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A Clergyman's Story in White and Black

William H. Barnwell

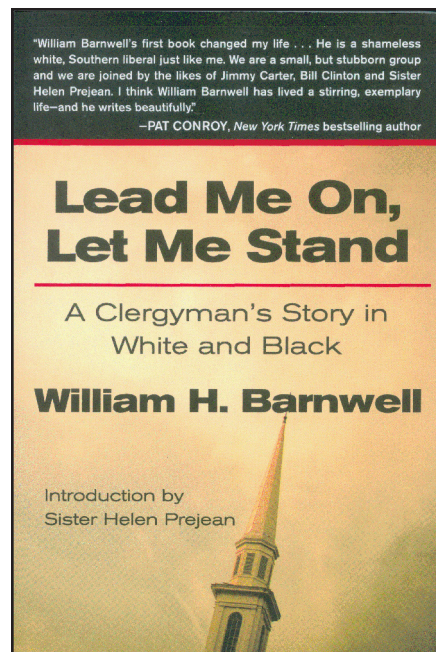
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William Barnwell was born in Charleston, South Carolina, attended the University of the South, and graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary. His ministry has taken him from New Orleans to Boston to Washington, D.C. and full circle back to New Orleans, where he currently works at the mostly African American All Souls Episcopal Church and Community Center in the Lower Ninth Ward and does prison outreach through a national program called Kairos. He is the author of *In Richard's World: The Battle of Charleston, 1966* (republished by the University of South Carolina Press), as well as the textbooks *Writing for a Reason*, *The Resourceful Writer*, and *Reflections: A Thematic Reader*.

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