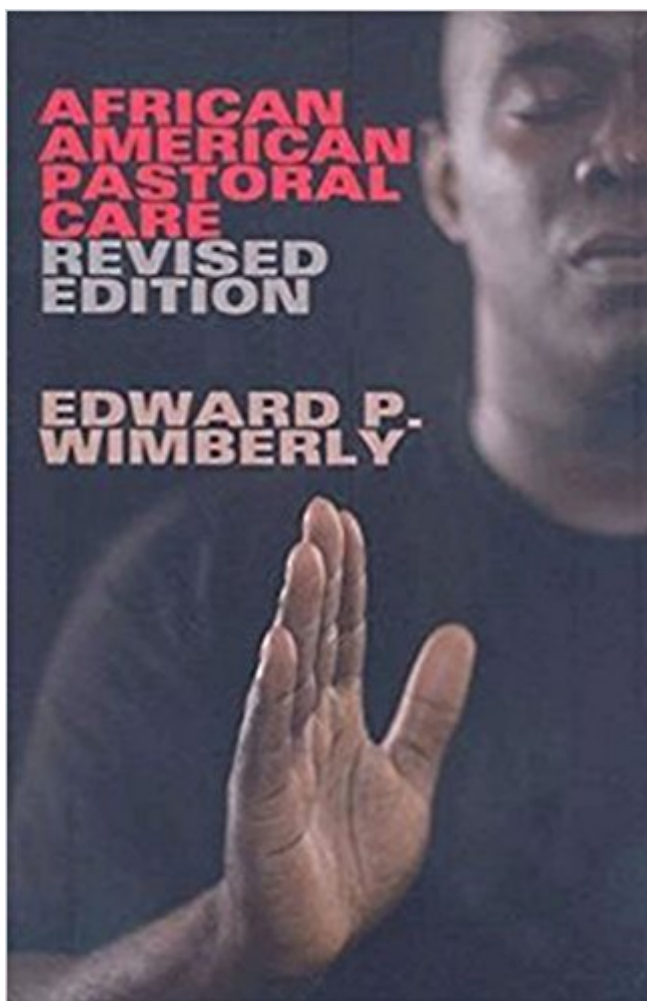


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# African American Pastoral Care: Revised Edition



## Synopsis

Respond to God's unfolding drama to bring healing and reconciliation. In this major revision of his classic book, Dr. Edward Wimberly updates his narrative methodology by examining current issues in African American pastoral care and counseling. "In this new edition, Ed Wimberly reconfigures what comprehensive care means for the African American struggle for dignity and proposes pastoral care approaches to the crisis of disconnection. Using his own narrative, Wimberly courageously describes how pastors and churches can claim a new narrative method for reestablishing the African American village. His paradigm for African American pastoral theology is inspiring." --Homer U. Ashby Jr., W. Clement and Jessie V. Stone Professor of Pastoral Care, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois "Wimberly's revision of his classic work African American Pastoral Care invites readers to reconsider narrative theology as a primary framework for pastoral care in the African American community and congregation. He adds perspectives on human sexuality and other current day issues to this new volume. First-time readers will find themselves taken by Wimberly's own use of narrative as his conceptual and practical wisdom emerges throughout the book." --Teresa E. Snorton, Executive Director, Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Decatur, Georgia

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Edward P. Wimberly shows pastoral counselors how to care for African Americans through a narrative methodology. By linking personal stories and the pastor's stories to the heart language of

the Bible stories, counselors can use God's unfolding drama to bring healing and reconciliation to human lives.

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For starters I do not subscribe to the overall theological approach to culture and Scripture from Wimberly. That being said there are some very good takeaways regarding the need for community and the value of story. In my opinion this is a work where you take what is valuable for you and toss the rest. Again, if you find yourself persuaded by Wimberly's view of culture and Scripture you will enjoy the work.

I am not an African American pastor and so I struggle to truly grasp some of the issues Dr. Wimberly addresses that are specific to that community. However, this book has brought me closer to that understanding in a small way. In reading the book I have discovered many similarities between my community and Dr. Wimberly's, enough that I also find much in his work that has applicability in my white congregation. I am most grateful for the chapter on human sexuality. He has articulated views that closely parallel my own but in a much more succinct and understandable way than I have heretofore been able to do.

While reading through this book there were many ideas and experiences shared that I am sure will help us in certain areas of counseling others. However, there were also many thoughts that seemed as if they were only feasible actions in an African-American church, or that only African-American churches faced these issues. Overall, I was thankful for the insight and the knowledge I gained from the author's wisdom.

Very good book thus far.

"African American Pastoral Care" is Edward Wimberly's 1991 "sequel" to his 1979 "Pastoral Care in the Black Church." In his newer work, Wimberly continues his important focus on sustaining, healing, reconciling, and guiding, while highlighting a new emphasis--pastoral care through narrative. Narrative therapy has been a growing model for at least two decades. Wimberly nicely blends the historical African American use of oral tradition with the insights of post-modern narrative

therapy. In his introduction and first chapter, Wimberly concisely explains the nature of narrative story-telling in African American pastoral care. In each subsequent chapter, he demonstrates how this model can be used in various counseling issues such as addiction, bereavement, life stages, marriage, and family matters. Reviewer: Robert W. Kellemen, Ph.D., is the author of "Soul Physicians," "Spiritual Friends," and "Beyond the Suffering: Embracing the Legacy of African American Soul Care and Spiritual Direction."

Excellent read, book in good condition. However, disliked having to deal with people in South Africa and other countries. I am an American and I would like to speak to Americans. Thanks

This book is a wonderful primer not only for Black pastors but also for those who pastor people of the African diaspora. I am in my seventh year of pastoring and my first year of seminary. I bought the book after seeing a classmate with it. Spread the word about this resource!

Book was delivered timely and as described.

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