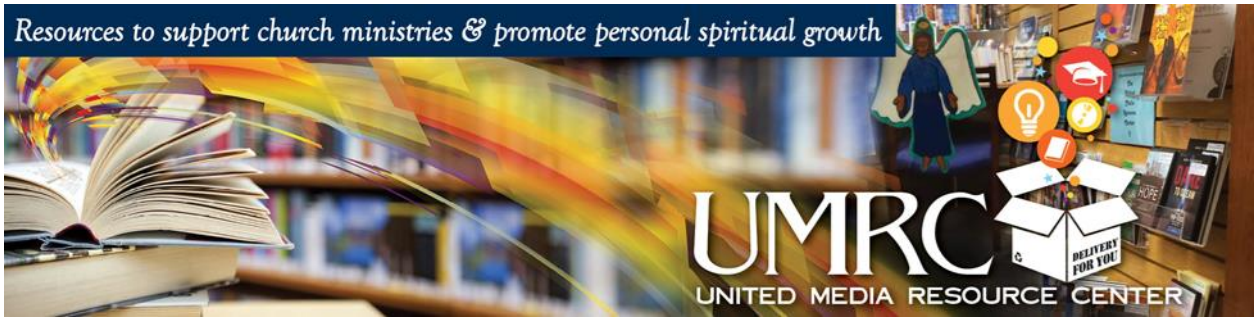

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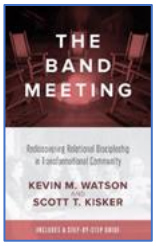
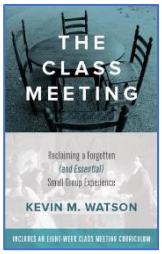


BAND MEETING: REDISCOVERING RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP IN TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY (102174) Author: Watson, Kevin and Kisker, Scott. In this eight-session DVD study, Kevin Watson and Scott Kisker explore the richness of Methodist band meetings. Similar to, but working on a deeper level than, a class meeting, a band meeting is a group of three to five people that is divided by gender, where the focus of each meeting is on confession of sin in order to grow in holiness. Sessions: 1) Banding together again (9 min.); 2) Creation, light, order, and abundant life (11 min.); 3) Salvation in the Wesleyan tradition (10 min.); 4) Salvation and community (14 min.); 5) The rise and fall of the early Methodist band meeting (15 min.); 6) How to start a band meeting (22 min.); 7) The keys to a thriving band meeting (17 min.); 8) A life-changing experience (13 min.). Includes paperback book. Up to two additional copies of the book are available to borrow (#817304). 111 Minutes.



CLASS MEETING: RECLAIMING A FORGOTTEN (AND ESSENTIAL) SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE (103143) Author: Watson, Kevin. In this eight-session DVD study, Kevin Watson shares John Wesley's time-tested and proven method of small groups with today's church. A class meeting is a small group that is primarily focused on transformation, not information -- where people learn how to interpret their lives through the lens of the gospel, build a vocabulary for giving voice to their experience of God, and grow in faith in Christ. Sessions: 1) A new old kind of small group; 2) The class meeting -- the heart of the Methodist revival; 3) Moving into God's house -- the theological foundation of the class meeting; 4) Becoming Wesleyan again; 5) The basics -- from start to finish; 6) The roll of the class leader; 7) What could possibly go wrong?; 8) The keys to a life-changing group. DVD segments are approx. 10 minutes long. Includes paperback book. Up to two additional copies of the book are available to borrow (#816022). 77 Minutes.

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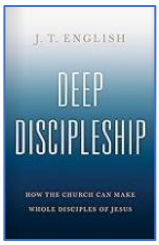
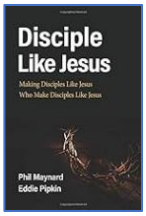
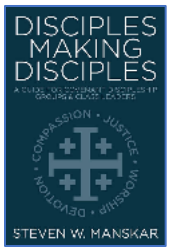


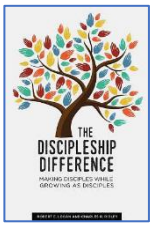
DEEP DISCIPLESHIP: HOW THE CHURCH CAN MAKE WHOLE DISCIPLES OF JESUS (820180) Author: English, J. T. This book equips churches to reclaim the responsibility of discipling people at any point on their journey. Chapters: Diagnosing the discipleship disease; A God-centered vision for discipleship; The church – where whole disciples are found; Space – where does discipleship happen in the church?; Scope – what do disciples need?; Sequence – how do disciples grow?; Send – where do disciples go?; Strategy – adopting a holistic approach to discipleship. Includes discussion questions. 213 Pages.



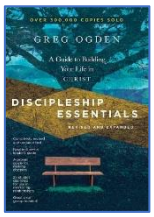
DISCIPLE LIKE JESUS: MAKING DISCIPLES LIKE JESUS WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LIKE JESUS (820077) Author: Maynard, Phil and Pipkin, Eddie. Chapters: Defining discipleship; What discipleship looks like; Belonging to the Body of Christ; Becoming more like Jesus; Blessing the world; Growing disciples; Discipling relationships and skills; Conclusion. Includes questions for reflection and discussion. 190 Pages.



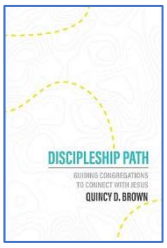
DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES: A GUIDE FOR COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS AND CLASS LEADERS (816256) Author: Manskar, Steven. Designed to support members of the congregation who desire to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, this book for class leaders and groups includes tools and information on how to start a Covenant Discipleship group, how to write a covenant, how to lead a group meeting, how to support and grow Covenant Discipleship groups, and more. 235 Pages.



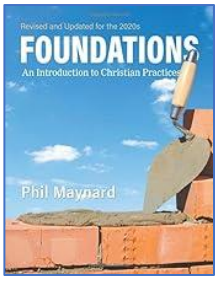
DISCIPLESHIP DIFFERENCE: MAKING DISCIPLES WHILE GROWING AS A DISCIPLE (817108) Author: Logan, Robert and Ridley, Charles. Chapters: Where's the transformation; What does a disciple look like?; Discipleship starts in the harvest; Discerning what's next in your discipleship journey; The mosaic process of discipleship; Growing together in groups; Dynamics of a discipling relationship; Obedience as the crux of discipleship; The tools for making disciples; Disciples on mission together; Living out the Great Commission; Making a difference; Continued? Includes questions for reflection, discussion, and action. 216 Pages.



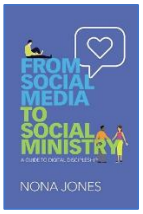
DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS: A GUIDE TO BUILDING YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST (818231) Author: Ogden, Greg. Revised and Expanded. This workbook, designed to help you grow in Christ, is designed for groups of three or four, but can also be used as an individual study program, a one-on-one discipling tool, and a small group curriculum. Topics: Growing Up in Christ; Understanding the Message of Christ; Becoming Like Christ; Serving Christ. Chapters: Making disciples; Being a disciple; Quiet time; Bible study; Prayer; Worship; The three-person God; Made in God's image; Sin; Grace; Redemption; Justification; Adoption; Filled with the Holy Spirit; Fruit of the Holy Spirit; Trust; Love; Justice; Witness; The church; Ministry gifts; Spiritual warfare; Walking in obedience; Sharing the wealth (discipling others); Money. Appendix: Building a Discipleship Ministry. Includes leader's guide. 233 Pages.



DISCIPLESHIP PATH: GUIDING CONGREGATIONS TO CONNECT WITH JESUS (820078) Author: Brown, Quincy. This book is designed to help churches to discern, dream, and dream next step practices for discipleship. Chapters: Introduction; Discipleship – connecting people with Jesus; Guiding congregations – navigating change and transitions; Engagement – asking about life; Traditions – what questions are you trying to answer?; Discern – understanding story shifts; Changes – not like it used to be; Dream – imagining a new story; Crowdsourcing – tell us what to do; Develop – creating an action plan; Worship – honoring God daily; Serve – leading by serving; Grow – practices of faith; Give – investing resources; Impact – making a difference; Conclusion – completing the path. 182 Pages.

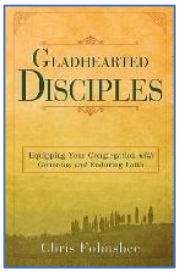


FOUNDATIONS: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN PRACTICES (820157) Author: Maynard, Phil. Revised and Updated for the 2020s. Growth as a disciple begins with a good foundation. We need to learn how to pray, how to begin reading the Bible, how to live in authentic relationships, how to have a devotional time, how to use the resources God has provided, how to discern our call to serve, and how to share our faith. In this new updated edition, these basic foundational spiritual disciplines are presented in an easy to understand and very practical workbook-style format. This workbook can be used with a small group of new believers, with a new member class, or as a guide in a mentoring relationship. Even seasoned believers are finding this to be a valuable resource to strengthen their spiritual lives. Available for two-week preview only. 114 Pages.

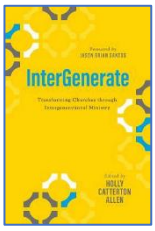


FROM SOCIAL MEDIA TO SOCIAL MINISTRY: A GUIDE TO DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP (820116) Author: Jones, Nona. Nona Jones, a globally acclaimed thought leader on leveraging technology for ministry, has been leading a movement and sounding the alarm for several years to make digital discipleship a central part of 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;

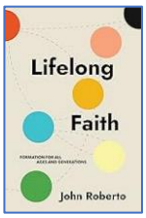
Building your Facebook campus; Launching your Facebook campus; Leading your Facebook campus; Growing your Facebook campus; For the kingdom – final thoughts. 154 Pages.



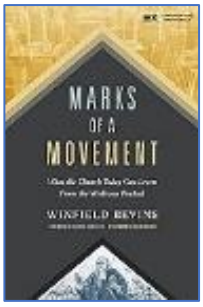
GLADHEARTED DISCIPLES: EQUIPPING YOUR CONGREGATION WITH GENEROUS AND ENDURING FAITH (815127) Author: Folmsbee, Chris. Designed for use with leaders or small groups, this book has five parts: 1) Making disciples -- a new apologetic; 2) Gladhearted disciples and their ways of holiness; 3) Gladhearted disciples and their embodied practice; 4) Gladhearted disciples and their commitment to yielded guidance; 5) The gladhearted disciple-making leader. Includes questions for reflection and discussion. 91 Pages.



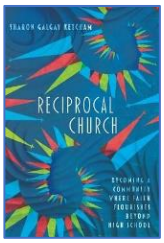
INTERGENERATE: TRANSFORMING CHURCHES THROUGH INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY (818149) Author: Allen, Holly Catterton, editor. With a broad spectrum of voices, this collection offers guidance on how to transition from multigenerational to intergenerational, implement cross-age leadership, practice spiritual disciplines intergenerationally, lead all-age worship and service projects, and welcome marginalized generations. Topics include: Becoming more intentionally intergenerational, Leading intergenerational change, Current research, Including every generation, and Unique ministries and approaches. Includes bibliography. 272 Pages.



LIFELONG FAITH: FORMATION FOR ALL AGES AND GENERATIONS (822000) Author: Roberto, John. Vibrant lifelong faith formation can renew and revitalize faith across generations and contribute towards a thriving congregation that lives its mission. Using the seven elements outlined in this book, churches will create a dynamic and vital plan that can be customized to meet the needs, interests, and challenges we face today and nurture the spiritual growth of all ages. With current research, clear examples, and tools for design and evaluation, this book is a practical, thoughtful, and comprehensive guide for clergy, educators, and lay leaders who seek a fresh, holistic approach to Christian education and discipleship. Includes in-person, online, and hybrid ideas. Chapters: Lifelong faith formation for today's world; Goals for maturing in faith for a lifetime; Practices for forming a Christian way of life; Intergenerational faith formation through Christian community; Family faith formation with three generations; Networks for forming faith with all ages; Pathways for personalizing faith formation; Playlists for engaging people of all ages in faith formation; Integrating the element into a network plan; Creating a model of lifelong faith formation; Building capacity for faith formation; Emerging roles for leadership in lifelong faith formation; Now is the time for lifelong faith formation. Includes bibliography. For additional information visit www.LifelongFaith.com 209 Pages.



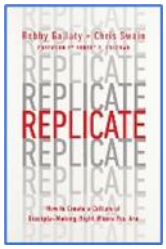
MARKS OF A MOVEMENT: WHAT THE CHURCH TODAY CAN LEARN FROM THE WESLEYAN REVIVAL (819171) Author: Bevins, Winfield. Chapters: Understanding movements; Changed lives; A contagious faith; The Holy Spirit; Discipleship systems; Apostolic leadership; Organic multiplication; Movements can be messy; The new mission frontier. Includes the 'Marks of a Movement Assessment Tool.' 220 Pages.



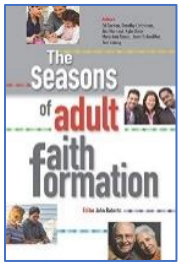
RECIPROCAL CHURCH: BECOMING A COMMUNITY WHERE FAITH FLOURISHES BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL (819046) Author: Ketcham, Sharon Galgay. Sharon Galgay Ketcham reflects theologically on the church community and its role in forming faith. She exposes problems in the way leaders conceive of and teach about the relationship between personal faith and the local church, offering fresh solutions in the form of values and practices that can shape a community into a place where faith will flourish in those both young and old. Chapters: Eating melon on Tuesdays - young people and faith; Galloping mares - the gospel without Christ's church; A vital identity - God gathers a people; A vital purpose - Christ is reconciling relationships; A vital avenue - The Spirit transforms you, me, and us; Tetherballs and floodlights - valuing memory; The oxpecker's gift - valuing mutuality; Seeing beyond the epidemic - recognizing potential; Moving beyond the epidemic - valuing contribution; Windmills of hope - valuing maturity; Faith flourishes with practice. Includes discussion questions. 195 Pages.



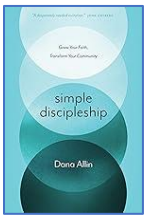
REIMAGINING FAITH FORMATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: ENGAGING ALL AGES AND GENERATIONS (816000) Author: Roberto, John. This book is a proposal for what 21st century faith formation can look like and a 'how to' for faith formation. Chapters: Interpreting the challenges; Reimagining the vision; Reimagining the model; Reimagining the curriculum; Reimagining the resources. 138 Pages.



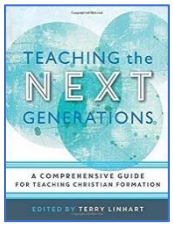
REPLICATE: HOW TO CREATE A CULTURE OF DISCIPLE-MAKING RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE (820128) Author: Gallaty, Robby and Swain, Chris. Over the last few decades American churches have produced plenty of converts but not as many mature believers. The studies show the majority of Christians don't even understand the basics of the faith. But how do you tackle such a big problem? This book shows church leaders how to make disciples who make disciples and get the rest of your church on board as well. This one-on-one relational ministry is how Jesus laid the foundation for His church that is still growing today, and it's how we continue the work in our own local congregations. Learn the five marks of a healthy disciplemaking church, how to influence culture, uproot misconceptions of the church and the gospel, and change your church and community. No more focusing on mere numbers, it's time to grow in maturity and through multiplication. Includes discussion questions. 329 Pages.



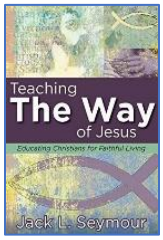
SEASONS OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION (816002) Author: Roberto, John, editor. It's time for every Christian church to commit itself to developing faith formation for every season of adulthood: young adults, midlife adults, mature adults, and older adults. This book is designed to provide pastors, church staff and ministry leaders, adult faith formation coordinators and educators, and all faith formation leaders with a deeper understanding of adulthood today, a vision of 21st century adult faith formation, and the tools and processes for designing faith formation for all the seasons of adulthood. 198 Pages.



SIMPLE DISCIPLESHIP: GROW YOUR FAITH, TRANSFORM YOUR COMMUNITY (819094) Author: Allin, Dana. Discipleship can feel like just such a journey--we don't know what we need, and none of the programs offered seem to get us anywhere. We need something to orient ourselves, and something to direct our steps from there toward a clear destination. This book, with its companion online assessment tool, offers a plan for discipleship that is tailored to your real life and your personality, and clearly pointed in the way of Jesus. Most discipleship resources are designed as mass productions--efficient for touching many, but often failing to see individuals grow in Christ. This is the best of both worlds--an assessment tool scalable to an entire church, combined with an achievable, personalized discipling strategy. Chapters: The essence of a disciple; Jesus - the great disciple maker; Gospel identity - the center of a disciple; Qualities of the heart - the character of a disciple; Qualities of the mind - the knowledge of a disciple; Qualities of the hand, part 1 - the mission of a disciple; Qualities of the hand, part 2 - the ministry of a disciple; Designing a personal plan for discipleship; Discipling as coaching; Strategies and environments for discipleship. 180 Pages.



TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATIONS: A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE FOR TEACHING CHRISTIAN FORMATION (817011) Author: Linhart, Terry, editor. Chapters: The contribution of teaching to discipleship; Developing a theology of education; A scriptural basis for teaching; The essence of the life of a teacher; Recognizing the importance of educational philosophy; The shape of human knowledge and Christian ministry; How people develop their thinking; Multiple intelligences and learning styles; Faith formation with others; Motivation and ministry; Why culture and diversity matter; Curriculum and teaching; Teaching children; Teaching adults; How families shape the faith of younger generations; God's equipping pattern for youth and young adult ministry; Toward a curriculum theory of educational technology; Teaching the Bible so young people will learn; The value of discussion; Teaching large groups; Using narrative to invite others into the story of God; Learning through simulations; Teaching to change lives, outdoors; The importance of evaluation; Equipping others to teach; Technological tools for dynamic Christian teaching. Includes Scripture and subject indexes. 338 Pages.



TEACHING THE WAY OF JESUS: EDUCATING CHRISTIANS FOR FAITHFUL LIVING (816123) Author: Seymour, Jack. Chapters: Following Jesus -- naming a vocation; The imperative for Christian education -- following Jesus into public life; The people of God as theologians -- seeking the ways of Jesus; Community and prayer -- community-of-faith approach to Christian education; Study -- instructional approach to Christian education; Service -- missional approach to Christian education; Living the way of Jesus; Teaching the way of Jesus -- an agenda for Christian education. 201 Pages.