

## The MRC Web Site



[www.calvin.edu/library/mrc/](http://www.calvin.edu/library/mrc/)

The web site identifies all the resources held in the MRC, provides links to the finest ministry-related resources on the Internet, and highlights news about ministry opportunities. The MRC web site is a work in progress. Visit it often to discover new resources and information.

The web site contains

- A searchable database of the MRC collection
- A searchable database of related holdings in the Hekman Library
- Links to ministry resources located on the Internet
- Current news about conferences and workshops related to ministry
- An increasing number of excellent resources which can be downloaded anywhere
- Other valuable information and resources related to ministry

## Quality Resources

All materials are selected on the basis of their instructional quality and theological integrity. Ministry leaders can expect to find resources that are consistent with the Bible and Reformed theological thought and that are useful for ministries in the Reformed tradition and beyond. Materials from other Christian traditions complement the principal emphasis on those from the Reformed tradition. They are represented especially in the areas of liturgy, music, and worship.

## MRC Staff

The staff members of the Center are available to assist professional and lay church leaders, college and seminary students and professors, and others in the most effective use of the center and its resources. Staff members with experience in ministry are available to aid in selecting materials that will match the needs of those in the leaders' ministries and in suggesting creative ways to use those materials. Center personnel are also available on a limited basis to meet with ministry leaders in groups to assist them in their planning. Seminars and other leadership education opportunities are part of the Ministry Resource Center's many available services.

- The center's manager is **Dr. Edward Seely**, an ordained pastor who has over 35 years of experience specializing in the educational aspect of church ministry and is Adjunct Professor in Educational Ministries, Calvin Theological Seminary.  
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- The coordinator of the center is **Amanda Drost**. Amanda is available weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. She is assisted by part-time student staff members who are also able to help patrons locate the resources they need and explore their creative uses in ministry settings.  
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# Ministry Resource Center

*A premier collection  
of practical resources  
for all aspects  
of congregational  
ministry*

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Have you ever wondered where to go for the most helpful materials to plan a worship service, teach a church class, lead a small group Bible study, direct a church choir, or develop an outreach program? Have you ever wished you could compare leading programs and their related materials, some of which cost hundreds of dollars and require weeks of seminar training to obtain? Have you ever needed to talk with a professional in church ministry to learn how to make the most effective use of the newest and finest leadership resources for your area of service? You now have such an opportunity and all the resources you'll need for any ministry.

Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary are pleased to introduce the Ministry Resource Center (MRC), located in the northeast corner of the fourth floor of the Hekman Library. The center is designed to fulfill the library's mandate of providing the best available resources for students and the West Michigan community. The center, which opened in January 2003, is a premier collection of practical resources, in print, digital, and audio-visual formats, for all aspects of college, seminary, and congregational ministry.



### Who Will Benefit?

- College and Seminary Students and Professors
- Pastors
- Worship Planners and Leaders
- Church School Teachers (All Age Groups)
- Small Group Bible Study Leaders
- Youth Ministers

The materials in the center's collection are also useful for others such as those in prayer ministries, urban neighborhood ministry, and volunteer services. The MRC is designed as well to help patrons realize how gifts in art, theater, music, dance, writing, languages, counseling, business, technology, accounting, or management, can be used in ministry.

### MRC Location and Access

The Ministry Resource Center is located in the northeast corner of the fourth floor of the Hekman Library and is open when the Library is open.

Regular hours for the Ministry Resource Center:

- Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m. to midnight
- Friday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For special times such as summer hours and holidays, the library's hours can be obtained on line at [www.calvin.edu/library/infoserv/hours/libhours.stm](http://www.calvin.edu/library/infoserv/hours/libhours.stm).