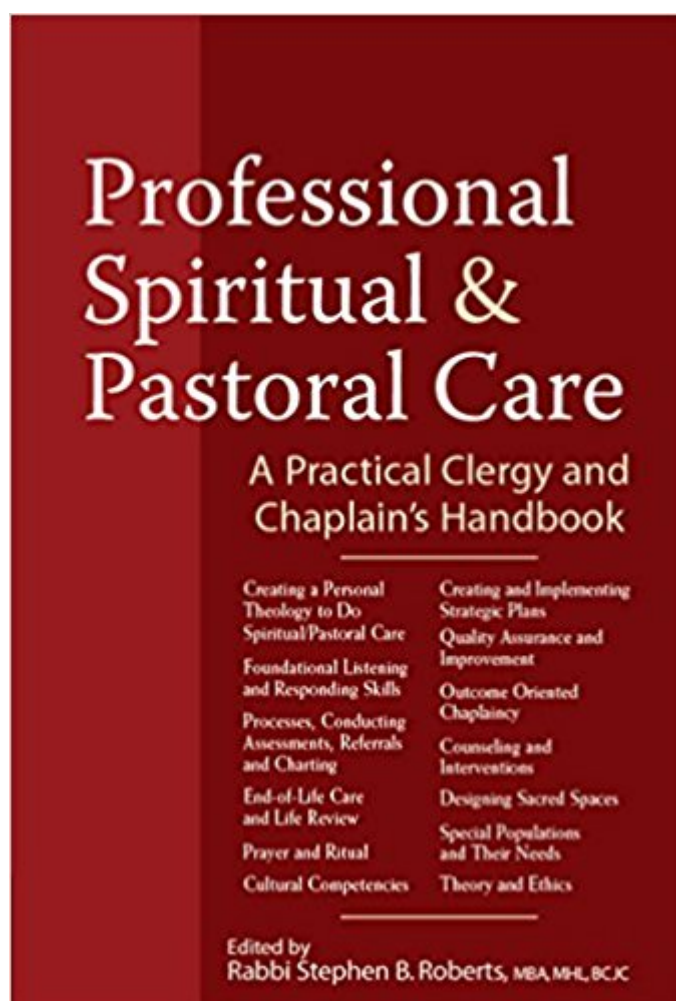


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The first comprehensive resource for spiritual and pastoral caregivers—a vital resource for clergy, seminarians, chaplains, pastoral counselors and caregivers of all faith traditions. This essential resource integrates the classic foundations of pastoral 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. Contributors include: Rev. Nancy K. Anderson & Rev. Dr. Willard W. C. Ashley, Sr. & Dr. Nancy Berlinger & Rev. W. L. (Bill) Bross & Rev. Robin C. Brown-Haithco & Rabbi Zahara Davidowitz-Farkas & Paula DeAngelo & Chaplain D. W. Donovan & Dr. George Fitchett & Rev. Bill Gaventa & Rabbi H. Rafael Goldstein & Chaplain Dr. Daniel Grosseohme & Sr. Norma Gutierrez & Rev. George Handzo & Rev. Curtis W. Hart & Rev. Brian Hughes & Rev. Dr. Martha R. Jacobs & Chaplain Gerald L. Jones & Rev. Robert A. Kidd & Rev. Yoke Lye Kwong & Rev. Michele J. Guest Lowery & Rev. Marcia Marino & Rev. Lynne M. Mikulak & Rev. Nancy Osborne & Rev. Jon Overvold & Rev. Brent Peery & Chaplain Linda F. Piotrowski & Rev. David B. Plummer & Rabbi Stephen B. Roberts & Rev. Dr. Glenn A. Robitaille & Chaplain Timothy G. Serban & Bishop Dr. Teresa E. Snorton & Rev. Dr. Dane R. Sommer & Rabbi Dr. Shira Stern & Rev. Jo Clare Wilson & Rev. Sue Wintz

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Rabbi Stephen B. Roberts, MBA, MHL, BCJC, is the editor of Professional Spiritual & Pastoral Care: A Practical Clergy and Chaplain's Handbook and coeditor of Disaster Spiritual Care: Practical Clergy Response to Community, Regional and National Tragedy (both SkyLight Paths). He currently helps chaplains through ChaplainDL.Org - Chaplain Distance Learning. He is a past president of the National Association of Jewish Chaplains. Previously he served as the associate executive vice president of the New York Board of Rabbis, directing their chaplaincy program, providing services in more than fifty locations throughout New York, and serving as the endorser for both New York State's and New York City's Jewish chaplains. Prior to this he served as the director of chaplaincy of the Beth Israel Medical System (New York), overseeing chaplains and clinical pastoral education (CPE) programs at three acute care hospitals, one behavioral health hospital, and various outpatient facilities served by chaplains.

I had been searching for a textbook to support an Introduction to Chaplaincy course that I was asked to create for a nearby seminary. Following several searches I found this book on and ordered it. I could not be more pleased with the book. Each of the thirty-three chapters is written by an experienced practitioner in that particular field with links to resources and further readings at the end. The entire book has a useful topical index, though a general bibliography would also have been a nice addition. The book is well organized, beginning with theological foundations and expanding into practical spiritual care skills and specific populations receiving pastoral care. The final part presents the structure of professional chaplaincy as it is increasingly found in healthcare settings. While the book is tilted in the direction of healthcare chaplaincy, fully 2/3 of the content is easily applicable to other settings. I recommend this for anyone considering or just starting chaplaincy as well as for anyone seeking a refresher or one volume overview of professional chaplaincy as envisioned by the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Very good comprehensive book on Pastoral Care. I give it 5 stars for being informative. I lowered my overall review to 4 stars because this book had a lot of opinion and suggestions as part of the text. Even though I appreciate a model and ideas for further development of the field I found those opinion based pieces not be to so useful and excessive. Sometimes entire sections were ideas...if you are already in the pastoral care field and are trying to find new ways and ideas to provide care these sections would be useful. As a student learning I found reading those parts tedious and irrelevant.

The book is excellent. I have just completed 4 units of CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) and wish that this book was part of the program. It offers good insights and practical suggestions for ministry. I like the use of story which always helps to integrate head knowledge with experience. A good tool for chaplains.

If you need to learn about the current academic state of Pastoral/Spiritual Care then this is THE book you need to read. It is the result of years of research and praxis by professional Chaplains and Clergy who work in the field. Now it is not a religious proleptic and there is no 'doctrine' other than that people are the focus of spiritual and pastoral care, rather than the Minister's agenda. I have worked with Parishes, the Military and in Trauma for thirty years and I wish that this type of book was available when I began serving people.

For those who are working in the field of Spiritual and Pastoral Care, this is a helpful professional guide for hospital chaplains, CPE interns and residents.

Read DW Donovan's chapter on Spiritual Assessments.

my chaplain staff love this as a reference for spiritual care in the palliative medicine hospital setting where patient are often in crisis requiring strong psychosocial and spiritual support

I bought this as a Christmas gift for my daughter, who is a hospital chaplain resident. She was pretty excited to receive it because of the reputations of the authors. Good gift for someone in ministry.

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