Due to a number of factors currently influencing clergy in U.S. congregations and institutions, including but not limited to the following:

* Rapidly changing ministry landscape
* Rising educational debt tied to preparation for the ministry
* Declining resources in U.S. congregations
* Distrust of institutions
* Search for quick fixes in institutional leadership
* Mutable family life in America
* Growing needs in American neighborhoods
* Rise of obesity rates among clergy

The Professional Ministries Team calls upon other ABC entities to address and promote conversation, dialogue, and initiatives related to the emotional, physical, social, financial, and spiritual well-being of clergy.

To address these factors, the Professional Ministries Team has compiled a resource list that include various resources for clergy health and leadership that may be found by clicking on the link below…

<http://www.ministerscouncil.org/OnLineManual/documents/BibliographyClergyPMT2012.pdf>

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