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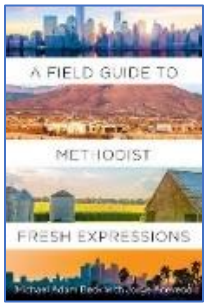


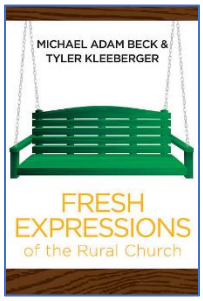
FIELD GUIDE TO METHODIST FRESH EXPRESSIONS (820073) Author: Beck, Michael Adam and Acevedo, Jorge. Pastors Michael Beck and Jorge Acevedo travel nationwide awakening congregational leaders to a distinctively Wesleyan approach to the Fresh Expressions movement, saying, in fact, that Fresh Expressions is the most "Methodist" thing in the denomination today. In this book, they remind Wesleyans of their roots and show congregations how to bring that tradition into modern day, yet local, contexts. Chapters: A vile movement begins in the fields; Jesus is Lord of neighborhoods and networks; The work of the Holy Spirit in the space of flows; A God-shaped church - one and threeness; New field preachers - pioneer ministry; Masterpiece beneath the mess - a journey of grace; Jesus and the new pantheon; A God of 'withness' in a world of hurt; O give me that book!; Grace-filled waters and open table; A mission with a church, not a church with a mission; God of the dumpster dive. 192 Pages.



FRESH EXPRESSIONS IN A DIGITAL AGE: HOW THE CHURCH CAN PREPARE FOR A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD (821079) Author: Beck, Michael Adam and Picardo, Rosario. Recognize the digital space as its own kind of third place, a new missional frontier. The idea of doing missional work in a "third place," a public place separate from the usual social environments of home and workplace, is nothing new. Cafes, pubs, theaters, and parks have been used as third-place environments for some time now. But, as with most things, the pandemic changed everything. Workplaces and public arenas closed to help stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus, leaving us with only the first place—in the home—which, in turn, became a new kind of third place: the digital space. This book explores the digital space as a new missional frontier and alerts congregations to reevaluate what the Church is, where and when it can happen, and who can lead it. Chapters: The digital age; The COVID-19 reset; Hybridity – the post-pandemic church; Digital worship – liturgy, lectionary, and utilizing free-tech; Digital incarnation – rethinking evangelism and discipleship; Cultivating digital fresh expressions; Going old-school in a new-school world; From monologues to dialogues; A missional posture of placefulness. Includes discussion questions. 177 Pages.



FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF PEOPLE OVER PROPERTY (820072) Author: Warren, Audrey and Carter, Kenneth. Scripture, Stories, and Strategies to Help People of Faith Reimaging Their Space. Authors Audrey Warren and Kenneth Carter Jr. explore how to rethink the way we utilize the space we inhabit, helping leaders reimagine their community spaces so that the church reflects this truth: God's people value each other and the community more than property. Includes discussion questions. 121 Pages.



FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF THE RURAL CHURCH (822016) Author: Beck, Michael Adam and Kleeberger, Tyler. Can rural congregations flourish again? Can new Christian communities succeed in rural areas? Could healthy rural churches catalyze a better future for their declining communities? Collecting stories from the diversity of rural contexts across the US, this book lays out a fresh theology for rural life and offers principles for harnessing the potential of what some consider the forgotten spaces. Each chapter includes a Field Exercise with questions for discussion and suggested actions for leadership teams to work through together and a Field Story illustrating how the chapter's main ideas can work in a real church setting. Chapters: Start digging here; The state of rural places – welcome to the wilderness; The hope of the rural church – on being thornbushes; Rethinking the parish – barns and bodies; Learning to die somewhere – the necessity of belonging in rural churches; Circles that heal – recovering the art of neighborliness; Preaching non-downloadable content; Cultivating the kingdom of God – place economy; Field cred – key ingredients to rural church leadership; Somewhereness and somebodiness; Koinonia liturgy. Includes bibliography. 147 Pages.



FRESH EXPRESSIONS: A NEW KIND OF METHODIST CHURCH FOR PEOPLE NOT IN CHURCH (817101) Author: Carter, Kenneth H., Jr. and Warren, Audrey. A wave of new Methodist churches is emerging to reach unchurched and dechurched people who live in a culture that is increasingly nonreligious and multireligious. These new forms of church gather people who typically have never been to church. The new faith communities listen to people and meet there where they are on their journey toward Jesus. They are deeply ecumenical without losing their distinctiveness because they learn fresh ways to communicate their identity through faithful discipleship. The Fresh Expressions movement began in the United Kingdom, where it ignited over 3,000 new faith communities. Now this movement has been captured and written down to share with others who are in the grip of Holy Spirit motivation to renew their tradition. Each chapter includes two complete plans for group conversation and Bible study. *2019 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development 124 Pages.