

## **Resources for Church Councils and Call Committees**

The synod resource center provides congregations with many helpful books and media resources. Online at <http://www.ecsw.org/resourcecenter/brightideas.htm> you can also access sample job descriptions, information regarding background checks, information regarding visioning and many other items you might find helpful during times of transition.

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. **SELECT** also offers a DVD resource called making Mutual Ministry work which can be ordered at: <http://www.selectlearning.org/>

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://www.elca.org/firstcall/>