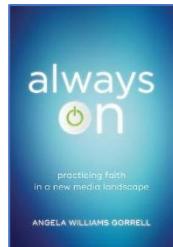




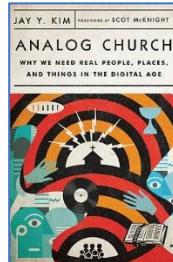
## Ministry in a post-pandemic and online/digital world

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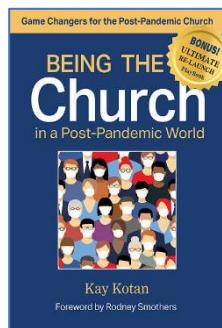
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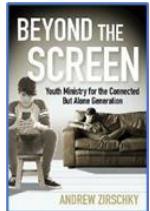
**ALWAYS ON: PRACTICING FAITH IN A NEW MEDIA LANDSCAPE (821037)** Author: Gorrell, Angela Williams. Many of us are "always on"--scrolling through social media, checking email, or searching the web. New media spaces can be sites and instruments of God's unconditional love, but they can also nurture harmful conditions and become sources of anxiety, jealousy, and despondency. This book helps us understand the world of social media and engage it faithfully, enabling Christian communities to address its use in constructive, pastoral ways. Chapters: Interested conversation; Traversing the new media terrain; Shaping stories; Online Jesus; The convergence; Glorious possibilities. Includes discussion questions, bibliography, and index. 183 Pages.



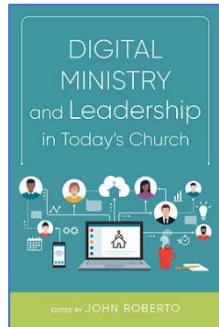
**ANALOG CHURCH: WHY WE NEED REAL PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS IN THE DIGITAL AGE (820125)** Author: Kim, Jay. What does it mean to be an analog church in a digital age? In recent decades the digital world has taken over our society at nearly every level, and the church has increasingly followed suit--often in ways we're not fully aware of. But as even the culture at large begins to reckon with the limits of a digital world, it's time for the church to take stock. Are online churches, video venues, and brighter lights truly the future? What about the digital age's effect on discipleship, community, and the Bible? As a pastor in Silicon Valley, Jay Kim has experienced the digital church in all its splendor. In this book, he grapples with the ramifications of a digital church, from our worship and experience of Christian community to the way we engage Scripture and sacrament. Could it be that in our efforts to stay relevant in our digital age, we've begun to give away the very thing that our age most desperately needs: transcendence? Could it be that the best way to reach new generations is in fact found in a more timeless path? Could it be that at its heart, the church has really been analog all along? Chapters: EDM and grandma's church – the relevance of transcendence; Slow and steady – why go analog?; Cameras, copycats and caricatures – worship in the digital age; To engage and to witness – analog worship; Rebuilding Babel – community in the digital age; A tax collector and a zealot walk in to a CrossFit – analog community; Jackpot! – Scripture in the digital age; Howtoreadabook – analog Scripture; The meal at the center of history – communion; Blinded by the light – where do we go from here? Includes discussion questions. 203 Pages.



**BEING THE CHURCH IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD: GAME CHANGERS FOR THE POST-PANDEMIC CHURCH (821045)** Author: Kotan, Kay. As the church begins to emerge from the pandemic, our role is changing. It was already changing pre-pandemic, but the change is sure to escalate drastically post-pandemic. This book is designed to serve as a guide to what conversations might be helpful for you and your church's leadership. It is to be used as a tool, not an instrument of judgement or criticism. This resource was created out of a heart full of love for the local church and the hope it will be helpful in finding our next faithful steps to being the vital church in the post-pandemic world. Chapters: The pandemic's arrival; Now what; Flexibility; Relational; Vision; Spiritually grounded; Commitment; Innovative; Resilience; Courage; Next steps; Ultimate relaunch playbook. Includes discussion questions. Larger than average print. 162 Pages.



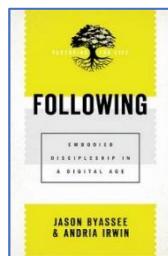
**BEYOND THE SCREEN: YOUTH MINISTRY FOR THE CONNECTED BUT ALONE GENERATION (816027)** Author: Zirscky, Andrew. Author Andrew Zirscky examines the latest research on adolescence and digital media through the lens of theological reflection and charts a compelling new direction for youth ministry in the digital age. Includes bibliography. 160 Pages.



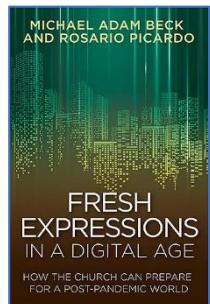
**DIGITAL MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S CHURCH (822020)** Author: Roberto, John, editor. Filled with reflection and discussion questions, how-to information, and examples, this book is designed for pastors, ministry leaders, and faith formation leaders in Christian churches who want to initiate, develop, enhance, or grow their use of digital platforms, tools, methods, and media to further their mission and ministries. No matter what your level of confidence, comfort, and competency in digital ministry, you will find ideas, strategies, guidance, and support for your next steps, personally, and for your church community. Chapters: The digital transformation of church; Digital tools and methods for ministry and faith formation; Community and relationship building in virtual spaces; Faith formation in the digital age; Curation of digital media for ministry and faith formation; Leadership for digital ministry. Includes bibliography. 126 Pages.



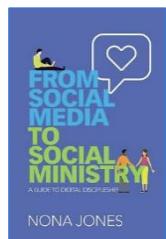
**E-GIVING GUIDE FOR EVERY CHURCH: USING DIGITAL TOOLS TO GROW MINISTRY (817115)** Author: Rogers, Richard. Richard Rogers gives information about electronic giving for churches considering this tool and for churches who are already using it and want to do more. 90 Pages.



**FOLLOWING: EMBODIED DISCIPLESHIP IN A DIGITAL AGE (821081)** Author: Byassee, Jason and Irwin, Andria. This book offers theological perspectives on the challenges of discipleship in a digital age, showing how new technologies and the rise of social media affect the way we interact with each other, ourselves, and the world. Written by a Gen X digital immigrant and a Millennial digital native, the book explores a faithful response to today's technology as we celebrate our embodied roles as followers of Christ in a disembodied time. Chapters: The end is near; Putting on the new self; A pastoral personality; The opposite of technology; Jesus's own family; Undistracted friendship; The internet is (kind of) a place; Virtual virtue; Daring to speak for God; No unmediated God. Includes discussion questions and index. Part of the 'Pastoring for Life: Theological Wisdom for Ministering Well' series. 185 Pages.

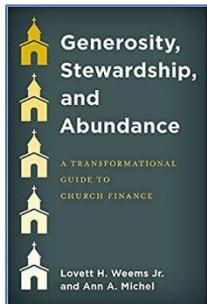


**FRESH EXPRESSIONS IN A DIGITAL AGE: HOW THE CHURCH CAN PREPARE FOR A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD (821079)** Author: Beck, Michael Adam and Picardo, Rosario. Recognize the digital space as its own kind of third place, a new missional frontier. The idea of doing missional work in a "third place," a public place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

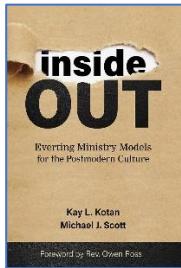


**FROM SOCIAL MEDIA TO SOCIAL MINISTRY: A GUIDE TO DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP (820116)** Author: Jones, Nona. Nona Jones, a globally acclaimed thought leader on leveraging technology for ministry, has been leading a movement and sounding the alarm for several years to make digital discipleship a central part of every church's ministry approach. In this book, she outlines her digital discipleship principles and provides practical instruction for how to do it no matter how big or small a local church may be. There are plenty of books to help churches build a social media strategy, but this is the first book of its kind that goes beyond digital marketing to digital ministry. Chapters: The moment everything changed; Numbers don't lie; Returning to discipleship; Social media primer; Why Facebook?; Anatomy of a Facebook campus; Planning your Facebook

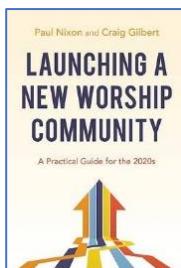
campus; Building your Facebook campus; Launching your Facebook campus; Leading your Facebook campus; Growing your Facebook campus; For the kingdom – final thoughts. 154 Pages.



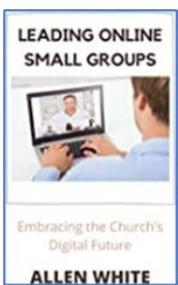
**GENEROSITY, STEWARDSHIP, AND ABUNDANCE: A TRANSFORMATIONAL GUIDE TO CHURCH FINANCE (821050)** Author: Weems, Lovett and Michel, Ann. Chapters: The spirituality of money; Generosity and the way of God; What faith teaches about giving; Pledging and commitment campaigns; Fostering faithful giving; The digital offering plate; The biblical concept of stewardship; Stewardship of personal finances; Stewardship of congregational resources; Building and funding an operating budget; Building and funding a capital budget; Building and financing an endowment; The importance of paying attention; Financial oversight and integrity; God's promise of abundance; Recognizing the value of physical assets; Best practices when renting your space to others; New partners and new possibilities; Developing a comprehensive year-round stewardship program; Leadership for stewardship. Includes bibliography and index. 187 Pages.



**INSIDE OUT: EVERTING MINISTRY MODELS FOR THE POSTMODERN CULTURE (822015)** Author: Kotan, Kay and Scott, Michael. As we evert the church model for the postmodern, post-Christian world, we need to evert, turn inside out, many of our thoughts and beliefs about how we go about “doing” church. This is NOT about changing our beliefs but about changing how we engage in ministry. There is urgent kingdom work that needs to be done. The postmodern, post-Christian world is suffering. People are more connected digitally than any prior generation but find themselves lonelier than ever before. Our neighbors seek hope, meaning, and a sense of community and belonging. Mental health is in crisis with staggering levels of depression and anxiety. While our neighbors struggle and need help, so many churches are ill-equipped for this work, the kind of work the church should be the very best at providing. After all, we have the Good News. Sadly, though, our methods of sharing this Good News and reaching others outside our congregations are no longer relevant, so it is as though the church is mute and the community culture is deaf or vice versa. In this book, authors Kay Kotan and Michael Scott unpack resources for the ever-emerging church in the American culture. If the church is to be relevant, compelling, and faithful in its commission to reach new people, we must embrace these trends and plot a new course to navigate them in our local contexts. The need for this navigation and course correction is critical, and the timing is urgent. We have no time to waste. The church has remained hesitant for too long as culture has charged forward by leaps and bounds. There is no more waiting; the time is now. The mission is too important to delay any longer. Chapters: Moving away from Sunday-centric; Moving away from building-centric; Moving away from offering-plate dependency; Becoming emotionally and culturally competent; Moving towards Christian social entrepreneurship. 150 Pages.

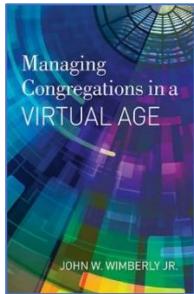


**LAUNCHING A NEW WORSHIP COMMUNITY: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE 2020s (821098)** Author: Nixon, Paul and Gilbert, Craig. For many churches, the call to make disciples comes with a realization that the church's current worship opportunities do not reach certain groups in their surrounding community. New worship services offer the most promising strategy for renewing established churches and planting new worship communities. In a post-pandemic world, churches will be challenged to reach new people with the gospel and to help them meet in a way that is meaningful to them. Accessible to ministry professionals and lay leaders, this book is a comprehensive guide to starting a new worship community---whether that means an established church beginning a new worship service or a church startup designing its first worship offering. The authors, writing with a team of church planting experts, provide practical advice rooted in solid academics, theology, and real-world experience. With this guide, readers will have the tools they need to begin and sustain a new worship community. Topics include: why start a new gathering?; focusing on a particular set of people; developing a culture of invitation; nurturing multiethnicity; connecting well in a digital world; assembling your launch team; offering world-class hospitality; and more (32 topics in all). 238 Pages.

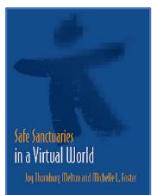


**LEADING ONLINE SMALL GROUPS: EMBRACING THE CHURCH'S DIGITAL FUTURE (821015)** Author: White, Allen. Online groups aren't new. The author started his first online small group in 1994 on CompuServe with a dial-up modem. While they're not new, online groups are next. Apart from the technology, there are many commonalities between online small groups and offline small groups, yet they are not exactly the same. With online groups people are not gathered in the same room and in some cases, they're not even in the same state, province, or country. Online groups are portable - snowbirds can stay connected whether they're in the North or the South. Online groups break down many limitations - time of day, distance, and travel no longer deter online groups. Whether the group meets by video, audio, or asynchronously (and even occasionally in-person), online groups provide flexibility to both make disciples and engage spiritual seekers.

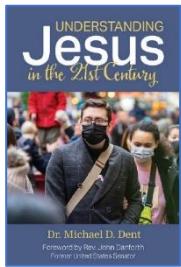
Based on his own experience with online small groups as well as his general experience with small groups, he guides you through the complexity of online groups and relationship in general. Chapters: Starting your online group; Staying healthy as an online group leader; Planning your first online group meeting; Sharing leadership; Making disciples; Leading your group; Setting online group boundaries; Starting new online groups. 166 Pages.



**MANAGING CONGREGATIONS IN A VIRTUAL AGE (821078)** Author: Wimberly, John. In this book, John W. Wimberly Jr. draws on the experience of the business community, and on a diverse group of skilled pastors and rabbis, as he lays out the opportunities and challenges of working from home for congregations and staff, offering principles and best practices for successfully managing remote workers and ministries. He focuses on how congregational leaders can ensure accountability and productivity, create a sense of staff as a team, help older staff members learn how to work from home, and determine what hardware and software staff members and the congregation need to support effective communication. Chapters: Managing people; Managing information, resources, workflow, and culture; Staff teams in a virtual world; Virtually managing a congregation's program and life; Life at home and in the workplace in a virtual world. Includes discussion questions and bibliography. 151 Pages.



**SAFE SANCTUARIES IN A VIRTUAL WORLD (814217)** Author: Melton, Joy Thornburg and Foster, Michelle. This book discusses safe practices for churches in the digital age. Topics include: copyright, cell phones, social media, pornography, obscenity, and more. Includes plans for a model training event to be used with volunteer and paid church leaders. Also includes sample forms. 111 Pages.



**UNDERSTANDING JESUS IN THE 21ST CENTURY (821036)** Author: Dent, Michael. In this book, Dr. Michael Dent discusses current issues and topics and invites individual readers and small groups to see them through a spiritual lens. Chapters: Introduction; Jesus and racism; Jesus and politics - I have a candidate; Jesus and politics - how faithful people can change politics; Looking for transformational leaders; Jesus and Jews – what about our Jewish friends?; Jesus and other religions – one way or many?; Jesus and human sexuality – bringing the 'L word' (love) home; Jesus the refugee; Jesus and the Most Interesting Man in the World; Jesus and football; Jesus and Christopher Columbus; Jesus and Willie Nelson; Jesus and Osama bin Laden; Jesus and contentment; Jesus in a pandemic world; Jesus and 4-G Thanksgiving; Jesus and pets; Jesus and my life purpose. Includes discussion questions. 159 Pages.

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