

New Year, New Possibilities!

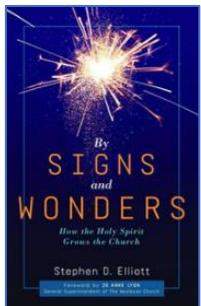
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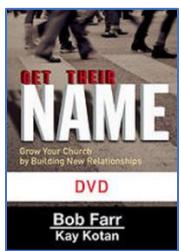
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DVDs:



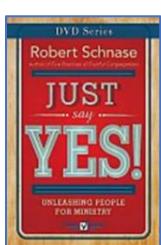
BY SIGNS AND WONDERS: HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT GROWS THE CHURCH (102170) Author: Elliott, Stephen. In this nine-session DVD study, Stephen Elliott takes a close look at evangelism. How did the good news of Jesus Christ spread in the years following Jesus' life? What methods have been used to see entire communities converted in the great revivals of the past? Why has the recent rise of friendship/lifestyle evangelism fallen so short of producing disciples? This study provides laity and Christian leaders with critically important insight into how to more effectively evangelize a lost and dying world. Sessions: 1) Ineffective and confused (3 min.); 2) The Bible study and visit (12 min.); 3) Current realities and persuasion (14 min.); 4) Evangelistic miracles in Church history (6 min.); 5) The Holy Spirit and the great revivals of the past (10 min.); 6) The Holy Spirit in evangelism today (9 min.); 7) The experiment begins (6 min.); 8) Applications to the local church (23 min.); 9) Conclusion (11 min.). Includes paperback book. 98 Minutes.



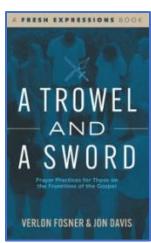
GET THEIR NAME: GROW YOUR CHURCH BY BUILDING NEW RELATIONSHIPS (107091) Author: Farr, Bob with Kotan, Kay. This kit is designed to help people learn how to share their faith and create a culture of invitation in their church. DVD sessions: 1) Do you know your own story? (3 min.); 2) The person behind the need (3 min.); 3) Being an everyday Christian (3 min.); 4) Are you prepared? (5 min.). The kit includes a DVD, a coordinator's guide, participant workbook, the original paperback book, and a workbook for an in-depth study of the original book. 14 Minutes.



INCREASING ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT (109049) Author: Michel, Miner, Smothers, Weems. This DVD/CD-ROM resource includes two DVD presentations, six video presentations, and printable handouts. DVD segments: 1) Changing patterns of congregational engagement, Lovett Weems (24 min.); 2) Connecting people to their purpose, Jasmine Smothers (20 min.). The resource CD-ROM includes five video presentations: 1) The art of asking, Ann Michel (21 min.); 2) Connecting people through affinity or support groups, Barbara Miner (21 min.); 3) Developing a year-round plan for increasing engagement, Lovett Weems (18 min.); 4) Keeping people involved, Ann Michel (21 min.); 5) Missional outreach as a way to build engagement, Jasmine Smothers (21 min.); 6) Ways to increase frequency of worship attendance, Lovett Weems (16 min.). The CD-ROM also includes printed materials for all presentations.

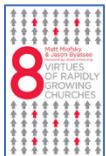


JUST SAY YES! UNLEASHING PEOPLE FOR MINISTRY (110055) Author: Schnase, Robert. Offering tools to encourage a permission-giving culture in your church, these resources for leaders and congregants will help your church implement the strategies and tactics in the book 'Just Say Yes!' Materials can be used for a single-day retreat, three separate sessions of one or two hours each, or as six shorter sessions of about 30 to 45 minutes each. Topics: Uncover the 'no's; Unlock the power of 'yes'; 'Unleash a culture of 'yes.' This kit includes DVD, leader's guide, participant guide, and paperback book. 49 Minutes.



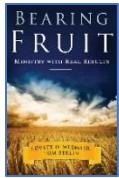
A TROWEL AND A SWORD: PRAYER PRACTICES FOR THOSE ON THE FRONTLINES OF THE GOSPEL (120086) Author: Fosner, Verlon. On the front lines of the gospel, Christians are in the business of kicking in the front door of the strongman and plundering his house—removing people he has worked hard to oppress. Accordingly, prayer must take on a declarative, bold, and authoritative tone. To show up on the front lines of the gospel without this form of prayer is the equivalent of bringing the proverbial knife to a gunfight. This conflict becomes more acute as a church becomes more effective at reaching lost people. In Nehemiah, after the group became effective at working with the trowel in building the wall, there came a time when their enemies gathered, and they had to become skilled with the sword. What a picture for an effective gospel worker: a trowel of evangelism in one hand and a sword of prayer in the other. In this DVD study, Verlon Fosner shares a vision of what happens when an effective prayer strategy pairs with an effective evangelism strategy. This kit includes a DVD (with a video segment for each chapter of the book) and the paperback book. Sessions: 1) Prayer billabongs (7 min.); 2) Effective evangelism and subsequent war (10 min.); 3) A simple theology of prayer (10 min.); 4) Inviting the Kingdom onto Earth (13 min.); 5) Focused on the family rescue business (11 min.); 6) Willing to wait upon God (12 min.); 7) The historic cry for boldness (11 min.); 8) Dispelling darkness (11 min.); 9) The unparalleled power of prayer walks (11 min.); 10) The least, the last, and the left behind (12 min.); 11) Special sessions of prayer (12 min.); 12) The needful union of trowel and sword (15 min.). **CLOSED CAPTIONED.** 135 Minutes.

Books:

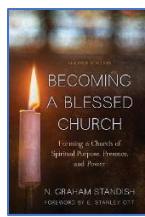


8 VIRTUES OF RAPIDLY GROWING CHURCHES (818173)

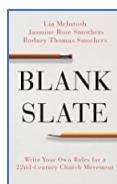
Authors: Miofsky, Matt and Byassee, Jason. Chapters: Rapidly growing churches believe in miracles and act accordingly; Rapidly growing churches integrate new people quickly; Rapidly growing churches love the local; Rapidly growing churches exist to reach the next person; Rapidly growing churches elevate the practice of giving; Rapidly growing churches work in teams; Rapidly growing churches preach well to the skeptic; Rapidly growing churches make friends with the denominations. 110 Pages.



Author: Weems, Lovett, and Berlin, Tom. Chapter titles: A biblical mandate for fruitfulness; An invitation to labor for God's harvest; The two most powerful words for fruitful leadership -- so that; From fruitful management to fruitful leadership -- the power of vision; Fruitful leadership in established congregations; Serving God's vision -- one pastor's story; Giving life to the vision; Sustaining fruitful leadership -- learning to lead yourself; Planting, watering, and praying for growth; Aren't you amazed by what God can do? 110 Pages.



Author: Standish, N. Graham. Second edition. This book shares the story of a church and its journey to become a spiritually deep congregation and offers suggestions for readers hoping to discern God's purpose and path for their congregation. This second edition includes three new chapters that answer the questions the author is most frequently asked - how to facilitate a group discernment practice, how to create an effective small group program, and how to set a church vision in a new direction that actually works. Chapter titles: What is a blessed church?; Setting a spiritual foundation; Grounded in God's purpose; Alive to God's presence; Open to God as power; Leading a church to listen; Leading a church to deepen; Leading a church through transformation. Includes reflection questions. 279 Pages.



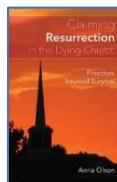
BLANK SLATE: WRITE YOUR OWN RULES FOR A 22ND-CENTURY CHURCH MOVEMENT (819060)

Authors: McIntosh; Smothers; Smothers. Chapters: Old rules of the Traditionalists (born 1945 or before); Old rules of the Boomers (born 1946-1964); Old rules of Generation Xers (born 1965-1980); New rules of Millennials (born 1981-1995); New rules of Generation Z (born 1996-2010); Facebook - building community and bringing the world closer together; Starbucks - onward to memorable experiences; Uber - the vision is bigger than we thought; Netflix - disrupt, customize, diversify; A Disney experience; Game time!; Seven mindsets and actions to create your own blank slate for congregational and community transformation; Interfaith and intergenerational dialogue - reaching in love and liberation; Ubuntu - a divine assignment for multicultural and intergenerational mission; Intergenerational and multicultural atonement, reconciliation, and peace; Conclusion. Includes questions for reflection or discussion. 172 Pages.



CHURCH COMES HOME: START A HOUSE CHURCH NETWORK ANYWHERE (820074)

Author: Barnhart, Dave. Chapters: What is a house church?; Why house church?; Principles of organizing house churches; Assembling the first group; Worship in house churches; Discipleship and leadership development in house churches; House church homiletics; Intergenerational worship and children in house church; Growing the church and spreading the Word; Group dynamics in house churches; Connecting house churches; Oikonomics of house churches; Future possibilities for house churches. Includes bibliography. 136 Pages.



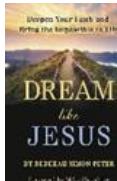
CLAIMING RESURRECTION IN THE DYING CHURCH: FREEDOM BEYOND SURVIVAL (816142)

Author: Olson, Anna. Based on her experiences as a pastor, Anna Olson encourages us to measure the fruits of our ministry not by its longevity, affluence, and popularity but by the mark set by Jesus -- love of God and neighbor. Chapter titles: Make room; Map the terrain; Turn out your pockets; Make pilgrimage; Try things; Say yes; Look outside the tent; Expect trespasses; When faith and hope fail, try love. 124 Pages.



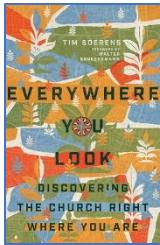
DIVERGENT CHURCH: THE BRIGHT PROMISE OF ALTERNATIVE FAITH COMMUNITIES (817233)

Author: Shapiro, Tim and Faris, Kara. Chapters: What is a divergent church?; Innovation; What constitutes a church?; Practices; The practice of shaping community; the practice of conversation; The practice of artistic expression; The practice of breaking bread; The practice of community engagement; The practice of hospitality; The voices of divergent church leaders. Includes reflection questions and bibliography. 144 Pages.



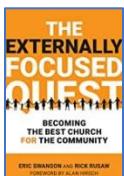
DREAM LIKE JESUS: DEEPEN YOUR FAITH AND BRING THE IMPOSSIBLE TO LIFE (819178)

Author: Simon-Peter, Rebekah. Rebekah Simon-Peter explores her own spiritual journey and helps leaders learn to dream like Jesus, thus inspiring individuals and congregations to dream and achieve dreams previously thought impossible. Chapters: The rise and fall of Jesus' big dream; Dream like Jesus; Align others to your dream; Realize the dream; Expand the dream; The future is yours. Larger than average print. 177 Pages.



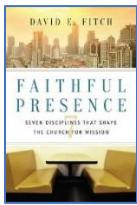
EVERWHERE YOU LOOK: DISCOVERING THE CHURCH RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE (820137)

Author: Soerens, Tim. What's the point of the church anyway? The emerging generation is opting out of the church in large numbers. They're embarrassed at how the church is portrayed in the media and dismayed at what appears to be their options for participation. Is church really necessary anymore in our day? Is it even possible? Tim Soerens sees this unsettled state of affairs as an extraordinary opportunity: the church, he says, is on the edge of a new possibility at the very moment so much of it feels like it's falling apart. In his extensive travels in all kinds of neighborhoods, he has seen the beginnings of this movement firsthand. In this book, he lays out practical, actionable steps for building collaborative communities in any neighborhood. Here is a vision of the church grounded in a grassroots movement of ordinary people living out what it means to be the church in their everyday lives. Chapters: The movement or the meltdown; The big Why; The magic of paying attention; The megachurch next door; The parish is the unit of change; The same team; Learning from local heroes; Already here. 134 Pages.



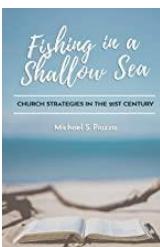
EXTERNALLY FOCUSED QUEST: BECOMING THE BEST CHURCH FOR THE COMMUNITY (821001)

Authors: Swanson, Eric and Rusaw, Rick. This book is designed for church leaders who want to transform their churches to become less internally focused and more oriented to the world around them. Authors Eric Swanson and Rick Rusaw include clear guidelines on the changes congregations must adopt to become truly outwardly focused. This book is not about getting all churches to have an annual day of community service as a tactic, but changing the core of who they are and how they see themselves as a part of their community. It outlines changes needed for church leaders to transform their churches and presents a highly practical approach that shows leaders how to become more externally focused without having to give up programs that serve members. This book reveals what it takes to make the major shift from internal to external focus and how that affects church leadership. 166 Pages.



FAITHFUL PRESENCE: SEVEN DISCIPLINES THAT SHAPE THE CHURCH FOR MISSION (817007)

Author: Fitch, David. David Fitch offers a new vision for the witness of the church in the world through a thoughtful reexamination of seven disciplines that the church has practiced since its inception. Chapter titles: God's faithful presence; To change the world; The discipline of the Lord's Table; The discipline of reconciliation; The discipline of proclaiming the Gospel; The discipline of being with the 'least of these'; The discipline of being with children; The discipline of the fivefold gifting; The discipline of Kingdom prayer; How God changes the world. 228 Pages.



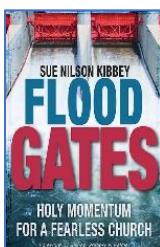
FISHING IN A SHALLOW SEA: CHURCH STRATEGIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY (820148)

Author: Piazza, Michael. The current setting in which mainline churches find themselves is called a 'shallow sea' in this work. This is a descriptor for trends like decreasing frequency of attendance, declining generosity, and the rise of the 'nones' who do not identify with any denomination or tradition. The 'sea' analogy also reflects the perils of rapid, continuous, and exponential change that creates a great challenge in anticipating and planning any institution's future, and that requires ever increasing adaptability and agility. For the church to exercise these characteristics, it will need to develop new skills, particularly around technology. While it is likely true that declining participation in traditional churches will continue, this book attempts to offer alternatives that might slow or, given adequate effort, even reverse this decline. Chapters: The challenge we face; A shallow sea congregation; A Bible, a hymnal, and a database; New metrics for vitality; Worship with a capital 'w'; A rudder for sailing in a shallow sea; Leading congregations on a whitewater sea; Congregating on a shallow sea; Conclusions in an unfinished tale; Shallow sea consultation; Comprehensive health check; Micah project overview; Final reflections. Includes bibliography. 136 Pages.



FLIPPING CHURCH (817010)

Author: Baughman, Michael. How Successful Church Planters Are Turning Conventional Wisdom Upside-Down. This book enlists stories from the vanguard of innovative church planting. While serving in wildly different contexts, these writers' successes and struggles in ministry give insight, life, and meaning into persons in established churches and new church starts alike. 204 Pages.



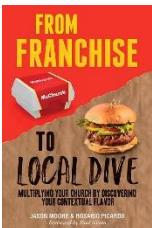
FLOOD GATES: HOLY MOMENTUM FOR A FEARLESS CHURCH (816207)

Author: Kibbey, Sue Nilson. 'Flood gates' depicts the rush of spiritual energy that comes when a leader and congregation make and apply new decisions that release a torrent of God's inspiration, empowerment, and purpose to pour through. In this book, Sue Nilson Kibbey shares eight flood gates to initiate church renewal. 165 Pages.



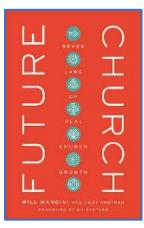
FRESH EXPRESSIONS: A NEW KIND OF METHODIST CHURCH FOR PEOPLE NOT IN CHURCH (817101)

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. 124 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.



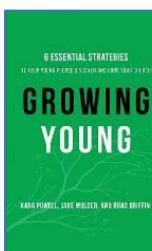
FUTURE CHURCH: SEVEN LAWS OF REAL CHURCH GROWTH (821043)

Authors: Mancini, Will and Hartman, Cory. Drawing from his 20 years and 15,000 hours of consulting, author Will Mancini shares with pastors and ministry leaders the single most important insight he has learned about church growth. With plenty of salient stories and based solidly on the disciple-making methods found in Scripture, this book exposes the church's greatest challenge today, and offers seven transforming laws of real church growth so that we can faithfully and joyfully fulfill Jesus's Great Commission. Chapters: Two rooms – the best picture to expose the North American church's greatest challenge; Three churches – the most useful typology for the next twenty years; Off mission – what keeps leaders serving a functional mission that's not the great commission; Sixty years – how twentieth-century church growth influences twenty-first-century leaders; Attendance uppers – three pills prescribed by church pharma; Interlude - the missional reorientation; The law of mission – real church growth starts with a culture of mission, not worship; The law of power – real church growth is powered by the Gospel, not relevance; The law of love – real church growth is validated by unity, not numbers; The law of context – real church growth is local, not imported; The law of development – real church growth is about growing people, not managing programs; The law of leadership – real church growth is led by calling, not celebrity; The law of vision – real church growth is energized by shared imagination, not shared preference; Funnel in – how the assimilation model yields diminished returns; Funnel out – how Jesus's model generated multiplying impact; Funnel fusion – how to make disciples without abandoning the institutional presence of the church in North America. 268 Pages.



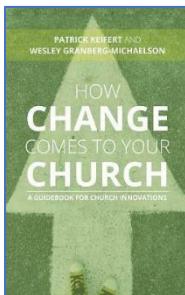
FUTURE THAT'S BIGGER THAN THE PAST: CATALYSING KINGDOM COMMUNITIES (820103)

Author: Wells, Samuel. In this book, Samuel Wells sets out a vision for renewing the local church that is energizing, realistic, and practical for small and large congregations alike. Chapters: Introduction – a vision for church renewal; For such a time as this – the church's opportunity; Investing in the Kingdom – the divine economy; Minding God's business – becoming a parable; Entertaining angels unawares – it is more blessed to receive; Making our hearts sing – let all the people praise Thee; Realizing God's presence – on earth as it is in heaven. Includes bibliography and name and subject indexes. 189 Pages.



GROWING YOUNG: SIX ESSENTIAL STRATEGIES TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DISCOVER AND LOVE YOUR CHURCH (817140)

Authors: Powell, Kara; Mulder, Jake; Griffin, Brad. Chapter titles: Growing young -- what congregations are doing right; Unlock keychain leadership -- sharing power with the right people at the right time; Empathize with today's young people -- why 25 is the new 15, and 15 is the new 25; Take Jesus' message seriously -- what's young about the good news; Fuel a warm community -- warm is the new cool; Prioritize young people and families everywhere -- from rhetoric to reality; Be the best neighbors -- loving and shaping your world well; Growing young in your context -- how to create a plan for change. Includes discussion questions. 330 Pages.

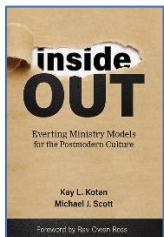


HOW CHANGE COMES TO YOUR CHURCH: A GUIDEBOOK FOR CHURCH INNOVATIONS (820002)

Authors: Keifert, Patrick and Granberg-Michaelson, Wesley. This book draws on the practical experience, stories, and examples of two experienced church leaders. Patrick Keifert and Wesley Granberg-Michaelson have helped congregations as well as denominational organizations identify key elements that are a necessary part of transformational change. Rather than a superficial approach with a simplistic formula, this book focuses on the important work of changing church culture, with innovative spiritual practices that establish the foundation for durable, missional change. Chapters: What needs to change, and how?; Making space; Nurturing a climate of discernment; Dwelling in the Word; Sharing the journey; Being transformed - practices for missional change. Includes discussion questions. 154 Pages.

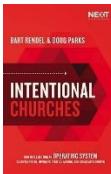


INNOVATIVE CHURCH: HOW LEADERS AND THEIR CONGREGATIONS CAN ADAPT IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD (820119) Author: Cormode, Scott. The church as we know it is calibrated for a world that no longer exists. It needs to recalibrate in order to address the questions that animate today's congregants. Leading congregational studies researcher Scott Cormode explores the role of Christian practices in recalibrating the church for the twenty-first century, offering church leaders innovative ways to express the never-changing gospel to their ever-changing congregations. Chapters: How the church is calibrated for a world that no longer exists; The meaning of Christian innovation; Leadership begins with listening; Making spiritual sense; Reinvented practices as shared stories of hope; A process for innovation; Organizing for innovation; Innovation and change; The next faithful step; Recalibrating church for the smartphone generation. Includes index. 282 Pages.

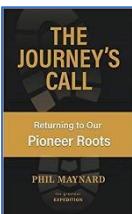


INSIDE OUT: EVERTING MINISTRY MODELS FOR THE POSTMODERN CULTURE (822015)

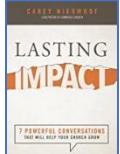
Authors: Kotan, Kay and Scott, Michael. As we evert the church model for the postmodern, post-Christian world, we need to evert, turn inside out, many of our thoughts and beliefs about how we go about "doing" church. This is NOT about changing our beliefs but about changing how we engage in ministry. 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.



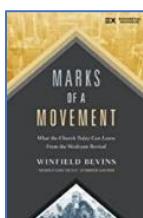
INTENTIONAL CHURCHES (820063) Authors: Rendel, Bart and Parks, Doug. How Implementing an Operating System Clarifies Vision, Improves Decision Making, and Stimulates Growth. Chapters: The intentional leader; Eight church OS fundamentals; The great commission engine; Squatters, cul-de-sacs, and buffets;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



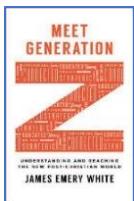
JOURNEY'S CALL: RETURNING TO OUR PIONEER ROOTS (821057) Author: Maynard, Phil. The people called Methodists are part of what was one of the greatest movements in all of history. Methodism was not conceived as a new kind of institution to do what we have always done in a more structured, restrictive way. It was a movement to reform the institutional church. It was a movement to help people rediscover the amazing relationship God has offered to us through Jesus Christ. It was a movement to recapture the change that God works in the heart through faith in Christ. For modern-day Methodists, the present challenge is to embrace adaptive change - not merely to employ technical changes to pull every trick out of the hat to preserve the institution as it has been - but to remain true to the Great Commission while modifying our approach with flourish and finesse. It's not about institutional preservation. It's about a bold, adaptive journey that ultimately honors the narrative of our heritage as Methodists and defines us as faithful and fearless disciples. This book discusses this Pioneer Theology and how churches can implement it. Chapters: The idea of the journey; Movement; Life cycle of the church; Settler and pioneer theology; Salvation by grace; Inclusive community; Spiritual practices; Accountability for growth as a disciple; Efficacy of the sacraments; Empowerment by the Holy Spirit; Compassionate ministries; Social responsibility; Old normal vs new normal chart; Paragraph 202 principle; Reimagined worship; Reimagined hospitality; Reimagined discipleship; Reimagined service; Reimagined generosity; Reimagined leadership; Responding to twists and turns; The expedition team's shared spirit of the journey. Larger than average print. 88 Pages.



LASTING IMPACT: 7 POWERFUL CONVERSATIONS THAT WILL HELP YOUR CHURCH GROW (817006) Author: Nieuwhof, Carey. Chapters: Why are we not growing faster?; How do we respond as people attend church less often?; Are our leaders healthy . . . really?; What keeps high-capacity leaders from engaging our mission?; Why are young adults walking away from church?; What cultural trends are we missing?; What are we actually willing to change? Each chapter includes discussion questions. 169 Pages.

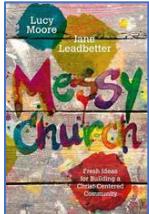


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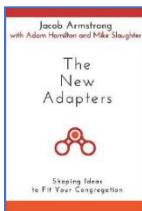
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MESSY CHURCH: FRESH IDEAS FOR BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

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NEW ADAPTERS: SHAPING IDEAS TO FIT YOUR CONGREGATION (816033) Author: Armstrong, Jacob with Hamilton, Adam and Slaughter, Mike. New Adapters are people carrying on an old tradition of adapting the timeless story of Jesus to a changing cultural landscape. Jacob Armstrong shares stories of New Adapters and gets additional insight from Adam Hamilton and Mike Slaughter. Chapters: The vision must fit the mission field; It has to be good news to the poor; New spaces for new people; Adaptive worship; Conflict and criticism; Good-bye to the solo, heroic leader; No more turf; Raising up new and young leaders. 96 Pages.



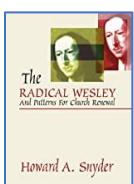
NOT SAFE FOR CHURCH: TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR REACHING NEW GENERATIONS

(815133) Author: Powe, F. Douglas, Jr. and Smothers, Jasmine Rose. Congregations say they want to reach new and younger people. To really connect, congregations have to start doing new things that are out of their comfort zones. This book gives ten ways to help you move past just saying what you intend to actually doing it. It provides tools to help churches reframe the good news in nontraditional ways and study questions for church leadership teams. *2017 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development 142 Pages.



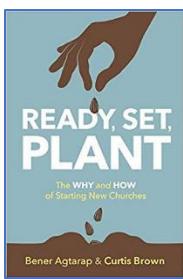
RACE TO REACH OUT: CONNECTING NEWCOMERS TO CHRIST IN A NEW CENTURY

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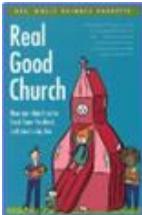
RADICAL WESLEY AND PATTERNS FOR CHURCH RENEWAL (821101)

Author: Snyder, Howard. Chapters: Introduction – new-but-old truths; Wesley's roots; Aldersgate and Fetter Lane; Preaching to the poor; A people called Methodists; New wineskins; What is the church?; The church in history; Ministry and sacrament; What kind of radical?; Patterns of renewal; The Wesleyan synthesis; Wesley and the church today. Includes index. 189 Pages.



READY, SET, PLANT: THE WHY AND HOW OF STARTING NEW CHURCHES (821041)

Authors: Agtarap, Bener and Brown, Curtis. In this book, authors Bener Agtarap and Curtis Brown draw on decades of experience as church planters and coaches to show that effective planting begins and grows out of the gifts and capacities of the church planter. Using practical tools of discernment, self-discovery, community networking, team building, and partnership development, this book helps planters identify and develop their unique gifts. The authors examine best practices for starting new faith communities in today's world, incorporating interviews with five effective church planters. Chapters: Introduction to planting; Why plant?; Why leads to who; Who is a planter?; Who leads to how; How are churches planted?; How leads to what; What is a new faith community?; What leads to where; Where to plant?; Where leads to when; When do we start? 160 Pages.

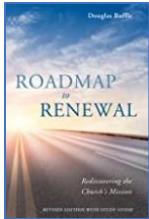


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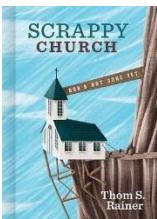
(817116) Author: Baskette, Molly Phinney. Chapters: Doom, gloom, and a kernel of hope; The building; Children's ministry and adult spiritual formation; Pastoral care; Pastoral self-care and administration; Outreach and social justice; Outreach and growth; Finance and stewardship; Open and affirming; Real good worship; Leadership; Church conflict; Epic failures. Also includes notes on welcomer training and multiple samples of printed pieces. 228 Pages.



REVIVAL RISING: PREPARING FOR THE NEXT GREAT WAVE OF AWAKENING (817104) Author: Nysewander, Mark. The history of the church is full of revivals. While these movements of the Holy Spirit are not constrained by one location, language, or cultural identity, there are consistencies that help us understand the climate and spiritual posture in which God works at an accelerated pace. Mark Nysewander explores the dynamics of high-impact revivals, believing that even a limited knowledge of the supernatural realities in a revival can stir us to content for God's next wave of power. Chapter titles: Revival power; Revival life; Revival culture; Revival experience; Revival glory; Revival love; Revival humility; Revival witness; Revival freedom; Revival hope; Revival worldview; What's ahead? 132 Pages.



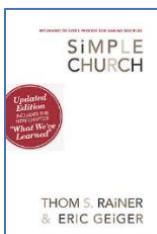
ROADMAP TO RENEWAL: REDISCOVERING THE CHURCH'S MISSION (817229) Author: Ruffle, Douglas. Revised Edition with Study Guide. Know your mission - know your strengths and challenges - know where you are going - reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ! Chapters: Readiness; Reality check; Reconnect; Rediscover the landscape of our parish; Reassess our current ministry; Road break; Reaching younger people; Roadmaps start with vision; Realign mission, goals, and objectives; Roadmarkers on the road to renewal. The study guide contains plans for a ten-session study. Includes bibliography. 134 Pages.



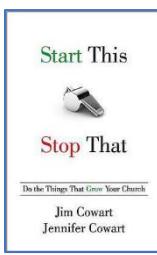
SCRAPPY CHURCH: GOD'S NOT DONE YET (819061) Author: Rainer, Thom. Chapters: Why you should have hope for your church; Preparing to be a scrappy church; The outward deluge of scrappy churches; Scrappy churches are welcoming churches; Scrappy churches close the back door; The next scrappy church. Includes a secret guest survey. 127 Pages.



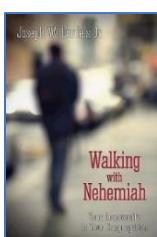
SHIFT 2.0: HELPING CONGREGATIONS BACK INTO THE GAME OF EFFECTIVE MINISTRY (819080) Author: Maynard, Phil. Chapters: From fellowship to hospitality; From worship as an event to worship as a lifestyle; From membership to discipleship; From 'serve us' to service; From 'survival mentality' to generosity; Leading the charge without getting trampled. Larger than average print. 236 Pages.



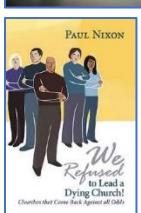
SIMPLE CHURCH: RETURNING TO GOD'S PROCESS FOR MAKING DISCIPLES (816051) Author: Rainer, Thom and Geiger, Eric. Updated Edition. Churches are thriving by taking four ideas to heart: clarity, movement, alignment, and focus. Each idea is closely examined in this book, simply showing why it is time to simplify. Chapters: The simple revolution has begun; The simple (and not-so-simple) church in action; Simple church -- an extreme makeover; Three simple stories; Clarity -- starting with a ministry blueprint; Movement -- removing congestion; Alignment -- maximizing the energy of everyone; Focus -- saying no to almost everything; Becoming simple; The postscript (or what we have learned); Frequently Asked Questions. 281 Pages.



START THIS, STOP THAT: DO THE THINGS THAT GROW YOUR CHURCH (814155) Author: Cowart, Jim and Cowart, Jennifer. Chapter titles: Part 1: Leadership -- Stop the cruise ship; Start casting clear vision; Stop saying but; Start expecting excellence; Stop committees; Part 2: Worship -- Start the party; Stop communicating for information; Start using a ladder; Stop speaking Shakespeare; Part 3: Money -- Stop pledge campaigns; Start teaching money management; Stop wasting influence; Start quarterly financial statements; Part 4: Growth -- Start three things; Stop bottlenecks; Start big things; Stop expecting uninvited company; Stop holy huddles; Stop the trickle-away effect; Start tapping volunteers; Part 5: Tools -- Start using communication cards; Stop using flannelboards; Start counting; Start confronting gossip; Stop allowing staff to drain the church; Start valuing membership. 159 Pages.



WALKING WITH NEHEMIAH: YOUR COMMUNITY IS YOUR CONGREGATION (815135) Author: Daniels, Joseph, Jr. This book gives inspiration and practical tools for engaging with your community in ways that help you, your congregation, and your community become whole. Chapters: Feel your heart break; Pray for next steps; Give it your all; Take the risk; Inspect your mission field; Gain commitment; Get to work; Expect opposition; Build momentum. 120 Pages.



WE REFUSED TO LEAD A DYING CHURCH! CHURCHES THAT CAME BACK AGAINST ALL ODDS (816053) Author: Nixon, Paul. A follow-up to his book "I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church" (#807183), Paul Nixon shares inspiring stories of churches that decided giving up was not an option. With hope, determination, and perseverance, these churches have experienced a transfusion of the Spirit in their churches. 175 Pages.