



Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission by Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller (Westminster John Knox Press)

Has your congregation studied **Neighborhood Church** yet? Our Co-Moderators of the 223 General Assembly, the Reverend Cindy Kohlmann and Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri, chose **Neighborhood Church** for this year's PC(USA)-wide book study. If your congregation isn't going to get its study in by the end of 2019, why not make a resolution to study it early in 2020? Our Co-Moderators' suggested book study has sparked conversation across our denomination. Throughout the book, the authors help us begin to answer the question, "How can we embody the values of love, grace, and justice?" They hope to inspire churches to become vibrant and engaging community partners with families and neighborhoods around them. **Neighborhood Church** gives practical tools to help us develop the gift of listening as we develop fruitful partnerships, promote integrated space and sustain long-term visions. At this link – <https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Item/11063/Neighborhood-Church.aspx> – you can find more information on the book, read the introduction, download a free study guide, download sermon scripture ideas, purchase the book, or watch a promotional video. There are also videos that corresponds with each chapter of the book, which could be used as an introduction to each study session.

Kohlmann describes the book as focusing "on the initiatives that both the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly have lifted up as essential to Presbyterians." Even if doing a congregational study of **Neighborhood Church** doesn't send your congregation into new missional projects, it can definitely open your mind to seeing church and neighborhood interactions in a new light.

If you would like to preview the book, we have a copy in the Resource Center waiting for you to check out.



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