

Resources for Church council and Call C ommittees

The synod resource center provides congregations with many helpful books and media resources. Online at <http://www.rqmweb.com/search.asp?q=ecsw> you can access many of the resources that would be helpful to you during this time of transition. For information regarding background checks please contact Karen Peckham karen.peckham@ecsw.org who can advise you as to what services to use.

If a congregation does not have a **Mutual Ministry** committee it is strongly recommended that one be established with the arrival of a new pastor. **Pastor and People: Making Mutual Ministry Work** is an excellent resource that is available at the Resource Center or can be purchased directly from Augsburg Fortress <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/search?ss=Pastor+and+People&c=-1&x=19&y=13> **SELECT** also offers a DVD resource called Making Mutual Ministry Work which can be ordered at <http://www.selectlearning.org/store/all/making-mutual-ministry-work> or online from the Resource Center under DV192.

Newly ordained Pastors are required to participate in **"First Call Theological Education"** during the first three years of congregational ministry. Full details about this can be found at <http://ecsw.org/first-call/>