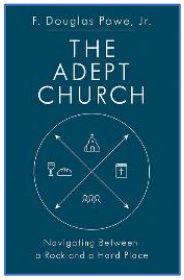


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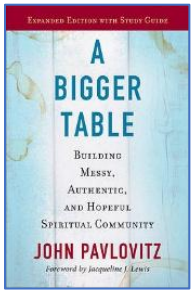
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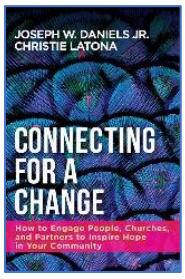
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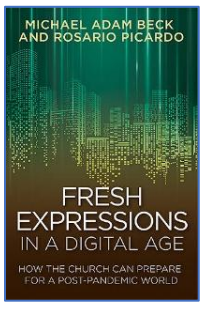
ADEPT CHURCH: NAVIGATING BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE (820052) Author: Powe, F. Douglas, Jr. F. Douglas Powe offers an approach for strategic development and decision-making, maps out a clear process for leading congregations to define their reality, and guides them to determine the church's best, most purposeful way forward. Includes discussion questions. 105 Pages.



BIGGER TABLE: BUILDING MESSY, AUTHENTIC, AND HOPEFUL SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY (820185) Author: Pavlovitz, John. Expanded Edition with Study Guide. John Pavlovitz invites readers to envision a church that is big enough for everyone, by holding up a mirror to the modern church and speaking clearly on issues at the heart of the Christian community: LGBT inclusion, gender equality, racial tensions, global concerns, and theological shifts. He shares moving personal stories, his careful observations as a pastor, and his understanding of the ancient stories of Jesus to set the table for a new, positive, more loving conversation on these and other important matters of faith. Includes a small-group study guide for a seven-session study and ideas for exploring the topics in a congregation-wide sermon series. 211 Pages.



CONNECTING FOR A CHANGE: HOW TO ENGAGE PEOPLE, CHURCHES, AND PARTNERS TO INSPIRE HOPE IN YOUR COMMUNITY (819087) Author: Daniels, Joseph, Jr. and Latona, Christie. This book provides practical and systematic instruction on how to implement a Mission Strategy in your faith community. It attempts to help bishops, superintendents, judicatory leaders, clergy, laity, and congregations learn how to develop vibrant ecosystems that support all people having life and living it to the full. Chapters: Build relationships; Organize people; Utilize assets; Liberate congregations; Inspire hope; Tips for judicatory leaders. Learn more and download free resources at www.connectingforachange.org 99 Pages.

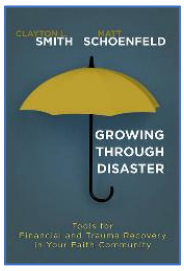


FRESH EXPRESSIONS IN A DIGITAL AGE: HOW THE CHURCH CAN PREPARE FOR A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD (821079) Author: Beck, Michael Adam and Picardo, Rosario. Recognize the digital space as its own kind of third place, a new missional frontier. The idea of doing missional work in a "third place," a public place 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;

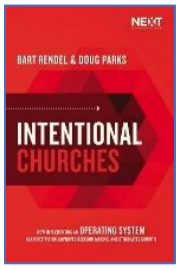
Hybridity – the post-pandemic church; Digital worship – liturgy, lectionary, and utilizing free-tech; Digital incarnation – rethinking evangelism and discipleship; Cultivating digital fresh expressions; Going old-school in a new-school world; From monologues to dialogues; A missional posture of placefulness. Includes discussion questions. 177 Pages.



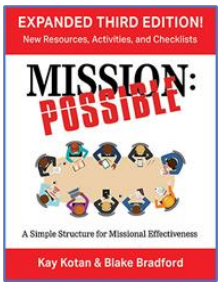
FROM FRANCHISE TO LOCAL DIVES: MULTIPLYING YOUR CHURCH BY DISCOVERING YOUR CONTEXTUAL FLAVOR (820075) Author: Moore, Jason and Picardo, Rosario. Authors Jason Moore and Rosario Picardo encourage church leaders to learn about and adapt to their local communities. Chapters: Introduction; Franchise - established churches; The local drive - organic communities; Menu planning - the covenant agreement; Eat fresh - new possibilities; Discovering your local flavor - incarnational ministry; Team cuisine - fostering collaboration; Worth the wait - essential ingredients; To go box - next steps. 238 Pages.



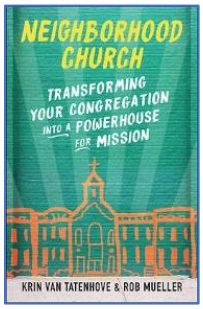
GROWING THROUGH DISASTER: TOOLS FOR FINANCIAL AND TRAUMA RECOVERY IN YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY (819122) Author: Smith, Clayton and Schoenfeld, Matt. This book shows faith communities how to come together to combat hopelessness and gain/regain financial strength after a disaster. No matter the type of disaster, the authors' vast experience in assisting communities through recovery can help lead your own community through the process of spiritually-rooted renewal and revitalization. Chapters: Relief - how the church can help; Recovery - five steps for trauma healing; Restoration - reigniting hope; Assessment - taking your financial pulse; Spending plan - money management strategies; Planning - your financial recovery plan. Also includes six small group studies: Victim and volunteer - caring matters; Five tasks for trauma healing; Reigniting hope through love; Recovering your financial life; Building Your money management plan; Planning for your financial future. Includes appendices. 158 Pages.



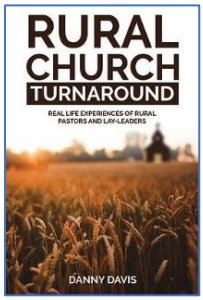
INTENTIONAL CHURCHES (820063) Author: Rendel, Bart and Parks, Doug. How Implementing an Operating System Clarifies Vision, Improves Decision Making, and Stimulates Growth. Chapters: The intentional leader; Eight church OS fundamentals; The great commission engine; Squatters, cul-de-sacs, and buffets; Who is your ONE?; The engagement pathway; Double vision; Visionary decisions; Go and grow. Includes bibliography. 246 Pages.



MISSION POSSIBLE 3+: A SIMPLE STRUCTURE FOR MISSIONAL EFFECTIVENESS (821073) Author: Kotan, Kay and Bradford, Blake. In this book, the authors have re-written and updated their best-selling resource for local churches to better assist congregations seeking to use the simplified, accountable leadership structure, often called the one-board model. They remind the reader that meetings are not ministry. The idea of the simplified, accountable leadership structure is to focus on ministry while making meetings fewer in number but larger in meaning. In this third edition of the bestselling book aimed at congregational leaders, particularly United Methodists, the authors provide practical, field-tested steps to simplify your church structure, practice accountable leadership, and unleash more people into ministry. Too often churches try to simplify their structures by just having less meetings and having fewer people at the meeting table. But real simplification and accountable leadership means that meetings – and leaders – are transformed. Kay Kotan and Blake Bradford walk you through the three distinct phases: discern the right path, equip participants for accountable leadership, and implement both the technical and adaptive changes to simplify your structure and align your resources for missional effectiveness. This expanded and updated version also includes two new sections: a section chock full of 26 indispensable resources and an exclusive nearly 40-page brand-new, judicatory section. This expansive resource is packed with invaluable tools for leadership board members, pastors, nominating committee members, and judicatory leaders. The authors share the latest best practices from working with hundreds of congregations of all sizes and thousands of leaders from across the nation. 288 Pages.



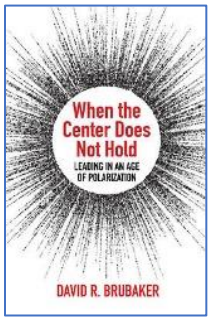
NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH: TRANSFORMING YOUR CONGREGATION INTO A POWERHOUSE FOR MISSION (819058) Author: Van Tatenhove, Krin and Mueller, Rob. This book discusses ABCD - asset-based community development - and how churches can use it to cultivate connections within their communities, mobilizing the capacities of everyone involved to produce change from within and create partnerships that discover and stimulate benefits for everyone involved. Chapters: Communal conversion; The DNA of listening; Transforming partnership; Integrating our space; Sustaining the vision. Includes discussion questions, notes for an asset mapping workshop, suggestions for joint use agreements, six dimensions of a partnership, and a bibliography of asset mapping resources. 136 Pages.



RURAL CHURCH TURNAROUND: REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES OF RURAL PASTORS AND LAY-LEADERS (820124) Author: Davis, Danny. Declining or plateauing rural churches do not have to die; they can live and become an influence for good in their communities. Unfortunately, many rural churches will close after decades of faithful service. Revitalizing a declining or plateauing rural church requires visionary pastoral leadership and the cooperative work of lay leaders. In this book, Davis explores real-life experiences of rural pastors and lay-leaders who have led their congregations to a turnaround. He provides an honest and sometimes painful glimpse into the realities of leading a declining rural church, including his own, back to life. Through these experiences, you will learn to navigate a myriad of cultural and changes needed to revitalize your dying or plateauing rural congregation. The journey to rural church turnaround is hard, but Davis lays out the leadership characteristics and actions essential to making it happen. Chapters: The decline of the rural church; Life Point Church; Transformational leadership and the rural church; New Life Church – Barnett; Licking Assembly of God; New Life Church – Farmington; Communication and conflict; Facing challenges head on; The pattern within the turnaround experience; The language of the turnaround experience; The realities of the turnaround experience; Revitalizing small rural churches. Incudes bibliography. 147 Pages.



SUNDAY COMES EVERY WEEK: DAILY HABITS FOR THE BUSY PREACHER (820053) Author: Honeycutt, Frank. Using the days of the week as a framework, Frank Honeycutt describes practical and essential tasks leading up to the writing and delivery of the Sunday sermon. With humor and candid acknowledgment of his own mistakes and doubts, he reflects on the joys and hazards of ministry and explains how a faithful process of preaching shapes pastors for a lifetime of healthy ministry. Chapters: Monday – listening; Tuesday – hearing; Wednesday – exegeting; Thursday – naming; Reflecting – a pastor looks back; Friday – writing; Saturday – rehearsing; Sunday – offering. Includes bibliography. 156 Pages.



WHEN THE CENTER DOES NOT HOLD: LEADING IN AN AGE OF POLARIZATION (820001) Author: Brubaker, David, editor. This book provides tools and processes that will equip leaders to both manage themselves and effectively lead others in highly polarized and anxious systems. Chapter titles and authors: Understanding polarization (David Brubaker); Leadership and polarization (David Brubaker); Communicating across the divide (Everett Brubaker); Trauma, polarization, and connection (Carolyn Yoder); Weathering polarization with resilience (Teresa Haase); Transforming polarization (David Brubaker); Love that transforms (David Brubaker). Includes bibliography. 138 Pages.