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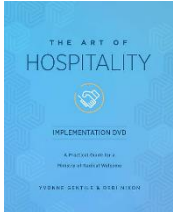
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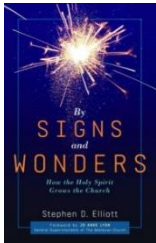
DVDs:



ART OF HOSPITALITY: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR A MINISTRY OF RADICAL WELCOME

(101106) Author: Gentile, Yvonne and Nixon, Debi. This DVD offers step-by-step actions that will help create a culture of radical hospitality in every area of your church—from pastors to staff to lay leaders and volunteers. Loaded with key principles and methods honed by hospitality experts Debi Nixon and Yvonne Gentile in their work at The Church of the Resurrection, these materials are designed to permeate your entire church with common language around the ministry of welcome, hospitality, visitor care, outreach connections, and membership. Seven DVD segments: 1) Staying outwardly focused (11 min.); 2) Principles of radical hospitality (11 min.); 3) Creating a

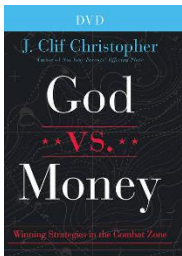
digital front door (10 min.); 4) Providing an excellent in-person experience (10 min.); 5) Intentional follow-up (10 min.); 6) Creating a culture of hospitality (11 min.); 7) Strategic planning (11 min.). Includes implementation guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. 74 Minutes.



BY SIGNS AND WONDERS: HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT GROWS THE CHURCH (102170)

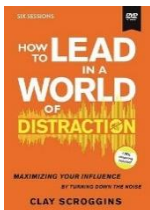
Author: Elliott, Stephen. In this nine-session DVD study, Stephen Elliott takes a close look at evangelism. How did the good news of Jesus Christ spread in the years following Jesus' life? What methods have been used to see entire communities converted in the great revivals of the past? Why has the recent 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.



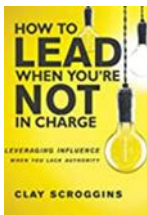
GOD VS. MONEY: WINNING STRATEGIES IN THE COMBAT ZONE (107117)

Author: Christopher, J. Clif. In this six-session DVD study, Clif Christopher helps pastors and leaders grow a congregation of generous persons who have been trained in how to give up control by stuff and let God have command of their lives. Sessions: 1) The battle with money (12 min.); 2) The battle plan (7 min.); 3) The mission objective (6 min.); 4) The art of spiritual combat (8 min.); 5) The battleground (7 min.); 6) Special forces (11 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. 51 Minutes.

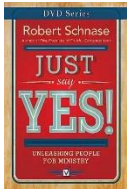


HOW TO LEAD IN A WORLD OF DISTRACTION: MAXIMIZING YOUR INFLUENCE BY TURNING DOWN THE NOISE (108073)

Author: Scroggins, Clay. Our world is filled with distractions. They take a toll on our work, our parenting, our marriages, and our souls. In this six-session DVD study, Clay Scroggins shows you how to take the next step in your personal growth by limiting the distractions in your life. Sessions: 1) The danger of distraction (15 min.); 2) Turning down the white noise (14 min.); 3) Finding simplicity (14 min.); 4) Speaking to yourself (16 min.); 5) Getting quiet (15 min.); 6) Pressing pause (16 min.). Includes guide and hardback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. 90 Minutes.



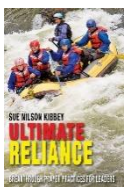
HOW TO LEAD WHEN YOU'RE NOT IN CHARGE: LEVERAGING INFLUENCE WHEN YOU LACK AUTHORITY (108068) Author: Scroggins, Clay. One of the greatest myths of leadership is that you must be in charge in order to lead. In this six-session DVD study, Clay Scroggins will help you make a difference by nurturing your vision and cultivating influence even when you lack authority in your organization. Sessions: 1) The oddity of leadership (16 min.); 2) Lead yourself (15 min.); 3) Choose positivity (16 min.); 4) Think critically (17 min.); 5) Reject passivity (15 min.); 6) Challenging up (17 min.). Includes guide and hardback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. 96 Minutes.



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.

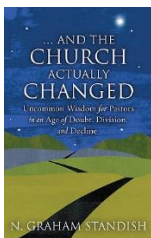


SHE: FIVE KEYS TO UNLOCK THE POWER OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY (119159) Author: Lewis, Karoline. In this five-session DVD study based on the book by Karoline Lewis, participants reflect on and evaluate their own theology of leadership to develop their authentic identity as Christian leaders. Topics include identity, authority, sexuality, authenticity, embodiment, boundaries, and self-care. DVD segments are approx. 5 minutes long. Kit includes DVD, facilitator's guide, participant book, and paperback book. *2018 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development 23 Minutes.

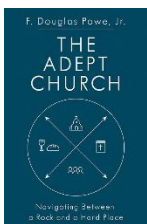


ULTIMATE RELIANCE: BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER PRACTICES FOR LEADERS (121034) Author: Kibbey, Sue Nilson. In this study, Sue Nilson Kibbey offers guidance on how to embrace and build five game-changing breakthrough prayer practices into daily life and leadership. The paperback book provides the main information; the DVD provides a video story to introduce each chapter's breakthrough prayer practice. Sessions: 1) Lead me to the rock that is higher than I (8 min.); 2) Be not afraid (12 min.); 3) Let there be light (7 min.); 4) Your will be done (12 min.); 5) Keep on asking, seeking, knocking (14 min.). Includes paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. 57 Minutes.

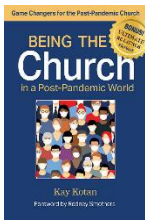
Books:



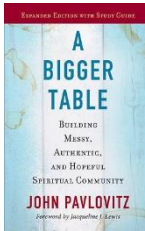
... AND THE CHURCH ACTUALLY CHANGED: UNCOMMON WISDOM FOR PASTORS IN AN AGE OF DOUBT, DIVISION, AND DECLINE (820175) Author: Standish, N. Graham. The mainline church is in a drastic decline, and that decline is hitting clergy and churches on all sides of the theological debates. Pastors are struggling, and the ever-changing trends of ministry don't seem to be staunching the decline. This book arises out of N. Graham Standish's work as a spiritual director and coach to clergy of all denominations and traditions, and as the pastor of a healthy, growing, and somewhat alternative church for more than twenty-two years. He has helped pastors become healthier and more effective as they carry out the ministry to which they are uniquely called. This book addresses issues brought up by clergy themselves in his coaching work with them. Using an integrative approach to ministry, Standish draws on insights from counseling, spiritual direction, organizational development, and other fields. The book is written in the form of dialogues between a clergy coach and various clergy clients who are struggling in their ministry. Each chapter addresses a significant clergy leadership issue, yet the dialogue allows coach and pastor to deal with issues pragmatically by exploring both the big picture and the details of leading a healthy church. Chapters: Are we leading from a foundation?; Are we in harmony with our DNA?; Resisting relationships; Writing the next few chapters; Can we change the system?; God actually is with you!; Transformational preaching and teaching; Leading them from here to there. 207 Pages.



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.



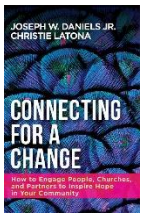
BEING THE CHURCH IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD: GAME CHANGERS FOR THE POST-PANDEMIC CHURCH (821045) Author: Kotan, Kay. As the church begins to emerge from the pandemic, our role is changing. It was already changing pre-pandemic, but the change is sure to escalate drastically post-pandemic. This book is designed 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.



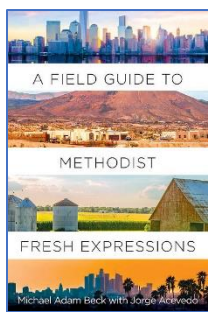
BIGGER TABLE: BUILDING MESSY, AUTHENTIC, AND HOPEFUL SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY (820185) Author: Pavlovitz, John. Expanded Edition with Study Guide. John Pavlovitz invites readers to envision a church that is big enough for everyone, by holding up a mirror to the modern church and speaking clearly on issues 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.



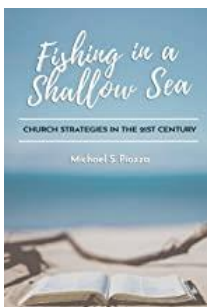
CHURCH COMES HOME: START A HOUSE CHURCH NETWORK ANYWHERE (820074) Author: Barnhart, Dave. Chapters: What is a house church?; Why house church?; Principles of organizing house churches; Assembling the first group; Worship in house churches; Discipleship and leadership development in house churches; House 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.



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.

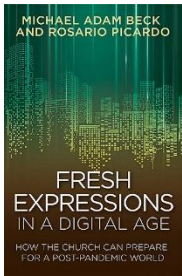


FIELD GUIDE TO METHODIST FRESH EXPRESSIONS (820073) Author: Beck, Michael Adam and Acevedo, Jorge. Pastors Michael Beck and Jorge Acevedo travel nationwide awakening congregational leaders to a distinctively Wesleyan approach to the Fresh Expressions movement, saying, in fact, that Fresh Expressions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



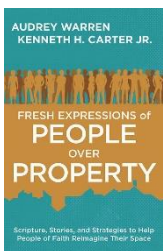
FISHING IN A SHALLOW SEA: CHURCH STRATEGIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY (820148) Author: Piazza, Michael. The current setting in which mainline churches find themselves is called a 'shallow sea' in this work. This is a descriptor for trends like decreasing frequency of attendance, declining generosity, and the 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.



FRESH EXPRESSIONS IN A DIGITAL AGE: HOW THE CHURCH CAN PREPARE FOR A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD (821079) Author: Beck, Michael Adam and Picardo, Rosario. Recognize the digital space as its own kind of third place, a new missional frontier. The idea of doing missional work in a “third place,” a public place separate from the usual social environments of home and workplace, is nothing new. Cafes, pubs, theaters, and parks have been used as third-place environments for some time now. But, as with most things, the pandemic changed everything. Workplaces and public arenas closed to help stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus, leaving us with only the first place—in the home—which, in turn, became a new kind of third place: the digital space. This book explores the digital space as a new missional frontier and alerts congregations to reevaluate what the Church is, where and when it can happen, and who can lead it. Chapters: The digital age; The COVID-19 reset;

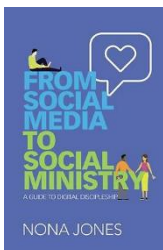
Hybridity – the post-pandemic church; Digital worship – liturgy, lectionary, and utilizing free-tech; Digital incarnation – rethinking evangelism and discipleship; Cultivating digital fresh expressions; Going old-school in a new-school world; From monologues to dialogues; A missional posture of placefulness.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



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



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.



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

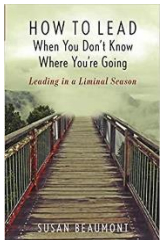
Facebook campus; Launching your Facebook campus; Leading your Facebook campus; Growing your Facebook campus; For the kingdom – final thoughts. 154 Pages.



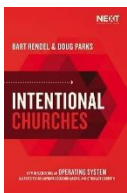
GET OUT OF THAT BOX! (820096) Author: Bosarge, Anne. Realizing Personal Potential and Enhancing Team Collaboration to Move Ministry Forward. In this book, you’ll unpack common myths about creativity, learn how to overcome roadblocks that keep you trapped, and explore practical suggestions that will help you create an environment for creativity to thrive. In addition to informative tips and theories, you’ll find dozens of “Practice This” exercises that will help you lead and inspire your team to think more creatively and work more collaboratively. Chapters: Myth – only some people are creative; Myth – creative people are ‘artsy;’ Myth – creativity just happens by accident; Myth – Creativity and tradition are in competition; Myth – Creativity is for visual arts, music ministry and children’s ministry; Fear; Negativity; Limitations; Assumptions; Planting seeds that produce change; Harness the power of frustration; Embrace diversity; Harness habits; Prioritize play; Define the problem; Get curious; Release the need to take credit; The power of pause; Uncovering blind spots; Physical environments for creativity; Encourage collaboration; Inspire others, create hope. Includes index. 171 Pages.



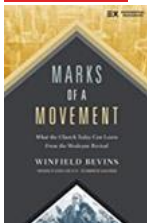
GROWING THROUGH DISASTER: TOOLS FOR FINANCIAL AND TRAUMA RECOVERY IN YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY (819122) Author: Smith, Clayton and Schoenfeld, Matt. This book shows faith communities how to come together to combat hopelessness and gain/regain financial strength after a disaster. No matter the type of disaster, 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.



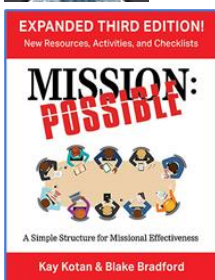
HOW TO LEAD WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING: LEADING IN A LIMINAL SEASON (821016) Author: Beaumont, Susan. How do you lead an organization stuck between an ending and a new beginning—when the old way of doing things no longer works but a way forward is not yet clear? Author Susan Beaumont calls such in-between times liminal seasons—threshold times when the continuity of tradition disintegrates and uncertainty about the future fuels doubt and chaos. In a liminal season it simply is not helpful to pretend we understand what needs to happen next. But leaders can still lead. Chapters: An introduction to liminality – neither here nor there; Leading with presence - holding steady; Tending the soul of the institution – finding soul in place; Deepening group discernment – seeing what God is up to; Shaping institutional memory – tell me our story; Clarifying purpose – who do we choose to be?; Engaging emergence - are we there yet? Includes bibliography and index. 171 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.

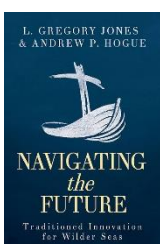


MARKS OF A MOVEMENT: WHAT THE CHURCH TODAY CAN LEARN FROM THE WESLEYAN REVIVAL (819171) Author: Bevens, Winfield. Chapters: Understanding movements; Changed lives; A contagious faith; The Holy Spirit; Discipleship systems; Apostolic leadership; Organic multiplication; Movements can be messy; The new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



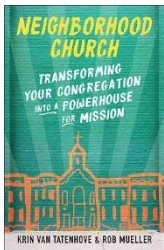
MISSION POSSIBLE 3+: A SIMPLE STRUCTURE FOR MISSIONAL EFFECTIVENESS (821073) Author: Kotan, Kay and Bradford, Blake. In this book, the authors have re-written and updated their best-selling resource for local churches to better assist congregations seeking to use the simplified, accountable leadership 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.

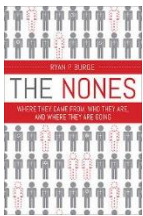


NAVIGATING THE FUTURE: TRADITIONED INNOVATION FOR WILDER SEAS (821019) Author: Jones, L. Gregory and Hogue, Andrew. Traditioned innovation is a way of thinking and living that holds the past and future together in creative tension. It is a habit of being and living that cultivates a certain kind of moral imagination shaped by storytelling and expressed in creative, transformational action. Moral imagination is about character, which depends on ongoing formation that takes place in friendships and communities that embody traditions and that are sustained by institutions. There is no quick-fix or set of techniques that will create a mindset of traditioned innovation. But the author believes we can learn to cultivate it by becoming immersed in an imaginative engagement with the story of God told through Scripture; learning from exemplary institutions, communities, and

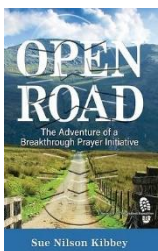
people practicing traditioned innovation; and from discovering new skills for integrating character formation and dense networks of friendships, communities and institutions into your leadership and life. This book explores stories and tips for cultivating traditioned innovation that will stimulate your thinking and inspire your imagination for more faithful and fruitful living along with the cultivation of more vibrant, life-giving institutions. Chapters: Introduction; Navigating; Purpose; Bewilderment; Imagining; Traditioning; Collaborating; Improvising and sustaining. 228 Pages.



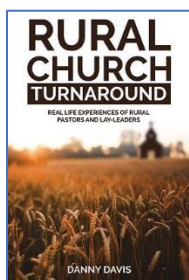
NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH: TRANSFORMING YOUR CONGREGATION INTO A POWERHOUSE FOR MISSION (819058) Author: Van Tatenhove, Krin and Mueller, Rob. This book discusses ABCD - asset-based community development - and how churches can use it to cultivate connections within their communities, mobilizing the capacities 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.



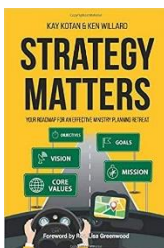
NONES: WHERE THEY CAME FROM, WHO THEY ARE, AND WHERE THEY ARE GOING (821044) Author: Burge, Ryan. This book gives readers a nuanced, accurate, and meaningful picture of the growing number of Americans who say they have no religious affiliation. Author Ryan Burge explains how this rise happened, who the nones are, and what they mean for the future of American religion. Chapters: What does the American religious landscape look like?; A social scientist tries to explain religious disaffiliation; The demographics of disaffiliation; Nones are not all created equal; What we can change and what we cannot. Includes bibliography. Larger than average print. 145 Pages.



OPEN ROAD: THE ADVENTURE OF A BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER INITIATIVE (821035) Author: Kibbey, Sue Nilson. What's gone wrong in a perfectly good faith-filled, well-intentioned, settled-in congregation that's instead become plateaued or even started into decline? In this book, Sue Nilson Kibbey seeks to help readers embrace and deploy the missing ingredient anew in their own personal lives and in the life of your church, a churchwide prayer initiative. The author's intent is to inspire you about what is Divinely possible, provide you a practical path of steps you can take with ideas you could deploy to add this ingredient and recount a few of the many stories from your sister churches that may add to your inspiration. Chapters: Start here; Church of the open road; Open road - removing roadblocks; Breakthrough prayer initiative wayfinder; Breakthrough prayer initiative - a guide to help you with implementation; Open road survival equipment - specialty breakthrough practices. Includes discussion questions. 108 Pages.



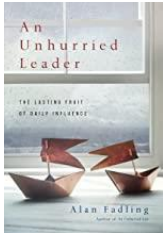
RURAL CHURCH TURNAROUND: REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES OF RURAL PASTORS AND LAY-LEADERS (820124) Author: Davis, Danny. Declining or plateauing rural churches do not have to die; they can live and become an influence for good in their communities. Unfortunately, many rural churches will close after decades of 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. Includes bibliography. 147 Pages.



STRATEGY MATTERS: YOUR ROADMAP FOR AN EFFECTIVE MINISTRY PLANNING RETREAT (820097) Author: Kotan, Kay and Willard, Ken. Many churches do a good job at planning activities, but this is often not producing the effective and fruitful ministries churches had hoped for or expected. Instead, churches must go beyond planning activities to intentional and strategic planning for the church to be faithful to its mission. This book provides the step-by-step process for preparing, conducting, and following up for strategic ministry planning retreats that will lead your church into more effective, focused, and fruitful ministry. Chapters: Understanding the five elements of strategic ministry planning (core values, mission, vision, SMARTER goals, objectives); Planning for the retreat; Conducting the strategic planning retreat; Following up after the retreat. 133 Pages.



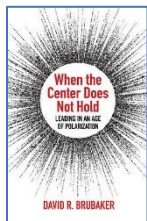
SUNDAY COMES EVERY WEEK: DAILY HABITS FOR THE BUSY PREACHER (820053) Author: Honeycutt, Frank. Using the days of the week as a framework, Frank Honeycutt describes practical and essential tasks leading up to the writing and delivery of the Sunday sermon. With humor and candid acknowledgment of his own 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.



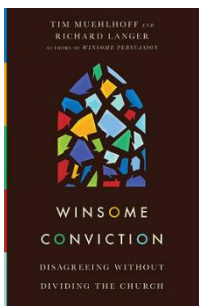
UNHURRIED LEADER: THE LASTING FRUIT OF DAILY INFLUENCE (817287) Author: Fadling, Alan. Chapters: Becoming an unhurried leader; Leading from abundance; Leading in His presence; Vision of God, vision from God; Questions that unhurry leaders; Unhurried influence; How grace empowers leadership; Unhurrying our thoughts; Prayer as primary influence; Working with God. Includes questions for reflection. 180 Pages.



WHAT COMES NEXT? SHAPING THE FUTURE IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD (821031) Author: Skytland, Nicholas and Llewellyn, Alicia. What if, instead of keeping up with change, you could get ahead of it? Our mission as Christians was the same yesterday as it is today and will be tomorrow. The world, however, is changing faster than ever before, and keeping up feels impossible. The realities of human life--from how we develop relationships to how we use technology to have impact --therefore change rapidly too. It's critical that Christian leaders take this into consideration as they plan for their organizations' future. In this book, strategists and innovation experts Nick Skytland and Alicia Llewellyn use the eight elements of their Futures Framework to teach us how to help shape the future, be visionary, and grow our businesses and ministries. Chapters: Introduction – an invitation to join us on an adventure; The future belongs to the curious; Into the unknown; The four forces; The eight intersections; Identify; Relate; Belong; Gather; Design; Collaborate; Scale; Impact; Curiosity in action; Paper rockets; Infinite possibilities. Includes discussion questions. 206 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.



WINSOME CONVICTION: DISAGREEING WITHOUT DIVIDING THE CHURCH (821017) Author: Muehlhoff, Tim and Langer, Richard. We generally assume that those sitting around us in church share our beliefs. But when our personal convictions are contested by fellow Christians, everything changes. We feel attacked from behind. When other Christians doubt or deny our convictions, we don't experience it as a mere difference of opinion, but as a violation of an unspoken agreement. Tim Muehlhoff and Rick Langer offer a guide to help Christians navigate disagreements with one another. In today's polarized context, Christians often have committed, biblical rationales for very different positions. How do we discern between core biblical convictions and secondary issues? How do we cultivate better understanding and compassion for those we disagree with? Muehlhoff and Langer provide lessons from conflict theory and church history on how to avoid the dangers of groupthink and how to negotiate differing biblical convictions to avoid church splits and repair interpersonal ruptures. Christian unity is possible. Discover how we can navigate differences by speaking in both truth and love. Chapters: Historical prelude – Roger Williams; Disputable matters – the forgotten middle ground; The conviction spectrum; Does division have to be divisive?; Crosscultural interlude – of tattoos and adultery; How unity is threatened; Perception is reality; Fellowship groups or echo chambers?; Power and civility in a broken society; Healing joint pain in the Body of Christ; Conviction mapping; Guidelines for hard conversations; Historical postlude – convictions in Nazi Germany. Includes index. 214 Pages.