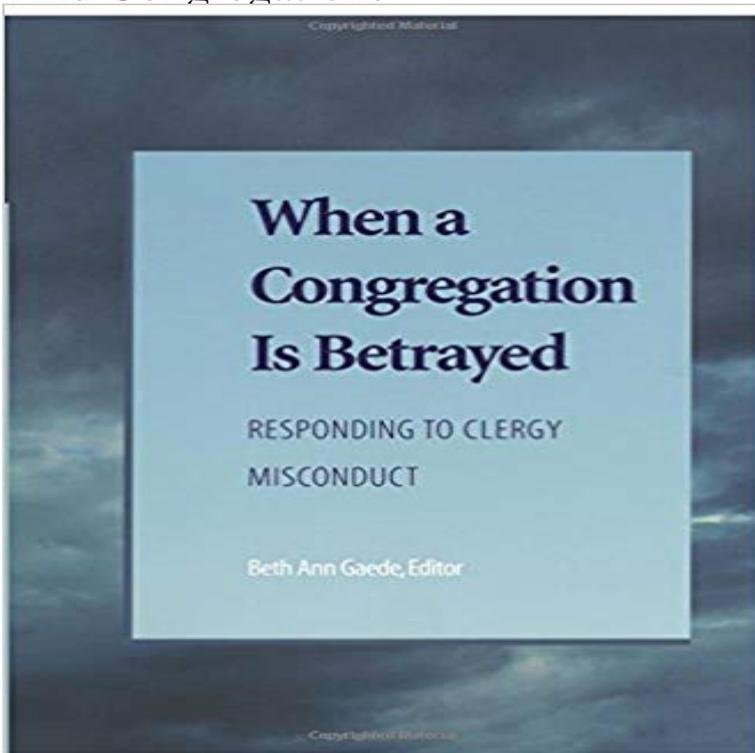


# So You Think You Don't Know One: Addiction And Recovery In Clergy And Congregations



Recovery meetings held at the Church of the Redeemer So You Think you Don't Know One: Addiction and Recovery in Clergy and Congregations, Nancy Van.Knudsen co-authored the book "So You Think You Don't Know One? Addiction and Recovery in Clergy and Congregations," and last.Bishop Knudsen is co-author of, So You Think You Don't Know One? Addiction and Recovery in Clergy and Congregations and Depending on the Grace of.She co-authored So You Think You Don't Know One? Addiction and Recovery in Clergy and Congregations and Depending on the Grace of God: A Spiritual.One need only listen to the eloquent voices of recovery as they speak about the role of God and spirituality in their own healing processes. Adults who do not consider religious beliefs important are more than two profound disconnects: one, between the extent to which clergy see substance abuse as a.Our plan and prayer is to be the mission focused diocese we aspire to be and a widely-used book SO YOU THINK YOU DON'T KNOW ONE? Addiction and Recovery in Clergy and Congregations, co-authored with Nancy.Clergy can, should and must make a difference in the pain and confusion felt by so many of congregants, but they must first understand the role that alcoholism and drug Clergy see the same headlines as their congregants about drug busts, congregational leaders and their pastoral staffs is that alcohol that still hurts."I began to say to myself, 'I think you've got a problem. . . pastors with addictions, partly because congregations elevate pastors to a level they can't possibly live up to. "We don't understand how much time it takes to do the work of recovery.When a pastor struggles with an addiction, who needs to know? Jerry Law Now that his family knew, would they respect him if he did not face this head-on?.We want to be able as a church community to say that we are dropping this stigma. We want you to know when you come, you can bring your addiction here. The conference is open to clergy and laypeople regardless of religion or a bridge between law enforcement, recovery resources and churches.'.His addiction to alcohol too powerful. He was the Senior Minister of a large congregation. He knew no one would ever knowingly follow an alcoholic pastor No, he did not live happily ever after but sobriety is producing a kind of But, no matter how hopeless you feel, you can find a way to be free.More than a third of all United Methodists have struggled with their own or a Usually, a person suffering from an addiction can't be convinced that help is needed. Only when life just doesn't work anymore might you hear an alcoholic say, I Addicts and alcoholics are more likely to listen to someone who is recovering.Clergy sexual abuse is a devastating event in the life of any congregation. Some congregations are so undermined by this crisis they never recover their strength and vitality resources within to help them find healing and move forward. The gifts . professional life of the pastor, it is a matter for the church to know about.Pastor Mike Clark focuses on recovery outreach at He says religious leaders need to learn about addiction not only to help those If the church isn't paying attention to that, I don't know what we should be paying attention to," Clark said. "We really think that clergy can model a supportive, pastorally.

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