

FIRST SEMINAR: JOHN HADDON LEITH

Main Texts

Leith, John H[addon]. *An Introduction to the Reformed Tradition: A Way of Being the Christian Community*, revised edition. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1981. 264 pp.

This book helps set forth the Reformed tradition as understood by the Foundation and as the Foundation seeks to promote it.

_____. *Basic Christian Doctrine*. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993. xviii + 350 pp.

This book intends to set forth the basic doctrine of the Christian faith in clear and understandable language.

_____. *From Generation to Generation: The Renewal of the Church According to Its Own Faith and Practice*. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1990. 223 pp.

This book is an excellent introduction to the nature and practice of the Christian pastoral ministry. By saying what the church is to be and to do, it also says what the minister is to be and to do. In many ways, this sets forth the program of the Foundation.

_____. *The Reformed Imperative: What the Church Has to Say That No One Else Can Say*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1988. 152 pp.

This book intends to articulate the unique message of the Christian faith.

Background Reading

Leith, John H[addon]. *The Church: A Believing Fellowship*, revised edition. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1981. viii + 196 pp.

This introduction was written for young people in a communicant's class. It was later used in the denomination's Sunday School curriculum. It has also been used for adult classes and officer training.

_____. *Assembly at Westminster: Reformed Theology in the Making*. Richmond, Virginia: John Knox Press, 1973. 127 pp.

_____. *John Calvin's Doctrine of the Christian Life*. With a foreword by Albert C. Outler. Ph.D. diss., Yale University, 1949; Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1989. 230 pp.

_____. *Crisis in the Church: The Plight of Theological Education*. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1997. xiii + 125 pp.

This book mounts a sharp critique of the church and its seminaries; to date, the charges have gone unanswered.

_____. *Pilgrimage of a Presbyterian: Collected Shorter Writings*. Edited by Charles E. Raynal. Louisville, Kentucky: Geneva Press, 2001. xx + 363 pp.

These writings, including sermons, articles, addresses, and essays, span six decades. They are not readily available otherwise.

Leith, John H[addon], ed. *Creeds of the Church: A Reader in Christian Doctrine from the Bible to the Present*, third edition, Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1982. x + 736 pp.

_____, ed. *John Calvin—The Christian Life*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1984. xv + 111 pp.