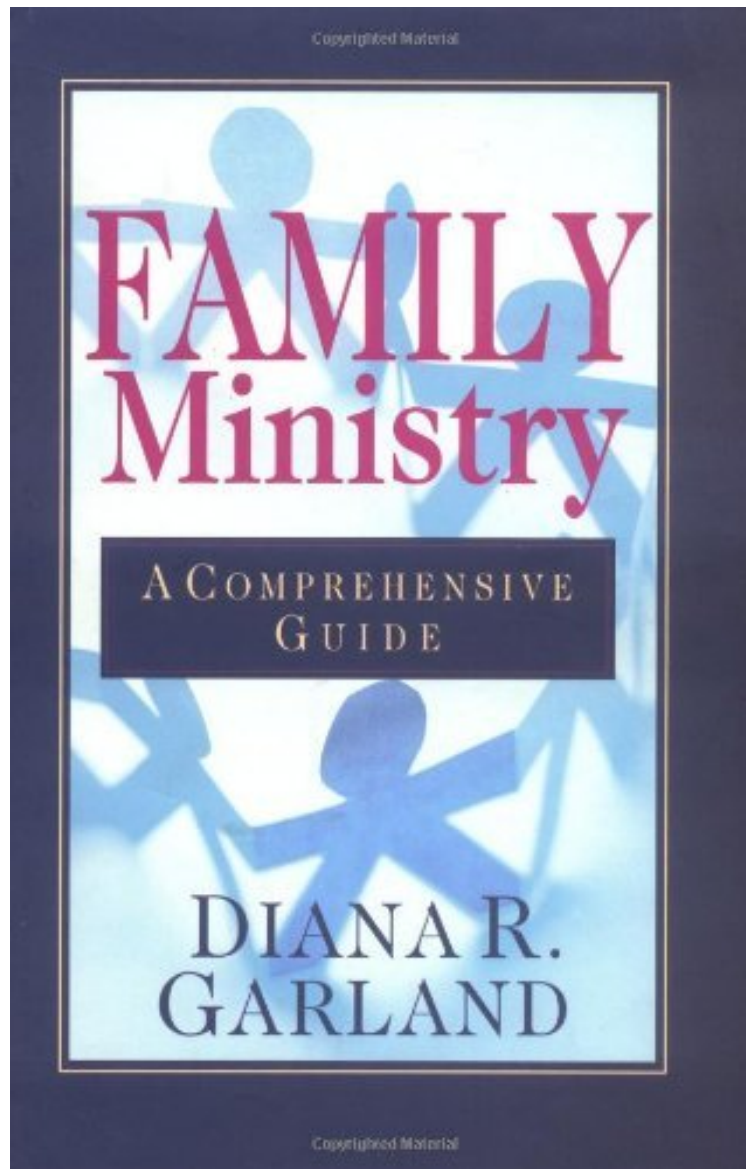


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Diana R. Garland is director of graduate social work education at Baylor University. A longtime leader in the study of family ministry, she is editor of the journal Family Ministry: Empowering Through Faith. Her books include Beyond Companionship: Christians in Marriage, coauthored with David Garland. "Dr. Diana Garland has written the finest work available in family ministry. She graciously shares her wisdom in a way that helps us all respect the dignity and strengths at work in families and the church. She moves us through the preoccupation with the family as 'problem' and into what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ." J. Bradley Wigger, Director, Center for Congregations and Family Ministries, Louisville Seminary "Diana Garland's Family Ministry is a 'must have' book for family ministers--and for all who minister in congregations. The section on assessing the needs for family ministry contains great practical advice on the details of how to find out what ministry is needed in congregation and community and also contains great wisdom about how to use the assessment process to build support for new ministries in the congregation. She gives insight on how to revision every aspect of church life from a family ministry perspective--worship, care, education, even administration--and she helps us see how we can empower families-in-ministry as well as a ministry to families." Ian Evison, The Alban Institute "A comprehensive and well-

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