

# Interim Ministry Resources

## Chapter 15 Mission

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## 1) Mission

### A Generous Community: Being the Church in a New Missionary Age by C. Andrew Doyle (Author)

*GENEROUS COMMUNITY* is a book that invites the reader to wade deeply into the transformative work of being church in a new missionary age. This book is designed for the person in the pew. Not unlike the reformers who hoped to inspire a change within the church of their time, this book is for everyone who wishes to take on the work of **mission** through evangelism and service for the sake of God's reconciling work and for the hope of community transformation.

Clergy and Thought Leaders: *GENEROUS COMMUNITY* (Church Publishing) is the partner book to *CHURCH* (VTS Press) for the building of cadres of leaders to help you transform your mission in the new mission context in which we find ourselves.



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A Generous Community: Being the Church in a New Missionary Age

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<http://www.prweb.com/releases/CAndrewDoyle/SmallBatch/prweb13537282.htm>

<http://www.epicenter.org/bishop-andy-doyle/>

<https://twitter.com/texasbishop?lang=en>

<https://www.facebook.com/c.andrew.doyle/>

<https://www.tribtalk.org/author/c-andrew-doyle/>

<http://www.texasmonthly.com/the-culture/c-andrew-doyle/>

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Images for C. Andrew Doyle (Author)

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### A Model for Thinking about Mission: Pursuing the Three Great Listeners

Discerning your congregation's mission can be described as prayerfully pursuing three listeners. Each listening is essential:

listening to God in scripture, prayer and discernment; listening to our neighbors in our communities; and listening to each other and our partners throughout the Church discerning the gifts and assets God has provided for us to be about mission.

[PDF]manual for congregational mission planning - ELCA Resource Repository

<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Discipleship/Mission-Planning/Essential-background.aspx>

Images for discerning your congregation's mission

### Carey Nieuwhof on Maintaining Your Mission While Changing Your Method - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MH3eN55-80Y>

<https://unseminary.com/carey-nieuwhof-on-maintaining-your-mission-while-changing-your-method/>

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[https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3396023.Carey\\_Nieuwhof](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3396023.Carey_Nieuwhof)  
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[PDF] Changing a Church's Culture Changes Its Future – Parish Paper

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What Are Our Values?	Page 10
What Is Our Strategy?	Page 11

Ch. Effectiveness Nuggets--Volume 34-Changing a Church's Culture Changes Its Future - The Parish Paper

<http://www.theparishpaper.com/files/resources/Church%20Effectiveness%20Nuggets-%20Volume%2034.pdf>  
<https://www.theparishpaper.com/sites/default/files/resources/Church%20Effectiveness%20Nuggets-%20Volume%2034.pdf>  
<https://www.theparishpaper.com/free-resources> Church Effective Nugget, Volume 34: Changing a Church's Culture Changes Its Future  
[Images for Changing a Church's Culture Changes Its Future – Parish Paper](#)  
<http://www.wisconsinumc.org/connections/conference-news/the-parish-paper>  
<http://www.wcucc.org/resource-center/church-management/parish-paper/>  
<http://www.hcucc.org/the-parish-paper>  
<http://winnebagoepresbytery.org/parish-papers/>  
<https://www.theparishpaper.com/back-issue-index> Back Issue Index | The Parish Paper

Changing the Scorecard - Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices for leading congregations

Does your congregation's parochial report represent what is really happening in your parish? How might you change your 'scorecard' to represent the many ways your congregation is serving God's **mission**?

<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/changing-the-scorecard/>  
[Images for ways congregation is serving God's mission](#)  
<https://www.ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/499/why-articulate-your-mission-vision>  
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[Images for Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices for leading congregations](#)

Compelled: Living the Mission of God [Ed Stetzer, Philip Nation]

Understand what it means to be compelled by love. Ed Stetzer and Philip Nation challenge readers to look at love within the context of God, the church, and the lives of individual believers. *Compelled* provides readers a basic theological grounding and a platform for personal application as they understand what missional living is all about it is simply the calling to love others. Look at the love of God; begin to truly understand what is at the center of the church's foundation, commission, and direction; but most importantly, understand your role within the mission of God as you integrate love into all aspects of your missional calling.

<http://www.amazon.com/Compelled-Living-Mission-Ed-Stetzer/dp/1596693517>  
<http://newhopepublishers.com/2012/06/philip-nation-living-the-mission-of-god/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WW61CXsNe0A> Ed Stetzer: Compelled: Living the Mission of God [Greater] – YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVMSThrTDm8> Ed Stetzer: The Four Commissions of Jesus - Biola University Talbot Chapel  
<https://www.linkedin.com/pub/philip-nation/20/3a9/616>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ed\\_Stetzer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ed_Stetzer)  
<https://edstetzer.com/>  
[https://twitter.com/edstetzer?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor](https://twitter.com/edstetzer?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor)  
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/about/about.html>  
<https://www.facebook.com/edstetzer/>  
<https://www.amazon.com/Ed-Stetzer/e/B001JP8EUI>  
[http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/25148.Ed\\_Stetzer](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/25148.Ed_Stetzer)  
[Images for ed stetzer, author](#)  
<http://philipnation.net/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/philipnation>  
<http://www.lifeway.com/c/Keyword-Philip+Nation/N-?Ntk=Author>  
[http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1012264.Philip\\_Nation](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1012264.Philip_Nation)  
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[Images for Compelled: Living the Mission of God \[Ed Stetzer, Philip Nation\]](#)

## Congregation Informational Meeting – Oct. 6, 2013

### Mission/Vision Team

Dave Henningsen, spokesperson, stated the excitement of this team in doing God's work in a faithful, deliberate fashion, working towards the mission that God made us to be. With nearly 400 surveys collected from Bethany members, we have learned that Christian Education, teaching Christian values for youth, securing strong and engaging preaching, and reaching for excellence in the worship experience are our top priorities.

Remembering discipleship, he stated that Outreach will be emphasized, improving on the many ways in which we already reach out. He asks, "Where is God leading us in the next 10 years?" Our new mission statement addresses this: We INVITE all; We GROW in faith; We GO to share God's love and grace.

Because our worship attendance is decreasing, our membership declining, as in ½ of the ELCA congregations across the nation and other mainstream denominations, we will have a deliberate focus shift: That from ourselves to others; from membership to discipleship; from pastor-centered to lay empowered, from settled to sent.

<http://www.bethanyricelake.org/Portals/1475/Publications/Oct%206%202013%20Special%20Congregation%20Informational%20Meeting%20for%20print.pdf>

<https://www.marshfieldclinic.org/Doctors/David-J-Henningsen-MD?ek=David%20J%20Henningsen%20MD>  
[Images for Congregation Mission/Vision Team](#)

### [PDF]Congregational Mission Planning - ELCA Resource Repository

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[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Beyond\\_Our\\_Doors.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Beyond_Our_Doors.pdf)

[Images for Congregational Mission Planning – ELCA Resource Repository](#)

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<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Mission-Planning>

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### Direct Hit: Aiming Real Leaders at the Mission Field (The Convergence eBook Series) by Paul D. Borden (Author)

Many congregations are declining due to an inward focus and see their pastor as someone who should only minister to their needs. But pastors must anticipate a better future. *Direct Hit* offers hope to leaders of congregations that have lost their outward focus. By preparing for and leading systemic change, pastors can bring new life into the culture of a congregation, guiding it to answer God's call to reach people with the good news.

*Direct Hit* offers practical explanations for how to:

- Develop a vision and communicate a strategy for its implementation
- Motivate a congregation to embrace the vision
- Develop resources, ideas, and personnel to prepare for change
- Embrace and implement change
- Embed a new DNA into the life of a congregation

Systemic change occurs as a result of hard work, but the gain far outweighs the pain. Once change has occurred, a whole new world of opportunity opens up—a world in which you are privileged to equip, lead, and oversee a congregation that has joined God's mission. Ready. Aim. Go for it!

<http://www.amazon.com/Direct-Hit-Leaders-Mission-Convergence/dp/0687331943>

[https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/799052.Direct\\_Hit](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/799052.Direct_Hit)

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/direct-hit-paul-d-borden/1102500381>

<http://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9780687331949#.WmpfEainGUK>

<https://wanderingbookseller.com.au/p/member-care-direct-hit-aiming-real-leaders-at-the-mission-field?barcode=9780687331949>

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1426722427>

[https://books.google.com/books/about/Direct\\_Hit.html?id=1PXnzPax1zEC](https://books.google.com/books/about/Direct_Hit.html?id=1PXnzPax1zEC)

[http://www.abingdonpress.com/paul\\_d\\_borden](http://www.abingdonpress.com/paul_d_borden)

<http://bordenspeaks.com/index.php/book-s>

<https://www.amazon.com/Paul-D.-Borden/e/B001IGQQBW>

[http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/418549.Paul\\_D\\_Borden](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/418549.Paul_D_Borden)

[Images for Paul D. Borden \(Author\)](#)

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[Images for Convergence eBook Series](#)

Director for Evangelical Mission- Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Job Location: Northwest Synod, WI

Date Updated: June 13, 2018

Starting Date: ASAP

This position represents the Domestic Mission (DM) unit in the territory of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, and is responsible for engaging synodical leaders, structures and strategies in the formation and development of Congregational Vitality: "Communities of Jesus that nurture life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world," and reflects the purposes, principles and commitments of the synod, DM and the ELCA as a whole. This position will coordinate and staff the education of all evangelical mission, mission support and stewardship ministry in the synod through the formation and coordination of three synodical initiatives:

1. mission support and/or stewardship
2. congregational vitality; and
3. alignment with Future Directions 2025 ([www.elca.org/future](http://www.elca.org/future))

The person in this position is expected to fully participate in the life and ministry as the synod staff, synod initiatives, and is responsible for implementing and building upon ELCA commitments to ethnic-specific communities, communities of color, the young-adult population; as well as people and communities experiencing poverty. This person participates in resourcing the synod mission strategy with an emphasis on congregational vitality and leadership.

This position will be co-terminus with the synod bishop and supervised jointly by both the Bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin and DM staff. Other assignments of responsibility will be made by the Synod Bishop and Director, DEM Relationships. The position will be based in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin and will serve as a living representation of the interdependent nature of the ELCA. This position is full time.

#### PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES:

1. Responsible for the development and formation of a mission support/stewardship table. This table will create a mechanism for synodical mission support that includes stewardship education, mission interpretation, convenes mission support conversations, strengthens synodical and congregational generosity and promotes asset thinking and planning. DEM supports the ELCA Comprehensive Mission Support Strategy in the synod.
2. Responsible for the formation and coordination of a synod mission table that identifies potential fields and resources for the vitality of existing congregations and new mission development of evangelizing congregations in the synod, including area ministry strategies, congregational mission plans, and congregational vitality.
3. Responsible for the development and coordination of synod mission strategy including building and developing key relationships with missional leaders who will form the synod mission strategy table. This position and table pays particular attention to the implementation of ELCA commitments to be in ministry among ethnic, multicultural and emergent communities; as well as ministry among people living in poverty.
4. Responsible for the administration of partnership support for the synod's Congregational Vitality portfolio.
5. Responsible for identifying and recruiting of leaders for synod tables as well participating in the behavioral interview process to raise leaders who can also serve as mission developers and redevelopers.
6. Responsible for being a public voice on behalf of the churchwide organization and synod including preaching, share learnings and other leadership opportunities. Provides a visible witness to the interdependent nature of the church and communicates our shared mission and vision.
7. Responsible for participation in quarterly Relator conference calls which are scheduled for intentional conversation.

#### Experience and Skills:

1. Effective grounding in Word and Sacrament ministry, missional theology, the theories and practice of mission development, the Missional Church Movement, and in the biblical and Lutheran understanding of stewardship that responds to God's grace in Jesus Christ.
2. Effective communicator in preaching, sharing learnings, writing and evangelical outreach.
3. Demonstrated ability working with leaders in adaptive ways and facilitating group processes as well as knowledge, experience and/or willingness to learn, listen and utilize the arts of community organizing in growing leaders and building tables.
4. Extensive knowledge of the organizational structure of the ELCA and its congregations.
5. Ability to utilize congregational trend reports and demographic data in the process of the development of congregational vitality for new and existing congregations.
6. Experience with missional strategies for the vitality of new and existing congregations.
7. Proven effective time-management and administrative experience and ability to meet deadlines.
8. Exceptional interpersonal, organizational, analytical and communication skills and the ability to work in partnership with peers, other DM unit staff, synod and regional staff.
9. Demonstrated competency among communities of color; and well as with people and communities experiencing poverty. Ability to relate and communicate well in diverse cultural, ethnic and socio-economic situations.
10. Active participation in a Christian congregation and God's mission.
11. Ability to seek out additional resources and persons who can expand the capacity of the unit in doing God's mission.

## Synod Information

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin has 199 congregations located in 19 counties. Most of the congregations are in small towns or rural open country contexts. The largest cities in the synod are Eau Claire, Superior, Hudson, Rice Lake and Marshfield. There is growing ethnic diversity in some areas. The cities with turkey processing plants, large dairies and cheese processing plants in the synod employ many recent immigrants. The synod doesn't have ethnic specific ministries. The NWSWI has one Congregation Under Development, Chicken Coop Church. There are 66 congregations that are growing or stable and 133 that show signs of decline in this synod. We have strong relationship with our companion synod in Malawi, our four Bible camps, and three campus ministries. There are 312 rostered ministers in our synod, about 139 of them are retired. The new bishop elect is Laurie Skow-Anderson. She is the outgoing DEM for the synod. For additional information about our synod please check our website: [www.nswwi.org](http://www.nswwi.org).

<http://elca.atsondemand.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=512830.viewjobdetail&CID=512830&JID=624755>

[Images for Director for Evangelical Mission- Northwest Synod of Wisconsin](#)

### Director of Evangelical Mission – Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Greetings Colleagues,

Do you need someone to challenge your congregation to take a next step or new step forward in **mission** and ministry? Need someone to meet with your council, lead a retreat, or adult class? Give me a call and I'll come to your church on Sunday morning. These are the Sundays I'm available this fall. Call me today: 715-651-1658. First come first served!

September 4, 11, 25 October 30 November 6, 13, 20, 27 December 4, 11, 18

I can preach on the Revised Common Lectionary, the Narrative Lectionary, or I can preach on one of the following topics:

- Change and Thrive: 3 reasons why every congregation needs to be thinking about change and 10 characteristics of Thriving Congregations. "If you don't like change I'll like irrelevancy even less."
- Soul of Money-a sermon about the meaning of money and using our money for things that make our soul sing
- Purple Cow Sunday-a sermon about becoming a remarkable "purple cow" church that stands out from the herd
- On a Mission: The Church has left the building: What will it take to move the ministry of your church beyond the walls of your building and out into the neighborhood?
- Beautiful Feet Sunday: How to talk about your faith without freaking out. The three great relationships with God, our church family, and those outside our church family
- Are we asking the right questions? The Who, What, When, Where, and Why of Worship
- Getting the Word Out about Your Church, Your Faith, The Reformation

I can send or bring power-point slides to use with my sermon and bring a sermon listening guide to help with retention of key points.

I'd also be happy to do a children's sermon or lead an adult class or meet with council after worship.

Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson

Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson via [nwsynod-wisconsin.ccsend.com](mailto:lskow-anderson@nswwi.org) Aug 10 [lskow-anderson@nswwi.org](mailto:lskow-anderson@nswwi.org)

<http://nswwi.org/about-us/our-staff> REV. LAURIE SKOW-ANDERSON DIRECTOR FOR EVANGELICAL MISSION (DEM)

[Images for step forward in mission and ministry](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/lskowanderson>

<http://bethelhudson.org/connect/messages/preacher/pastor-laurie-skow-anderson/>

### Discerning God's Mission: Trust-building and Teamwork for Collective Insight | Christopher Hagen Consulting

This 6-month course prepares congregations, church leaders and interim pastors for navigating congregations through collective discovery of God's intent for their church. Trust is fundamental for teamwork. Collaborative leadership leverages collective wisdom and skills.

<https://christopherhagenconsulting.wordpress.com/>

[Images for Discerning God's Mission: Trust-building and Teamwork for Collective Insight | Christopher Hagen Consulting](#)

<http://www.christopherhagenconsulting.com/recommendations.html>

Many will benefit from this course. Congregations in transition will connect with God's present work in the world, a more faithful approach than inventing their own purpose and direction. Churches in a rut will discover anew God's purpose for them and will identify key ministries for engaging God's mission. Church leaders seeking renewed enthusiasm for ministry will see afresh the Spirit's work in their lives, journey with colleagues in ministry, explore God's ways in the world and awaken to renewed passion for ministry. Interim pastors will strengthen their leadership. Trust-building and collaborative leadership for collective insight are essential tasks for **guiding congregations into a new chapter in God's mission in the world.**

[https://www.luthersem.edu/lifelong\\_learning/kairos/courses.aspx](https://www.luthersem.edu/lifelong_learning/kairos/courses.aspx)

[Images for guiding congregations into a new chapter in God's mission in the world](#)

### [PDF] Missional Interim Ministry Processes a Case Study by Christopher Edwin Hagen - Digital Commons

A case study of conducting an interim missionally. Presents theological and theoretical bases for missional interim processes and description of an actual interim period in which the interim was approached missionally. Units of analyses are environment/context, power/leadership, conflict, organizational restructuring, trust, and conventional interim tasks. Interpretation of data is by time-sequence analysis and explanation building. Charismatic power yielded to democratic expressions through process of legitimization. Political organizing within congregation was method for power transformation. Goal was communicative action that discerned the mission of God, determined congregation's calling within that mission, and described congregation's ministries to carry out its calling.



[http://digitalcommons.luthersem.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1000&context=dmin\\_theses](http://digitalcommons.luthersem.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1000&context=dmin_theses)  
[Images for Missional Interim Ministry Processes a Case Study by Christopher Edwin Hagen](http://www.christopherhagenconsulting.com/)  
<http://www.christopherhagenconsulting.com/>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/christopher-hagen-18648234>  
<http://semnsynod.org/interimevent2017/> The Letter to Titus: Christian Character in Contentious Times for Interim Ministry  
[Images for The Letter to Titus: Christian Character in Contentious Times for Interim Ministry by Christopher Edwin Hagen](http://www.christopherhagenconsulting.com/)

**Discovering Hope: Building Vitality in Rural Congregations by David Poling-Goldenne (Author), L. Shannon Jung (Author)**  
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God's Spirit is breathing new vitality into rural congregations! Hear what 26 effective rural congregations have to say about God's activity in and through them. In these stories, you can explore the best practices for vital ministry and identify action steps for your own setting.

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/6363/Discovering-Hope-Building-Vitality-in-Rural-Congregations>  
<https://www.amazon.com/Discovering-Hope-Building-Vitality-Congregations/dp/0806641479>  
[Images for Discovering Hope: Building Vitality in Rural Congregations by David Poling-Goldenne \(Author\), L. Shannon Jung \(Author\)](http://www.christopherhagenconsulting.com/)  
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#### **D.Min. in Congregational Mission and Leadership - Luther Seminary**

Looking for a new way to do church? Interested in helping people enthusiastically experience and participate in being church? The D.Min. in Congregational Mission and Leadership degree will help you do just that.

[https://www.luthersem.edu/dmin/dmin\\_Cong\\_Miss\\_Ldrshp.aspx](https://www.luthersem.edu/dmin/dmin_Cong_Miss_Ldrshp.aspx)  
[Images for D.Min. in Congregational Mission and Leadership - Luther Seminary](http://www.christopherhagenconsulting.com/)  
[https://www.luthersem.edu/dmin/DMin\\_CML\\_Abstracts\\_2007-12.pdf](https://www.luthersem.edu/dmin/DMin_CML_Abstracts_2007-12.pdf)

#### **Does Our Mission-Identity Fit? | The Parish Paper**

A healthy mission-identity fits a congregation's size, members, resources, and meets its community's needs.

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[Images for Does Our Mission-Identity Fit? | The Parish Paper](http://www.christopherhagenconsulting.com/)

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#### **Doing the Math of Mission: Fruits, Faithfulness, and Metrics [Gil Rendle Senior Consultant]**

Over the past ten years, the North American mission field has experienced dramatic changes, which in turn have required congregations, middle judicatories, and denominations to adapt. Among these adaptations is an expectation for clear goals and quantified progress towards those goals. Church leaders who have never needed to measure their goals and progress with metrics may find this change daunting. The use of metrics—denominational and middle judicatory dashboards, and the tracking of congregational trends—has become an uncomfortable and misunderstood practice in this search for accountability.

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### Finding a mission in rural America: Mere survival is not enough | The Lutheran

You know these folks, or maybe you're one of them. They aren't so different from anyone else who lives a rural life: in towns once dominated by a grain elevator, or those nestled in New England villages or Pennsylvania hills, among the orchards in the great Northwest or the oilfields of the Southwest.

They're people who love their communities, the land and, yes, their churches. And in some of these places, their churches are merging or closing. The emotions are as diverse as the land itself — from the despair of a lost farm or a closing church, to the joy of a successful building project or a weekly event that attracts many, yes many, youth.

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Fine-Tuning the Organizational and Communication Engine – The Parish Paper

Vision, **Mission**, Strategy, Tactics, and Values

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### Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Robert Schnase

People are searching for a church shaped and sustained by Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking **Mission** and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. These fundamental practices are critical to the success of congregations. Their presence and strength demonstrate congregational health, vitality, and fruitfulness. By repeating and improving these practices, churches fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Imagine a congregation-wide focus on these practices that includes a five-week sermon series, five weeks with every household reading daily devotions and sharing prayers on these practices, five weeks of leadership teams and small groups stimulated to take new initiatives, five weeks of conversation and commitment focused on the mission of the church. These are the practices that lead to excellence and fruitfulness, and they can change your church. Imagine!

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### For the Sake of Mission

The description of my presentation in the publicity for this event is exactly what I'll talk about today: —In our rapidly changing culture, the Christian church is at a crossroads—either we can circle the wagons, pine for the good ol' days, and struggle to survive, or we can re-imagine ministry where our identity is deeply grounded in Jesus, and mission is the purpose for which we live and breathe.

□ I'll talk about the changing landscape of culture and church.

□ I'll make a case for radical change.

□ I'll take a stab at what this new emerging church might look like.

□ And, I'll tell you why I am optimistic about the future of the missional church.

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[Images for For the Sake of Mission Christian Church](#)

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### From Country Club To Mission Base: Strategic Role Of The Pastor

Sharing the faith is not and never has been simply a Sunday come-to-our-turf-to-hear- the-Gospel enterprise. It is the Lord's wish that we should be fruitful wherever we are *and* that we should be modeling for our people the life of one who does the work of an evangelist. In so doing we will not only see our own trust in the Lord increase; we will see our people thinking about sharing their faith in new ways too. In turn He will surely add to the church daily those who are being saved.

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## Images for From Country Club To Mission Base: Strategic Role Of The Pastor

### **In Mission on the Boundaries—On Purpose! - Alban Institute**

#### **An Empowering View**

Finally, viewing my ministry from the perspective of negotiating cultural boundaries has given me a fresh perspective on all aspects of my work. This conversation has empowered me to celebrate the fact that my life, theology, and sense of mission are all informed by a complex array of cultural factors. My ministry is strengthened when I reflect critically on these factors with others so influenced, and when I am aware how these factors affect my decisions, actions, and worldview. I now understand my ministry to a large degree as helping congregations to discover the tremendous need to negotiate cultural boundaries, and to develop the motivation and fluency to converse with people from all walks of life to build communities of faith that reflect and honor the larger community wherein we serve.

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### **Leaders are stewards of a (hopefully clear) mission: Anthony B. Robinson**

What do we do when a sense of mission is elusive, ignored, too much about us and not enough about God, or opposed by a small but vocal power bloc?

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### **Ministry and Mission in Uncertain Times - VARIOUS AUTHORS**

This kindle, "Ministry and Mission in Uncertain Times," gathers 15 articles previously published by the Alban Institute on a range of topics.

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### **Mission - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

#### **Our mission**

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world. This is the mission statement of the ELCA. As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus' name throughout the world.

#### **Biblical and theological foundation**

Members of the ELCA are called and privileged to participate in God's work in the world. God calls and empowers us for mission through baptism. As a community of believers justified by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8), we do not describe mission in terms of our own work but with reference to the healing, salvation and restoration that God accomplishes through Christ. We seek the guidance of the Spirit in our planning, while expecting surprising developments and unanticipated opportunities. Grounded in God's love and forgiveness, we are equipped to live and serve here and now, in the world, with all its complexities, tensions and ambiguities. We have the courage to explore the world as saints and sinners are certain of God's promises and of the confident hope that all God's loving purposes will be fulfilled when our risen Lord Jesus Christ returns (1 John 3:2).

Strategic directions for the ELCA churchwide organization

The ELCA churchwide organization, working collaboratively with congregations, synods, agencies and institutions and other partners will give priority to:  
Accompanying congregations as growing centers for evangelical mission; and  
Building capacity for evangelical witness and service in the world to alleviate poverty and to work for justice and peace.  
To this end, the churchwide organization continues to play a significant and pivotal role in the life of this church by working with its local and global mission partners to build, support and extend the mission of this church.

<http://www.elca.org/About/Mission>

[Images for Mission - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

[Images for quotes-to-inspire-you-to-pursue-a-mission](#)

#### **Mission and Stewardship Tools - Southwestern PA Synod**

The Outreach Committee is the synod committee responsible for mission development. We have a list of Mission Tools available for our congregations and their pastors as they seek to work together to strengthen their mission.

The tools are always being renewed and strengthened. Some of the tools that we offer have been available for years. Some are more recent, and we are still learning their value as they are applied to congregational life.

Each of the congregations of our synod has aspects that make them unique. It is important to have a discussion with our Director for Evangelical Mission, Pastor Blair Morgan, regarding the mission challenges you face. He can then share which of the available tools might be most helpful to meet your current situation.

These first four have become the essential tools for our work in congregational renewal:

<http://www.swpasynod.org/resources/mission-and-stewardship-tools>

[Images for Mission and Stewardship Tools - Southwestern PA Synod](#)

#### **Mission in the Congregation (Summer 2006) - Word and World**

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#### **Mission Programs - Synod Resource Center**

- ["Plant a Seed" Mission Project](#)
- [Mission Mart: A place for mission project materials](#)

- [No Walls - Skit for Global Connections Ministry](http://synodresourcecenter.org/evang/mission/programs/)  
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#### Mission Quotes - BrainyQuote

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#### Mission Resources: Helping Our Congregations Renew and Grow

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod has made a commitment to helping our congregations grow and thrive.

Our four-year program, the Turnaround Synod Initiative, helps our area congregations do just that through a committed effort to increase membership and participation. To learn more, visit the [Turnaround Synod Initiative](#).

#### Congregational Support - Metropolitan Chicago Synod

<http://www.mcselca.org/congregation/index.php> [Mission Resources](#)  
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#### Mission Teller Ministry

In Mathew 25, Jesus calls us to feed the hungry, give drink to those who are thirsty, invite the stranger in, clothe those who are naked, care for the sick and visit those who are imprisoned. Pr. Laurie Skow-Anderson, our Director of Evangelical Mission for the N.W. Synod, is reintroducing the story telling ministry called Mission Tellers. The Mission Teller Ministry of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is telling the story of our hands doing God's work in the world. Mission Tellers will share stories in their congregations of how we, as the ELCA, are living out our baptismal call to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Mission Tellers are storytellers, telling stories of how we are responding. We are the bridge builders, the liaisons, the link between our wider church and our congregations. Sharing these stories will reflect our stewardship, the ways we use our time, talents, and treasures and of how we partner with our local communities to serve our neighbors in need. These stories will tell the different ways our ELCA is an advocate for justice in the U.S. and how we partner with global entities to help bring awareness and change to the multiple justice issues throughout the world. Michelle and Jed join nearly 50 other coordinators and 400 Mission Tellers around the country, so please join us and be a part of the N.W. Synod of Wi. Mission Teller team bringing stories to life in our congregations. This is exciting!! Watch for us at Walking Together, the Synod Assembly, conference meetings, Lay School, and other synod events.

For questions and more information call or e-mail. Synod Coordinators for Mission Tellers:

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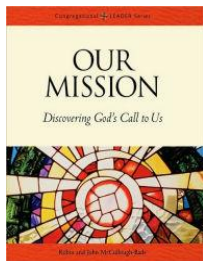
#### Our Mission: Discovering God's Call to Us (Congregational Leader Series) by Robin McCullough-Blade (Author)

*Our Mission* provides a four-step process for discovering God's call for your congregation. The mission of the church is the same at all times and in all ages but takes shape in different ways from one congregation to another. This book assists congregations in writing a mission statement, establishing goals, and creating action plans to carry out those goals.

The four strategic planning steps to help your congregation fulfill its mission:

- STOP to pray and discern if your congregation is fulfilling the will of God
- LOOK at God's word to make sure it is at the heart of your mission
- LISTEN to the mission mandate of Christ to establish goals for the congregation
- GO to implement your action plans with confidence and hope in God's blessings.

This book can be used by pastors and congregational leaders for strategic planning and effective management. See Excerpts for reproducible tools that can be downloaded and customized.



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**Right Here, Right Now: Everyday Mission for Everyday People (Shapevine) by Alan Hirsch (Author), Lance Ford (Author), Erwin McManus (Foreword)**

People in all walks of life are discovering what it means to be involved, concerned, missional Christians. But simply having block parties or spending more time downtown is not enough to describe what it means to be a missional people. What is needed is a reformation of the way we actually live our lives as Jesus followers. We need to see a way of living faithfully to God's mission in the world, right here, right now. In this inspiring yet practical book, Alan Hirsch and Lance Ford equip believers to live missionally regardless of situation, vocation, or location, making the concept of being missional accessible to the whole body of Christ. Touching on issues of discipleship, spirituality, and church at every level of experience, Right Here, Right Now calls readers to be the people God has made them to be.

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Some Basics on How People Change and How to Help It Happen in the Church

3 Keys to Healthy Ministry

Leadership – A culture where laity and clergy work together as a team and new leaders are made

Purpose/Vision – The people know what God has them there for

Willingness to change – the ministry is open to change for the sake of mission

**Dealing with Change - Synod Resource Center**

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**Paying Attention: Focusing Your Congregation on What Matters by Gary Peluso-Verdend (Author)**

In a culture marked by what many call “attention-deficit disorder,” congregations and their leaders are subject to distractions that detract from their mission and lead them in directions that have little to do with their reason for existence. Size concerns, building preservation, situational conflicts, the lure of technology, and the so-called worship wars all threaten to distract congregations from what matters most. Thus, churches can become part of the problem rather than a positive influence in the lives of their people and their communities. In this inspiring volume, Gary Peluso-Verdend issues a clarion call to congregational leaders to refocus their church's attention on the core matters of Christian faith—the Word, the example of Christ, and an intentional embrace of theology and spiritual practice—to renew the congregation's vision and to center itself again on God's call. *Paying Attention* takes on obsession and anxiety, the two “vampires of attention,” that focus on the unfixable past and the uncontrollable future, wasting and dissipating attention. True Christian attention is focused on the now, and this book calls on congregations to be present to the persons and issues that God has entrusted to them. As Jesus of Nazareth's ability to be fully attentive and present to people was remarkable, congregations should look to his example and attend as he attended. *Paying Attention* urges congregations to develop their theology of attention and to engage in the Christian practice of attending lovingly to God and to neighbor so that they may participate fully in the kingdom of God. With study questions at the end of each chapter and an imagined conversation between people practicing theology in their congregation, *Paying Attention* provides an invaluable companion in a congregation's journey toward purposeful, attentive faithfulness.



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**Resurrected... as this congregation focuses on 3Rs: Respond, Return, Rejoice - The Lutheran Magazine**

A brittle bird's nest sits on top of Bettye Wolinski's bookcase at [Community Lutheran Church](#), Frankford, Del. It's a gift from a member who said the backyard nest had served two families of birds and reminded her of the church.

"Birds miraculously re-created this nest," said Wolinski, pointing to the brilliant feathers that the second family had added to spruce it up after the original inhabitants moved out.

**Community**, with about 140 members, is re-creating itself too. Like so many other congregations, dwindling finances forced the church to examine itself. A "re-missioning," Wolinski calls it.

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### Staff & Laity: Organizing for Mission - Synod Resource Center

Create New Ministry Opportunities

Always keep a "new" ministry initiative in front of the congregation.

Remember that new opportunities tend to involve new people.

Allow ministries on "life support" to "die."

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### The Mission of God Study Bible by Ed Stetzer (Editor), Philip Nation (Editor)

*The Mission of God Study Bible* encourages followers of Jesus Christ to see their everyday life from God's perspective and have His heart for people. It's a reminder that we live around people in desperate need of redemption and reconciliation with God, which can only be found in Jesus. The mission of God has never been just for specialists; it is for all believers to live out through their daily lives and by sharing the good news of what God has done through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus. Wherever you are, you are on mission.

In *The Mission of God Study Bible*, readers will hear through more than 150 additional writings from today's top thinkers, theologians, and leading voices in the church about what it means to live in the mission of God. Essay contributors include Matt Chandler, Tullian Tchividjian, Ed Stetzer, Linda Bergquist, Dave Ferguson, Christopher J.H. Wright, Matthew Barnett, and many others. Readers will also discover "Letters to the Church" from elder statesmen that speak to the grand narrative of God's mission in Scripture. These words from Billy Graham, Jack Hayford, Erwin Lutzer, Calvin Miller, and R.C. Sproul will inspire you to live God's mission daily.

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### The Mission Table: Renewing Congregation and Community by Stephen P. Bouman (Author)

In a time of declining mainline Protestant church attendance, Bouman reminds us that the Holy Spirit is still very much at work. It is the mission of our churches to aid God's reconciling and restoring action in the world. This conversation on mission must involve everyone including laypeople, pastors, seminarians, and emerging congregational leaders. Each chapter contains scripture, questions, and activities, allowing for group study, reflection, and action. The goal is ultimately to help every member of the church to live as signs of the God who made the world and who will make all things new.

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### The Once and Future Church: Reinventing the Congregation for a New Mission Frontier (Once and Future Church Series) [Loren B. Mead]

Mead takes a broad look at past and present changes in the church, and postulates a future to which those changes are calling us. Denominations, once structured to deliver resources to far-off lands of foreign mission, now encounter the mission field in the layperson's workplace and the community surrounding the local congregation. Thus, the church is called to reinvention for this new mission frontier.

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### The power of pink: What a Mohawk did for a mission congregation - The Lutheran Magazine

"Mom and Dad, may I have a mohawk?" Mitchell Bourget, 9, asked his parents. They told him he couldn't because he wasn't old enough.

Unwilling to accept their answer, Mitchell proceeded to Plan B, enlisting the help of fellow [Living Water Lutheran Church](#) member Peter Johnson. A strapping man in his mid-30s with a deep belly laugh and eyes bursting with warmth and wisdom, Johnson was the only other person in Mitchell's world to sport a mohawk. A pink mohawk, to be exact.

Huddled in the corner one Sunday after worship, Mitchell and Johnson began working on how to convince parents who were reluctant to give their son permission for a mohawk. Johnson advised Mitchell that he needed to connect the mohawk to something bigger and more important.

Eventually the conspirators approached the Bourgets with a proposal: If Mitchell could raise \$200 for the [Barron County Humane Society](#), would Mom and Dad consent to a mohawk?

The answer was yes, and the following Sunday the fundraising began.

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### The Shaping of Things to Come: Innovation and Mission for the 21st-Century Church [Alan Hirsch, Michael Frost]

If ever there was a time for an innovative missionary effort in the West, it is now.

The great paradox of our age is that while the need for the gospel has seldom been greater, the relevance of the church to the culture at large has seldom been less. With keen insight, thought leaders Alan Hirsch and Michael Frost explore why the church needs to recalibrate itself and present us with a clear understanding of how the church can adapt to face the unique challenges of the twenty-first century. Now thoroughly revised and updated with current case studies, this missional classic still shows us the way ahead.

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### Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission (American Society of Missiology) [David J. Bosch]

David Bosch's *Transforming Mission*, now available in over a dozen languages, is widely recognized as an historic and magisterial contribution to the study of mission. Examining the entire sweep of Christian tradition, he shows how five paradigms have historically encapsulated the Christian understanding of mission and then outlines the characteristics of an emerging postmodern paradigm dialectically linking the transcendent and imminent dimensions of salvation. In this new anniversary edition, Darrel Guder and Martin Reppenhausen explore the impact of Bosch's work and the unfolding application of his seminal vision.

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Focusing on **Mission**

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A moving testimony to how a church can experience rebirth by discerning its core **mission**.

The key to becoming a Spirit-energized, people-loving, life-giving, community-transforming congregation, says James A. Harnish, is really very simple. All you have to do is be willing to die. This book describes how God calls each congregation to a specific mission, how God grants discernment to understand what that mission is, and how God enables the congregation to die to its entrenched attitudes and behaviors in order to be resurrected to a new life of ministry and witness.

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## 2) Mission Statement

### Basics of Developing Mission, Vision and Values Statements

Developing a Mission Statement

1. Basically, the mission statement describes the overall purpose of the organization.

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### Congregational Handbook for Pastoral Transitions

Development/Review of Core Values, **Mission Statement** and Vision Statement III-6

Every church has a purpose. We know that we have been sent “to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19).

And we know that churches function in the areas of faith, fellowship and service. A mission statement that reflects those three things could be applied to almost any Christian church. But no two churches are exactly the same. Each one has a different personality, a different ambience, a different realm in which it functions best. Each one has its own core values, some of which may be similar to other churches, but there are some core values that make your church unique. These are the lenses through which you see the world, the priorities you have established for yourselves. As you begin to evaluate and update your mission statement, try to list 4 or 5 core values of your congregation.

Every church also has a vision, what it shall be some day. A vision is necessary for survival. “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” (Proverbs 29:18)

Maybe you have not given much thought to your congregational vision lately. The interim period is a good time to re-vision your congregation. Prepare your hearts for the vision that God has for you. Spend intentional time in the interim period with spiritual disciplines. Establish a Bible Study and encourage everyone’s participation. The Book of Acts has a lot to offer a congregation doing a self-reflection and self-study as do Paul’s letters to the Corinthians. The Book of Nehemiah, probably less familiar to many, is the story of a great visionary who sets about rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem. He encounters many of the same things that congregations today encounter.

As you prepare your hearts and minds for God’s vision for your congregation, you will be asking yourself: “What is our purpose? What is God calling us to be? And then as you discover your vision for your future, you will identify the activities you will engage to get there. This becomes your mission statement.

A vision statement is more about becoming:

- it pictures the future of your church as God has planned it to be
- it describes the results you hope you will realize in the “real world.”
- it captures the uniqueness that God has given your church
- it is short, motivational, and easy to memorize.

Example: To be a church that is known as a safe haven for all people.

A mission statement is more about doing:

- it tells something about your purpose as a part of the larger body of Christ
- it hints at how you will make your vision a reality.
- it is short, motivational, and easy to memorize.

Example: We welcome our neighbors with enthusiasm and love knowing that God will show us the ministry we might do.

Your congregation probably has a mission statement already. Does it reflect your core values?

Does it describe the overall purpose of the congregation? Is it clear to those who are not members or part of the congregation?

Does it guide the members of the congregation as they make decisions, make policies, and develop ministries? Do the members of the congregation know and embrace the mission statement? Where is the mission statement displayed? Where is it discussed?

How does the mission statement shape the mission of the congregation and how is the mission of the congregation reflected in the mission statement?

It’s usually easier to write a mission statement in a small group than in the congregation as a whole. It is important, however, to have a feedback loop that includes everyone, so that the statement is not something imposed on them and the congregation can “own” it.

A vision statement reflects where the congregation sees itself in the future if it is effectively carrying out its mission. Putting together a vision statement can be an enjoyable process allowing people to “dream big” and “imagine success.” The statement can be used as a motivational tool or as a reminder of why we do what we do as a congregation. A helpful vision statement is one that has an idealism mixed with realism. What will your congregation look like in ten years if you are actively engaged in your mission?

What does God have in mind for you given the gifts he has placed in this congregation?

There are many resources to help you develop mission, vision and values statements. One site online would be

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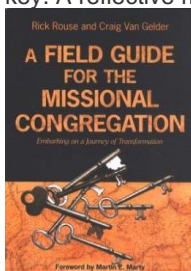
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## 3) Missional

### A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation: Embarking on a Journey of Transformation by Rick Rouse (Author), Craig Van Gelder (Author), Martin E. Marty (Foreword)

The roster of books on leadership is full of high theory and grand expositions of biblical principles. But there is precious little practical advice for regular people committed to releasing positive change within their local churches. Here one of the church's foremost theoreticians and one of its most accomplished transformational leaders combine strengths to clarify both how sound congregational transformation can be accomplished by regular folks and the very Christ-centered foundations upon which transformation must rest. With unflinching honesty and a deep, knowing sense for the joy that comes from Spirit-led change, the authors guide the reader on a quest for a future church alive with the abundant life God intended.

A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation reveals seven transformational keys, using real-life case studies to illustrate each key. A reflective milestone framework, including discovery questions for each chapter, ground the book in a practical process.





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### Leadership and the Missional Church - Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

To give some order to what I say today, I defer to an article by Rick Rouse entitled, "Missional Leaders Needed for Today's Church". He wrote it for an online magazine for pastors in 2009, and Rick graciously gave me permission to use it in whatever way I find helpful. Rick points to five hallmarks of leadership that he finds essential for the church of today and tomorrow.

1. Leaders are focused on God's mission – nothing else!
2. Leaders are outward focused.
3. Leaders understand adaptive challenges.
4. Leaders are collaborative.
5. Leaders are transformative agents.

I will touch upon each of these five hallmarks of leadership during our time together. Rick writes a brief paragraph about each. I'm going to run with each considerably further.

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One of the givens regarding healthy congregations is that they have a clear identity. Imagine a congregation that understood its missional identity to be an affectively competent community of people in order to more vibrantly reflect all that the Creator intended humanity to be.

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*Borderland Churches* is a call to embrace the pluralistic, post Christian and postmodern culture with a sense of opportunity and hope. The author uses the image of the church crossing over into an "in-between time", a place where faith is lived outside the walls of the church engaging the community in incarnational ways. To live in that "precarious but exhilarating place where faith and



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### Breaking the Missional Code: Your Church Can Become a Missionary in Your Community [Ed Stetzer, David Putman]

Across North America, many pastors are excited to see churches growing as they achieve their mission to connect the message of the gospel with the community at large. Still others are equally frustrated, following the exact same model for outreach but with lesser results. Indeed, just because a “missional breakthrough” occurs in one place doesn’t mean it will happen the same way elsewhere.

One size does not fit all, but there are cultural codes that must be broken for all churches to grow and remain effective in their specific mission context. *Breaking the Missional Code* provides expert insight on church culture and church vision casting, plus case studies of successful missional churches impacting their communities.

“We have to recognize there are cultural barriers (in addition to spiritual ones) that blind people from understanding the gospel,” the authors write. “Our task is to find the right way to break through those cultural barriers without removing the spiritual and theological ones.”

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### Creating a Missional Culture: Equipping the Church for the Sake of the World [JR Woodward, Alan Hirsch]

Once upon a time, Moses had had enough. Exhausted by the challenge of leading the Israelites from slavery to the Promised Land, Moses cried out to God, "What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? . . . If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me" (Exodus 11:11, 15). If that sounds hauntingly familiar to you, you may be the senior pastor of a contemporary church. The burden of Christian leadership is becoming increasingly unbearable--demanding skills not native to the art of pastoring; demanding time that makes sabbath rest and even normal sleep patterns seem extravagant; demanding inhuman levels of efficiency, proficiency and even saintliness. No wonder pastors seem and even feel less human these days. No wonder they burn out or break down at an alarming rate; no wonder the church is missing the mark on its mission. In *Creating a Missional Culture*, JR Woodward offers a bold and surprisingly refreshing model for churches--not small adjustments around the periphery of a church's infrastructure but a radical re-visioning of how a church ought to look, from its leadership structure to its mobilization of the laity. The end result looks surprisingly like the church that Jesus created and the apostles cultivated: a church not chasing the wind but rather going into the world and making disciples of Jesus.

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A proper understanding of *missional* begins with recovering a missionary understanding of God. By his very nature, God is a “sent one” who takes the initiative to redeem his creation. This doctrine, known as *missio Dei*—the sending of God—is causing many to redefine their understanding of the church. Because we are the “sent” people of God, the church is the instrument of God’s mission in the world. As things stand, many people see it the other way around. They believe mission is an instrument of the church; a means by which the church is grown. Although we frequently say “the church has a mission,” according to missional theology a more correct statement would be “the mission has a church.”

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## Holy Currencies: Six Blessings for Missional and Sustainable Ministries

Rev. Eric Law

This experiential day will be a journey of exploring the Holy Currencies as Dr. Law as defined them in his latest book *Holy Currencies: 6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries*. It is his effort of moving church leaders out of thinking about ministry using only the currencies of money and keeping up the buildings. There are at least five other currencies that flow through a sustainable missional ministry. These include time and place, gracious leadership, relationship, truth and wellness. These currencies flow through the ministry, exchanging themselves for other currencies, forming what Rev. Law calls the "Cycle of Blessings." The sequence of exchanges rejuvenates that which was spent initially, recirculating resources and regenerating more currencies, thereby growing and expanding the ministry. Learn how to develop each of the currencies and how to assist your community to value each currency. As a capstone to the day, we will explore using the Cycle of Blessings as an analytical tool for transitional ministry, a ministry discernment tool, and as an incubator of new ministries.

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## Introducing the Missional Church: What It Is, Why It Matters, How to Become One (Allelon Missional Series) [Alan J. Roxburgh, M. Scott Boren]

Many pastors and church leaders have heard the term "missional" but have only a vague idea of what it means, let alone why it might be important to them. But what does it actually mean? What does a missional church look like and how does it function? Two leading voices in the missional movement here provide an accessible introduction, showing readers how the movement developed, why it's important, and how churches can become more missional.

*Introducing the Missional Church* demonstrates that ours is a post-Christian culture, making it necessary for church leaders to think like missionaries right here at home. Focusing on a process that allows a church to discern its unique way of being missional, it guides readers on a journey that will lead them to implement a new set of missional practices in their churches. The authors demonstrate that living missionally is about discerning and joining God's work in the world in order to be a witness to God's kingdom on earth.

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### **Missional: Joining God in the Neighborhood (Allelon Missional Series) [Alan J. Roxburgh]**

The burgeoning missional church movement is a sign that believers are increasingly feeling the call to impact their communities, which is a good thing. But, says Alan J. Roxburgh, these conversations still prioritize church success over mission--how can being missional grow my church? But to focus on such questions misses the point.

In *Missional*, Roxburgh calls Christians to reenter their neighborhoods and communities to discover what the Spirit is doing there--to start with God's mission. He then encourages readers to shape their local churches around that mission. With inspiring true stories and a solid biblical base, *Missional* is a book that will change lives and communities as its message is lived out.



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Guidance for church leaders to develop their own maps and chart new paths toward stronger, more vibrant, and more missional congregations

In the burgeoning missional church movement, churches are seeking to become less focused on programs for members and more oriented toward outreach to people who are not already in church. This fundamental shift in what a congregation is and does and thinks is challenging for leaders and congregants. Using the metaphor of map-making, the book explains the perspective and skills needed to lead congregations and denominations in a time of radical change over unfamiliar terrain as churches change their focus from internal to external.

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What would a theology of the Church look like that took seriously the fact that North America is now itself a mission field? This question lies at the foundation of this volume written by an ecumenical team of six noted missiologists—Lois Barrett, Inagrace T. Dietterich, Darrell L. Guder, George R. Hunsberger, Alan J. Roxburgh, and Craig Van Gelder.

The result of a three-year research project undertaken by The Gospel and Our Culture Network, this book issues a firm challenge for the church to recover its missional call right here in North America, while also offering the tools to help it do so.

The authors examine North America's secular culture and the church's loss of dominance in today's society. They then present a biblically based theology that takes seriously the church's missional vocation and draw out the consequences of this theology for the structure and institutions of the church.

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#### Missional Communities: The Rise of the Post-Congregational Church [Reggie McNeal]

From Reggie McNeal, the bestselling author of *The Present Future* and *Missional Renaissance*, comes the third book in the series that helps to define and illuminate the popular missional movement. This newest book in the trilogy examines a natural outgrowth of the move toward a missional orientation: the deconstruction of congregations into very small Christian communities. For all those thousands of churches and leaders who have followed Reggie McNeal's bold lead, this book details the rise of a new life form in churches.

- Discusses how to move a church from an internal to an external ministry focus
  - Reggie McNeal is a recognized leader in the missional movement
  - Outlines an alternative to the program church model that is focused on the projects and passions of the congregants
- This book draws on McNeal's twenty years of leadership roles in local congregations and his work over the last decade with thousands of clergy and church leaders.

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#### **Missional Renaissance: Changing the Scorecard for the Church [Reggie McNeal]**

Reggie McNeal's bestseller *The Present Future* is the definitive work on the "missional movement," i.e., the widespread movement among Protestant churches to be less inwardly focused and more oriented toward the culture and community around them. In that book he asked the tough questions that churches needed to entertain to begin to think about who they are and what they are doing; in *Missional Renaissance*, he shows them the three significant shifts in their thinking and behavior that they need to make that will allow leaders to chart a course toward being missional: (1) from an internal to an external focus, ending the church as exclusive social club model; (2) from running programs and ministries to developing people as its core activity; and (3) from professional leadership to leadership that is shared by everyone in the community. With in-depth discussions of the "what" and the "how" of transitioning to being a missional church, readers will be equipped to move into what McNeal sees as the most viable future for Christianity. For all those thousands of churches who are asking about what to do next after reading *The Present Future*, *Missional Renaissance* will provide the answer.

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### Missional Community... Simple - YouTube

A discussion starter for how missional communities might be lived out and looked at. Hopefully, it sparks a little conversation and dialogue.

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### Missional Leadership Resources for Congregations – Augsburg Fortress

Over the past several months, several of us from Augsburg Fortress have hosted brainstorming sessions with leaders from across the ELCA to explore options for creating a new resource system to assist congregations with becoming more "missional" in their theology and their engagement in and with the world around them, both locally and globally. These have been rich and exciting gatherings! We hope to bring out some new and exciting resources to assist you and your congregation over the coming months. This is especially important, we think, now that the [LIFT](#) proposal has been passed at the recent ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Among the many parts of the [LIFT](#) initiative is that each ELCA congregation is being encouraged to create or renew/revise a missional plan by the end of 2012 that is appropriate for their context. We think that resources we develop written by experienced missional leaders from across this church can be helpful in this endeavor.

But, it will take a bit of time for the new resources to be developed, so in the meanwhile, I thought it might be helpful for you to have this list, a selection (not all-inclusive) of excellent missional leadership resources that are already published. Many of these are available not only as ink-on-paper titles, but also as eBooks for [Kindle](#) or [Nook](#).

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"Missional" has been used and abused for years. What does it mean and what does a missional church look like?

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### Missional Toy Box

Playful and imaginative ways to explore renewal in your congregation.



*Looking into the future*  
with Laurie Skow-Anderson

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### Now that you've asked about Missional Church FAQ

What is the difference between a missional church and a church with a mission program?

A church with a mission program usually sees mission as one activity alongside many activities of the church – Christian education, worship, acts of service, hospitality and other programs. A missional church focuses all of its activities around its participation in God's mission in the world. That means, it trains people for discipleship and witness; it worships and practices mutual support before the watching world. A church with a mission sends others to witness on its behalf. A missional church understands that the congregation itself is sent by God to proclaim and to be a sign of the reign of God. Just as God sent Jesus, now Jesus sends the church (John 20:21).

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### Prodigal Christianity: 10 Signposts into the Missional Frontier: David E. Fitch, Geoff Holsclaw

An engaging and thoughtful book that guides readers into the frontiers of being a missional Christian

*Prodigal Christianity* offers a down-to-earth, accessible, and yet provocative understanding of God's mission of redemption in the world, and how followers of Christ can participate in this work. It speaks into the discontent of all those who have exhausted conservative, liberal, and even emergent ways of being Christian and are looking for a new way forward. It offers building blocks for missional theology and practice that moves Christians into a gospel-centered way of life for our culture and our times.

Offers a compelling and creative vision for North American Christians

Puts forth a theology and ten critical signposts that must be observed to follow a missional way of life: post-Christendom, missio Dei, incarnation, witness, scripture, gospel, church, sexuality, justice, pluralism

Asks questions and points to issues that trouble many leaders in the post-modern, post-denominational, post-Christendom church

This book can fill the gap for the average Christian left discontented with the current options "after evangelicalism."

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#### Qualities of Missional Congregations

1. Spiritual and relational vitality.
2. Vital, transforming worship.
3. A clear focus on God's mission.
4. A commitment to equipping others.
5. Share ministry and mission.
6. Spirit-led organizational structure.
7. Holistic small groups.
8. Commitment to relational evangelism – everyone a missionary!
9. Emphasis on discipleship for all ages.
10. Radical hospitality – everyone is a welcome recipient of God's grace.

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Discover the tools to create a new kind of church and move from merely surviving to thriving. Drawing on an extensive two-year field study of 200 churches from a variety of denominations and geographic regions, Milfred Minatrea - a missiologist, urban strategist and practitioner in minister -presents the best practices for re-energizing Christian spirituality in a congregational setting. He provides readers with the tools for assessing their congregation's position on the continuum between maintenance and mission and for determining the actions that will move them toward becoming a missional community. He also outlines key strategies that successful churches have used to become relevant in a postmodern society without losing what is distinctly Christian in their spiritual practices. Milfred Minatrea (Irving, TX) is Director of the Missional Church Center for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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### Take Time to be Holy: Cultivating the Missional Church | Reformed Review

We have been asked to explore current trends in the church in light of the emerging discussion of what it means to cultivate the missional church. To begin the discussion, we would like to draw your imagination to the journey of Jesus as he is invited into the home of "a woman named Martha."

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### The Church in America Isn't Dying, It's Changing

*"It is beginning to cost something to be a Christian in America—not as much as in many places in the world or in much of history, but more than it used to. As living for Christ costs more in our culture, it will mean... Christianity will become more of a minority in culture, but [we will see] more refined, more biblical, and more **missional** churches... A counter-cultural church that faithfully adheres to Scripture and proclaims the gospel in a carefully considered way... will offer real hope in the midst of an adversarial culture and is the only real future for the American church."*

So concludes Ed Stetzer in a recent post, "[Mission Trends: 4 Trends for Churches to Consider](#)." Stetzer's analysis offers a seasoned, nuanced, and biblical response to the shifting currents in American culture. It's a welcome contrast to the knee-jerk "change or die" reactions that seem to have dominated the 'how-should-we-do-church-now' conversation over the past 30 years or so.

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## The Ethics of Missional Church – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

[1] I have two aims in this essay. First, I would like to respond to the self-confidence of the missional movement with a set of questions that raises the level of self-awareness and self-critique.

[2] Second, I would like to bring to awareness in the professional ethicist community that there is a wide-open field of inquiry (missional ethics), with very little systematic work having been done in the field.

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## The Eyechart = The Missional Identity of a Church in Transition

Johannes G. Janse van Rensburg

Using the optical world as point of reference, the eyechart symbolizes the missional identity of the local church. Intentional interim ministry is as much Missiology as Practical Theology. The process is Practical Theology and the purpose is Missiology. Although the two fields of study can be distinguished, we cannot completely divide them. The interim leader can now focus on the missional vocation of the church in transition. This session will encourage and equip interims to help churches in transition to clearly see their Divine Calling.



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## The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating the Missional Church [Alan Hirsch, Leonard Sweet]

Alan Hirsch is convinced that the inherited formulas for growing the Body of Christ do not work anymore. And rather than relying on slightly revised solutions from the past, he sees a vision of the future growth of the church coming about by harnessing the power of the early church--a movement which grew from as few as 25,000 adherents in AD 100 to up to 20 million 200 years later. Similar meteoric growth has also been recorded in history and is currently being in many apostolic movements throughout the world today. How do they do it?

*The Forgotten Ways* proposes the concept of Apostolic Genius as a way to understand what caused the church to experience exponential growth and impact at various times in history, interpreting it for use in our own time and place. From the theological underpinnings to the practical application, Hirsch takes the reader through this dynamic mixture of passion, prayer, and incarnational practice to rediscover the dormant potential of the modern church in the West.

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#### Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship (Shapevine) [Alan Hirsch, Debra Hirsch, Rick Warren]

In this provocative and compelling book, internationally known missiologists Alan and Debra Hirsch overthrow culturized understandings of theology and culture and cast a vision for a distinctly mission-shaped way of living the Christian life. Written for any Christian serious about issue of discipleship, *Untamed* covers such topics as church, humans as bearers of the image of God, family life, culture, and sexuality. Through it all they seek to answer the question, how are we to think and live day to day as followers of Jesus? Each chapter ends with suggested practices to help readers begin to live out the book's principles as well as questions for group discussion.

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### **The Ministry of the Missional Church: A Community Led by the Spirit [Craig Van Gelder, Alan Roxburgh]**

In a time when churches are focusing on finding strategies and techniques to guarantee success, a movement toward the missional church is emerging. Missional churches are communities created by the Spirit with a unique nature and identity. Purpose and strategies of the church are derivative dimensions, the activities that flow naturally from the church that is focused on Spirit-led ministry.

*The Ministry of the Missional Church* leads pastors, ministry leaders, and laypersons through three simple arguments - the church is; the church does what it is; the church organizes what it does--in order to make sense of how missional churches work. And by focusing the work of the church as the work of the Triune God, this unique book will change the way readers think about the church and the world.

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### **The Missional Church and Denominations: Helping Congregations Develop a Missional Identity [Craig Van Gelder]**

*The Missional Church and Denominations* utilizes the missional church conversation as a lens for engaging an important dimension of church life in the United States - denominations and denominationalism. Denominations have been studied from a wide variety of perspectives, including historical, sociological, and theological, but they have yet to be engaged in light of a missional church understanding. Here each essay helps to bring further clarity to the word "missional" and contributes to the ever-widening conversation.

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### The Missional Church in Context: Helping Congregations Develop Contextual Ministry (Missional Church Series) by Craig Van Gelder

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### The Missional Church in Perspective: Mapping Trends and Shaping the Conversation (The Missional Network) by Craig Van Gelder (Author), Dwight J Zscheile (Author), Alan Roxburgh (Foreword)

In this book, two leading ministry experts place the missional church conversation in historical perspective and offer fresh insights for its further development. They begin by providing a helpful review of the genesis of the missional church and offering an insightful critique of the Gospel and Our Culture Network's seminal book *Missional Church*, which set the conversation in motion. They map the diverse paths this discussion has taken over the past decade, identifying four primary branches and ten sub-branches of the conversation and placing over one hundred published titles and websites into this framework. The authors then utilize recent developments in biblical and theological perspectives to strengthen and extend the conversation about missional theology, the church's interaction with culture and cultures, and church organization and leadership in relation to the formation of believers as disciples. Professors, students, and church leaders will value this comprehensive overview of the missional movement. It includes a foreword by Alan J. Roxburgh.

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### The Missional Church - InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Words insinuate themselves into the vocabulary of a culture when a group uses new language to articulate something that is felt and needs to find expression. This has happened with the phrase missional church over the past half dozen years. In 1998 Eerdmans published a book with the title *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*. It was written in the most unlikely manner by a team of missiologists, theologians, and practitioners who met for three years to compose the book. The book's genesis lay in the convergence of various people inside a new network called the Gospel and Our Culture Network (GOCN). Comprised of people from a variety of church backgrounds (Methodist, Lutheran, Reformed, Baptist and Anabaptist), GOCN coalesced around the writings of Bishop Lesslie Newbigin, a missionary in India for over thirty years. Newbigin, upon his retirement in the late 60's, returned to his native England to discover that the Christian culture he had left some thirty years earlier had all but disappeared. Having a keen missionary sensibility, Newbigin recognized that by the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the mission field for the Gospel had shifted dramatically. The greatest challenge to Christian mission was now those very nations that had once sent missionaries out around the world. It was the people of Europe, shaped by the Western tradition, that were rapidly losing their identity as Christian. In one memorable epithet Newbigin asked the question: Can the West be converted? That question captured the imagination of many church leaders in the UK and Europe. It represented one of the fundamental issues that had to be addressed by the church but had not been articulated clearly until that point. The challenge facing the Western churches was the re-conversion of its own people. Newbigin wrote voluminously on this subject, addressing underlying issues and outlining the missiological challenge such a situation presented to the church.

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### The Missional Church... simple - YouTube

A 2-minute explanation by Jeff Maguire (and friends) of what a "missional church" is.

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### [PDF]The Missional Leader: Cultivating Missional Growth

The church today is experiencing a major transitional shift from a "Christendom Model of church" to a "Missional Model". North American evangelical churches are beginning to ask new questions about the place and function of the church in the world, and particularly about the place and function of their own local church in the context of its particular local community.

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### The Missional Leader: Equipping Your Church to Reach a Changing World [Alan Roxburgh, Fred Romanuk, Eddie Gibbs]

In *The Missional Leader*, consultants Alan Roxburgh and Fred Romanuk give church and denominational leaders, pastors, and clergy a clear model for leading the change necessary to create and foster a missional church focused outward to spread the message of the Gospel into the surrounding community. *The Missional Leader* emphasizes principles rather than institutional forms, shows readers how to move away from “church as usual,” and demonstrates what capacities, environments, and mindsets are required to lead a missional church.

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### The Missional Network | Facebook

We are God's ordinary people discerning what God is doing in our contexts to form communities that join more fully in God's mission.

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### The Road to Missional: Journey to the Center of the Church (Shapevine) [Michael Frost]

It has recently become acceptable, and even fashionable, to refer to one's church as “missional.” But many churches misunderstand the concept, thinking of “going missional” as simply being a necessary add-on to church-as-usual. This domestication of what is actually a very bold paradigm shift makes missional nothing more than one more trick to see church growth. With a light hand and a pastoral spirit, Michael Frost points out how church practitioners are not quite there yet. He reestablishes the ground rules, redefines the terms accurately, and insists that the true prophetic essence of “being missional” comes through undiluted. This clear corrective will take ministry leaders from “not missional yet” to well on their way.

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### The Tangible Kingdom: Creating Incarnational Community by Hugh Halter (Author), Matt Smay (Author)

Written for those who are trying to nurture authentic faith communities and for those who have struggled to retain their faith, *The Tangible Kingdom* offers theological answers and real-life stories that demonstrate how the best ancient church practices can re-emerge in today's culture, through any church of any size. In this remarkable book, Hugh Halter and Matt Smay "two **missional** leaders and church planters" outline an innovative model for creating thriving grass-roots faith communities.

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### **We Are Here Now: A New Missional Era [Patrick Keifert]**

We are in a time of big change. Christendom for most of us has passed; some of us who value its blessings grieve, and we should. When we mark our X on the map of the history of Christianity, we mark it Post-Christendom. *We Are Here Now: a New Missional Era* outlines a path that recognizes and responds to this same X as a time of a New Era of Mission for your local church. This ground-breaking book introduces; a new era of mission - discovering our partners - experimenting - visioning for embodiment - learning and growing - mentoring and sharing. Pat Keifert invites you to explore PMC (Partnership for Missional Church) - a journey filled with learning, growing, discovering, experimenting, visioning, mentoring, and sharing as local churches move from the maintenance of Christendom to innovating missional church in their time and location.



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#### 4) Multicultural Ministries

##### Developing Multicultural Churches in the United States – General Board of Global Ministries

The future of the church in the United States—church with both a big “C” and a small “c”—is multicultural. This is the vision in Revelation 7:9, “After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.” The vision of a church made up of people from all nations has been present from the beginning. A foundational text for the church from Joel 2:28-29 says: “I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.” It is important to understand that multiculturalism is not limited to people whose race or ethnicity differs from that of the majority or the establishment. In reality, some of the greater challenges of multicultural work involve not so much differences of race and ethnicity as differences of social class. We are not crossing great boundaries when we reach out to people who speak our same language and have educational backgrounds and income levels similar to ours. Mark 11:17 states an ethical imperative for the church. This is the text from Isaiah that Jesus cites while driving the money changers out of the temple: “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?’” Jesus asks. Then he adds: “But you have made it a den of robbers.” If our places of worship are not houses of prayer for all nations, then what are we robbing people of when we are not multicultural? What rightfully belongs to people that we, in our monocultural ways, are stealing from the abundant life that God has ordained for all of us?

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##### Different models for multicultural congregations and ministries

A multicultural congregation or ministry recognizes, embraces, utilizes and celebrates the racial, cultural, generational, gender, and other diversity represented in the community and the church. The congregation intentionally wants to be inclusive and ministering to all people in the community. The congregation honors and promotes diversity within the context of the more fundamental unity of the body of Christ.

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##### Ethnic Specific & Multicultural Ministries - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Members of the ELCA believe that Christ's church is not ours to control, nor is it our job to sort, divide, categorize or exclude. Our faith liberates us to embrace each person in their wholeness — questions, complexities, ethnicity, culture and all. The Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries team assists the ELCA in becoming more culturally diverse and anti-racist by working with ELCA congregations, synods, communities, agencies and institutions. The team provides consultation, programming and resources to help accomplish this work to which the ELCA is called.

The Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries team works within the ELCA toward the goal of full partnership and participation of African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander and Latino people in the life of this church. This is done in partnership, together with leaders throughout the church, churchwide ministries staff, regions, synods, congregations, agencies and institutions. Each ethnic specific community has developed a mission strategy unique to their needs and aspirations. Each ethnic specific ministry program director works in partnership with their community's rostered and lay leaders and ethnic associations.

The Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries team also assists this church in working to become more culturally diverse and anti-racist by providing resources and opportunities to engage in cross-cultural and racial equity learning through the work of Racial Justice Ministries.

Find out more about each of the following Ethnic Specific Ministry areas, their mission strategies and related associations:

[African Descent](#) (African American, Afro Caribbean, African National)

[American Indian and Alaska Native](#)

[Arab and Middle Eastern](#)

[Asian and Pacific Islander](#)

[European](#)

[Latino](#)

[Cross Cultural Conversations](#)

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#### [PDF] Ministry in Multicultural and National / Ethnic Parishes

In the United States over the last three years, six national ministerial organizations in the Catholic Church have been collaborating on research and reflection for sustaining pastoral leadership in Catholic parishes.

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#### Multicultural Congregational Support - Presbyterian Mission Agency

The mission of Multicultural Congregational Support

Assist the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s efforts in becoming the church intended to be as a multiracial, multilingual and multicultural community of faith and empower congregations and governing bodies as they seek to claim, live and celebrate the vision expressed in the Biblical mandate.

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#### Multicultural | Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership

The Catholic Church in the United States is becoming increasingly diverse in terms of culture, race and ethnic backgrounds and age. These realities must be faced with bold and successful initiatives to invite and welcome a new generation of diverse leaders into the ministry ranks as soon as possible. The specific needs of pastoral leaders emerging from within culturally and generationally diverse communities will be the focus of research in the area of recruitment, training and formation.

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#### Multicultural Ministries - Leadership - NC Conference

The mission of Multicultural Ministries is to connect churches and serve as a catalyst to enhance and strengthen all local congregations in our North Carolina Annual Conference:

Romans 15:5-7 reads, “*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*”

Multicultural Ministry is a vision of God's diverse human family becoming a reality in The United Methodist Church. It is a vision of the church becoming a community of faith where all equally belong. It is a longing for a new spirituality; a new way of being, where all persons, regardless of race, ethnicity, or culture, can give and receive trust, forgiveness, love, support, empowerment, acceptance, and radical hospitality. It is more than simply making space for one another to exist, and it is more than tolerating differences.

<http://nccumc.org/leadership/multicultural-ministries/>  
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### Multicultural Ministry at Work | Gifted for Leadership

This vision of one church with many ethnicities is attractive to people. It's not only representative of our city, but also of God's kingdom. Also, many new immigrants to Canada want to fully integrate into Canadian life. And joining a multi-ethnic church is one way to do that. They could go to a mono-ethnic church representing the ethnicity of their home country, but some choose a church home with more diversity. Multi-ethnic ministry is not always easy, but it is most certainly worth the effort. And we believe it is sustainable as it is the desire of the heart of Christ.

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### Multicultural Ministry: Finding Your Church's Unique Rhythm [David Anderson]

David Anderson writes about multicultural leadership not from the perspective of an ivory tower intellectual, but as a hands-on practitioner who loves and believes in the body of Christ. . . If you believe there is no solution to the race problem, I urge you to reconsider and to learn from someone who is on the frontlines of making multicultural ministry a reality in the church today. ---Bill Hybels, founding and senior pastor, Willow Creek Community Church Multiculturalism isn't a trend, it's a reality. Evidence of this country's rich racial mix is all around us in our schools, our stores, our neighborhoods, our recreational facilities---everywhere except our churches. Heaven may include every culture, tongue, and tribe, but in the United States, Sunday morning remains one of the last bastions of ethnic separatism. It's time to stop merely talking about multicultural worship and start living it. In this groundbreaking book, David Anderson invites us all - African-American, Asian, Caucasian, and Latino---to learn how to dance the dance of multicultural ministry. We've all got different moves, but that's the beauty of diversity: the various gifts we bring, the wisdom of our heritages, the different creative ways we express the same Lord. Think it can't be done? Think again. As Anderson demonstrates, it is being done successfully by more and more churches. Wherever your church is now on the multicultural continuum, you can join the ranks of those moving toward a diverse and thriving ministry. Combining frontline insights with inspiring stories, Anderson takes you and your church into the strategy-level realities of what it takes to make multicultural ministry work in your setting. Do you hear the beat of the Spirit? God is calling your church to the dance of unity in diversity. Don't hold back! Grab this book, get out on the dance floor, and let Multicultural Ministry show you the steps. Includes a Racial Reconciliation survey and six-session Racial Reconciliation curriculum.

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### Pastors Need to Be Open to Change for Ethnically Diverse Congregations to Thrive - The Christian Post

In congregations where ethnic diversity abounds, Kim says the efforts to retain them should be healthy and sustainable for the overall church community, not just one group.

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### Study on Catholic Church: Multicultural Parishes Increase as Hispanic Membership Grows in U.S.

The percentage of multicultural Catholic parishes in the U.S. is on the increase, according to research by the Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). The report also indicates that some 29.7 million U.S. residents who self-identify as Hispanic or Latino are estimated to be Catholic, representing about 59 percent of the 50.5 million people of this race in the country.

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## 5) Multiply

**[PDF]a theology of church multiplication - Sojourn Network**

Sojourn Network exists to help pastors plant, grow, and multiply healthy churches. The proper undertaking of any task, it seems, must start with an understanding of the purpose behind it. What are the foundational reasons that undergird the activity? Why is it important? What is necessary for its accomplishment? Who or what is best suited for the work?

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**Be Fruitful and Multiply: Robert E. Logan, Stuart Hoffman, Julie Becker**

Church multiplication is part of the very fabric of what it means to be a church. God has always intended for His living creation to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and the church is certainly no exception.

Jesus called us to go and make disciples of all nations. That means not just a few more churches, but many more ... exponentially more. This is the work of the Kingdom that Jesus entrusted to his disciples and to us.

You can be a part of a great movement of God, cooperating with His Spirit, living out His church the way it was intended to be. You are invited to take the risk and engage in the adventure God has in store for all who desire to be fruitful and multiply!

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**Leading Church Multiplication [Tom Nebel and Steve Pike]**

You have an amazing calling. God has put you in a position to expand His kingdom through starting new churches; so here you are, in the thick of it, a modern-day apostle, trying to figure things out. It could be that you are doing it locally. You represent the speedboat of church multiplication. You have the least resistance and, possibly, the most resources to make it happen. We need more people like you. Maybe your calling is as a regional leader of a denomination or network. You have amazing potential in the "middle judicatory," and you also walk in a minefield. You might be looking at the multiplication of new churches from a national platform. You're twice removed from the ministry of actually planting a church, but you're doubly positioned to impact the culture of what might be the aircraft carrier of this battle. In this book, you will learn how to avoid the headaches of church planting and make the most of your opportunities.

Finally, a resource for those who are responsible for seeing new churches started! Learn profound and practical concepts from veteran multiplication leaders who have resourced the starting of thousands of new faith communities.

This book focuses on three key areas: Foundations for a church **planting** culture, Essential planter support systems, and Leader strategies, landmines and booby traps.

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### **Multiply: Disciples Making Disciples [Francis Chan, David Platt, Mark Beuving]**

Jesus gave his followers a command: "Follow me." And a promise: "And I will equip you to find others to follow me." We were made to make disciples.

Designed for use in discipleship relationships and other focused settings, *Multiply* will equip you to carry out Jesus's ministry. Each of the twenty-four sessions in the book corresponds with an online video at [www.multiplymovement.com](http://www.multiplymovement.com), where *New York Times* bestselling author David Platt joins Francis in guiding you through each part of *Multiply*.

One plus one plus one. Every copy of *Multiply* is designed to do what Jesus did: make disciples who make disciples who make disciples.... Until the world knows the truth of Jesus Christ.

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### **Spark: Igniting a Culture of Multiplication by Todd Wilson | Exponential**

What would it look like if a significant number of churches had to intentionally try not to multiply and the Lord added to their numbers daily? (Acts 2: 42-7)? In this FREE resource, Exponential Director Todd Wilson presses into Exponential's 2015 theme, "SPARK: Igniting a Culture of Multiplication," to give church leaders a vision for reproducing churches and the tools needed to see that vision come to fruition. The eBook sets the framework for Exponential's 2015 eBooks series focusing on multiplication and champions Exponential's focus on moving the multiplication needle in the U.S. Church.

Wilson highlights the prominent church cultures leaders most naturally create and challenges you to honestly assess which culture you're creating. He points out that every church--regardless of your context or phase (pre-launch, launch or post-launch)-is creating

a culture and takes readers through a thorough explanation of how culture is created and what is needed to create a multiplication culture.

He offers an exploration of what Scripture says about God's command to multiply and out of that scriptural study comes fresh insight as he contends that the U.S. church needs both addition (what he calls the micro strategy of adding disciples one on one, and life on life) and multiplication (the macro strategy of reproducing churches). He writes: "We must purpose to continually ask ourselves, 'How do we help everyone in our church reach their 'next one'? while simultaneously asking, 'How do we release and send people to reach the next 100,000?'"

Finally, SPARK identifies and examines 18 of the very real tensions that inhibit multiplication, pointing out that how church leaders face and maneuver through these tensions might be the most significant blessings that shape their church's culture and DNA.

Bottom line: In our lifetime, we have the opportunity to buck the status quo, embrace the values of the early church and be part of leading a church planting movement in the United States. SPARK underscores that reality and calls leaders to action in their context.

Key highlights: Insightful study of Scripture centered on multiplication, The differences between an addition-growth culture and a multiplication-growth culture, A comprehensive look at how addition-growth can actually hinder multiplication-growth, The impact of micro and macro strategies working synergistically, Thorough exploration of the three elements in any culture and how they work together to determine your culture, Examples of how the various church cultures (subtraction, addition and multiplication) are created, A helpful look at the 18 tensions inhibiting multiplication that leaders will inevitably face.

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### The Multiplying Church: The New Math for Starting New Churches by Bob Roberts Jr. (Author)

*The Multiplying Church* is a primer for pastors and lay leaders involved in, or wanting to learn about, the church multiplication groundswell in North America. It shows how multiplying churches should be a natural, regular function of every church to reach the 70 percent of Americans who have no meaningful church relationship. Detailing the stories and guiding principles of this dramatic growth, this guide offers insight on: • Why churches are multiplying in the East but not in the West • Keys to church multiplication • The missing link—pregnant mother churches • Antioch vs. Jerusalem: Which got it right? • What kind of churches should we start? • What is the end game of church planting? • How big does a church have to be to start multiplying churches? • Church planting movements or Jesus movements? Bob Roberts helps us return to an early-church model of multiplication where a single church sent laypeople out to plant other communities of believers.

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## 6) Natural Church Development

### Color Your World with Natural Church Development [Christian Schwarz, Jon Haley]

With Natural Church Development, Christian Schwarz introduced a fascinating approach to church growth that really works and has been accepted all over the world. Now he shows how the biblically-based principles of Natural Church Development can also be a blessing for the spiritual development of the individual believer. *Color Your World* with NCD is a powerful, graphically written book for people who seek to live out their faith with balance and passion and thereby impact their church health.

What is the church? The church is people. What determines the health of a church? The health of the heads, hands and hearts of those people. How can we enhance the health of a church? By enhancing the health in our heads, hands and hearts. Let the Trinitarian Compass guide you to all that God has in store for you. Chart your personal growth path in light of the eight quality characteristics. Discover how Natural Church Development helps you and your church mature.

Discover what Natural Church Development is all about: drawing people closer to the triune God and, as a natural side effect, seeing numerical growth within the church as a whole.

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### NCD - Natural Church Development

Natural Church Development (NCD) is all about releasing the potential that God has already implanted in our lives. Based on research in more than 70,000 churches on all six continents, NCD describes universal principles that are applicable regardless of culture or spiritual style.

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### Paradigm Shift in the Church: How Natural Church Development Can Transform Theological Thinking by Christian A. Schwarz (Author), Ed Rowell (Editor), Julie Becker (Illustrator)

*Paradigm Shift in the Church* speaks about nothing less than a reformation. Some critics suggested that this term sounds rather lofty. That may be true. But Christian Schwarz is convinced that we will make no significant progress in our churches without changes as radical as those of the Reformation.

In the Introduction to this book Schwarz says, 'Every reformation movement is confronted with an opposing force known as 'orthodoxy'. This was true in the days of the 16th century Reformation (when the opponent was Roman Catholic orthodoxy); it was true in the days of the Pietistic revival in Europe (which was opposed by orthodox Protestants); and the same seems to apply to the different movements that fight for a reformation of their churches today.'

This book presents the theological paradigm that is the foundation of the practical tools and concepts behind natural church development. Natural church development is not just one church growth method among many, it is a different theological paradigm altogether. It introduces a different way of thinking for Christians. You may be wondering can we really experience something like a new reformation in our days? Yes, in many churches around the globe there are signs that this is far more than a vague hope.

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### The ABC's of Natural Church Development [Christian A. Schwarz]

This booklet is designed to introduce the reader to NCD in just 20 minutes. It covers the eight quality characteristics and the minimum factor barrel illustration in a quick and simple format.



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### The 3 Colors of Community - NCD 3 Color World

How the 7 Communal Qualities of **Healthy Small Groups** can help you overcome the **7 Deadly Sins**.

The 3 Colors of Community presents an altogether new way of approaching small groups. Rather than being preoccupied with the technical aspects of small group ministry, the book focuses on the qualities that are fundamental for any sort of Christian community, be it a family, a prayer meeting, a Bible study group, a task force, or a choir. Based on comprehensive research, The 3 Colors of Community portrays seven qualities that all healthy communities have in common. Applying these principles not only generates enthusiastic responses from the participants, but also sustainable effects in their lives.

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### The 3 Colors of Leadership: How everyone can learn the art of empowering other people by Christian Schwarz (Author)

Don't tackle today's challenges with yesterday's leadership tools.

*The 3 Colors of Leadership* presents an exciting new way of looking at leadership. Whether you are an established leader in a high-profile position or an emerging leader who is still unsure whether God wants you to take over more leadership responsibility, the training described in this book will empower you in such a way that you will be able to empower others. Based on world-wide research among tens of thousands of leaders, *The 3 Colors of Leadership* portrays six fundamental leadership principles that anyone can learn. The online Empowerment Test (which every book owner can take for free) will help you develop your personalized training plan.

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### The 3 Colors of Love (NCD Discipleship Resources): Christian Schwarz (Author)

Love. It is one of the most central words of Christian theology, and yet one of the foggiest words on planet earth. Many Christians who use this term communicate a clearly secular understanding rather than a fully biblical concept. Sometimes it almost seems that as Christians we haven't even really begun to grasp the full scope of the biblical concept of love, let alone put it into practice. But what is the biblical understanding of love?

When you choose to grow in love, you are not dealing with a weekend hobby that may be of interest to you, but others can safely ignore. You are dealing with the heart of the Christian faith. At the same time, you are dealing with the heart of church development. The motive of church development is love, the message is love, and it is empirically demonstrable that there is no better church growth method than love.

This book focuses on the three fundamental dimensions of God's love that every believer can reflect in his or her life: justice, truth and grace. Depending on your starting point, your personal growth path may be very different to someone else's. The 3 Colors of Love offers practical tools to help you identify your starting point and experience the revolutionary power of God's unconventional love in your life.

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### The 3 Colors of Ministry: A Trinitarian Approach to Identifying and Developing Your Spiritual Gifts [Christian A. Schwarz]

Would you like to use your spiritual gifts to their full potential? The 3 Colors of Ministry presents a holistic approach to identifying and developing your spiritual gifts. It is based on the three dimensions of God's nature, for which the author has chosen the colors of green, red and blue. In addition to emphasizing the critical importance of using your gifts in an authentically Trinitarian way, this book shows you where you most need to focus your energies in order to bring this kind of balance to your Christian service. The natural result will be increased effectiveness. A gift test is included with this resource.

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### The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality: Christian Schwarz

Why are so many people leaving their churches?

Too often, people do not feel like they are spiritually connecting with God. They look to their church for help, but end up feeling like it is nothing but a series of empty exercises with little or no meaning.

The author argues that too many churches do not encourage congregants to discover their spiritual style that is, how do they best relate to God. To explore this topic further, Schwarz sought out mentors from various spiritual traditions to learn how different people seek and experience God. As a result, he has identified nine different styles:

1. Sensory Enjoying the works of God
2. Rational Understanding the nature of God
3. Doctrinal Thinking correctly about God
4. Scripture-driven Applying the Word of God
5. Sharing Passing on the grace of God
6. Ascetic Developing discipline for God
7. Enthusiastic Celebrating the power of God
8. Mystical Resting in the presence of God
9. Sacramental Expressing the incarnation of God

This book includes a self-test to help participants identify their spiritual style.

The first step to increasing one's spiritual passion is simply identifying your style and cultivating it. Step two is to venture outside of your comfort zone and try to experience God in one of the other styles. Some will be closely related to your native style (and therefore easy to experience), others will be out of your comfort zone. While you may never be totally comfortable in the opposite spiritual style, you may find your appreciation growing for those who do find God in that style.

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## 7) Neighbor

### Being a Good Neighbor - CBN.com

The question for us is this: Will we be a good neighbor to them? Will we show them God's love and share Jesus with them? Jesus said that the second greatest commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves. He also showed that our neighbor is whomever we come into contact with: our co-workers, people in the restaurants we eat in, and people on the subway or in the airport.

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### Don't Avoid Your Gay Neighbors — Reach Out! - The Christian Post

And then, in the midst of all this, Jesus calls me to love my neighbor, which includes those who identify as homosexuals.

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### eternityimpact: 6 Ways to Reach Your Neighbors for Christ

It is always hard thinking of ways to share your faith with your neighbors and it seems my neighbors have typically been the group of people I have been least effective at reaching out to. I want to be more intentional about sharing with them and thought I'd share a few ideas I'll be trying soon, with you. I hope you get a chance to try some of these as well. Here are 6 ways you can share your faith with your neighbors.

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For Shy Lutherans: A "how to" guide in getting acquainted with your neighbors - Joyce and Dave Anderson

Wondering what the gifts and concerns are of the person sitting in the pew in front of you? Wondering what your neighbors are worried about, or what brings them joy? Wonder why your elected official decided to get into politics, but you're just too shy to ask? Don't know what to say? Come learn how to start building a healthier community one conversation and cup of coffee at a time.

### Full List of Workshops and Times

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How well do you know the people around your congregation? This workshop will offer inspiration and examples for reaching out and meeting your neighbors.

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Who Is My Neighbor?

Thus, every vocation has its particular neighbors. In considering vocation, it helps to consider the question that the lawyer asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Jesus answered him with the parable of the good Samaritan. In what Luther termed "the common order of Christian love," we have informal and sometimes temporary relationships that God calls us to — our friends, our enemies, the people next door, strangers, someone bleeding by the side of the road — in order to render them love and service.

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- Person who lives in one's [neighbourhood](#)
- The subject of the [Great Commandment](#).

The Great Commandment is a name used in the New Testament to describe the first of two commandments cited by Jesus in Matthew 22:35–40, Mark 12:28–34, and Luke 10:27a.

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## 10 Ways to Love Your Neighbor | Ed Stetzer

Living out the Great Commission means loving your neighbor: Apartment Life does this well.

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## The Art Of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationship Right Outside Your Door by Jay Pathak, Dave Runyon & Randy Frazee (Foreword)

Once upon a time, people knew their neighbors. They talked to them, had cook-outs with them, and went to church with them. In our time of unprecedented mobility and increasing isolationism, it's hard to make lasting connections with those who live right outside our front door. We have hundreds of "friends" through online social networking, but we often don't even know the full name of the person who lives right next door. This unique and inspiring book asks the question: What is the most loving thing I can do for the people who live on my street or in my apartment building? Through compelling true stories of lives impacted, the authors show readers how to create genuine friendships with the people who live in closest proximity to them. Discussion questions at the end of each chapter make this book perfect for small groups or individual study. Drawing on the success of their own church campaign, two pastors help readers learn to value, respect, and care for the people who live in their neighborhoods.

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**Working for Our Neighbor: A Lutheran Primer on Vocation, Economics, and Ordinary Life by Gene Edward Veith (Author), Paul T McCain (Foreword)**

For Lutherans, the doctrine of vocation is nothing less than the theology of the Christian life. In its social impact, vocation gave a theological basis for the division of labor, social equality, and individual freedom. In this elucidating work, Gene Edward Veith connects vocation to justification, good works, and Christian freedom—defining how the Lutheran contribution to economics can transfigure ordinary life, and work, with the powerful presence of God.

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## **8) Neighborhood**

**How Churches Can Evangelize Their Neighborhoods**

The basic principle behind this strategy is simple, and it's one any church can follow: engage your neighbors by taking an interest in what they care about. Building common ground is easy when you participate side-by-side in community organizations, service



projects, family events, block parties, yard sales, and the like. Common interests are one of the most powerful tools for building friendships that can enable spiritual conversations to take place.

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### Joining God in the Neighborhood – Center for Parish Development

*Joining God in the Neighborhood* will help your church:

Follow Jesus into the world.

Listen and learn with your neighbors in the wider community.

Move beyond assumptions to real stories, real faces, and shared learning.

Develop a common view about things you are seeing and learning.

Act on what you are learning.

Partner with neighbors and God by focusing on the real ministry opportunities.

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Neighbourhoods are often social communities with considerable [face-to-face interaction](#) among members. Researchers have not agreed on an exact definition, but the following may serve as a starting point: "Neighbourhood is generally defined spatially as a specific geographic area and functionally as a set of social networks. Neighbourhoods, then, are the [spatial units](#) in which face-to-face social interactions occur—the personal settings and situations where residents seek to realise common values, socialise youth, and maintain effective social control."<sup>[*clarification needed*]</sup><sup>[1]</sup>



The Chelsea neighbourhood of Manhattan in New York City

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### Our Mission: Discovering God's Call to Us by Robin McCullough-Blade (Author)

Mapping the Needs of Your **Neighborhood**

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### [PDF]Six Practical Applications and Adaptations of the One-to-one Relational Meeting

#### 2. **Neighborhood Outreach**

The main concept from the One-to-one to take into a Neighborhood Outreach is the relational approach. Too often our forays into neighborhoods are based simply on the concept of invitation: we're doing this; you should come. Or, we assume that we have the only real good news to share: we know this Jesus person; let us introduce him to you. The relational One-to-one approach, applied to a Neighborhood Outreach, leads with the premise that our neighbors have stories, assets and concerns that are of interest and value to us. And, this approach acknowledges God already at work among our neighbors and that the risen Christ goes ahead of us, often appearing to us in the form of our neighbor!

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Join with us as we introduce some ways in which you can begin some small experiments in joining God in the neighborhood. Over the next 30 days we will tell stories, suggest actions and share interviews. We invite you to join the conversation. What are your stories? What are the questions you would like to have answered? Where are you seeing the Spirit change your imagination of what it means to be the church today in your community?

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### 25 Simple Ways to Be Missional in Your Neighborhood | Vergenetwork.org

I have found that it is often helpful to have practical ideas to start engaging the people around me. Most of the things on this list are normal, everyday things that many people are already doing. The hope is that we would do these things with Gospel intentionality. This means we do them:

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## 9) Network

### Net Work: A Practical Guide to Creating and Sustaining Networks at Work and in the World by Patti Anklaam (Author)

Patti Anklaam provides a guide for leaders and participants to work within and lead purposeful social networks “in the world.” Awareness of “networks” and “networked organizations” has reached the mainstream of the business publishing world, as evidenced in the increasing number of articles in such publications as the Harvard Business Review and the Sloan Management Review. Many graduate business school programs now teach social network analysis and network theory. Networks exist outside of corporations as well - everyone participates in multiple networks, including the informal family, community, work, and their purely social networks of friends. Formal networks include civic organizations like Rotary International, alumni groups, and business and professional groups. The latter have all evolved distinct governance models, norms for joining and participating, legacy databases, membership rolls, and very public identities. There is yet another class of network that is not yet well defined, and for which the norms and governance models are emerging--networks such as inter-company and intra-company learning and collaboration networks; independent consultants who share common interests and passions who want to remain independent but work collaboratively and consistently with like-minded others. They can be geographically local business networks; web-based virtual learning groups and communities; or global action networks destined to make the world a better place. The purpose of this book is to provide a taxonomy and guidebook to these “emergent” networks, with a specific focus on helping leaders and participants to create and sustain successful networks. It will address the need for articulating a governance model and norms, selecting and using appropriate tools, and expectations for how the network will grow and change over time.



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**The Hidden Power of Social Networks: Understanding How Work Really Gets Done in Organizations by Robert Cross (Author), Andrew Parker (Author), Rob Cross (Author)**

A powerful, visual framework helps managers discover how employees really communicate and collaborate to get work done - and helps them identify ways they can influence these social networks to improve performance and innovation. In *The Hidden Power of Social Networks*, Cross and Parker, experts in "social network analysis" - a technique that visually maps relationships between people in large, distributed groups - apply this powerful tool to management for the first time. Based on their in-depth study of sixty informal employee networks in well-known companies around the world, Cross and Parker show managers how to conduct a social network analysis of their organization.

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**The Organizational Network Fieldbook: Best Practices, Techniques and Exercises to Drive Organizational Innovation and Performance by Robert L. Cross (Author), Jean Singer (Author), Sally Colella (Author), Robert J. Thomas (Author), Yaarit Silverstone (Author)**

In this practical companion to the best-selling *Driving Results through Social Networks*, the authors draw on their network-building activities in organizations such as ConocoPhillips, 3M, and the United States Department of Defense in order to provide a compilation of highly practical approaches to help leaders shift their focus from formal organizational structures to a better understanding of flexible networks.

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## 10) New Church Starts

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**ELCA New Congregations - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

The ELCA is starting new congregations across the United States and in the Caribbean. Visit this page for resources for new congregations.

<http://www.elca.org/en/Resources/ELCA-New-Congregations>

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### **How to Start a Church (with Pictures) - wikiHow**

A church is a spiritual community that comes together in common fellowship. If you're dissatisfied with your local options and have a group of like-minded thinkers and believers, you may be interested in branching out on your own to worship in your own way. Where to start? You can learn to begin the early informal processes and plan for an incorporated community, apply for legal status, and expand your church in the community. See Step 1 for more information.

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### **Launch: Starting a New Church from Scratch [Nelson Searcy, Kerrick Thomas, Steve Sjogren]**

Starting a church from scratch? Start here! This is no typical “church planting” or “church growth” book. The authors, both pastors at The Journey Church of the City in Manhattan, offer specific strategies for beginning a church from scratch, based on their own experiences in launching a church with no members, no money and no staff—and watched membership skyrocket to more than a thousand people in three years! They offer clear, practical how-to strategies for quickly raising funds, creating a team, planning services, effective evangelism and rapidly developing a growing membership. Specific advice is included for reaching that often difficult-to-target demographic, the 20- to 40-year-old. You'll also get an insider's look at The Journey Church of the City as a model for church planting. The helpful strategies here will help you remove many of the barriers, questions and doubts encountered in starting a church from scratch. If these principles work in NYC, they'll work for you!

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### **New Church Starts and Missional Initiatives | Episcopal Church**

“New Church Starts” are often the traditional “tall steeple” model but they can also be storefront ministries committed to regular worship that welcomes all.

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/new-church-starts-and-missional-initiatives>

### Ten Most Common Mistakes Made by Church Starts [James Griffith, William Easum]

Jim Griffith and Bill Easum draw from decades of personal experience in planting new churches and consulting with supervisors and planters in new church starts. They have condensed their vast experiences down to ten points that account for the great majority of failures among church planters. For each point, the authors provide examples of the particular mistake and ways to avoid it. They speak in special sections to coaches and supervisors, showing them how to work with church planters to avoid the mistakes. The ten mistakes point in most cases to plans made on the basis of past experiences or unrealistic models that do not fit either the particular church planter or the mission field where the church is planned. The church planter must take the initiative to do God's work as directed by the Holy Spirit, not copy a religious superstar's methods or approach the works as defined by outside sources.

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## 11) Newcomer

Chief's Primary Role: Communicating a Shared vision

Too often newcomers are invited to join the "club," a nice group of people who get together to engage in religious observations and rituals and have fellowship with one another. Your congregation is not a club; it is a community of God's people who are on a mission to transform the world. Invite newcomers to join in that mission.

### Rob Voyle's Appreciative Way Blog - The Appreciative Way

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### How to Invite Newcomers and Incorporate Them « The Loose Canon

If we are to be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus, we will need to do more than wait for people to join us in the pews. There is nothing in Jesus' teaching that recommends that approach. But by word and example, Jesus taught those who follow him to go and tell and to invite others to come and see. Here are some steps your congregation can take to be faithful to this call:

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### Integrating newcomers into the life of your congregation | The Briefing

Most people would agree that if you don't identify, connect and care for newcomers they are likely to either never return, or to stay on the fringe and eventually drift away feeling disconnected, unwelcomed and perhaps disillusioned. Everyone would agree that this is not the outcome the community of Christ wants for those that Jesus brings to our doors.



If you are not seeing newcomers welcomed and incorporated into your community you need to rethink your approach to newcomers and reshape your vision for connecting and integrating them into your church life. Here are some of the common problems you may face.

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#### Inviting, Informing, and Including Newcomers – The Parish Paper

Three complementary efforts serve the congregation's ministry goals: inviting, informing, and including new people. Just like a three-pillared tower, without one support, the overall purpose becomes unstable. To invite is to increase the church's visibility and relevance, to inform is to offer opportunities for connection, and to include means spiritual experiences that promote Christian maturity and growth. Which effort needs more intention and planning in your congregation?

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#### Newcomer Hospitality and Belonging: Membership Matters | UUA.org

As an individual who cares about providing hospitality to guests and a sense of belonging to newcomers, you probably have insight into the way your congregation welcomes and includes new people. Completing the [Before You Begin](#) tool will help indicate who from your congregation would participate in a larger conversation. It will give you a starting place with which to continue the conversation with other members of your committee or congregation.

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#### The Race to Reach Out: Connecting Newcomers to Christ in a New Century [Michael J. Coyner, Doug Anderson]

Most church members would tell you that theirs is a friendly congregation, eager to welcome visitors and new members into their midst. Yet far too many of these same congregations have trouble translating this intention into action. Offering a friendly greeting to a new face is important, but it is only the first of many steps that congregations must take in order to turn visitors into members, and new members into committed disciples.

The authors believe that to assimilate newcomers into the life and ministry of the congregation, the whole church system must be involved. Anderson and Coyner demonstrate how to identify and respond to visitors in a nonthreatening yet interested way; how to share information about them with the leaders of those ministries and programs in which they would be most interested; how best to help them in their decision to become church members; and how to help them understand and fulfill their own call to ministry in the congregation. They insist that churches be motivated, not by a desire for institutional survival or advancement, but by a passion for people and their place in the kingdom of God.

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## 12) Nominal

### Are You a Nominal Christian? A Diagnostic Test - The Gospel Coalition

During the past few months, I've been enjoying The Essential Edwards Collection, an accessible introduction to the work of Jonathan Edwards compiled by Owen Strachan and Doug Sweeney and published by Moody. In the volume on True Christianity, the authors put together a series of questions to help us discern the true state of our hearts and expose the reality of nominalism.

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### Churches That Reach the Nones, Nominals, and Nomads – ThomRainer.com

The Nominals

About 80 percent of the American adult population has some religious affiliation. But over half of that group states they attend church monthly, yearly, seldom, or never. I call that group the nominals. Churches would do well to reach out to this group that is self-identifies as both religious and relatively inactive in churches.

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### Christian Witness to Nominal Christians Among Protestants (LOP 23)

The report is released with the prayer and hope that it will stimulate the church and individual members in reaching this large segment of the population.

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<https://www.revolvy.com/page/Nominal-Christian> Nominal Christian | Revolvy

### Nominal Christian - Wikipedia

The [Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization](#) (LCWE) defines a nominal [Christian](#) as "a person who has not responded in repentance and faith to Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord." The LCWE notes that such a one "may be a

practising or non-practising church member. He may give intellectual assent to basic Christian doctrines and claim to be a Christian. He may be faithful in attending liturgical rites and worship services, and be an active member involved in church affairs."<sup>[1]</sup> The LCWE also suggests that nominal Christianity "is to be found wherever the church is more than one generation old."<sup>[2]</sup>

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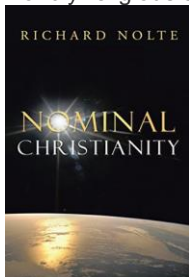
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### Nominal Christianity: Richard Nolte

**Nominal Christianity is the result of a burden for what may be the largest mission field of our time:** nominal Christianity, which is made up of millions upon millions of those who claim to be Christian but have almost no understanding of what the Lord requires of those who follow Him. In presenting this information, author Richard Nolte claims no new insight or revelation but instead attempts to show, by numerous quotations by true believers from the time of Christ through the present, that there have always been a few-a remnant of true believers that have adhered to the principles of our Lord, know His voice, worship Him in spirit and truth, and experience the miraculous power of God in their lives. At the same time, they have been surrounded by nominal Christians-those who know who Christ is, profess Him with their mouth, establish organizations or denominations, claim to have the correct doctrine, and become so set in their delusions that they persecute the true and faithful followers of Christ, those who will not conform to worldly religious standards and are labeled heretics and infidels. This book will expose nominal Christianity.



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### Reaching People under 30 while Keeping People over 60: Creating Community Across Generations by Edward H. Hammett

The **nominals** will increasingly become nones.

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Seasoned church consultant Edward H. Hammett shares his latest insights and suggestions for churches seeking to serve all generations. This is an updated version of Hammett's 2007 book *Reaching People Under 40 while Keeping People Over 60* that expands the reach another decade and emphasizes diversity with insight from new contributors Paul L. Anderson and Cornell Thomas.

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Experts discuss how to prevent nominal Christians from leaving the faith.

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## 13) Older People

### A Mission-shaped Church for Older People: Practical Suggestions for Local Churches

This readily accessible resource should be invaluable for anyone who wants to think about the issues, problems and opportunities posed by an aging population and then to take action.

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### 48 Older Adult Ministry Ideas - Discipleship Ministries

As you plan for intentional older adult ministry, keep in mind that each older adult is an individual. One ministry idea won't meet all needs. Be sure to identify needs and play your ministry accordingly. Listed below are ministry ideas with older adults.

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### Fresh expressions for older people | Fresh Expressions

NYNO aims to create fresh expressions of all-age church amongst older people, particularly, but not exclusively, those who live in sheltered housing accommodation. The title was inspired by Galatians 3.28, 'There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for all are one in Christ Jesus'. **In Christ Jesus there is also Neither Young Nor Old.**

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#### Keep Older Adults in the Church • CE National

The Church must also focus on helping the older believer learn how to impact others. What is the answer? Here are just a few ideas:

<https://cenational.org/resource/keep-older-adults-church/>

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#### Pioneering the Third Age: The Church in an Aging Population: by Rob Merchant (Author), Michael Green (Foreword)

The 'Third Age' is transforming the economic, political and technological landscape around us. Its affects are being felt by governments and agencies, within families and marriages, and between generations. Whilst many have recognized the vast spiritual implications of these changes and the need to recover the value of older age, little has been done to restore the biblical picture. Churches have not 'pioneered' the Third Age. *Pioneering the Third Age* examines current and future issues facing older people and the church. Combining current gerontological thinking, theological insight and practical application, Rob Merchant offers a starting point from which to map out the territory of this new landscape of older people. Whether young or old, church minister or member, this invaluable resource will surprise, provoke and spark debate on the mission and composition of the church across generations, as together we pioneer the Third Age.

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Images for Pioneering the Third Age examines current and future issues facing older people and the church

#### Reaching out to older people - Evangelical Alliance

If you would like to start or improve your ministry to older people here are some organizations and ministries that can help you:

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<http://connect4life.org.uk/church-connections/silver-connections-magazine>

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#### Seven Ways to Involve Older People in Your Church- ThomRainer.com

I may not speak for all older folks, but here's how you could get me more involved in your church's ministry.

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[Introduction](#)

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##### Conclusions

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#### **The Graying of the Church: A Leader's Guide for Older Adult Ministry in the United Methodist Church by Richard H. Gentzler (Author)**

Without a doubt, both society and church congregations are graying. Life expectancy in the U.S. has increased from 47 years in 1900 to 77 years in 2000. The number of people age 65 years or older is expected to double in the next 25 years. The Graying of the Church is based on extensive research which indicates that leaders of older adult ministries want help in identifying new ministry models, ways to motivate older adults, and general resource information. All of these areas (and more) are addressed by Gentzler in a very readable way. Gentzler's work addresses church leaders who plan and provide ministry with older adults; clergy; parish nurses; Christian educators; Stephen ministers; nurture, health, & welfare teams/committees; evangelism teams/committees.

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#### **14) Outreach**

##### **Best 25+ Church outreach ideas on Pinterest**

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##### **Cameron Community Outreach: August 9-10**

If there is one thing, one reason, one explanation why our church exists today, it's this: invitation. The people who came together and created this very special group of Jesus followers called Living Water were so changed by the experience, they couldn't keep this good news to themselves. They simply HAD to share it with others - inviting people again and again and again to see and experience it for themselves.

During the second week of August, on August 9 and 10 from 5:30-8:30pm, we've set aside two evenings to **intentionally reach out to the community** of Cameron and invite our neighbors to come and see the good things God is up to at 411 North First St. We'll meet from 5:30 to 6pm for a light snack and brief training, then load our cars with gift bags and head out the door in small groups, maps in hand, to invite our neighbors to church.

It's my hope that everyone who is part of Living Water: young, old, and in between, can come (if only for a short time each night) and take part in this two-night effort aimed at getting out the word about Living Water. Simply sign up at Clipboard Central or contact me at: [ned.livingwater@gmail.com](mailto:ned.livingwater@gmail.com)

*Note: We'll have a small group working during the day for those unable to attend the evening canvassing.*

Living and inviting for Jesus!

-Ned

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs194/1112173962849/archive/1125421062823.html>

[Images for church members intentionally reach out to the community](#)

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Walking Together 2019: "Holy Experiments"

Jumping in the Deep End of the Pool-Creating a Community Outreach Effort within your Church - Mark Palma

This session will be a case study of several successful (and unsuccessful) projects undertaken by one small church to look beyond its own needs and become a resource to a broader series of needs throughout the community. Mark Palma, the speaker, is a lay person who promises an entertaining look at looking past the parking lot. Through this talk, maybe you can find a few ways to engage your members into wanting to come to church, give their time (and some money) and bring some new energy into the group.

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Christmas: a time for outreach: Lutheran Mission

Do you think much about Christmas and outreaching?

Christmas is a great time to touch base in many different ways with the community, current members, and people who are on the fringe of the congregation. However, one thing is certain is that, if we are to use this opportunity to bring God's good news into people's lives for the long term, we need to be intentional and authentic. Christmas outreach takes time and planning. This is way I have posted this now.

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Creative outreach: From innovation to old favorites - The Lutheran

*Congregations reach out with everything from balloon rides to door knocking*

When Kevin Ruffcorn launches a congregation, he takes the word "launch" seriously. Ruffcorn offered the community hot-air balloon rides to celebrate the church's opening.

"The rides helped us get better acquainted with our neighbors," says Ruffcorn, pastor of Desert Streams Lutheran Church, Surprise, Ariz. "When people see hot-air balloons, they almost always take a second glance. Most have positive thoughts."

The red, seven-story hot-air balloon — emboldened with a 40-foot cross — garnered publicity for the new congregation in two local newspapers. In addition, volunteers distributed door hangers and sent mass mailings to residents, resulting in more than 200 visitors to the first worship service last September.

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Creative outreach: Grace extended - The Lutheran

*In this little space on the shores of Lake Michigan, all are welcome*

When the gathering music is Billy Joel's *She's Always a Woman to Me*, you just know the worship will be anything but ordinary.

But out of the ordinary is how it has to be, says Barbara Zielinski, mission developer of Extended Grace, a faith community along Lake Michigan's east shore.

"We're the place for people who are on the edge," she says. "The church needs to create places for people who feel nobody wants them. Christ always sat with the outsider. That's where we're called to be." These 30 worshipers are here to find and experience Extended Grace, and by all accounts they do.

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### Creative outreach: How's it going where you are? | The Lutheran

*Here's the test: 'They'd all be willing to stand in the same ice shack together'*

On a snowy day this winter, I met with a roomful of congregational leaders in the Upper Peninsula, a slice of northern Michigan sandwiched between Lakes Michigan and Superior. I asked them to list those things that characterize a healthy, vital congregation. "They'd all be willing to stand in the same ice shack together," one blurted out.

The list grew from there.

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#### [PDF]Front Porchin - WordPress.com

I would like to offer the metaphor of the front porch as a particular style of doing **outreach** in the name of Jesus Christ in the world in which we live.

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### Open Up: Want to reach out? Start by talking about God in your life - The Lutheran Magazine

When you want to reach out to a friend, co-worker, even family member in one of the younger generations, don't say, "Join us at worship." Your invitation probably won't be accepted. I know. It wasn't an invitation to a Sunday morning service but one to serve in the community that brought me back to church. Now, as a pastor in my early 30s, I know, too, that there are many more young people who long for God, not church.

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#### Outreach Ideas

- As a welcome gift to guests at worship, give them a jar of sundae topping. Put this message on the jar: Thanks for worshipping with us! You made our Sunday! Now let us help you make your next Sundae! – OR —Send visitors home with a loaf of bread and a note in the package quoting Jesus, I am the bread of life (John 6:35). Express the hope that the guest has been well-fed and will return to eat again.
- Make simple door hangers. Print on them the following: Worship times for Holy Week and Easter. Add clip art of an empty Easter basket with this slogan: Is your Easter basket a little empty this year? Fill it with the love of Jesus. Gather a group and canvas the town hanging them on every house door. No verbal invitation is necessary, so this is a non-threatening way to invite others to worship.
- On a cold winter's day, take your youth group or other group to the neighborhood grocery store. Outside of the store, distribute hot chocolate, free of charge. Print labels and put on the cups: Jesus warms your heart. On a Spring day, take a group to a busy intersection in your town. Distribute seed packets of flowers or vegetables, free of charge. Print labels and put on the seed packets: God Bless You. May your faith grow like the seeds in the Spring time. Don't forget to add the name of your church and worship times.
- Equip members to invite people to worship and other events by supplying them with business cards containing information about the church. Each member should be invited to use these cards as invitations whenever opportunities present themselves. Don't forget to include the congregation's Web site address.
- Host a Sunday in the Park. Have a worship service, followed by a meal, and then invite musicians from the congregation and community to continue to entertain during and after the meal. It can be a great time of music and fellowship.
- Participate in local events. Make a float for a parade, have a bake sale at a community celebration, support the local booster club, volunteer at the local nursing home, sponsor a team in the local basketball or volleyball league. Open your building to community events and groups (i.e., scouts, 4-H, AA). Each time a person enters your church building, there is an opportunity for outreach and building relationships.
- Reach out to seasonal visitors in creative and intentional ways. Send out flyers to boxholder and offer a coupon for a free cup of coffee. Put brochures in area resorts, motels, grocery stores, and campgrounds.
- Invite people to experience the gathered faith community by intentionally scheduling 'friendship' or 'welcome' Sundays; fellowship activities, such as dinner theater or corn roast; youth and family activities; sports events or teams; and community classes. Call 'Bring a Friend Sunday,' 'Pop-In Sunday.' Rent a commercial popcorn popper and fire it up, so the smell of popcorn fills the building and give each worshipper a bag of popcorn to enjoy during worship.
- Don't have enough children to put on a Christmas program at your church? Why not try having a community Christmas pageant in cooperation with the other churches in your community. Advertise it as a drama production, and perhaps you'll have the opportunity to include unchurched children and youth, as well. Include a soup supper and have it in a public space outside the church and start a new and meaningful Christmas tradition for your community.
- Take breakfast to the workers at businesses in your communities. Choose 3-4 businesses per month. Deliver sweet rolls, muffins, etc. and attach a note thanking them for serving your community. Make this an even more powerful outreach by praying with the people at the business when you deliver the goodies.

- How many children come to Sunday School in your church and how many children could be coming to Sunday School? Increase Sunday School attendance by matching each child with an adult 'Church Buddy.' Encourage them to exchange notes, emails, text messages and phone calls. Adults can offer the children a ride to Sunday School, sit with them in church, and encourage faithful attendance.

Provided by Pastor Nancy Nyland, Director for Evangelical Mission in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod at a *Discovering Hope: Building Vitality in Your Congregation* event as some of the resources that she has implemented effectively in small membership congregation settings over the years. 317-253-3522 ext. 318 [nnyland@iksynod.org](mailto:nnyland@iksynod.org)  
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### Outreach Magazine

Sharing stories of outreach, helping Christian leadership discover the ideas, innovations and resources that will equip them to advance the kingdom of God.

<https://outreachmagazine.com/>  
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### Outreach - Wikipedia

Outreach is the activity of providing services to any population that might not otherwise have access to those services.<sup>[1][2]</sup> A key component of outreach is that the group providing it is not stationary, but mobile; in other words, it involves meeting someone in need of an outreach service at the location where they are.<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> In addition to delivering services, outreach has an educational role, raising the awareness of existing services.<sup>[3]</sup> It includes identification of under-served populations and service referral. Outreach is often meant to fill in the gap in the services provided by mainstream (often governmental) services, and is often carried out by [non-profit, nongovernmental organizations](#).<sup>[1]</sup> This is a major element differentiating outreach from [public relations](#).<sup>[4]</sup> Compared with staff providing traditional services, outreach staff may be less qualified but more highly motivated.<sup>[3]</sup> Three different types of outreach have been identified: domiciliary (undertaken at individual homes), detached (undertaken in public environments and targeting individuals), and peripatetic (undertaken at public or private environments and targeting organizations rather than individuals).<sup>[5]</sup> Satellite outreach is where services are provided at a dedicated site.<sup>[3]</sup> Outreach tools include leaflets, newsletters, advertising stalls and displays, and dedicated events. Outreach commonly takes place physically at local community institutions such as libraries, community centres and markets.<sup>[3]</sup> Compared with traditional service providers, outreach services are provided closer to where people live, are voluntary, and have fewer, if any, enforceable obligations.<sup>[3]</sup>

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### Seven Shifts in Church Outreach – Rainer on Leadership #231 – ThomRainer.com

Discuss a recent post on church outreach and how it has changed over the past few decades.

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