the Americans with Disabilities Act and other authority.

Chapter 4 : Lay Ecclesial Ministry FAQs

mission statement. The Institute for Pastoral Ministry supports the Diocese of Orange in the mission of Evangelization through the formation of Lay Ministers and the development of local communities of faith.

My eyelids scraped like sandpaper against my eyes. Having visited relatives on the East Coast, my husband Rich and I drove through the night with our three children for the last hurrah of our vacation a few days with my family in the Midwest. Close to their house, I noticed a familiar car following. We pulled into the driveway, the other car roaring in behind. My brother John jumped out, his tired face matching the way I felt. He came around to my side of the car. With the sun hovering at the tree line, he should have been inside enjoying his first jolt of morning coffee. The break in routine seemed ominous. Do you want to come? My dry eyes refused to shed tears as John pulled me to him in a hug. I moved through the next three days in a frozen state. The day after the funeral my husband, a pastor, was expected in the pulpit in Illinois. There was no time to grieve and remember and laugh with relatives after the service. We reloaded our car and made the journey back to our own home, heavy-hearted, quiet and lonely. A carefree getaway full of family memories closed on a grief-filled note. Back in church, Rich asked for prayers as we coped with our loss. This was not the place I wanted to begin feeling the pain, so I sat stiffly in the pew, palms sweating. Chills chased over my body. People collected bags, babies, bulletins. I lingered in the foyer, hesitant to approach anyone as grief nibbled at my composure. When I shook my head, multiple expressions flashed across his face: As a pastoral family, we faced a surprising turnabout. Overwhelmed, but Not with Love Ours is not the only family to fall through the void. Much research, reading and interviewing yield a sobering conclusion. Clergy are professional burden bearers in many ways. However, Scripture portrays clearly the supporting roles the people of God are to play in the lives of those in ministry. Don, a pastor in a mainline denomination, remembered getting a card a day for an entire month as the church celebrated their clergy. But because the desire to care for the pastor initiated with church personnel, the congregation did not continue the effort. Perhaps a lack of supporting evidence as to why the clergy need and deserve such affirmation contributed to the one-time attempt. An atmosphere of love, acceptance and affirmation makes staying in the church appealing, even in the face of conflict. Their absence adds impetus to thoughts of quitting. Anyone who says they do not consider quitting, even fleetingly, is lying. Recent reports from the SBC show little improvement: Morale in the pastorate, it appears, is scraping bottom. When low clergy morale results in pastoral turnover, the congregation suffers. Churches that frequently change pastors tend to be less open, less trusting and more inward looking, according to Barna Research. Further, in times of turmoil and transition, attendance drops, giving declines, and lay leadership struggles may ensue. Studies indicate that it takes years to truly see results in ministry with a new minister. It can take at least five years in one pulpit for the pastor to gain the respect of constituents let alone see effective ministry happen. Changing ministers takes its toll on both the clergy family and the local church. Unless a move is absolutely essential, clergy need to stay awhile longer for truly effective ministry to happen. Frequent moves disrupt the building process of ministry. Linda and Mason worried what their congregation would think if members knew their son was hospitalized for addiction treatment for several weeks. Many professions are lonely, and ministry is no exception. Hopefully, however, for most Christians church is where they find support and sustenance. For the pastor the church is both taskmaster and charge, and an awkward place to look for support and nourishment. The loneliness intensifies when parishioners hesitate to offer empathy. Perhaps they feel unqualified or ineloquent. Or perhaps they are simply unaware that ministers need support. Why the Clergy Family? Miserable ministry children make the job doubly difficult for pastors. Pastor, spouse, marriage and children: If all four are cared for, the pastor will be energized and empowered for ministry. Fewer ministry children will feel alienated by the draining service of their parents in the local church. Roy Oswald confirms this: Nor is it another round of pop psychology or even church growth theory. It is plain common sense. It is also scriptural. God makes our responsibility toward those in ministry clear. We are speaking, of course, of the New Testament corollary to the priests and Levites, the minister. The author of Hebrews commands the congregation: Contribute to the joy of their leadership not its drudgery. Why

would you want to make things harder for them? Her latest is *Grace Points: Growth and Guidance in Times of Change*. She and her pastor-husband, Rich, operate the non-profit Abounding Ministries. For more, see www.

Chapter 5 : Pastoral Ministers - ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Spiritual and Character Formation: This degree is designed to teach students general theological knowledge. It is designed for students preparing for research degrees in biblical studies for the purpose of teaching, research, or writing in various fields of biblical studies. It is available all online or may be combined with other in-person courses at extension centers or the main campus, including semester-length, hybrid, and weeklong workshop classes.

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Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry hours This hour online degree is designed to prepare students to serve in a full or part-time position as pastor or ministerial staff member of a local church.

Spanish-language Master of Theological Studies MTS 49 hours Spanish online courses leading to the Master of Theological Studies degree are under development and will be offered starting later this academic year. Students should use the normal seminary registration process for enrolling in this program. Those needing assistance registering for this program may contact Dr. Bill Warren at wwarren@nobts.edu. Certificate students who desire additional educational preparation may pursue a Master of Divinity degree or a Master of Arts degree with the possibility of transferring earned credit from graduate certificate courses. Where do I apply?

Chapter 6 : NOBTS - Online Learning

Participants enroll for a full month session, March - December , gathering monthly on the first Monday of each month from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., for a day at Taproot Garden that includes light farm work, intentional personal retreat time and facilitated group discussion on assigned reading.

How does pastoral care get done in your meeting? Do you feel that your meeting could benefit from any of the roles that Margaret described? Quakers believe that each person has a ministry, has a call, has something that the Spirit is calling them to do. Because of that we believe that each of us has gifts and we each have a role in our meeting community. So we each minister to each other within a Quaker community. Some pastors find their center in religious education, in helping people learn about faith and explore faith. For me, the center of my ministry is really pastoral care. So I start there with my week and then I build outwards from there. So a lot of what I do during the week is I visit people. I visit people who are sick and I visit people who have been hospitalized, and I visit people who are in crisis. I provide a presence with those people. So a lot of the work that I do as a pastoral minister is helping be with people who need somebody to be with them. Providing Programming I put together pieces for meeting for worship, so if we have music as part of our worship, I help with the selection of music and I prepare a messageâ€”which is usually quite shortâ€”that helps deepen our silence. Still, all of the work of the meeting is done by committees. So my role as pastoral minister is to just support that work: That would be impossible. But we have committees that also help with that care. And I think some communities do best when they have someone who has been released to be their gardener. That is one of the ways that communities have found a way to thrive in the modern world. The views expressed in this video are of the speakers and do not necessarily reflect the views of Friends Journal or its collaborators.

Chapter 7 : Pastoral Care Ministers - St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

Pastoral Ministry Handbook at the time of transition is the development of the new pastoral relationship, ministers are to operate in light of.

Chapter 8 : What Does a Quaker Pastor Do?

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