

KEEPING CURRENT

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I. In World Affairs

- A. Radio and television
- B. Local and national newspapers
- C. Subscribe to *Christianity Today* (religious world news), *Christian Century* (religious world news).
- D. Get on the mailing lists of missionary agencies.

II. In Practical Ministry Skills

- A. Subscribe to *Leadership*, *Pulpit Helps*, *Discipleship*, *Christian Standard*, and the like.
- B. Attend seminars (National Pastors Conference), ministerial gatherings, conventions (North American Christian Convention, National Missionary Convention, preaching conventions associated with several Bible colleges)

III. In Education

- A. Get on as many publishers' mailing lists as possible.
- B. Enroll in continuing education courses. Several Christian colleges have added graduate programs designed for ministers on the field. Usually these programs meet for two-week periods two or three times a year at various places around the country. A Master of Ministry degree (MM) can be earned in about three years. There are correspondence programs available. If you are located near a graduate school, you may be able to take one course a semester or even other semester.
- C. Buy Cyril Barber's *The Minster's Library* and the supplements that come out every two years. Important books are listed and briefly described from a relatively conservative perspective.