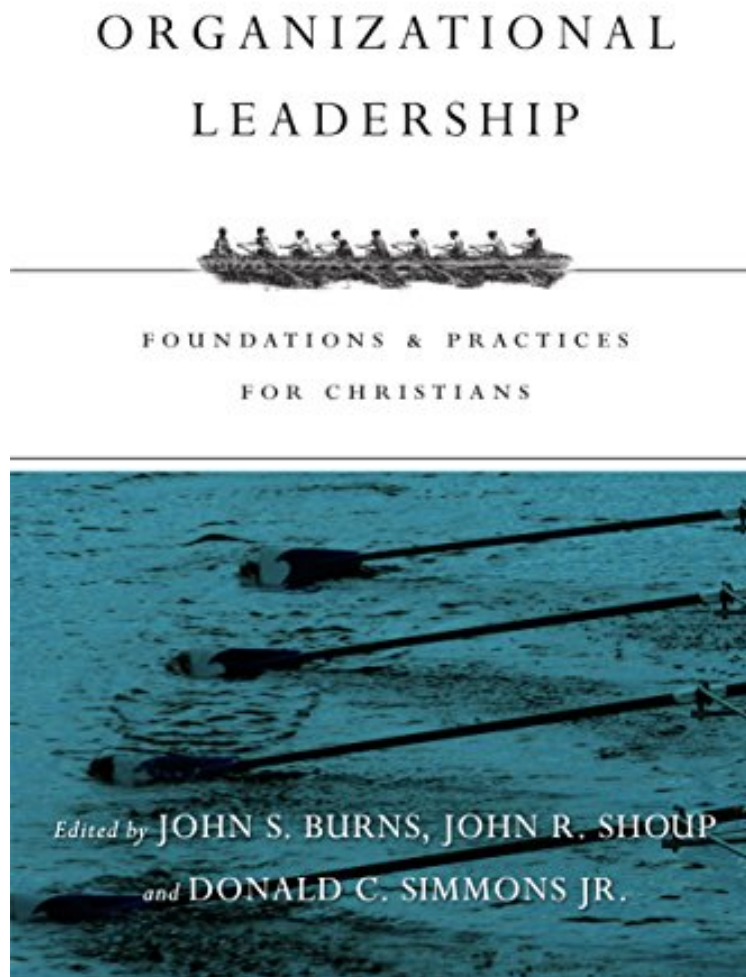


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(Michelle Vondey, Religious Studies, March 2015)
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