

# Interim Ministry Resources

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## 1) Plan

### [PDF]Beyond Our Doors: Congregational Mission Planning

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Images for Beyond Our Doors: Congregational Mission Planning

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<https://milwaukee-synod.org/download/mission-planning/LIFTBeyondOurDoors.pdf>

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

### Mission Planning - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

On this page, you'll find a variety of ELCA resources to help your congregation create a mission plan that fits your gifts and context.

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<http://www.nemnsynod.org/uploads/2/5/8/8/25887261/3cmhe.pdf> [PDF]A Mission Planning Resource for the Congregations of the NEMN Synod

<http://www.swpasynod.org/resources/mission-tools> Manual for Congregational Mission Planning (538 KB)

Images for Manual for Congregational Mission Planning

### MP&R Ministry Planning & Review

Many approaches to performance evaluation are unhelpful and even damage a shared sense of ministry. They involve top-down appraisal and are experienced as judgmental. In contrast, *MP&R* is an approach that is supportive while being diagnostic. It encourages all who participate to look at their ministry and learn from that experience. *MP&R* is an approach that focuses leaders, teams, and congregation together on *improving performance* toward greater missional results.

<http://www.missionalchurch.org/resources/MPR.html>

Images for Ministry Planning & Review

### Plan - Wikipedia

A plan is typically any diagram or list of steps with details of timing and resources, used to achieve an **objective** to do something. It is commonly understood as a **temporal set** of intended actions through which one expects to achieve a **goal**.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plan>

Images for Plan

### Plans, Prayers, and Possibilities - Alban Institute

The changes occurring today are rapid, and they do create anxiety among mainline church leaders. Also, they require the development of new approaches to congregational life—some of which renew old rituals and some of which create new rituals. We are responsible for leading the church through a time of transition in which the old ways no longer make sense and the new ways are not yet clear. The church needs a kind of leadership that is able to anticipate the future while simultaneously discerning God's path for getting there. This leadership cannot be dominated by fear and uncertainty, but instead must lead in faith toward a direction that is discerned as much as it is planned for.

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### Projects That Matter: Successful Planning and Evaluation for Religious Organizations [Kathleen A. Cahalan professor]

*Projects That Matter* introduces project leaders and teams to the five basic elements of project design and describes in detail a six-step process for designing and implementing a project evaluation and disseminating evaluation findings. Written for the non-expert, leaders in religious settings will find Cahalan's guidance clear and invaluable. Presenting evaluation as a form of collaborative inquiry, Cahalan show how leaders can use evaluation design to develop effective project plans and prepare case statements for

donors or grant proposals for foundations. She introduces project planning and evaluation as mission-related practices and invites leaders to consider how their tradition's particular mission and beliefs influence the way they plan and evaluate. Cahalan concludes the book by making explicit her own theological presuppositions—that the virtues of discernment, stewardship, and prudence are essential for good project planning and evaluation.



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Images for Projects That Matter: Successful Planning and Evaluation for Religious Organizations [Kathleen A. Cahalan professor]

### Sand Bur Consulting - Tools

Mission Planning:

[Core Values Discernment Module \(pdf\)](#)

[Congregational Discernment](#)

[Effective Mission Planning.doc \(download\)](#)

[A Missional Way of Bible Study](#)

[Prayer for Transformation](#)

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Images for Mission Planning: A Missional Way of Bible Study

Images for Mission Planning: Prayer for Transformation

### Stepping Forward: Synagogue Visioning and Planning [Robert Leventhal]

Drawing on his extensive and fruitful consulting work in diverse synagogue contexts, Alban senior consultant Robert Leventhal presents his Synagogue Visioning and Planning (SVP) model to a wider audience for the first time. Using this substantial yet accessible model, Leventhal has helped numerous congregations with visioning and planning, leadership development, and team building.

He invites not just rabbis and council presidents but the many reluctant leaders of the congregation to "jump in" to SVP. This innovative model combines organizational leadership principles and core Jewish values to recruit, focus, and energize the congregation and the community so that work can be shared and productive. By including the broadest possible array of leadership in all stages of the process, SVP can be enthusiastically embraced by the entire congregation.

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### The Last Lecture Quotes by Randy Pausch - Goodreads

"Another way to be prepared is to think negatively. Yes, I'm a great optimist. but, when trying to make a decision, I often think of the worst case scenario. I call it 'the eaten by wolves factor.' If I do something, what's the most terrible thing that could happen? Would I be eaten by wolves? One thing that makes it possible to be an optimist, is if you have a contingency plan for when all hell breaks loose. There are a lot of things I don't worry about, because I have a plan in place if they do."

— Randy Pausch, *The Last Lecture*

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[Images for contingency plan for when all hell breaks](#)

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### Twelve Keys to an Effective Church: Strong, Healthy Congregations Living in the Grace of God [Kennon L. Callahan]

*Twelve Keys to an Effective Church* is regarded as the most useful and comprehensive long-range planning resource available.

This groundbreaking program for church renewal identifies the twelve essential characteristics of successful, growing churches and offers all congregations a way to unlock their potential for effective ministry.

A thoroughly revised and updated edition of one of the most trusted and authoritative strategic resources for church leaders

In this second edition of his groundbreaking book, Kennon Callahan identifies the twelve essential qualities of successful, growing churches and offers all congregations a way to unlock their potential for effective ministry. The Twelve Keys program balances practical planning with theological understanding to help churches function more effectively as they seek to grow and better serve their members.

Shows church leaders how to claim and expand upon their church's strengths and become a mission growth congregation

Explores each of the twelve keys in depth, from mission to visitation to worship to relationships to programs to details of facilities maintenance

Based on a time-tested approach that has been used by hundreds of thousands of churches

Now incorporates the planning guide (previously a separate publication)

The book includes solid, practical guidelines and tools to help any church become a strong, healthy congregation.

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### Effective Church Leadership: Building on the Twelve Keys by Kennon L. Callahan (Author)

Kennon Callahan shares a new understanding of leadership, and helps missionary pastors grow their leadership by cultivating new understandings and practices in seven key areas. Callahan guides pastors and key leaders in building on their creativity and imagination in order to revitalize their local churches and advance their missions.

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**The Twelve Keys Leaders' Guide: An Approach for Grassroots, Key Leaders, and Pastors Together by Kennon L. Callahan (Author)**

Since it was published in 1983, the first edition of the original *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church* has benefited thousands of congregations around the world.

The thoroughly revised and updated *Twelve Keys Leaders' Guide*, designed to accompany *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church*, offers leaders an indispensable, step-by-step resource for creating and implementing their long-range plans. It clearly shows how to examine a church's strengths and move the congregation toward action, accomplishment, and achievement.

This valuable guide thoroughly explains the basic principles of the planning process and gives helpful insights into the dynamics of memory, change, conflict, and hope in congregations. You will discover possibilities to build the momentum, deepen the resources, and advance the strengths of your congregation.

This important resource can also be used to help build an effective, successful business, develop a strong, healthy non-profit grouping, advance an effective, healthy college or university, and create a strong, healthy family.



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**Becoming a CP Church.qxp - Ministry Formation**

Some churches seem to be "baby making machines" when it comes to church planting, while other churches appear to be on permanent birth-control. Experienced church planters share their ideas on the issues pastors address as they lead a church to birth a network of new churches.

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**Bivocational Church Planters: Uniquely Wired for Kingdom Growth by Steve Nerger (Author)**

The experiences of bi-vocational pastors, whether in their role by choice or by financial necessity, can benefit all pastors and church staff in managing the challenges of leadership. They also can serve as an inspiration for those exploring a call to ministry.

*Bi-vocational Church Planters: Uniquely Wired for Kingdom Growth*, which tells the inspirational stories of 16 bi-vocational pastors, is offered as a free resource on request by the NAMB Church Planting Group.

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**Churches Planting Churches by Robert E. Logan & Steven L. Ogne (Author), Larry Short (Editor), Michelle Dodd (Illustrator)**

*Churches Planting Churches* is a guide designed to walk your church through the process of planting a daughter church. The authors have been personally involved in multiple church plants and have assisted hundreds of churches world-wide. Their experience will help you avoid many pitfalls that could derail your efforts. Issues such as catching the vision, gaining support of key leaders and developing your strategy are thoroughly explored.

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### The Church Planter's Toolkit: A Self-Study Resource Kit by Robert E Logan (Author), Steven L. Ogne (Author)

The premier resource for church planters! Combining the wisdom and expertise of Bob Logan and Steve Ogne, *The Church Planter's Toolkit* offers clear objectives that all church planters need to consider.

*The Church Planter's Toolkit* includes 12 audio CD's as well as detailed checklists and action planning worksheets to form a comprehensive package for church planters and their supervisors.

Beginning with spiritual foundations, you will learn how to develop effective strategies for starting healthy churches that are applicable in any context.

Logan and Ogne use an easy to understand life-cycle model to describe the phase of new church development (conception, prenatal, birth, growth and reproduction). All the key issues within one phase must be addressed before moving on to the next phase of development, otherwise, significant problems can arise in the new church.

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### Church Planting from the Ground Up by Tom Jones (Editor)

*Church Planting from the Ground Up* is a visionary guide for the critical task of new church multiplication. Share in the wisdom of these field-tested veterans as you gain insight from their stories, practical ideas, and real-world experiences.

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### Church Planting Landmines: Tom Nebel & Gary Rohrmayer

We don't like to talk about failure. Church planters who fail do not speak at our conferences or write books. We hold up the successes and then wonder why so many church planters are surprised by hardships and overwhelmed by failure.

Learning from failure is a key concept in life and successful church planting. When asked about his hundreds of failed attempts to invent the light bulb before experiencing success, Thomas Edison simply said that he had discovered all the ways not to produce the light bulb. Church planting is no different. It needs to be seen as a process of 'failing forward.'

*Church Planting Landmines* looks at many of the issues that can bring failure and gives practical advice on how to avoid these mistakes.

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### Church Planting Movements: How God Is Redeeming a Lost World [David Garrison]

David Garrison, PhD University of Chicago, defines *Church Planting Movements* as rapidly multiplying indigenous churches planting churches that sweep across a people group or population segment. Garrison's *Church Planting Movements: How God Is Redeeming a Lost World* signaled a breakthrough in missionary church planting. After the publication of Garrison's book in 2004 it became impossible to talk about missions without referencing *Church Planting Movements*. *Church Planting Movements* examines more than two-dozen movements of multiplying churches on five continents. After presenting these case studies, Garrison



identifies ten universal elements present in each movement. He then broadens the circle of examination to identify a further ten common characteristics, factors identified in most, but not all, of the movements. He concludes his examination with a list of "Seven Deadly Sins," i.e. harmful practices that stifle or impede *Church Planting Movements*.

For five years Garrison served as the Associate Vice President for Global Strategy with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board (IMB). From this vantage point he had an unparalleled view of evangelical mission outreach in more than 180 countries. With the help of the IMB's Global Research Department, Garrison was able to make in-depth studies of some of the world's fastest growing movements to Christ. Important for evangelical readers, the author submits his findings to the scrutiny of Scripture to see how they stand up under the light of New Testament orthodoxy. What he discovers is that *Church Planting Movements* are much more consistent with the New Testament lay-led house-church movements that swept rapidly through the Mediterranean world in the face of hostile opposition than today's more sedentary professional brand Christianity.

*Church Planting Movements* contains case studies, maps, graphs, a selected bibliography, a biblical index, along with a topical index. Readers will appreciate the lively and engaging style, while practitioners will value the practical lessons and applications. Learn more about *Church Planting Movements* from the book's website: [www.ChurchPlantingMovements.com](http://www.ChurchPlantingMovements.com) The website includes many free downloadable resources, including free booklets, PowerPoints, case studies, and articles.



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#### **Creating Communities of the Kingdom: New Testament Models of Church Planting by David W. Shenk (Author), Ervin R. Stutzman (Author)**

To be the church is to be in mission, for the church is the body of Christ, the Savior. This study on church planting in the book of Acts helps us to understand the first-century church in its mission. St. Luke traces the spread of the church from Jerusalem across Asia Minor and on to Rome. He does not share the whole story of its spread across North Africa, but he does show us the dynamics of the movement. This people of the way -- described by Paul as a third people (1 Cor. 10:32) -- are above all disciples of Jesus Christ. - Foreword.

David W. Shenk and Ervin R. Stutzman weave into the biblical commentary practical applications gleaned from contemporary theology, anthropology, sociology, psychology, and communication theory. Includes questions for review, study and discussion.

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### Creating Strategic Alliances and Partnerships for Planting New Churches

In major cities across America, alliances and partnerships are being formed between churches to achieve the goal of evangelism. These partnerships can be as simple as two pastors working together in one community or a group of churches working together to transform a city. This paper addresses the reasons churches are forming, how they do it, and some of the advantages and challenges they have found.

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### Discovering Church Planting: An Introduction to the Whats, Whys, and Hows of Global Church Planting [J. D. Payne, David Hesselgrave]

In *Discovering Church Planting*, J. D. Payne explores the biblical, historical and missiological principles of global church planting as well as unfolding practical strategies for confronting contemporary challenges to our vital task in reaching a lost world. This comprehensive introduction to church planting shows the reader how to apply effective, international church planting practices to specific contexts. J. D. speaks from personal experience, research and training and focuses on crucial issues every planter should consider. His well-researched and easy to understand concepts are crucial for anyone who takes seriously the call of Scripture to Declare His glory among the nations and His marvelous deeds to all peoples.

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### Planting Churches that Reproduce: Starting a Network of Simple Churches [Joel Comiskey]

Comiskey's thesis is that reproduction or church multiplication is critical to all effective church planting. Thus, church planting must be simple enough to keep the process going. The first section lays out the Biblical basis for church planting. The book moves from the Biblical basis to the contemporary scene, showing why church planting is absolutely essential to keep up with the population growth. Comiskey also highlights the characteristics which make a modern day church planter successful. Comiskey draws from practical experiences to help those who are in the battle or are considering church planting. The second section goes into detail about church planting strategies, namely the cell church strategy and house church planting. The reader is not just given information about different church planting approaches but is also shown how to use them. Comiskey's book is a must-read book for those interested in establishing Christ-honoring, multiplying churches.

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### Planting Missional Churches: Your Guide to Starting Churches that Multiply by Ed Stetzer (Author), Daniel Im (Author)

Planting a church is one of the most exciting adventures you'll ever embark on. It's also one of the hardest. It requires initiative, leadership, strategy, systems, and a lot of prayer. In this second edition of *Planting Missional Churches*, not only will you find a completely redesigned book with new content in every single chapter, but you will also find several new chapters on topics such as church multiplication, residencies, multi-ethnic ministry, multisite, denominations and networks, and spiritual leadership. So if you're planting a church, be prepared. Use this book as a guide to build the needed ministry areas so that you can multiply over and over again. For additional resources visit [www.newchurches.com/PMC](http://www.newchurches.com/PMC)

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### Planting New Churches in a Postmodern Age by Ed Stetzer (Author)

Len Sweet talks about *Planting New Churches in a Postmodern Age* as that “one-stop, one-shop wonder that makes obsolete all the alternatives.”

In this book, Ed Stetzer lays out a case for missional church planting and then describes the process to plant healthy new churches. He combines the theological and the practical in one book. The book looks at cultures and how to reach persons in those cultures through the tools within the cultures themselves. It also provides a new look at emerging trends in churches reaching post-moderns. Then, it provides step by step instructions about how to plant churches in today's world. Sections include “Basics of Church Planting,” which explores the biblical and theological basis for planting, “Church Planting Nuts and Bolts” which provides those essential practical tools, and “Understanding Cultures and Models,” which provides fresh insights into reaching unchurched people.

Solid experience (from Stetzer and dozens of examples), Biblical roots, and fresh insights into the postmodern world make this a must read for the church planting hoping to make an impact.

*Planting Missional Churches* is an instruction book for planting biblically faithful and culturally relevant churches. It addresses the “how-to” and “why” issues of church planting by providing practical guidance through all the phases of a church plant while taking a missional look at existing and emerging cultures.



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### Viral Churches: Helping Church Planters Become Movement Makers by Ed Stetzer (Author), Warren Bird (Author)

A groundbreaking guide for multiplying the impact of church plants

Based on a study that was commissioned by the Leadership Network, this book reveals the best practices in church planting and uncovers the common threads among them. A much-needed resource, this book will inform, guide, and even catalyze today's many church planting leaders. The authors clearly show leaders how to plant churches that create a multiplication

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It is our prayer that Seven Steps for Planting Churches can serve as a simple resource in the hands of scores of ordinary people committed to do an extraordinary work. With this in mind, we see a day when there will be 100,000 healthy churches dotting the landscape of North America. To this end we present this resource to you.

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### **Spin-Off Churches: How One Church Successfully Plants Another [Rodney Harrison, Tom Cheyney, Don Overstreet]**

Veteran missional church planters present a much needed how-to resource for churches desiring to sponsor the planting of other new churches locally and globally.

The past two decades in Christendom have brought forth a proliferation of books about church planting. One denomination (Southern Baptist) has even set a goal to start fifty thousand new churches over the next twenty-year period. But what's missing toward that end is a solid resource that specifically defines how one established church can successfully sponsor or parent a new church into sustainable existence.

*Spin-Off Churches* aims to meet that need with contributions from a team of veteran missional church planters whose access to current church sponsorship data through the North American Mission Board is second to none. Their experience and teaching will guide readers through the church sponsorship process from its biblical basis to the nuts, bolts, and resource basics of implementation and follow through.

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### Starting a New Church: The Church Planter's Guide to Success [Ralph Moore]

Rising generations of Americans are ignorant of Jesus Christ and have virtually no moral absolutes.

So, who will evangelize them and what's the best way to go about it? Ralph Moore says the answer is aggressive church planting. But he is emphatic that established churches can't do the job alone.

Why? Because new churches can better meet the needs of each new generation by presenting biblical truth in the cultural context that best reaches these people. This book will challenge you to consider becoming a church planter, without sugarcoating the problems and practical challenges involved.

Moore's authoritative, edgy message is based on firsthand experience in overseeing the movement that has planted more than 200 new churches. Starting A New Church not only covers everything you need to know from the ground up, but it also reveals why church planting may be the most dynamic movement in evangelism!

If you like this book, be sure to check *How to Multiply Your Church*, a guide for an existing congregation that hopes to reproduce.

Also, by Ralph Moore.

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### The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planting: A Guide for Starting Any Kind of Church [Aubrey Malphurs]

Most books on church planting offer a model for churches to replicate--usually one that is tied to a particular style, generation, or demographic. But what churches really need is a process that is flexible, not bound to a particular time or current fad. In *The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planting*, trusted author and church-planting expert Aubrey Malphurs shares the basic steps any church planter will need, regardless of his or her generation now or in the future. These steps include establishing values, mission, vision, and strategy; reaching the community; making disciples; recruiting a team; determining location and facilities; raising money for the ministry. With instant practical takeaway based on proven techniques, this book will be invaluable to any church planter.

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### 3 Invaluable Lessons One Business Leader Could Only Learn from A Church Plant – Carey Nieuwhof

Over the course of the last twenty years I've helped start five software startups and five church plants. In each I've held executive level positions – paid in the software world and voluntarily in the church world.

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### 3) Post-Pandemic

#### Big questions: the Pandemic, our Mission and the New Evangelization

What are the implications of the current pandemic for the way in which people will live, work and worship in the future and how, therefore, will it reshape our approaches to evangelization and **mission** as a Church? As we read through this crisis for hints of a future, the shape of the 'new normal' appear to gravitate around themes of conversion, communion and commission.

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#### eReformation: Leading post-pandemic church growth – 10 things to start doing now

In the next 500 years how will historians look back upon today's electronic shift in communication? Will future historians see a world health crisis that reformed the church's communication strategies? Extreme long-term forecasts are beyond anyone's guess, but they may include artificial intelligence, virtual reality and more.

**Yet, in the near future I see churches that start doing these 10 actions as being better communicators.**

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#### Five Reasons Pastors Should Have Hope in the Post-Pandemic Era

We are talking about hope today. There are many pastors who are concerned about what the church will look like in the post-pandemic era. Mark and Thom share five reasons pastors should have hope in this new chapter of ministry.

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#### Jesus' Re-Shaping of a Post-Pandemic Church | The Exchange | A Blog by Ed Stetzer – Christianity Today

For some, this season of cultural turbulence has brought greater clarity to their spiritual intuition. They've witnessed many moorings of tradition exposed as skimpy vestiges that could not possibly survive this test. They've watched our sacred ecclesiastical proxies evaporate – vaporized by an imperceptible virus. Elaborate systems that have long served as safe, synthesized surrogates for a more substantive participation in Christ's mission have come to a sputtering and inglorious end.

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#### Pope: Pandemic is an opportunity for mission, service to others

ROME - While isolation, social distancing and economic uncertainty caused by the **COVID-19 pandemic** prove to be a challenge, Christians are called by God to take part in the **church's mission in the world**, Pope Francis wrote in a message for World Mission Sunday 2020.

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*Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. Genesis 8:1*

This Pandemic is not the end of the world, but the end of an era. Sequestered in our bunkers we've been surveying the situation and as Christians we shouldn't succumb to understandable sentiment: "Let's hang in there so we can soon resume everything the way it was."

After The Flood everything changed. After World War II everything changed. After 9/11 everything changed.

*It is not an overstatement to say that after the Corona Crisis everything will change.*

Economy. Professional Sports. Health Care. Hollywood. Jobs. School. Travel. Childcare. Shopping. Youth Athletics. Campaigning. Restaurants. Military. Entertainment. Elections. College. Cruises. Funerals.

All have been impacted dramatically and permanently. There's no going back, constant change is here to stay.

We dare not leave out The Church. Many sense that this season of divine disruption is a dress rehearsal, that God is purifying, developing endurance and laying out lessons so we are better prepared for the "last days perilous times." *2 Timothy 3:1*

*In the meantime, we're reflecting, recalibrating and resetting to not miss this unexpected, unbelievable teachable moment.*

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## 3 actions for a post-pandemic church - Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Conclusion

Much is still unknown about what is next for our nation or our church. But the church has been here before. *The infant church did not seek normalcy when they were persecuted in Acts 4. They cried out to God, rested in the finished work of Jesus and asked for boldness to stay focused on their mission.* As a result, the Spirit moved in spite of the uncertainty, and the New Testament church thrived.

We must recognize this pandemic will lead to new, though uncertain, opportunities to make disciples in different ways. What is certain is that God has not changed, nor has His mission. What is His Spirit saying to your church, and how will you respond?

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## 4) Purpose

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A congregation is a group of people who believe that more can be accomplished by joining with others. They come together with a *purpose*. To create more life, the people create a community of purpose.

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"The *purpose* of the local church is not primarily to be one's church home or extended family, though it can be at times. And it is not to survive by obtaining more people for its support base. Its purpose is to invite people to be part of the true mission of the church. Reception into the church is only a threshold to involvement in its mission. The task of the church is not to accumulate attendees. The church is a school for developing agents of the new creation from among those who are the beneficiaries of God's grace."

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## Becoming a Blessed Church: Forming a Church of Spiritual Purpose, Presence, and Power [N. Graham Standish

Pastor spiritual director and counselor]

Part III. Leading a Church to Blessedness

Pastor and author N. Graham Standish describes how a church that is open to God's purpose, presence, and power can claim God's blessing. Standish shares the story of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, Pennsylvania, and its journey to become a spiritually deep congregation, one that is inwardly and outwardly healthy: spiritually, psychologically, physically, and relationally.

*Becoming a Blessed Church* will help you discern God's purpose and the path God is calling your congregation to walk. This book

will help you find Christ in your midst and become aware of the many ways the blessings of God's Spirit flow through your congregation.

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### Do You Know Your Purpose? - Margaret Marcuson

How clear are you on your leadership purpose? An essential part of your job as a leader is defining your purpose for yourself. This includes questions like: why am I here? What do I want my legacy to be? Also think about short-term purpose in your leadership role. For example, if you are new to your role, your immediate purpose is to get well connected with people. This year, some leaders are finding their short-term purpose is helping their organization survive the current economic crisis. Over time, you can develop your thinking about where you would like to head as a leader and how you might like to see that happen.

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### Even in his seventh year, Kirk Cousins is still learning from other QBs – 1500 ESPN.com

Cousins added that the top quarterbacks are diligent about their profession.

"They come out to practice with intentionality and they stay after and study the game with a **purpose**," he said. "They know how to use their offseasons to get better. They lead teammates with a **purpose**. They take care of their health with a **purpose**. When you treat this game like a job and not a hobby and it matters to you, usually you got here for a reason, you'll end up being successful."

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### God's Missionary People: Rethinking the Purpose of the Local Church [Charles E. Van Engen, Arthur Glasser]

The author advocates a closer identification between the local congregation and the universal church. He works through the realities of church life and denominational organizations before challenging church leaders to redefine ecclesiology.

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Congregations find renewed **purpose**, fresh ministries, outreach through self-examination, determination  
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 "This place used to be known as the white church," he said. "The neighbors didn't feel welcome here. Now this place is known as 'our church.' People feel like they belong. They feel connected."

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### The Importance of Understanding Your Purpose

"You have to be really careful if you don't know where you are going because you might not get there."

Yogi Bera

One of the critical things I have discovered since learning of appreciative inquiry is how important having a clear sense of purpose is both to healthy individuals and congregations. Our experience of dynamic congregations, that are growing both spiritually and where possible numerically, suggests that one of their common factors is that they all have a clear sense of purpose that is regularly articulated in all that they do. Congregational life and vitality occurs at the cross roads of the church's purpose and the individual member's purpose. Congregational vitality occurs to the extent that the purpose of the church resonates with the purpose of the individuals and vice versa.

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### Yes!3 Creating a Purpose Centered Life - The Appreciative Way

Rather than egotistically creating your own life, **Yes!3** uses appreciative inquiry and conversation to help you awaken to the life-giving purpose that is already within you.

This is based on the following assumptions:

We are made for a purpose.

We have been fully equipped with gifts and talents to fulfill that purpose.

We most closely manifest our purpose when we are at our best, being and doing those things that flow from the core of our being and bring deep satisfaction.

Life and the abundant life that Jesus' promised comes from what we deeply and profoundly say yes to, for it is in what we say **Yes!** to that we manifest our God given purpose.

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### The Purpose Driven Church by Rick Warren

"The Purpose Driven® Church has brought focus and direction to more pastors and church leaders than you can count. What a gift!"—John Ortberg, bestselling author Every church is driven by something. Tradition, finances, programs, personalities, events, seekers, and even buildings can each be the controlling force in a church. But Rick Warren believes that in order for a church to be healthy it must become a purpose-driven church, built around the five New Testament purposes given to the church by Jesus. "The issue is church health, not church growth!" declares Warren. "If your church is healthy, growth will occur naturally. Healthy, consistent growth is the result of balancing the five biblical purposes of the church." Rick Warren shares a proven five-part strategy

that will enable your church to grow • warmer through fellowship • deeper through discipleship • stronger through worship • broader through ministry • larger through evangelism The Purpose Driven® Church shifts the focus away from church building programs to emphasizing a people-building process. Warren says, "If you will concentrate on building people, God will build the church."

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## 5) Rebirth

### Old East King Street church in York gains rebirth with new congregation



Remember when York, Pa.'s, Trinity United Methodist Church was in the news and made it to the top of the [best religion stories in York County in 2011](#)? Potter's House, an independent church, is moving in. The congregation has closed off the sanctuary, under the roof where the structural problems found by the city three years ago were identified. Read about the project: [Potter's House](#). Also of interest: [York's Trinity United Methodist Church offers lessons for the future](#)  
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### Ready to imagine a NEW FUTURE for your church?

Watch this 15-minute documentary to witness a 191-year old congregation **reborn** to reach the next generation.  
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### Rebirth Merger - Church Collaboration

In a rebirth or restart merger the blending churches intentionally die (or dissolve in legal terms) to start a new congregation with a new up-to-date name, a renewed sense of mission, and a new public identity. The ELCA uses the term "consolidation" for rebirth mergers. Reborn congregations usually carry on some of the cherished traditions of their predecessors, and they provide a place of fellowship and caring for their long-term members. Their emphasis, however, is on a fresh start that will reach and serve people in the community in a renewed ministry.

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### Rebirth of a dying church: Congregation finds new life through merger

In the spring of 2011, the church invited Paul Reginaldi, to serve as an interim pastor. Reginaldi was a member of Life Community Church in Jamestown. He had served as a pastor and in other ministerial roles in various churches through the years. He agreed to help Lexington Avenue during their time of transition – or until the church shut down.

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### Rebirth of an urban church - Faith and Leadership

Today, Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa is a growing, missional church - but it wasn't always that way. Under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Jim Harnish, the congregation has pursued its vision in serving the community.

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### The Rebirth of the Church: Applying Paul's Vision for Ministry in Our Post-Christian World by Eddie Gibbs (Author)

Churches across the Western world have become increasingly fragmented and marginalized, often struggling to survive. Here Eddie Gibbs, a bestselling author and veteran church and culture expert, addresses the challenges of re-imagining the church in a post-Christian world. He gleans critical biblical insights from the early church's experience to help contemporary leaders and churches minister more effectively.

Gibbs compares and contrasts the social and cultural context of the twenty-first century with the first century, exploring what can be learned about the birthing of churches in the book of Acts and in Paul's letters. He identifies the issues Paul faced in order to sustain a movement growing exponentially and considers what lessons might be learned in addressing current challenges in the church. The book examines vital issues not only for the survival of the church but also for its revitalization and rebirth, and provides direction for local churches on becoming agents of mission.

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## 6) ReChurch

**ReChurch: Healing Your Way Back to the People of God [Stephen Mansfield, George Barna]**

It seems that everyone who has ever been part of a church has suffered a "church hurt." The pastor had an affair, or the congregation fought over money or the leaders were disguising gossip as "prayer." Stephen Mansfield has been there. Though he is now a *New York Times* best-selling author, he was a pastor for over 20 years, and he loved it—until he learned how much a church can hurt. Yet he also learned how to dig out of that hurt, break through the bitterness and anger, stop making excuses, and get back to where he ought to be with God and his people. If you're ready to take the tough path to healing, Mansfield will walk you through it with brotherly love, showing you how you can be better than ever on the other side of this mess ... if you're willing to *ReChurch*.

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## 7) Reconciliation

**Agents of Reconciliation [Arnold B. Come]**

Arnold Come's chief concern is a re-evaluation of the ministry of the Church, but before he can proceed with this, he first works in detail through the purpose and mission of the Church, with some surprising and challenging results.

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## Luck Lutheran Church

Dear friends of Luck Lutheran,

My time with you will draw to a close in July. I am grateful for my time with you. I am so grateful to have walked with you during these months and gotten to know you. I am grateful for the ways you have tackled what needs to be done. You are an incredibly generous congregation which supports mission, ministry and community in marvelous ways. I am happy that you have called Pastor Ostdahl and are looking forward to his arrival and beginning of ministry in August.

Last fall I wrote that I saw this congregation going through a process of reform, **reconciliation**, and renewal. I would like to reflect a bit on this movement now while giving thanks that God has guided it all by His Spirit.

To reform means making changes to something in order to improve it. Remember that you used a very good and reasonably priced assessment tool from Holy Cow! which gave you accurate and helpful information about the congregation. You have moved the needle out of low energy and feelings of low satisfaction.

Remember you made a decision to work through some issues with the guidance of Susan Czolgosz, through the "shadow side" of the atmosphere in the congregation in early 2017. Making a decision as a congregation means everyone goes along even if some individuals may disagree. The goal was to restore peace, well-being and support for one another. Educational meetings on useful subjects such as automatic responses in community versus intentional, conflict in the Bible and conflict styles of individuals, how to listen deeply to one another with respect and regard for the other without judging or correcting the other were held with 72 attending.

Those who attended the teaching time were invited to participate in a process of **reconciliation**. Susan modeled with you how to speak the truth in love, using the principles of Parker J. Palmer's Circle of Trust Touchstones.

Remember how you learned to speak in open and honest ways about hurts and disappointments in a small confidential group and then let go of these negative things. She invited people to write down these things so that later they could be burned in the worship service of healing and reconciliation and put to rest. Forty-eight people participated in this.

Finally, a period of renewal began as a result of this work. The congregation has met together and listened to one another with open hearts while giving grace to one another. This has happened in council and committee meetings, in the book study of A Hidden Wholeness, in individual conversations with one another, and with the use of two World Café Events in discovering and affirming direction and purpose for the congregation. All does not happen perfectly so giving one another grace will be important. The whole atmosphere of the congregation has been lifted. I am grateful for your attention to these things and your willingness to work through it. I am especially grateful when I see you stick with some of the teachings to which you were introduced last year. I have worked to introduce change slowly. For example, I am pleased with the formation of Modern Music Sunday.

Reform. **Reconciliation**. Renewal. Learning and loving. Admitting mistakes, seeking forgiveness and putting issues to rest. Finding new energy and pathways. I know some people hope that "everything" is now in the past. The truth is that the work of forming a healthy Christian community is not a one-shot deal but an ongoing effort. In similar ways you cannot say "I love you" once to your spouse and expect life to be good for 50 years.

This is needed work especially in this day when the constant news is about people in society divided by politics, race, class, orientation, gender, faith, nation and more. Jesus taught his principles of life and divine love over and over again. He went to the cross because there were some who would simply not tolerate his love and servant life for all people. Yet God affirmed his mission and ministry. We are called into this way of life.

We recently talked about "opening doors of faith for all people." My prayer is that God's Spirit continues to guide you in your life together allowing you to forge pathways that lead to open hearts and doors, joy, peace and love for all. God bless your mission and ministry! God bless each of you!

Pastor Julie A. Brenden

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### Missiology: Mission as Reconciliation - Global Ministries

Reconciliation as a mission emphasis engages hurting people and situations of oppression for the purpose of promoting peace with justice. Reconciliation as a *foci* encourages concrete steps toward the communion of all of humanity and creation with God and one another.

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The argument of this Paper is that in a deeply broken world, faithful Christian evangelism can only be envisioned and embodied in direct relationship with the vision and practice of biblical Christian peacemaking. This must include a deep analysis of and engagement with the historical and social ground of brokenness on which Christians find themselves bearing witness for Christ — including coming to grips with our own brokenness within that landscape. The Paper consists of three chapters: a theological and contextual analysis and vision; short vignettes from places of deep brokenness; and in-depth case studies.

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2009 *Christianity Today* Book Award winner! Our world is broken and cries out for reconciliation. But mere conflict resolution and peacemaking are not enough. What makes real reconciliation possible? How is it that some people are able to forgive the most horrendous of evils? And what role does God play in these stories? Does reconciliation make any sense apart from the biblical story of redemption? Secular models of peacemaking are insufficient. And the church has not always fulfilled its call to be agents of reconciliation in the world. In *Reconciling All Things* Emmanuel Katongole and Chris Rice, co-directors of the Center for Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School, cast a comprehensive vision for reconciliation that is biblical, transformative, holistic and global. They draw on the resources of the Christian story, including their own individual experiences in Uganda and Mississippi, to bring solid, theological reflection to bear on the work of reconciling individuals, groups and societies. They recover distinctively Christian practices that will help the church be both a sign and an agent of God's reconciling love in the fragmented world of the twenty-first century. This powerful, concise book lays the philosophical foundations for the Resources for Reconciliation, a new series from InterVarsity Press and the Center for Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School which explores what it means to pursue hope in areas of brokenness in theory and practice.

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**8) Redefine**

**[PDF] First Year: Congregation Growth, Foster unity and making sure we make people want to stay with the church.**

Second Year:

Evaluate and **redefine** Congregation Growth program. Finalize the plans for the expansion of the hall and start to address a funding plan. Add Contemporary Services for youth and young adults. Evaluate the plan to identify missing or ill members and make changes if needed. Start to implement Advertising plan. Evaluate and redefine Five Year Plan.

Third Year:

Continue to evaluate and **redefine** Congregation Growth program, Evaluate and redefine Hall Expansion Plan, Evaluate and redefine Hall Funding Plan, Evaluate and redefine The Advertising Plan, Evaluate and redefine Spiritual Growth Plan Evaluate and redefine Five Year Plan.

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**Temporary Shepherds: A Congregational Handbook for Interim Ministry Roger S. Nicholson - 1998 - Religion**

**Redefining** Purpose and Mission

*The second reality is to redefine purpose and mission in the modern settings of the church....*

Sensitive and skilled leadership is increasingly essential to help congregations with self-study and redefinition of their mission to the community and world of which they are a part.

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[Images for Redefining Congregational Purpose and Mission](#)

Effective interim ministry depends on strong partnership between the interim minister and congregation. Lay leaders of congregations preparing for such a transition will value the expert guidance provided by over a dozen experienced interim pastors. What is interim ministry all about? What needs to happen during the interim? What should leaders and members expect from the interim pastor and themselves during this transition? What other resources are available for congregations?

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#### [PDF] United Church of Hinesburg Welcomes New Pastor Pursues Redefinition of Its Role in the Community

The Rev. Michele Brigham has accepted an invitation from the United Church of Hinesburg to serve as its interim pastor, replacing the Rev. Bill Neil. She moved into the church parsonage last month, after brief visits to friends and family on the East Coast. Her installation service was Nov. 7. The United Church of Hinesburg congregation recently adopted a statement defining the church as "an open, welcoming, and affirming church and a reconciling congregation, embracing diversity in our congregation and community, and affirming the dignity and worth of every person."

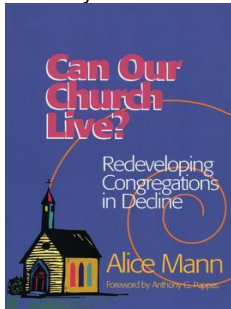
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## 9) Redevelop

### Can Our Church Live: Redeveloping Congregations in Decline by Alice Mann (Author)

Nothing on earth lives forever – not even congregations. Alban Institute senior consultant Alice Mann explains how the natural life cycle of a congregation, as well as other internal and external factors, can produce a congregation that is in real trouble. She then offers hope for congregations that want to change. Practical options for congregations, leadership challenges for laity and clergy, and ways to work with denominations are detailed and engaging discussion questions provide a basis for congregational planning.



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### Redeveloping the Congregation: A How to for Lasting Change [Mary Sellon, Dan Smith, Gail Grossman]

What makes it possible for a church to reverse course from decline or stagnation into long lasting vitality? How can a church immigrate from a congealing present into a compelling future? What can a congregation do to experience continuous, deep change rather than just temporary, surface improvement? How does a person lead redevelopment? The three authors of this book address these and other questions by building on an eight-step framework for lasting change developed by John P. Kotter, noted former professor of organizational behavior at Harvard Business School. His work on organizational change is heralded in the secular world as foundational, and Smith, Sellon, and Grossman have found that his findings hold true for congregations as well. Each chapter in this book comprises three sections: mentor, companion and coach. The mentor section discusses principles and concepts to be addressed in each of the eight steps; the companion section gives readers a sense of what leading change is actually like for a congregational leader; and the coach section provides specific ways for leaders to develop the unique change processes that will be effective in their church.

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## Transitional Ministry Today: Successful Strategies for Churches and Pastors by Norman B. Bendroth

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Images for Revitalization, Renewal, or Redevelopment during the pastoral interim

Transitional ministry can be tremendously helpful for congregations in times of change, and yet, to be successful today transitional ministers and churches need to take into account the major changes in the religious landscape. From the decline of mainline churches to the rise of those who don't identify with any religious tradition, the religious scene has changed dramatically since transitional ministry began three decades ago, and to remain vital today, the practice of transitional ministry must change as well.

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## 10) Renew

### Center for Courage & Renewal

Discover your inner capacity to lead a more authentic, meaningful and resilient life. Learn to listen to the voice of vocation so that you can reconnect your soul and role. With the practices of the Circle of Trust approach, you'll find the clarity and **courage** to bring your true self to your life's work.

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### Dry Bones Live: Helping Congregations Discover New Life [Robert H. Craig, Robert C. Worley]

Robert Craig and Robert Worley have written this practical book as an aid to revitalizing church organizations, especially ones that perceive themselves as victims of outside forces. It is an excellent resource that offers guidance to congregations evaluating their current position and planning for **renewal**.

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## Early Adopters: Key to Renewal

Congregational Growth: A Function of Adopter Behavior

From a congregational health perspective, one may be able to rather accurately guess which churches will grow, which will not, and which will cause innovative leadership the greatest problems based on the distribution and number of each of these five types of adopters.

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## FROG – Fully Rely on God

➤ Let us pray... Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves: our minds to know you, our hearts to love you, our wills to serve you, for we are yours. Into your hands incarnate Savior, we place ourselves: receive us and draw us after you, that we may follow your steps; abide in us and enliven us by the power of your indwelling. Into your hands, O hovering Spirit, we place ourselves: take us and fashion us after your image, let your comfort strengthen, your grace **renew** and your fire cleanse us, soul and body, in life and in death, in this world of shadows and in your changeless world of light eternal, now and forever. Amen.

➤ In the end, congregational renewal and all we do in mission and ministry is all about FROG – Fully Rely on God

➤ Psalm 33:20-22 (The Message) We're depending on God; he's everything we need. What's more, our hearts brim with joy since we've taken for our own his holy name. Love us, God with all you've got – that's what we're depending on.

➤ Fling the frogs!!!

*Please note: Frogs available from Oriental Trading – Stretchable Flying Frogs – Item # IN-12/2031*

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 one 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)

## Hope, Renewal, and Re-Rooting

Today, I'm going to touch on three things:

- ❑ Hope and God's abundant gifts
- ❑ Spiritual renewal—does Jesus really matter?
- ❑ The missional church as outwardly focused

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## How to RENEW your congregation and how to talk about your faith without freaking out

Is your congregation in decline and needing renewal? Practical tools will be shared, and participants will be encouraged to move their congregations from being “WELCOMING” churches to being “INVITING” churches. Participants will learn what to say when someone says, “So what do you have planned for the weekend?” or “Church, really? Why do you go to church?”

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## Liberating Hope!: Daring to Renew the Mainline Church by Michael S. Piazza (Author), Cameron Trimble (Author)

*Liberating Hope: Daring to Renew the Mainline Church* provides concrete and tangible 21st century insight to those churches looking to renew their congregations through hope and optimism rooted in the resurrection. Based on the successful work that Piazza and Trimble have done through The Center for Progressive Renewal, this book provides accurate and strategic evidence that the decline of the mainline, progressive church can be slowed and even reversed, despite the challenges it is facing.

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### **Mission Renewal | Saint Paul Area Synod**

“What is God calling us to do and be in this time and place?”

The mission renewal process is designed to help congregations have a clearer understanding of what God is calling them to be and do in their specific context, and to begin an ongoing process of discernment, action, and reflection that will move the congregation to engage in this mission. The process consists of six day-long workshops, over 18 months, with assignments to work on in between.

Each congregation is asked to identify a mission renewal team, including a pastor and 4-7 lay leaders, who will attend the workshops and carry out the assignments in their congregations. In between workshops, monthly pastors' meetings will provide an opportunity for continued reflection and accountability, and congregations will be able to consult with the Assistant to the Bishop who works with their conference, and, when feasible, will partner with a nearby congregation to engage in mutual accountability and support.

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### **Pathway to Renewal: Practical Steps for Congregations [Daniel P. Smith, Mary K. Sellon]**

No pastor can lead a congregation to renewal alone. It requires a complete change of heart for the whole congregation.

Congregational renewal occurs when people engage communally in a transition in their very understanding of the nature and purpose of their church. This goes far beyond a simple retooling of the mission statement or addition of a few programs. Authors Mary Sellon and Daniel Smith lead congregations through this process of renewal, breaking down into understandable components what is happening in the people themselves that makes renewal efforts successful. *Pathway to Renewal* offers pastors and congregational leaders a framework for understanding and addressing the deep cultural shift facing the people of a congregation during congregational renewal. This book will help leaders make sense of where their congregation could get stuck and guide them in thinking through what needs to be addressed next as a congregation seeks renewal. The realigning of a congregation's heart and sense of purpose can be a long process, but one that ultimately all congregations must experience in order to fully live out the world-transforming mission that God has given them to do.

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### **Recovering the Sacred Center: Church Renewal from the Inside Out [Howard E. Friend]**

A practical application of the struggle between true and false selves for church renewal. Introduces the concept of sacred center as applied to all congregations, and addresses church renewal - most significantly, renewal in the attitudes of leaders. Illustrations and metaphors are clear, understandable, and easy to convey to congregants. Offers a unique and compelling approach for revitalization that is spiritually grounded. Specific in guidance it offers church members and leaders to identify and explore an individual and corporate essence of both the person and the organization. Most helpful when read and discussed by a core group of people in the community. Offers hope grounded in fresh alternatives to the discouragement that characterizes many churches today. Has Dewey Decimal Number for easy library filing.

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#### **Renew 52 ebook: 50+ Ideas to Revitalize Your Congregation from Leaders under 50 edited by David J. Lose - Luther Seminary**

*Renew 52: 50+ Ideas to Revitalize Your Congregation from Leaders under 50* is a free e-book, edited by David J. Lose, that features short essays from 54 Christian leaders in 15 different traditions. The authors are guided by the conviction that congregations are the primary place where the Spirit is at work for the renewal of the church.

The Spirit is moving in exciting ways. We are on the cusp of exciting, if unpredictable, renewal. In spite of the well-documented story of mainline decline, there is a lot of growth, a lot of potential, and a lot of hope in our congregations as well.

Each of the authors in this e-book has had her or his share of challenges and setbacks, but each has also learned from those and continues to dream, work, plan, and lead. And this book pulls together more than fifty of their best ideas for congregational renewal. It isn't very often that a book can change the church. Yes, ideas can shape lives, even change practices. But when was the last time a book changed your congregation?

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#### **Renewing Congregations**

Perhaps you have determined that your congregation is in need of renewal, but where to start? In this short article, the Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson makes it easy. Begin with prayer.

[Read the full story.](#)

Question: What is the first step in renewing a congregation?

Answer: Prayer. Renewal is impossible without a deep listening to God. Pastors, recommit yourself to pray for your congregation and your context, and do not assume everyone knows how to pray. If you are serious about leading renewal, consider participating in Spiritual Direction or Clergy Coaching. Be intentional about teaching the members of your congregation to pray. Start a renewal prayer group. Set aside a season for prayer and instruct the entire congregation to pray just this one prayer, "LORD, what is your will for this congregation?" Teach the congregation to be silent and listen for God's answer. Create a space for members to share their "God sightings" and how God's will is being revealed to them through this prayer.

Question: What is the next step for renewing a congregation?

Answer: Prayer. Renewal is only possible when we listen to God and when we listen to neighbor. Try this prayer experiment. Send a group of willing folks out into your context for ministry. Invite them, find a public place, like a restaurant, coffee house, grocery store, park bench, street corner, high school gym, intersection of corn fields and dairy barns, library, gas station, bar or where ever the people in your context gather. Ask them to sit alone and for 1 hour pray this prayer: Lord, help me see what you see. Just look and listen to whatever God tells or shows you. What does God see when God looks at your community? At the end of an hour, gather the group together back at church or some other central location and talk about what you saw. What did God show you? Then ask: What does this mean for our ministry? What is God inviting us to do? How is God inviting us to join in God's mission to redeem the world? Make a plan to do it!

Question: What is the third step in renewing a congregation?

Answer: Prayer.

Wasn't that the answer to the first two steps of renewing a congregation?

Yes!!! Prayer is the foundation of our relationship with God. Without this foundation of listening to God, discerning God's will, renewal will never move forward. Being attentive to God's will and the movement of the Holy Spirit is the only way to begin a renewal process. Those whose personal lives have been transformed by prayer are able to lead a renewal effort in a congregation. Teach folks how to pray for each other. Before meetings begin by praying for members' highs and lows. Form prayer partners in the congregation and encourage folks to pray for each other. Take time for prayer requests from the congregation during worship. Ask the question: How do you need God's help today? Pray about the requests immediately. Many leaders try to skip this step for congregational renewal thinking that it isn't important. It is the most important.

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#### **Renewing Congregations - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

We are a church that is deeply rooted — and always being made new. Congregational renewal is a biblical journey in which ELCA congregations deepen their understanding of the word of God, expand their practice of the word in the world, and are inspired to share with others the beauty of the word.

The ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission unit engages synods and other partners in renewing congregations as vital centers for mission. By renewing congregations, we aim to create communities of faith that are growing, vibrant and diverse, with more worshipers supporting and engaged in God's mission — locally and globally.

Are you looking for support or resources for renewing congregations? The Congregational and Synodical Mission unit's Renewal Team provides support and assistance to synods as they equip congregations to engage in renewal ministry. This includes: transformational ministry training, the Natural Church Development process, the coaching process, ministry adjustments, mergers, consolidations, relocations, as well as synodical intervention and administration.

Learn more about congregational renewal ministry

Contact the director for evangelical mission in your synod [here](#).

The 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly focused attention on the long-term institutional change of making mission planning part of the ongoing life of the ELCA. For congregational mission planning resources from across this church, click [here](#).

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### Spiritual Entrepreneurs: 6 Principles for Risking Renewal (Innovators in Ministry Series) [Mike Slaughter]

*Spiritual Entrepreneurs* tells the story of an innovative pastor and leadership team who intentionally led their church to take spiritual risks. By using six principles, renewal can come to any church. These six principles are focus on: (1) Jesus Christ, (2) the Bible, (3) new forms of worship, (4) a commitment to membership, (5) equipping lay people for ministry, and (6) spiritual leadership. Slaughter believes that church leaders are inspired to work tirelessly when they hear or learn of good-news stories. He also believes that covenants, Christianity training, and an innovative small-group structure are vital in producing high-commitment members.

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### Synod Strategy for Congregational Renewal 2015

WHEREAS the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is committed to "Walking Together for the Sake of Mission in God's World," and WHEREAS, there have been a number of cultural and economic factors that have deeply affected the vitality of a large number of the congregations in this synod, and

WHEREAS, a purpose of this synod is to serve God's mission by renewing congregations that are declining in vitality and training leaders for congregational renewal and spiritual leadership, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NWSWI in assembly support the Synod Strategy for Congregational Renewal as follows: Encourage all congregations in the synod to consider entering into a time of prayerful discovery of their purpose in God's mission within their unique context. Invite congregations to be intentional about creating a Mission Action Plan to guide their ministry.

Provide renewal opportunities for congregations in the synod who are declining such as:

- The Comprehensive Ministry Review, • Change and Thrive Sunday process,
- Healthier Leaders Serving Healthier Congregations workshops,

Provide resources and opportunities for leadership development such as:

- Redeveloper Pastor Training
- Faith Based Community Organizing for Rostered and Lay Leaders Look for missional edges among congregations, conferences and places of need in the synod.

Initiate small missional experiments within the synod such as:

- Recovery-12 Step Worship or Prison Ministry • Latino, Native American Ministry Probe, or ministry to those living in poverty
- Virtual Church-creative innovations using technology Provide opportunities for members of congregations to learn, exercise, expand and grow deeper in their faith practices and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Council affirm the RAFT/EMC effort to secure a \$50,000 ELCA RENEWAL GRANT for 2015-2016 to move these programs forward and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NWSWI Council approve the use of \$5,000 from restricted funds for this process and be it further



RESOLVED, that the NWSWI Council provide oversight to the Synod Strategy for Renewal and receive annual reports of its progress at the Synod Assembly.

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#### Radical Renewal: The Problem of Wineskins Today [Howard A. Snyder]

This updated best seller challenges the reader to examine the current church structure. If you have never read this classic, you have missed a treasure chest of information and wisdom from one of the most respected authors of our time. Wine (the gospel of Jesus Christ) and Wineskins (the man-made structures of the church). How do the two relate? What happens when new wine is poured into old wineskins? What about making new wineskins? In short: What kinds of church structures are most compatible with the gospel in our modern, techno-urban society? Snyder addresses these questions - and provides some challenging answers. In the course of his argument, he discusses the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the mind of Christ, the role of spiritual gifts, the pastor as a superstar, and renewal that is deeply spiritual and immediately practical.

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#### Rethinking Transitional Ministry by Norman Bendroth » Alban

What is the role of revitalization, **renewal** and transformation for interim ministers? Are they separate tasks, or do they overlap? Should there be a two-stage process?

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#### The Self-renewing Congregation: Organizational Strategies for Revitalizing Congregational Life by Isa Aron (Author), Dr. Ron Wolfson (Foreword)

How can my congregation become more vital?  
How can we both honor the past and embrace the future?  
Revitalizing and re-imagining the organization of our synagogues takes work! Combining expert advice and experience garnered from congregations throughout North America, *The Self-Renewing Congregation* shows us how transformative change is possible. A complete resource full of ideas, information, and support, this is a guide for those of us involved in, or interested in, energizing our spiritual communities.

Isa Aron, founding director of Hebrew Union College's Experiment in Congregational Education (ECE), offers concrete, practical information on how to bring about change through collaborative leadership, and helps us grow dynamic, successful congregations.

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### Unbinding the Gospel

What's the PROBLEM? What will it take to stop the steady decline that your congregation has been experiencing for the last decade or more? Like the man in Matthew 19:16a we ask Jesus, "What must I do...?" What must change, be learned, understood, or done so that declining congregations can be renewed and grow in authentic, grace filled communities with members eager to share their faith, the good news of Christ's love and forgiveness. How might the Holy Spirit be unleashed, and the power of the Gospel unbound to move us to more fully participate in God's mission to redeem the world. The first step, a baby step is to participate in this three-part process called *Unbinding the Gospel*, by Martha Grace Reese. Find out how one congregation in our synod used this material in a congregation wide effort of learning to pray and share their faith over the course of two years in which over 100 members participated.

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### Waking to God's Dream: Spiritual Leadership and Church Renewal by Richard Wills (Author)

The demands of congregational ministry are many, the rewards sometimes seem few, and burnout becomes a real possibility. Small wonder, then, that churches become stuck in a state of arrested spiritual development. When the pastor is functioning in a survival or maintenance mode, the church's vitality is often the first casualty. Yet Wills's own experience demonstrates that churches can turn around; the wind of the Spirit can be felt anew. This happens when the congregation is infected by the vision of what God is doing in their midst--a vision which the leaders, particularly the pastor, must bring before them. In *Waking to God's Dream*, Richard Wills shares the spiritual disciplines and insights which he believes account for the transformation of the congregation he serves from a large church in decline to one that is growing and reaching out to its community in a variety of creative ministries. Detailing the steps and initiatives that led to this turnaround, Wills demonstrates how personal commitment on the part of the congregation's leaders and ministers have been the key to the work they have accomplished.

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### Rethinking Evangelism: A Theological Approach [Ben Campbell Johnson]

In *Rethinking Evangelism: A Theological Approach*, Ben Campbell Johnson presents a fresh and creative way of looking at an age-old task. He seeks to rediscover evangelism, playing it at the heart of Christianity. He sees the starting point of evangelism as human beings: their needs, questions, and desires. He considers the decline in membership in mainline Protestant denominations and concludes that this situation can challenge the churches to reexamine their approach to evangelism and its underlying theology. In separate chapters, he explores the central teachings of the Christian faith – humanity, God, Christ, Holy Spirit, the church, salvation, faith, and the kingdom of God – establishing these doctrines as the basis for evangelism. This more than a how-to book. It offers a new way of thinking about evangelism that is rich with possibilities.

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The uncertainty around us may be God's way of getting our attention. Maybe God is gently saying it's time to look for new opportunities and ways to increase your evangelism effectiveness in the midst of an economic downturn. These are tough times where tough decisions need to be made. As you look to the future look for ways to do more with less. Here are 4 simple and effective ways to accomplish your evangelism goals while doing just that.

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### Rethinking Evangelism - Dallas Willard

A LOT OF PEOPLE SUSPECT THAT NOT ONLY IS the world shifting in some significant ways, but assumptions of what it means to do evangelism in that world are shifting, as well.

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### Rethinking Evangelism – Dr. James Emery White Christian Blog

Evangelism involves effectively communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ with the goal of seeing an individual come to saving **faith** in Christ. The New Testament model for evangelism is to pursue this communication through contextualization, which simply means that the message of the Christian faith is to be presented in a way that makes sense to the person hearing it.

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### Rethinking the Church: A Challenge to Creative Redesign in an Age of Transition [James Emery White, Leighton Ford]

Why is it important to rethink the church? Today many leaders focus on how their ministries can be run more efficiently. But the foundational question, according to James Emery White, should be Why do we have this ministry? and then, Why do we do this ministry the way we do? Is it effective? *Rethinking the Church* helps pastors and lay leaders work through questions

that must be answered if a church is to **rethink evangelism**, discipleship, ministry, worship, community, and the structure of the church. Break old molds, check assumptions, and be sensitive, says White. He uses the language and aims of “seeker targeted” churches but urges readers not to tie themselves to any model without understanding the individual purpose of their church. Now thoroughly revised and expanded, *Rethinking the Church* contains more emphasis and key material on how to move from re thinking to transition. White blends biblical reflection and hands on experience and uses the early church as described in the Book of Acts as the ultimate example.

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Todd Hunter (Dmin '05), national director of Alpha USA, believes an oversimplified sharing of the gospel hinders serious Christian discipleship, and consequently, evangelistic efforts. A George Fox Evangelical Seminary alumnus and adjunct professor, Hunter says a life-changing relationship with Christ in community is the only witness that speaks to today's 'post-Christian' culture.

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In “Waiting on God,” from the July 2013 issue of *Sojourners* magazine, Episcopal priest Linda Kaufman shares how she fell in love with Jesus all over again. While exploring myriad ways to know Christ, Kaufman watched “How Great Leaders Inspire Action,” a TED Talk by Simon Sinek, which helped her realize that people make decisions based on values and belief rather than reason or logic. According to Sinek, decisions are not made in the cerebral cortex (the thinking part) of the brain, but rather in the limbic or “reptile” part of the brain.

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## 12) Review

An invitation to serve on a Synod Review Team for a Comprehensive Ministry Review

What is a Comprehensive Ministry Review?

A ministry review is an attempt to revitalize and renew congregations. If your congregation is in need of renewal, believes that God has a purpose for its future, and if it realizes that change is necessary, then you might consider a Comprehensive Ministry Review (CMR).

The CMR is a way to help a congregation step out on the balcony and look out over all the ministries and activities that happen through their church. It helps a congregation see the big picture. It helps them see what they are doing well and also shows them the gaps and weaknesses in the ministry. Congregations that are stuck find a CMR to be a catalyst that helps them get out of a rut and move forward into God's future mission and ministry.

A team of four to five pastors and lay people from the synod will come to your congregation for the three-day ministry review. A ministry review process has four steps.

1. Renewal Profile completed by pastor and lay leaders. Email profile and last two annual reports to synod review team one week before the event.
2. Conversations with synod review team and pastor-2 hours, community leaders-1 hour, congregational leaders-4-5 hours
3. Presentation of affirmations and recommendations to church council
4. Create an Action Team that will implement recommendations selected by the church council.

The ministry review team is a one-time commitment. If you enjoy the experience and want to do it again, please let Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson ([lskow-anderson@nswsi.org](mailto:lskow-anderson@nswsi.org), 715-651-1658) know and she will talk with you about additional opportunities to serve.

Laurie Skow-Anderson

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### Completing the Circle: Reviewing Ministries in the Congregation [David R. McMahonill, Clyde J. Steckel]

On his second day as association minister for the United Church of Christ, David McMahonill received three phone calls from lay leaders who were looking for resources on "how to evaluate our minister." He knew of several churches in which a poorly constructed process for evaluating the ministers had spun out of control, however, and had gradually come to believe it is probably better for a church not to attempt an evaluation process at all than to do one carelessly or to naively use a design intended for a secular organization. Based on the needs he saw, McMahonill began to work with numerous congregations looking for ways to review both leaders and ministries and developed the feedback/reflection process he lays out in this book. Based on sound principles of effective communication, this simple system of asking for descriptive feedback about various aspects of a congregation's life together takes into account the specific setting and the unique relationship between minister and congregation.

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### Comprehensive Ministry Review – Affirmations | The Accidental Lutheran

In the end, the group assembled for us a report that includes a list of affirmations – things they see at work in us that they'd like to hold up as very positive – and a list of recommendations concerning things that they would strongly encourage us to address. I'm just going to list those things verbatim.

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### Comprehensive Ministry Review Underway – First Lutheran

Posted by Pastor Amy Odgren Posted date: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Because First Lutheran continues to imagine ways to work collaboratively with other congregations, our synod staff has recommended that a ministry review process might assist in identifying our congregational strengths and challenges as we seek compatibility with a ministry partner. A Comprehensive Ministry Review entails appraisal of worship, education, the facility, outreach, finances, congregational life, and how First Lutheran responds to needs within the community of Eau Claire and beyond. The review also includes an interview with community leaders who have a pulse on the needs of Eau Claire and who can comment on how our congregation currently responds and has further potential in responding to those needs. What is particularly exciting is that Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be undergoing this same type of review simultaneously as we are. The churchwide and synodical reviewers will then give preliminary reports to each congregation and indicate what markers are present for potential collaboration and shared ministry. In addition, they'll make recommendations regarding the things we might want to address in order for a successful relationship. The council has appointed a small ministry review team to represent our congregation throughout this appraisal. In addition, Pastor Odgren has elicited the assistance of several community leaders to give input into the review. This team will communicate the findings and recommendations to the congregations following the preliminary report. Our Savior's will be reviewed on Thursday and Friday, May 15-16, 2014.

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### Comprehensive Ministry Review Update - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission.... joins us this Sunday afternoon, April 17, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This continues the conversation begun one year ago with our Comprehensive Ministry Review.

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### Mission Planning - Western North Dakota Synod

A **Comprehensive Ministry Review** is intended to provide congregations with feedback on their ministry from an outside perspective. During this 3-day process, a small team of trained congregation members, clergy, and synod staff, spend time in the congregation meeting with focus groups of members, leadership, and community leaders.

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### [PDF] Pastoral/Congregational Review Based in the appreciative way (revised)

Meeting in focus groups, congregants are invited to tell stories of their church and their pastor at their best. The congregation gives thanks for God at work in the past and the present, seeking to build on this foundation as the pastor and congregation together look towards God's future. Thus, the review tilts towards being formative (future-oriented) rather than summative (describing the past).

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## 13) Revitalize

### Beyond survival: Revitalizing the small church [James E Cushman]

This book was written to give small church pastors, lay persons and governing body leaders a better understanding of the unique nature of small churches and to offer some practical approaches for revitalizing small congregations. After giving historical overview of how many small congregations have lost sight of their original purpose of being the center of community life, the author concentrates on the developmental stages of revitalizing small churches. Special attention is given to the key role of the small church pastor.

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### Can These Bones Live: A Practical Guide to Church Revitalization by William Henard (Author)

Churches are closing today at an alarming rate. Pastors are disillusioned, church members are discouraged, and the world has lost interest. Can this disturbing tide be stemmed?

Bill Henard believes that there is hope for the established church – for your church. Some people may have already pronounced the church “dead,” but these dead bones can live. Whether your church is seven years old or one-hundred and seventy, you may be seeing evidences that your church needs vision, direction, and revitalization.

Don't lose hope. Your church can live.

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### Critical Issues in Church Revitalization – The Journal of Christian Ministry

With a large percentage of American churches in decline, church revitalization in the 21st Century must be addressed with intentionality and focus. Five critical issues demand attention:

- Refocusing Pastoral Leadership and Longevity
- Reevaluating Change Process
- Raising Ministry Excellence
- Reintroducing Strategy Development
- Redefining Purpose Within Community Context

The Doctor of Ministry degree impacts each of these critical issues.

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#### Revitalizing Congregations: Refocusing and Healing Through Pastoral Transitions [William Avery]

The dynamic that occurs in congregations with a change of pastors has long been seen as a crucial moment in a congregation's life. It is a "kairos" moment when congregations may be more open to change than during a settled pastorate. This project will address new mission directions that are begun during, or after pastoral vacancies. It will examine the leadership roles of intentional interim pastors, judicatory officials, newly called pastors, and lay leaders in the congregations. Thus, the focus will be on leadership -- leadership that enables congregations to grow and set new directions in the midst of pastoral change. The heart of the proposed book will be portraits of six congregations from different denominations, regions of the country, settings, sizes, and ethnic and racial makeup who have in common that transformation and new directions for ministry are taking place through an intentional interim minister and the subsequent settled pastorate. Each congregation to be studied had been in severe conflict and decline at the time of the pastoral transition. I have exercised great care in the choosing of these congregations to ensure that each location will have a worthwhile and illustrative story to tell.

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## 14) Satellite Church

### Forget Televangelists; How About Going to Church to Watch TV? | Christianity Today

Meanwhile, the congregation most associated with the term megachurch, Willow Creek Community Church, is getting so big it's planning on spawning **satellites**. For years, there have been churches both in Willow Creek's back yard and around the world that have associated themselves with Willow Creek either officially or unofficially. But this is no association, and it ain't no traditional church plant—this is a satellite church in almost every sense of the word (okay, so it's not actually orbiting in space, but I said *almost* every sense). "In a dozen sites across the Chicago area," reports the *Chicago Tribune*, "Willow Creek hopes to build, rent or remodel auditorium spaces where a pastor, musicians and a congregation can gather for a mix of in-house worship and preaching beamed in via fiber-optic lines."

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They are using technology -- high-def videos, and even holograms -- to beam their Sunday morning sermons to remote **"satellite" churches** that belong to their congregation.

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## 15) Seculars

### A Strategy for Reaching Secular People: The Intentional Church in a Post-Modern World [Ernan Norman]

Dr. Ernan A. Norman, D.Min. has identified strategies to implement John 13:35 "All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other." An excellent source for the essential principles of discipleship in a postmodern world. This book is written in nontechnical language based on the experiences as a student, pastor, and professor. I believe that the concepts presented are fundamental and are in harmony with the model demonstrated by Jesus during His ministry on earth. Meeting people at their level, putting their needs ahead of His own, treating people with respect, befriending the nonreligious and inviting them into a relationship with Himself are some of the concepts that are identified and supported as strategies for reaching secular people. This book is an outstanding and important piece of work, and easily readable. I would urge A Strategy for Reaching Secular People on members and leaders in every church - if they are willing to challenge basic assumptions and embrace change relative to reaching lost people. Strategies that remove the barriers that keep people from hearing about God's love, and to create a warm, friendly, uncritical, and non-judgmental attitude of acceptance are clearly presented. Full of practical how-to's and watch-out's this book by

Ernan Norman is for individuals serious about sharing the love of God. As we interact with and minister to secular people, matters such as marriage and family, academics, employment, addictions, and human rights must be addressed. Norman clearly gives strategies for intentional efforts to reach secular-postmodern men and women in our day. The central concept is the example of Jesus that we should follow. A must read!

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Offering proven strategies for communicating the gospel to people who are atheistic, agnostic, or "ignostic," the author presents a model of a congregation that can successfully convert and assimilate secular or unchurched people.

Historically similar in mindset to people of the first century A.D., the modern person often has little or no Christian background or spiritual interest. This book is full of valuable insight for reaching secular people.

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## 16) Seekers

Flesh & Bones Church... and "Would You Please Pass the Salt?"

Rev. Angela Fairbanks - Off the Grid, Chequamegon Bay area

"What if...?", "What is God up to?" and "Would you please pass the salt?" These are some of the questions that come to the table at Off the Grid seeker gatherings in the Chequamegon Bay area. Come to discover together some reasons why folks this day in age don't want bricks and mortar church, what kind of questions arise in a **seeker** community, and be challenged as the flesh/the body of Christ. Be open to Holy Spirit surprise!

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**God Seekers: Twenty Centuries of Christian Spiritualities by Richard H. Schmidt (Author), Phyllis Tickle (Foreword)**

A fresh, readable introduction to Christian spirituality, *God Seekers* brings to life thirty-three spiritual masters from throughout Christian history. Through capsule biographies, selected quotations, and questions for reflection, Richard Schmidt presents and explores diverse ways of relating to God. Each chapter personalizes a major stream or movement of Christian spirituality by focusing on a particular key figure.

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## 17) Sent

**Cultivating Sent Communities: Missional Spiritual Formation (Missional Church Series) [Dwight Zscheile]**

How can pastors help to create missional faith communities that are willing to participate in God's healing of the world? *Cultivating Sent Communities* reimagines spiritual formation through the lens of mission, covering such topics as the role of Scripture, congregational discernment, and short-term missions and drawing on case studies from diverse contexts including Ethiopia, England, Leipzig, and San Francisco.

The contributors offer no quick and easy programs or models to follow. Instead, they call readers to deepen the core practices that have defined Christians for centuries — and to reclaim them within the context of cultural adaptation and innovation. Full of rich



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### **Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America (The Gospel and Our Culture Series) [Darrell L. Guder]**

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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New Questions for a New Day: Alban at Duke Divinity School » Jeffrey D. Jones

One question that has been asked consistently through the years, and even more so in these days of declining church membership is, "How do we bring them in?" It would be better for us to ask, "How do we **send** them out?"

In these days of changing roles and responsibilities many wonder, "What should the pastor do?" But a more important question for congregations today is "What is our shared ministry?"

When congregations focus on strategic planning they ask, "What's our vision and how do we implement it?" What would happen if they instead asked, "What's God up to and how do we get on board?"

When congregations have financial struggles, they ask, "How do we survive?" Instead they might ask, "How do we serve?"

When congregations think about their mission, they often ask, "How do we save people?" or perhaps, "How do we help people?" A better question might be "How do we make the reign of God more present in this time and place?"

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Servant Evangelism (SE) connects people to people in a natural, easy, low-risk, high grace way. Who doesn't like to be given a cold soda on a hot day? Especially by someone who is smiling, happy and having fun. SE wins the heart before it confronts the mind. A small act of kindness nudges a person closer to God, often in a profound way as it bypasses one's mental defenses. The average Christ-follower is willing to hand a stranger a can of soda (low-risk). The high grace is seen in the typical reaction. "Oh, thank you!" "This is so nice!" "I can't believe this is for free!" And, "Why are you doing this?" Kindness builds the bridge for the person to receive a touch of love from God. Add an invitation to church or other method of connection—even a simple card with your church's name, phone number and times of services—and you've reached someone with the love of Christ! It's simple, practical, effective, inexpensive and fun! We get reports from pastors, lay leaders and ordinary Christ-followers all over the world who have discovered the power and impact of "showing God's love in practical ways," and again and again we've seen

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## SERVANT EVANGELISM IN A NEW MISSION FIELD

Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson, DEM and assistant to the bishop Come to this workshop and learn about ways to train up missionaries in your congregation for the new mission field. Where is the new mission field? Eau Claire County has 102 congregations (of which 34 are Lutheran congregations), 47,983 members belong to these 102 congregations, which is 49% of the population. That means 51% of the population of Eau Claire County is unchurched. This is our new mission field. What about your county?

View the web page for Walking Together details. - Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

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## Servantship: Sixteen Servants on the Four Movements of Radical Servantship edited by Graham Hill

*Servantship* is essentially about following our Lord Jesus Christ, the servant Lord, and his mission--it is a life of discipleship to him, patterned after his self-emptying, humility, sacrifice, love, values, and mission. Servantship is humbly valuing others more than yourself, and looking out for the interests and wellbeing of others. Servantship is the cultivation of the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had: making yourself nothing, being a servant, humbling yourself, and submitting yourself to the will and purposes of the triune God. Since servantship is the imitation of Christ, it involves an unreserved participation in the missio Dei--the Trinitarian mission of God.

In this pioneering work, sixteen servants describe the four movements of radical servantship. Servantship is the movement 1. from leadership to radical servantship; 2. from shallowness to dynamic theological reflection; 3. from theories to courageous practices; and 4. from forgetfulness to transforming memory.

Servantship recognizes, in word, thought, and deed, that "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave--just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



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## 19) Service

Building Discipleship Through Service [Webinar] - YouTube

Pope Francis has challenged young people to get off the couch and go out to be missionary disciples. How can we support them in growing as disciples of Jesus? This webinar will provide practical strategies for engaging youth in service which is rooted in prayer, Scripture, and Catholic social teaching. We will look at service projects, family service, retreats with a service component, and week-long mission trips.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRfu39H8X1M>

Images for Building Discipleship Through Service

129 Great Examples of Community Service Projects - PrepScholar Blog

Are you interested in performing community service? Do you want examples of service projects you can do? Community service is a great way to help others and improve your community, and it can also help you gain skills and experience to include on your resume and college applications. Read on for dozens of community service ideas to help you get started volunteering.

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Sacrificial Service: Doing good works even when it's costly, inconvenient, or challenging (Dimensions of Discipleship) (Volume 3)

by Robert E Logan (Author), Charles R Ridley (Author), David J DeVries (Author)

*Sacrificial Service* is one of eight discipleship guides for the Dimensions of Discipleship series. Sacrificial service means doing good works even when it's costly, inconvenient or challenging. This is how the presence of Jesus will be reflected into the lives of the people around you in practical ways. This study will lead you through five essential expressions of sacrificial service:

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Service Within the Context of Faith and Discipleship - Catechist's Journey

My hope is that you can use [this PDF](#) as a prototype for designing your own handout for service experiences to better help participants make the faith connection.

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## 20) Singles Ministry

Basics of Single Adult Ministry - The Singles Network Ministries

It is the prayer of the leadership team of [Live Out Loud](#) that every single man and single woman learns how to live this life on purpose, walking into everything God has for them. [Live Out Loud \(LOL\)](#) is a ministry of Faith Assembly of God, Orlando, Florida.

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Clearly, the single adult ministry in our churches needs attention.

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#### How the Church Can Encourage Singles - Carly Isaac Graham

God took me through a growth process before I met my husband. And that path has proved essential to the health of my marriage. Along the way, I have gathered a few ideas about how the church can encourage single people and integrate them into the community of faith.

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#### Single in the Church: New Ways to Minister with 52% of God's People by Kay Collier-Stone

Explore the concerns, needs, and fears of single adults and how your church may be ignoring them. Discover practical ways churches have opened their ministries, worship, and congregational life to include singles. An eye-opening discovery that a church growth model need not rely on family-oriented programs and structures.

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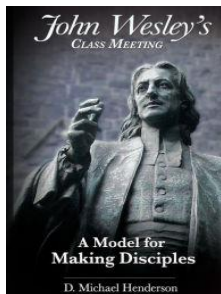
## 21) Small Groups

### A Model for Making Disciples: John Wesley's Class Meeting [D. Michael Henderson]

John Wesley's techniques for nurturing and training Christian disciples not only brought personal transformation to tens of thousands of individual working-class believers, but a moral reformation to eighteenth-century England as well. In this book, Michael Henderson explores the origins of Wesley's techniques and details his "method" of creating **small, interactive groups**. After analyzing why Wesley's system was so effective, he shows how the class meeting serves as a model for making disciples in the twenty-first century.

The evangelical revival that swept England in the mid-1700s rode on the tidal wave of **small-group** discipleship. John Wesley and his Methodist preachers expected their parishioners to attend weekly meetings, where their spiritual growth could be monitored and encouraged. Dr. Henderson describes the genius of Wesley's class meetings and shows how similar small groups would strengthen Christian ministry today. David L. McKenna, president emeritus of Asbury Theological Seminary, calls Henderson's book a timely word for an urgent need.





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### Biblical Foundations for Small Group Ministry: An Integrational Approach by Gareth Weldon Icenogle (Author)

Small groups have had a major influence on the growth of the church in recent years. They are an important place for ministry, community and discipleship. Yet all too often small group programming has taken place apart from consideration of its biblical underpinnings. Gareth Icenogle thoroughly examines both Old and New Testaments for the basis of small group ministry. He considers the texts in new ways, providing heightened understanding of their implications for ministry in the context of small groups. Then he turns to the early church to study tradition and practice. In addition, he brings an integration of theological, sociological and educational principles to the biblical text. All through the book, practical applications of these principles offer guidance for setting up and running a biblically based small group ministry program. Those who are working or who hope to work with small groups will find this one-of-a-kind book invaluable.

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### Coaching Life-Changing Small Group Leaders: A Comprehensive Guide for Developing Leaders of Groups and Teams (Groups that Grow) by Bill Donahue (Author), Greg Bowman (Author)

Small groups transform churches—and lives. Small group leaders often feel the weight of shepherding their small group members. But who shepherds the shepherd? Small group coaches fill a unique role by providing support and guidance for group leaders. When you're called to coach a small group leader in your church, your mind may be filled with questions: Am I godly enough? What do I have to offer? How do I begin? Although the challenge seems immense, Bill Donahue and Greg Bowman break down the work of coaching small group leaders into achievable steps. This expanded and updated edition offers field-tested and biblically supported advice on such topics as modeling a surrendered life to those you coach, gaining the tools and wisdom you need for coaching, and helping leaders grow spiritually. This workbook can be used as a stand-alone resource to train coaches, or it can be used with the training videos taught by the authors, available on the Equipping Life-Changing Small Groups DVD (sold separately). For those who want to coach with excellence and truly help small group leaders thrive, this go-to guide offers practical answers and inspiring examples. You'll find both challenge and promise in these pages as you learn to carry forth your God-given calling with confidence.

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### Community That Is Christian by Julie A. Gorman (Author)

Over the past thirty years there has been a boom in **small groups**, both in society at large and within the church. From Bible studies to MOPS to Alcoholics Anonymous, it is estimated that four out of ten Americans belong to a **small group** that meets regularly for the care and support of its members. But are these groups creating true, biblical community, or do they settle for self-focus and personal gain?

Julie Gorman has studied small groups for decades and presents her analysis, insights, and suggestions in *Community That Is Christian*, an essential resource for building community in church-based small groups. This comprehensive book serves both as a text for those who equip leaders or lead small groups and as an interactive manual for small-group members, helping them transform their relationships into Christ-centered community.

The book begins with biblical support for coming together, contrasting it with our often individualistic mind-set that undermines community. Gorman then sets forth the goals of community and describes the process of transformation. She draws from extensive research to address the why and the how of small-group ministry, giving special attention to gender and cultural distinctions.

*Community That Is Christian* provides readers with charts, discussion questions, and inventories to further help them establish community within their small groups.

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### Connecting to God: Nurturing Spirituality through Small Groups (Alban Institute Publication) [Corinne Ware]

Although spiritual growth occurs within an individual, Ware explains that it is the calling of the congregation to be a community of support and encouragement. Indeed, it is amidst the support of a group that an individual learns how to live out personal faith. Ware provides a very practical and accessible model of spiritual formation for self-directing groups that can be led by clergy or laity. Includes thorough guidelines, do's and don'ts, and ground rules for the successful pursuit of spiritual growth in small groups.

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#### Creating Community: Five Keys to Building a Small Group Culture by Andy Stanley (Author), Bill Willits (Author)

A classic book on creating a small group culture is Andy Stanley's *Creating Community*, which came out way back in 2004, but still offers some great insight into ministry. Stanley covers the gamut of small group ministry, but it's from a broad perspective. He covers big picture ideas that are helpful in providing what you need to know to build a foundation on which to launch your small group culture.

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#### Design and Launch a Successful Small Group [Patrick Keifert, David Stark]

This leader's guide equips every leader to start and manage a small group. *Design and Launch a Successful Small Group* is on in the series of People Together Small Group Ministry Guides. The People Together series identifies four distinct types of small groups. Special manuals of each of these groups have been developed to assist leaders prepare for the unique aspects they will encounter in the group.

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#### Growing People through Small Groups [David Stark, Betty Veldman Wieland]

This fresh look at small groups starts with people and principles rather than program and structure. Stark and Wieland examine why many small-group ministries fall short of their goals, and they offer strategies that start with God's leading and people's needs. Straightforward, informative, and practical, this new organic system works for smaller churches as well as larger ones. Useful for lay leaders, small-group members, and pastors who want people to thrive and develop their spiritual gifts.

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#### Learning Together: Educational Ministry through Small Groups [Pat Taylor Ellison, David Stark]

The People Together Series provides a strong foundation for beginning, developing, and sustaining a small group ministry that fits the unique mix of your church. In addition to the overarching vision for small groups, there are guides that help develop specific kinds of small groups. Especially for study groups.

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#### 7 Steps to a Successful Small Group Ministry [Patrick Keifert, David Stark]

The Management guide to the People Together Small Group Ministry series. *Seven Steps to a Successful Small Group Ministry* helps your team launch creative and accountable ministry. The People Together series identifies four distinct types of small groups. Special manuals of each of these groups have been developed to assist leaders prepare for the unique aspects they will encounter in the group.

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#### The Small Church Small Group Guide (People together: the next generation of small group ministries) by David Stark (Author), Patrick Keifert (Author), Judy Stack-Nelson (Author)

A combination of leader's and manager's guides written especially for ministry in small congregations. It is realistic about small church challenges and builds on small church tradition. Written and edited by those with experience in small parishes, it will speak to you.

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#### 8 Habits of Effective Small Group Leaders. Author: Dave Earley

Are you an effective small/cell group leader?

You can be. After years of leading and overseeing the growth of small groups, Pastor Dave Earley has identified the habits that will transform your leadership. When you practice these habits, your group will move from a weekly meeting to an exciting experience. The habits include: Dream/Prepare/Pray/Mentor/Invite/Fellowship/Contact/Grow.

Knowing about these habits is not enough. With the "how-to" steps and an implementation guide at the end of each chapter, you will discover how to make each of the habits a part of your life.

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#### Experiencing Community: Turn your small group into a community by Thom Corrigan, Melody Carlson

Why do some groups produce lifelong relationships while others never move beyond the acquaintance level? Much of the difference lies in what issues are discussed during those first few group gatherings. Including all the essentials for launching (or renewing!) a successful small group, *Experiencing Community* will help you discover what it means to be a community of Christ-followers. By discussing how you will function together as one, what it means to love one another, and how to grow spiritually through shared ministry and insight, your group will grow closer as you grow closer to God.

The life of following Christ was never meant to be solitary. The early Christians pursued it in groups not much larger than your small group, meeting in homes for the first two hundred years of the movement. So, whether you've joined a small group to know a few people well, to learn in a more concentrated setting, or to focus your collective gifts toward a specific end, you are following a time-tested format for spiritual growth.

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#### Good Things Come in Small Groups: The Dynamics of Good Group Life [Steve Barker, Ron Nicholas]

Ron Nicholas and others discuss how to begin and improve small groups in the church, stressing the need for a balance of nurture, worship, community, and mission.

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#### How Do We Get There from Here?: Navigating the Transformation to Holistic Small Groups by M. Scott Boren

TOUCH Outreach has worked with thousands of churches and pastors. Throughout the years, we've made a few key discoveries, which are explained in great detail in *How Do We Get There From Here?...* -Success with holistic small groups happens when the



members of the first groups are fulfilling the unique mission of your church. -Congregational assimilation is a stage six goal, not something you should try immediately. -The transition requires the senior pastor's personal and long-term involvement. -Team implementation is far more successful than a single individual calling the shots. -The transition to holistic small groups is a values shift, not the launching of a new program. These findings are just a small sample of what you will discover in this practical, step-by-step book on holistic small group or cell group implementation! "We'll just do what XYZ Church did" We receive calls from pastors who went to a big church's annual small groups conference, then returned home to launch groups. Most call because they now have groups that are not growing with new leaders or new Christians. If they had only read this book and followed Scott's advice! While we highly recommend visiting other churches doing small groups to learn, we've found that your journey into HSG-based ministry will be vastly different from any other church's pilgrimage. Therefore, your plan of action must be unique as well! How Do We Get There From Here? has the information you need to both understand the process and implement it in your unique congregation. Is this the transition process for you? There are dozens of introductory books on small groups and cell groups, which are excellent reading. But this book is unique. It explains the transition process in a way that guarantees healthy, holistic small groups proven to work in any kind of church.

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### Leading Small Groups in the Way of Jesus [M. Scott Boren]

Is there any arena in the contemporary church more perplexing than small groups? Leaders and participants alike fill them with promises of unparalleled spiritual intimacy and reliable relationship. Experts put forward model after model, paradigm after paradigm, and frustrated small group leaders and followers meander from one to the next in increasingly vain hope that the next model will deliver the goods. What could be more natural than a group of people sitting together, talking? What could be more contrived than a packaged curriculum, with prefab questions and notes for leaders? Such is the problem of small groups. Scott Boren has wrestled with these challenges for years, in the context of his own small-group ministries and in consultation with churches of every stripe. In this book, he reminds us that any small group, no matter how it's organized, is at its heart a collection of people each walking in the way of Jesus. That means we are going somewhere—together—and that means we have a reliable guide.

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### Missional Small Groups: Becoming a Community That Makes a Difference in the World by M. Scott Boren

Contemporary society is the product of the disintegration of more or less natural or familial groupings. People are afraid, uncertain and shut themselves away. But they need companions, friends with whom they can share their lives, their visions and their ideals; in short, they need community.

This completely revised edition of *Community and Growth* is your guide to communal life. Written by the founder of the world-famous l'Arche community for the mentally handicapped and their helpers, Jean Vanier offers a series of "starting-points for reflection" on the nature and meaning of community.

Small groups are a great place to connect with others, but you may wonder, is this all there is? Is sitting in a living room, talking about a book or watching a video, the extent of what we can do together? Isn't being a Christian community about something more?

*Missional Small Groups* will help you see beyond the borders of your small group and into the lives of those around you so that you can make a difference. It's filled with practical suggestions for becoming intentionally involved with your community and bringing Jesus' message and healing to a hurting world.

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### How to Start and Sustain a Faith-Based Men's Group [John D. Schroeder]

This book will be a basic resource for persons to use who are interested in starting and sustaining faith-based groups for men. It will include how to start a group, how to choose material, and how to prioritize and divide time, as well as tips on helping men engage in discussion and information on dealing with problems especially common in men's groups.

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### How to Start and Sustain a Faith-Based Women's Spirituality Group: Circle of Hearts by Patricia D. Brown (Author)

This book will be a resource for those who are interested in starting and sustaining a faith-based small group for women. It will include tools for organizing, creating, and sustaining the group, which the author calls a circle. The book invites women to develop their spiritual side, and to model their relationship with God as they envision ever-new ways to inspire, encourage, and affirm one another.

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### How to Start and Sustain a Faith-Based Young Adult Group by John D. Schroeder

This book will be a basic resource for persons to use who are interested in starting and sustaining a faith-based small group for young adults. It will include how to start a young adult group, how to take the temperature of the group, how to prioritize and divide time, tips for lively discussions, dealing with problems especially common in young adult groups, how to adapt

material, how to create options that relate especially to young adult groups. See also the 20/30: Bible Study for Young Adults Series.

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#### Intentional Spiritual Growth in Small Groups | Small Groups

As we lead groups of 6-12, it seems much more daunting to cater to this spiritual formation cycle in each of our group members, but it is possible.

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#### Know and Be Known: Small Groups That Nourish and Connect [Brooke B. Collison]

People yearn for a sense of belonging. Congregations become places of belonging when people find ways to make connections, form relationships, and share their personal stories. That's hard to do in the hasty comings and goings around the typical worship service. It's even hard to do in a choir, committee, or ministry group. In *Know and Be Known*, Brooke Collison looks at the element missing in most group dynamics today: intentionality about relationships. Counselor, educator, and long-time leader and participant in small groups, Collison knows the power of small groups to create meaningful bonds of friendship and support.

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#### Lead: Guide a Small Group to Experience Christ [Joel Comiskey]

Small groups are leader breeders. Jesus formed his twelve disciples in a small group atmosphere. The best way to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, in fact, is to disciple others. *Lead!* explains how to facilitate a small group and to grow in the process. This book highlights key small group dynamics that will give the leader confidence in facilitating others. People are longing for community and this book reveals how to find it in the small group atmosphere. *Lead!* shows a potential leader how to develop new leaders to continue the process of discipleship. It is excellent to use both in a Sunday School setting or one-on-one. This book forms part of a five-part series to help a person become a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

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#### Reap the Harvest: How a Small Group System Can Grow Your Church by Joel Comiskey

Have you tried small groups and hit a brick wall? Are you looking to make your small groups more effective? Cell-church specialist and pastor Dr. Joel Comiskey studied the world's most successful cell churches to determine why they grow. They key: They have embraced specific principles. Cell churches are successful not because they have small groups but because they have the system in place to support the groups. In *Reap the Harvest*, you will discover how these systems work. "*Reap the Harvest* is an excellent how-to-get-it-done guide for cell group life with a purpose: the harvest. The chapter on change alone is worth the whole book! This is a practical, powerful, and useful tool that will save you from the common mistakes and guide you to healthy, vital, quality and quantity growth." (Kent R. Hunter, The Church Doctor)

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#### The Spirit-filled Small Group: Leading Your Group to Experience the Spiritual Gifts by Joel Comiskey (Author)

Small group resources tend to overlook the spiritual side of small group leadership. And yet most would agree that spiritual preparation is the most important aspect of leading a small group. Only God's supernatural power can draw people to the truth and liberate them to be all that God wants them to be. The first key distinction of this book is the spiritual perspective it gives to small group ministry. This book is a practical reference guide to help small group leadership trust the Holy Spirit to guide and direct their small group ministry. The second major goal of this book is to help small group leaders and members discover and use their spiritual gifts. The book examines each of the twenty-one spiritual gifts listed in the New Testament and offers practical insights on how to use each gift in the context of the small group.

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#### Leading Life-changing Small Groups Bill Donahue, Willow Creek Community Church (South Barrington, Ill.)

The best-selling small group guidebook---over 100,000 sold. NOW UPDATED. Like nothing else, small groups have the power to change lives. They're the ideal route to discipleship---a place where the rubber of biblical truth meets the road of human relationships. For six years Bill Donahue provided training and resources for small group leaders so that Willow Creek could build a church of small groups. Now he is committed to creating tools that will help church leaders pursue the same goal---to provide a place in community for everyone in their congregation. In *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups*, Donahue and his team share in depth the practical insights that have made Willow Creek's small group ministry so effective. The Comprehensive, Ready-Reference Guide for Small Group Leaders The unique, ready-reference format of this book gives small group leaders, pastors, church leaders, educators, and counselors a commanding grasp of: -Group formation and values -Leadership requirements and responsibilities -The philosophy and structure of small groups -Meeting preparation and participation -Discipleship within the group -Leadership training . . . and much more From an individual group to an entire small group ministry, *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups* gives you the comprehensive guidance you need to cultivate life-changing small groups . . . and growing, fruitful followers of Christ.

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### Master Builders Bible for Men: The Lutheran Men in Mission Edition of the Serendipity Bible for Personal and Small Group Study [Doug Haugen (Introduction)]

This New International Version Bible features the Men's Ministry Leaders Supplement and 20,000 study questions written into the text that assist participants to get to know each other as they get to know God. It also features 6 courses for men each with 6 beginner and 6 advanced sessions.

The courses include: Masculinity: Will the Real Jesus Stand Up?, Accountability: Beyond Football and the Weather, Discipleship: Being a Man After God's Own Heart, Attitude Adjustment: Down but Not Out, Men at Work: Performance Anxiety, For Men Only: Issues Men Face, 200 Bible Stories with Questionnaires, 3-year lectionary small group study, and much more!

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### New Directions for Small-Group Ministry [Paul Borthwick]

Six fresh, easy-to-implement models help to build adult small groups that work, including honest evaluations of the strengths and weaknesses of each.

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### Small Group Evangelism: A Training Program for Reaching Out with the Gospel by Richard Peace (Author)

Personal evangelism, mass evangelism: most choose one or the other when planning an outreach program. But there is another way. A biblical way. A way that is revolutionary in its scope and effectiveness. Small group evangelism, says Richard Peace, may be the best means to reach our post-Christian generation for Christ. Groups provide a nonthreatening atmosphere where believers and seekers together can openly explore the Christian faith and the person of Jesus. Book includes a nine to thirteen week program for training in small groups and a full set of guidelines for leaders.



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**Small Group Leaders' Handbook: Developing Transformational Communities New Edition By J. Alex Kirk, Jay Anderson, Myron Crockett, Tina Teng-Henson, Una Lucey-Lee, Janice McWilliams and Sandra Maria Van Opstal - InterVarsity Press**

What do we mean when we talk about small groups? And more importantly: what do we expect to happen when people gather in this way? The small group that wrote this book—made up of current and former campus ministry professionals with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship—sees a small group as: a community that studies the Bible, prays and participates in God's mission together for the purposes of God's transforming work. Small groups are about transformation, and in this book transformation is given flesh and blood in the faces and names of the people you lead.

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**Small Group Models | Small Groups**

Inspiring life-changing community in your church by providing everything small group leaders need. ... Use the tool below to learn about common small group models. You'll also find great articles that explain how to choose the best model for your ministry.

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**Small Group Outreach: Turning Groups Inside Out: by Jeffrey Arnold (Author)**

One of the best ways to experience the love of Christ is through a small Christian community. As a small group grows in caring for one another, its members also grow outward in their commitment to others. When they direct others to Christ, they are themselves encouraged in faith, and the life of the group becomes richer. This book includes chapters on praying for lost friends together, inviting seekers into your group, getting involved in the ministries of your church, reaching out to your neighborhood, going on a short-term mission trip. Whether your group is just getting started or you have been together for a while, there are ideas here for you. The time to begin is now.

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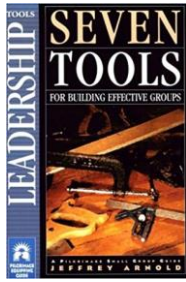
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**Seven Tools for Building Effective Groups (Pilgrimage Growth Guide) [Jeffrey Arnold]**

THE RIGHT TOOL CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE. Much of leadership resides in the heart—those character traits that help you serve and equip others. But there are also elements of leadership that can be sharpened through practice and observation. By highlighting the seven most necessary skills a group leader can possess, Seven Tools for Building Effective Groups will equip you to make a lasting and positive difference in the lives of those you lead. The Pilgrimage Series. The life of following Christ was never meant to be solitary. The early Christians pursued it in groups not much larger than your small group, meeting in homes for the first two hundred years of the movement. So, whether you've joined a group to know a few people well, to learn in a more concentrated setting, or to focus your collective gifts toward a specific end, you are following a time-tested format for spiritual growth. THE PILGRIMAGE SERIES is designed to foster spiritual growth in a group setting. By incorporating relationship-building material into each session, PILGRIMAGE guides will help your group translate learning into practice.

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#### Small Group Starter Kit (Lifeguide Bible Studies) [Jeffrey Arnold]

Do you want to build significant relationships, grow in your knowledge and understanding of Scripture, and learn how to reach out to others? Do you wonder how to begin? In this easy-to-use guide, Jeff Arnold provides you with everything you need for the first meetings of a small group. Getting acquainted, setting expectations, studying Scripture--it's all here in a step-by-step format that will help you get started well.

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#### Starting Small Groups: Building Communities That Matter (Leadership Insight Series) by Jeffrey Arnold (Author)

In *Starting Small Groups: Building Communities That Matter*, Jeffrey Arnold discusses small groups and details step-by-step the method for designing a small-group ministry to fit a congregation's unique situations. Adapted from a workbook format that allows each congregation to identify its own particular needs and character, this resource includes ways to plan, envision, and strategize for the formation of small groups.

The author looks at significant issues related to designing or revamping a small-group ministry, including group types; group structure; leadership training and support; marketing; recruiting people into groups; answering the why, when, how, and what of groups; and evaluating so that positive changes can be continually made. Ending each chapter is a series of workbook-style questions. The answers to these questions form the structure and content of each church's unique ministry design. While individuals, committees, and churches work their way through the questions, they may consult the sample strategy contained in an appendix at the end of the book.

The writing style employed in this resource is simple, graphic, and easy to read. It is written so that both laypersons and pastors will be comfortable using it. Stories abound so that a process that may seem difficult comes to life in these pages.

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#### The Big Book on Small Groups [Jeffrey Arnold]

What's so big about small groups? With proven results in drawing people into community and helping them grow to maturity in Christ, small groups have established themselves as a crucial ministry of the church to its members and its mission field. But whether leading a small group, coaching small group leaders or implementing a churchwide ministry, you need vision, knowledge and skill to minister effectively through small groups. Jeffrey Arnold knows the pressures of small group ministry,

but he has also seen the power of small groups in many ministry settings. In this revised edition of *The Big Book on Small Groups*, he breaks down small groups so that you can see them from all angles. The first four chapters focus on the structure and benefits of a small group ministry. Further chapters explore the basics of Christian community--prayer, worship, Bible study, outreach and mission, as well as how to multiply groups. Resources for further reading, ideas for coaches and trainers, and curriculum to photocopy for small group sessions are also included. A constant companion throughout your small group ministry, *The Big Book on Small Groups* will give you the basics to get you going--and the support and nurture you need to make small groups effective as a strategy for outreach and discipleship.

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### Small Group Vital Signs - TOUCH Outreach Ministries

Is your small group healthy?

Is it thriving, surviving, or declining?

Is your group missional or in maintenance mode?

Do you want answers to these questions? How about a viable plan of action for the future of your group? This book contains a revealing small group health evaluation and principles that will help you determine and increase your group's level of health in seven vital areas: Christ-centered Community, Overflowing Leadership, Shared Leadership, Proactive Leadership, Authentic Community, Ministry to Others, Discipling Environment.

In *Small Group Vital Signs*, you'll gain a new appreciation for the way Mike Mack explains why each of the areas above are critical to your group's health. His helpful stories, biblical principles, and practical ideas for health and vitality will help you and your group grow in each area. If you've wondered why some small groups thrive and their leaders seem so energized and happy, you'll discover it in this revealing book—and learn how to become this kind of leader!

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### Small Groups, Big Impact [Jim Egli and Dwight Marable]

The authors have surveyed over 3,000 group leaders in more than 200 churches. Their findings will place practical, applicable principles into the hands of small group leaders and pastors. This book also includes access to additional resources from the author's website.

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### Small Groups for the Rest of Us: How to Design Your Small Groups System to Reach the Fringes [Chris Surratt]

Most churches in America struggle to have a significant percentage of their adult attendance in small groups. According to recent research done by Lifeway Research, only "33 percent of churchgoers attend classes or groups for adults (such as Sunday school,

Bible study, small groups, or Adult Bible Fellowships) four or more times in a typical month. Fourteen percent attend two or three times a month."

Life transformation happens best within the context of community, so if a church is going to be intentional about discipleship they have to develop on-ramps to small groups that reach people on the fringes and beyond. If we continue to offer small groups to the normal church attenders, a majority of the people who show up to church are never reached.

Pastors, church staff and small group leaders are trying to figure out how to make small groups work in their church and they don't know how. *Small Groups for The Rest Of Us* gives them practical, proven strategies on moving people from the fringes into biblically based communities.



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#### Small Groups in the Church: A Handbook for Creating Community (An Alban Institute Publication) [Thomas G. Kirkpatrick]

This planning and leader training handbook offers a distinctive broad-based, small-group approach to building community. From the Jewish *havurot* to Christian *koinonia*, you will gain a thorough understanding of community, learn how to plan an effective small-group ministry, how to select and train leaders for all kinds of small groups, and how to start small groups that are a part of and not apart from their congregations. Appendices provide an overview of the sociological, psychological, and biblical theological literature on community and a wealth of presentation and leader training resources.

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#### Small Groups with Purpose: How to Create Healthy Communities Paperback by Steve Gladen (Author), Rick Warren (Foreword)

Church leaders learn how to create a healthy and strategic small group ministry from the man behind the largest and most successful small group ministry in America.

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#### Starting Small Groups – and Keeping Them Going by Augsburg Fortress Publishing (Creator)

One of the key reasons small groups fail is lack of leadership and ongoing support. This helpful “how-to” book offers step-by-step guidelines for starting and continuing successful small groups. This comprehensive guide includes: Biblical foundation for small group ministry, Step-by-step plan for beginning and maintaining small group ministry, Complete training materials, Reproducible forms for surveys, evaluations, and records.

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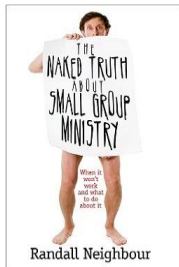
Today I examine how the activity of community within the context of small groups results in transformed lives.

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#### The Naked Truth About Small Group Ministry: When it won't work and what to do about it. A practical guide for pastors, church leaders, and cell group or small group leaders by Randall G. Neighbour (Author), Michael Mack (Editor), Neubauer Design Associates (Illustrator)

Tired of reading books by pastors of large churches who could put a stick in the mud and it would grow a fruit-bearing tree in a week? Exhausted with doing ministry the same way, expecting different results? Exasperated by the lack of ownership among the members of your existing groups? Then this book is for you! Pulling no punches, Neighbor diagnoses the problems surrounding small group and cell group ministry in America today, offering practical suggestions that work.





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### **The Pocket Guide to Burnout-Free Small Group Leadership: How to gather a core team and lead from the second chair [Michael C. Mack, Randall Neighbour]**

This little book will revolutionize your small group ministry by moving small group leaders into the role of a point person for a core team of group members that takes over the leadership of the group. In other words, the information in this pocket book has the potential to eliminate leader burnout. Who doesn't want to learn how to do that? Mike Mack has done a splendid job of explaining how Christ is the real leader of a small group and leading a core team of members to facilitate the meetings, plan and execute missional tasks, and lead the group is much better than attempting to lead alone.

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### **Way to Grow! Dynamic Church Growth Through Small Groups by Ronald J. Lavin**

*Nothing is more important for ministry today than small groups.* (George Gallop, Jr., a Christian who conducts polls on political and religious matters, quoted in chapter one of this book.)

Lavin is quick to point out that this book is not merely about numerical growth. It is about nurturing spiritual growth, which in itself is a dynamic that leads to growth in numbers.

Use this publication as a workbook. The chapters each end with fascinating questions for consideration and group discussion.

Dr. Lavin offers five different kinds of group structures for discipleship development. Each is fully explored, offering the reader or study participant the opportunity to determine which style best fits their group. He also lists five essentials that must be present for any group to function effectively.

Lavin has had over 35 years of experience in the ministry, during which time he has refined the methods that are most successful in leading people to commitment and discipleship. This book is filled with fascinating anecdotes and stories that have grown out of his experience with congregations where impressive growth has taken place.

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#### Where are we now? An assessment of the small group movement and its models by Bill Beckham (Author)

New movements in the Kingdom of God are either promoted by men or are an organism created by the Spirit of Christ. Man has formed many structures created to defend doctrines, organization formats, etc. Some of these are church-based and some are simply castles standing among the Para church groups, built by men who seek personal significance by forming a structure often named after themselves. Bill Beckham has painstakingly evaluated current movements existing around the world today. The reader will be encouraged to evaluate his or her commitment to the various models presented. Those who seek to manipulate "groups for growth" will find in Bill's chapters a new paradigm, one as old as the book of Acts, presently being restored for the Last Days witness.

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## 22) Social Ministry

#### Congregations and Social Services: What They Do, How They Do It, and with Whom

The charitable choice policy initiative has renewed attention to religion's role in the U.S. social welfare system. The authors use data from the 1998 National Congregations Study to provide a portrait of congregations' social service activities, emphasizing features of this portrait that are relevant to ongoing policy debates. In particular, they assess two claims often made about religiously based social services: Religious organizations represent an alternative to secular or government organizations by providing "holistic" and personalistic services focused on long-term solutions to individuals' problems, and collaborations with secular, especially government, organizations threaten to undermine that approach to social services. Results support neither of these claims. Congregation-based social services are not an alternative to the world of secular nonprofit or government-supported social services; they are part of that world.

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#### FROM TYPICAL CHURCH TO SOCIAL MINISTRY: A STUDY OF THE ELEMENTS WHICH MOBILIZE CONGREGATIONS. Carl S. Dudley.

"From Typical Church to Social Ministry," the 1989 H. Paul Douglass Lecture delivered by Carl Dudley before the Religious Research Association, reports on the rationale, research and challenges of the Church and Community Project, a three-year program supported by the Center for Church and Community Ministries in association with McCormick Theological Seminary. Dudley explains that the project rationale—written in 1986 and based on the assumption that churches, as traditional centers of community identity and concern, must reclaim this role in the face of community disintegration, government cuts to social services, and mounting social needs—offered project managers the opportunity to develop a "research-in-action" model in their study and support of 40 Church and Community social projects in as many congregations in Indiana and Illinois.

The article details the project's two types of research—administrative research and theory-related research—along with their specific research methodologies. Dudley mentions five congregational self-images uncovered by the project's study of congregational identity: the survivor church, the crusader church, the pillar church, the pilgrim church and the servant church. The article concludes with three challenges the project offers to the study of religious values and behavior: (1) the challenge of integrating the several independent streams of information discovered in the course of the program into a triangulation approach of research; (2) the challenge of increased dialogue between social scientists and religious professionals; and (3) the challenge of helping congregational leaders meet and shape community change.

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### Social Ministry

#### Lighten Your Load

Patty Fredricks Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Chippewa Falls, WI

"I became involved with the Chippewa Falls Community Mission Coalition several years ago. One of the ministries introduced to meet community needs is our "Lighten Your Load" laundry ministry. It has been successful in many ways!" Page 5

#### Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition

Tom Drehmel - Central Lutheran Church - Chippewa Falls, WI

"I unofficially 'left the building' in 2011 when I met with several other people from six local churches and we decided to form the Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition. Our goal was to step out of our individual "silos" and work together on various local and global mission outreaches, often helping each other with our individual mission work. Today we consist of 17 local churches including Lutheran, Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Baptist, Methodist, Valley Vineyard and a few Independent Christian Churches. Our numbers also include more than 20 local non-profit agencies. We try to be proactive by identifying unmet needs and work together to solve them as we are able. It's amazing watching the Holy Spirit at work as we all work together." Page 5

Jonah - Immigration - Joyce and Rev. Dave Anderson

Eau Claire, WI

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For the past 6 years, Joyce and Pr. Dave Anderson, a retired educator and pastor, have been engaged with their Latinx immigrant neighbors in Eau Claire. Inspired by compassion and the biblical mandate to "Love the immigrant as yourself (Leviticus 19:34)," they have worked with the JONAH Immigration Task Force and members of local congregations. Some outcomes include: bringing the Mobile Mexican consulate to Immanuel, in Eau Claire; advocating for road safety reform that would enable undocumented immigrants to drive legally; and providing workshops on immigrant rights. Above all they value the gift of getting to know some wonderful immigrant neighbors. In a brief morning presentation, they will share some stories. At an afternoon workshop, they will share their involvement with JONAH, Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope. JONAH is an ecumenical grass roots justice organization in the Chippewa Valley that enables them and others to "leave the building to be the church". Page 6

Join Our Neighbors, Advancing Hope Rev. David Anderson & Rm. 320 E Ho-Chunk 1:30 Joyce Anderson Amos speaks God's earnest call for us to "do justice" in our community, state, nation, and world (6:8). JONAH of the Chippewa Valley provides a model for going beyond helping our neighbor to confront injustice and seeking fair treatment for and with our neighbors. Like the prophet JONAH, the call is persistent, and we are often reluctant to respond. But the need for neighbors to work together in hope is clear.

#### Expanding Your Congregation's Social Ministry Outreach

Congregations today are anxious to find ways to connect with their neighbors (wherever they are) and meet their needs in the name of Jesus. Join us to expand your outreach ministry as well as share your good ideas. Page 7

Looking At County Jail Ministry From The Inside and Outside Rev. Maggie Isaacson & Dena Scalzo

Pastor Maggie has done women's jail ministry for the last 7 years, which includes weekly Bible study and support after the ladies leave jail. Page 10

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What are ways you serve the world/community? Global, regional, and local service?

Have you participated in the ELCA World Hunger program, the Malaria Campaign, LWR projects, or Lutheran Disaster Response? Comprehensive Ministry Review. Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson. Assistant to the Bishop. Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. Director for Evangelical Mission. [lskow-anderson@nswsi.org](mailto:lskow-anderson@nswsi.org)

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The ELCA and 300 health and human service organizations participate in an alliance known as [Lutheran Services in America](#), which serves more than 6 million people each year in the United States and the Caribbean. That's one in 50 Americans every year.

As part of this alliance and mission, we support more than 285 social ministry organizations affiliated with the ELCA.

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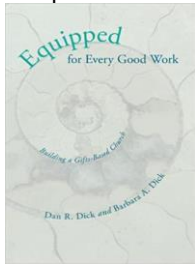
### Equipped for Every Good Work: Building a Gifts-Based Church [Dan R. Dick]

All scripture is inspired by God . . . so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Equipped for Every Good Work is a four-tool process that can help you discover and develop the **spiritual** gifts, spirituality types, interaction styles, and working preferences of each person in your congregation. Begun in 1988, the Profile of Congregational Leadership has been used in approximately two hundred different churches of seven denominations in settings of all shapes, sizes, locations, and racial-ethnic backgrounds.

*Equipped for Every Good Work* is not intended as a tool to help congregations assign members to jobs on committees, boards, councils, or task forces. Instead, it is a process of discovery and discussion of the gifts, graces, and abilities of the leadership core of a local congregation. It shifts the attention off of what we do and on to who we are as called, gifted, and empowered people of God. Through self-exploration and discovery, each person can gain new insights about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and the entire congregation can grow as a faith-forming spiritual community. Leaders - A special website ([equippedforeverygoodwork.wordpress.com](http://equippedforeverygoodwork.wordpress.com)) provides access to all the handouts, presentation materials, reference materials, and interpretive aids.



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### Serving from the Heart - Participant Workbook: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service [Yvonne Gentile, Carol Cartmill]

*Serving from the Heart* is an 8-week study resource for small groups, designed to – Inspire a desire among laity to volunteer for active service; Help members uncover their talents, interests, and personality traits appropriate for a ministry; Connect Christians to the fulfilling ministries they are best suited for.

This 4 to 8-week study can be segmented into eight 45-minute sessions or four 2-hour sessions.

It is designed to lead adults through assessing their **spiritual** gifts, talents and abilities, resources, individual style, dreams and experiences...all adding up to an enhanced capacity to serve God and neighbor.

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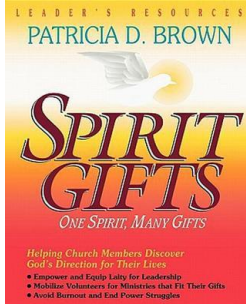
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### Spirit Gifts: One Spirit, Many Gifts by Patricia D. Brown (Author)

This dynamic group experience builds community as participants share together in study, reflective exercises, discussion, worship, prayer, music, and group activities. This workbook includes: spiritual gifts survey, personal inventory worksheets, Bible studies, key content summaries and songs.

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### Spiritual Responsiveness: Listening to the Holy Spirit and acting on what you hear (Dimensions of Discipleship) (Volume 2) by Robert E Logan (Author), Charles R Ridley (Author), David J DeVries (Author)

*Spiritual Responsiveness* is one of eight discipleship guides for the Dimensions of Discipleship series. *Spiritual Responsiveness* focuses on how you choose to respond to the work of God in your lives. It means actively listening to the Holy Spirit and taking action according to what you are hearing. It connects your experience of God to actions that demonstrate that experience. This study will lead you through five essential expressions of spiritual responsiveness: - Receiving guidance and empowerment from the Holy Spirit - Discerning opportunities for involvement in God's work - Checking what you're hearing with Scripture and your faith community - Acting in faith through loving obedience - Listening for God's calling in your life.

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  - **Spiritual bypass**, a "tendency to use spiritual ideas and practices to sidestep or avoid facing unresolved emotional issues, psychological wounds, and unfinished developmental tasks"
  - **Spiritual Communion**, a Christian practice of desiring union with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist
  - **Spiritual crisis**, a form of identity crisis where an individual experiences drastic changes to their meaning system typically because of a spontaneous spiritual experience
  - **Spiritual death**, absence of spirituality
  - **Spiritual development**, the development of the personality towards a religious or spiritual desired better personality
  - **Spiritual direction**, the practice of being with people as they attempt to deepen their relationship with the divine, or to learn and grow in their own personal spirituality
  - **Spiritual distress**, a disturbance in a person's belief system
  - **Spiritual ecology**, a field in religion and environmentalism
  - **Spiritual energy**, a form of energy in spirituality and alternative medicine
  - **Spiritual enlightenment**, the "full comprehension of a situation"
  - **Spiritual evolution**, the philosophical, theological, esoteric or spiritual idea that nature and human beings evolve
  - **Spiritual experience**, a subjective experience in religion
  - **Spiritual formation**, the process and practices by which a person may progress in one's spiritual or religious life or to a movement in Protestantism
  - **Spiritual gift**, a supernatural power given by God
  - **Spiritual healing**, a form of alternative medicine
  - **Spiritual intelligence**, a term used by some philosophers, psychologists, and developmental theorists to indicate spiritual parallels with intelligence quotient and emotional quotient
  - **Spiritual literature**, a genre of literature, in which usually involves the personal spiritual experience of the author
  - **Spiritual materialism**, a Tibetan Buddhist concept
  - **Spiritual naturalism**, a naturalist approach to spiritual ways of looking at the world
  - **Spiritual opportunism**, the exploitation of spiritual ideas for personal gain, partisan interests or selfish motives
  - **Spiritual philosophy**, a philosophy pertaining to spirituality
  - **Spiritual possession**, a concept of many religions, where it is believed that a spirit may take temporary control of a human body
  - **Spiritual practice**, a way of exercising spirituality
  - **Spiritual psychology**, a school of psychology that integrates the spiritual and transcendent aspects of the human experience with the framework of modern psychology
  - **Spiritual reading**, a practice of reading books and articles about spirituality with the purpose of growing in holiness
  - **Spiritual retreat**, a place or state dedicated to spirituality
  - **Spiritual test**, a life situation, provided by God, to evaluate man's individual moral character and obedience to his laws
  - **Spiritual transformation**, a fundamental change in a person's sacred or spiritual life
  - **Spiritual warfare**, the Christian concept of fighting against the work of preternatural evil forces
  - **Spiritual warrior**, a term used in Tibetan Buddhism for one who combats the ignorance (avidyā)
- **Spirituals**, a branch of the 13th-century **Franciscans** espousing poverty as obligatory
- **Spiritual Franciscans**, extreme proponents of the rule of Saint Francis of Assisi, especially with regard to poverty
- **Lords Spiritual**, the clergy of the established Church of England who serve in the House of Lords
- **Spiritual Baptists**, a syncretic Afro-American religion that combines elements of traditional African religion with Christianity
- **Spiritual Christianity**, a Christian denomination in Russia
- **Spiritual church movement**, a group of Spiritualist churches and Spiritualist denominations

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