

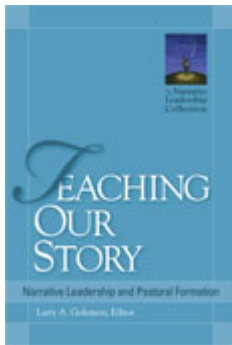
# The Narrative Leadership Collection

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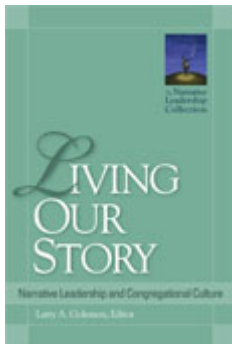
## *Finding Our Story: Narrative Leadership and Congregational Change*

Helping a community of faith "re-vision" its personal and collective narratives is one of the greatest leadership challenges of the age. In *Finding Our Story*, Larry Goleman, lead researcher of the Alban Institute's Narrative Leadership in Ministry project, has assembled essays by congregational consultants who use the power of story to help congregations heal, strengthen, and reinvent themselves. These consultants describe how narrative leadership works, explore its promise and its challenges, and share the practical wisdom of their own experiences along with their favorite models of narrative change to show how congregations can be transformed by reauthoring the operative stories they live by.



## *Teaching Our Story: Narrative Leadership and Pastoral Formation*

*Teaching Our Story* is based on the premise that as congregations become intentional story-forming communities, they can shape the lives of millions of generative, faithful, and civic-minded adults. To do so, a framework that relates narrative work to the full range of congregational life is needed. This book offers such a framework, featuring essays that examine crucial shapers of narrative, outline a course in preaching that addresses crucial questions for today's church leaders, illuminate the creative power of listening to the collective stories of a faith community, and observe what can happen when first-year seminary students are asked to become story brokers—integrating the stories from their communities with biblical stories, their own personal stories, and the theological doctrines formed within the story of their tradition.



## *Living Our Story: Narrative Leadership and Congregational Culture*

*Living Our Story* explores how good narrative work—the retrieval, construction, and performance of valued stories—takes place in ministry. Authors Larry Goleman, Lee Ramsey, Graham Standish, Tim Shapiro, Carol Johnson, Mike Mather, Niles Elliot Goldstein, and Diana Butler Bass examine this question from a variety of perspectives, including the role of the pastor or rabbi as narrative leader, the sacred and mundane stories that shape congregational life and identity, storytelling as a means of community building, and story sharing as a practice of hospitality. Through the stories they themselves tell, these authors show how stories witness to God's presence in the unfolding of human life, and how the best leaders craft stories that reveal how God is at work among the people and inspire them to become a part of this larger story.



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