

that because of his mental capacities,” said Schuller, now co-owner of YouToo TV, a television and social media network. “It was the demise of the ministry.”

—Adelle M. Banks

‘Presbyterians Today’ named best magazine of its kind

CHICAGO (PNS) *Presbyterians Today* was named the best denominational magazine in North America by the Associated Church Press (ACP) at the association’s annual awards banquet here May 2.

Presbyterians Today’s prestigious “Best In Class” honor was one of 14 awards won by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) publications from among more than 1,000 entries submitted for judging in the yearly “Best of the Christian Press Awards 2011.”

Two other PC(USA) publications nabbed “Best in Class” honors: *Presbyterian News Service* received a third place award in the News Service category; and *The Presbyterian Outlook* received a third place prize in the Special Interest Magazine category.

In all, the *Outlook* won five awards, *Presbyterians Today* and *Presbyterian News Service* four awards each, and *HORIZONS*, the magazine of *Presbyterian Women*, one award. ●

BOOKMARK

Ministry with Persons with Mental Illness and Their Families by Robert H. Albers, William H. Meller and Steven D. Thurber, editors. Fortress Press, Minneapolis. 245 pages

Pastors are not equipped to minister to persons with mental illness, yet they are called upon to help those in their congregations who suffer such illness and their families. This combination of suffering parishioners and ill-equipped pastors often leads to disastrous consequences. The

standard advice given to pastors who wish to do no harm is to refer those suffering mental illness to psychiatric professions. This, of course, is better than offering harmful pastoral treatment; but turning someone away may not be the only resource available for congregational leaders who want to embrace a ministry with persons with mental illness and their long-suffering families. The contributors to this book are pastoral counselors and psychiatric professionals who bring a fine set of resources to their subject, combining accurate scientific information and clinical insights within a faith context. Chapters examine depression, eating disorders, dementia, brain injury disorders and anxiety and social disorders – all of which are suffered by members of congregations and their caring families. One might consider this a helpful resource book to make up for the class missed in seminary or to go alongside the consultation one might have with clinical professionals. It will help one avoid giving inaccurate information or simply turning away from the persons one doesn’t understand or cannot help.

— ROY W. HOWARD
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

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“There is joy being a minister of a small town in northwest Louisiana. You know everybody and there is no place for anybody to hide. The problem is, the world today has no place for small and disciplined intimacy.” A woman from the church mused, “‘Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could experience Pentecost in our town? ... [I]f Pentecost means that 5,000 were saved, there wouldn’t be any more work for you,’ she said with a wonderful laugh. If the world becomes Spirit-filled, it throws us into the new Heaven and new Earth. The description is that of a wonderful city Death will be no more. ... There will be enough food and sweet wine for everybody. ... That is the kingdom of God. *A Good Party*, Howard Gordon.