

Greeters, Ushers, and Acolytes

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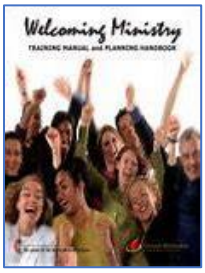
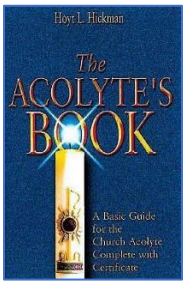
DVDs:

ACOLYTES, USHERS, AND GREETERS (101028) This three-part DVD provides help for training those who assist with worship leadership in these ministries. Includes guide. About 7 minutes per segment Age: Elementary - Adult.

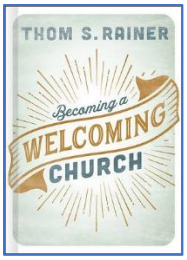


WELCOMING MINISTRY TRAINING MANUAL AND PLANNING HANDBOOK (123085) Author: United Methodist Communications. A handbook and DVD set with plans for 14 training sessions: 1) Welcoming ministry team planning session (a 2-4 hour planning session); 2) Leading through change (a 90-minute introductory training session); 3) One-hour welcoming (a 1 hour training session); 4) Welcoming ministry 101 (a 3-5 hour training session); 5) Welcoming ministry 201 (a 1-2 hour training session); 6) **Training ushers and greeters** (a 2-4 hour training session); 7) Inviting 101 (a 1-2 hour training session); 8) Helping guests feel welcome (a 2-3 hour training session); 9) Creating a comfortable climate (a 2-3 hour training session); 10) Getting to know the unchurched (a 1-2 hour training session); 11) Extending your welcome beyond Sunday and the church building (a 2-4 hour training session); 12) Being great! (a 1-2 hour training session); 13) Stop the revolving door (a 2-4 hour training session); 14) WOW! Worship of welcoming (a 1-2 hour worship or workshop experience). Age: Adult.

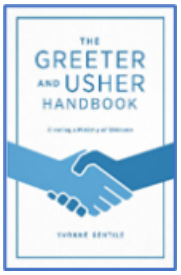
Books:



ACOLYTE'S BOOK (805007) Author: Hickman, Hoyt. This booklet provides basic information and directions for acolytes. 24 Pages.



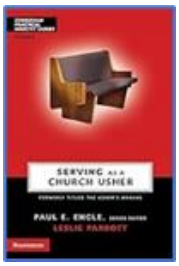
BECOMING A WELCOMING CHURCH (818034) Author: Rainer, Thom. Are we as welcoming as we think we are?; Confidential report - for your eyes only; Signs and sites; Safe church/clean church; Greeters, welcome centers, and the welcoming church; The path to becoming a welcoming church. 115 Pages.



GREETER AND USHER HANDBOOK: CREATING A MINISTRY OF WELCOME (820102) Author: Gentile, Yvonne. This small book provides a guide to the responsibilities of those who are generally the first faces visitors encounter in church: the usher and the greeter. Intended for training use by church staff or volunteers, the text covers responsibilities related to all aspects of creating a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and new members. Chapters: Starting as a greeter or usher; Greeters; Ushers; Creating, leading, and sustaining a ministry of welcome. 43 Pages.



SERVING AS A CHURCH GREETER (807188) Author: Parrott, Leslie. Designed for group or individual study, this book discusses the importance of church greeters and can be used as a training tool for local churches. Chapter titles: The ministry of church greeters; The need for warmhearted greeters; Developing a user-friendly foyer; A better way of doing things; The parking lot ministry. A 'Zondervan Practical Ministry Guide.' 73 Pages.

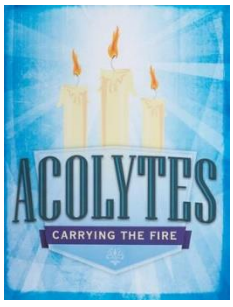


SERVING AS A CHURCH USHER (807189) Author: Parrott, Leslie. Designed for group or individual study, this book discusses the importance of ushering and can be used as a training tool for local churches. Chapter titles: The ministry of ushering; The functions of an usher; An usher's standard of excellence; The authority and responsibility of ushers; Ushers as greeters. A 'Zondervan Practical Ministry Guide.' 74 Pages.



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH: A HANDBOOK FOR GREETERS AND USHERS (815167) Author: Schroeder, Annette. Designed for individual or group study, this booklet provides practical tips for church greeters and ushers. Topics include: what visitors want (and don't want) from greeters, a trade secret -- the acceptance mode, watching for deep need, how to show God's love, emergencies, and more. 48 Pages.

Curriculum sample – available for two-week preview only:



ACOLYTES: CARRYING THE FIRE (921043) Author: Burgner, Greg. This workbook for students instructs young people not only in the nuts-and-bolts of assisting during worship services but also encouraging their spiritual formation. It prepares the way for much of what will be taught in Confirmation classes when they are older. The workbook is written in a conversational way from a fun, kid-centered point of view. The eleven sessions are child oriented but not childish. Learning can be reinforced with the Acolyte Challenge Game at the end of the course (for extra fun, challenge an adult group in your church to match wits against the young acolytes). Ages third grade and higher. **Available for two-week preview only**.