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## **CONGREGATIONS AS LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

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## **TOOLS FOR SHAPING YOUR FUTURE**

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**Rowman & Littlefield** In our rapidly evolving religious scene, congregations that are open to continuous learning and willing to respond to external and internal change, will be the ones that achieve new vitality and health. **Dennis Campbell** describes what those congregations will look like and provides four tools to help a congregation shape its community into what God would have it be. Systems thinking, congregational culture, appreciative inquiry, and scenario planning are explained and illustrated, and readers will be shown how to apply the principles to their setting.

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## **PAULINE COMMUNITIES AS 'SCHOLASTIC COMMUNITIES'**

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## **A STUDY OF THE VOCABULARY OF 'TEACHING' IN 1 CORINTHIANS, 1 AND 2 TIMOTHY AND TITUS**

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**Mohr Siebeck** Edwin Judge's description of early Christian communities as 'scholastic communities' provides the starting point of a search for a sociological description of the Christian communities portrayed in 1 Corinthians, 1 and 2

**Timothy and Titus.** An original methodology uses a multi-layered exegetical approach to study every occurrence of the vocabulary of 'teaching' in the letters. The focus is on the activity of teaching (e.g., participants, method, manner, purpose, result, etc). The vocabulary represents ten semantic groupings, which shed further light on the place and practice of education in the communities ( core-teaching, speaking, traditioning, announcing, revealing, worshipping, commanding, correcting, remembering / imitation, and false teaching ). Claire S. Smith supports and develops Judge's 1960 description, advancing on it by showing that the communities are better described as 'learning communities' with horizontal (human-human) and vertical (divine-human) dimensions.

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## **THE IMPACT OF CHURCH CONSULTANCY**

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### **EXPLORE THE IMPACT OF ONE MODEL OF CHURCH CONSULTANCY ON CHURCH HEALTH AND CHURCH GROWTH IN NSW/ACT BAPTIST CHURCHES**

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**Wipf and Stock Publishers** This book follows the journey of ten churches who underwent church consultancies, and explores in depth both the consultancy and its outcomes. Pre-consultancy and post-consultancy “snapshots,” four to five years apart, of vitality indicators and attendance figures (using National Church Life Survey and other data) are used to compare these with churches that have not undertaken church consultancies. Theologies of church consultancy, church health, and church growth are also developed and examined, intersecting with a wide body of literature, including contemporary ecclesologies. Consultancy outcomes are examined in detail. This includes interviews with pastors of some of those churches, reflecting on their perceptions of whether and how the church consultancy impacted the health and growth of their church. Conclusions are drawn about the efficacy of church consultancy in influencing the health and growth of churches, as well as contexts for the best use of church consultancy. This is a significant book for denominational leaders, theological lecturers, pastors, and church leaders as they encounter lack of health in churches and seek ways forward for greater health and impact in their local communities.

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## **CULTIVATING THE MISSIONAL CHURCH**

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### **NEW SOIL FOR GROWING VESTRIES AND LEADERS**

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**Church Publishing, Inc.** Written from a post-Christendom/emergent worldview, this books was born of a singular

question asked in hundreds of ways: "What do we do to be faithful in this changed and changing reality?" Whether shaped by anxiety, a foretaste of coming changes, excitement, or energy at the prospects of witness and service the future holds, the question remains the same and the answers elusive. Part one addresses church functions under categories of governance, modeling, collaboration, champion, catalyst, mission, covenant, disciple, change and leadership. Part two offers further explication of the functions, including books recommended for in-depth study, application ideas, and further exploration of themes.

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## **TOWARD AN ADULT CHURCH**

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### **A VISION OF FAITH FORMATION**

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Loyola Press Penance. Confirmation. Eucharist. Children participate in these sacraments, and many other Catholic rites, thanks to America's long-standing model of parish catechesis. Once children become adults, however, what becomes of their faith formation? In *Toward an Adult Church: A Vision of Faith Formation*, Jane Regan explores the current structure of parish catechesis. Basing her ideas on contemporary theory and traditional practice, Regan sets forth an intriguing argument: the vitality of the Church depends on establishing a new education paradigm—one that is focused on adults. How can parishes design a framework for adult catechesis? Will such programs be accepted by local church communities? Where does children's faith formation fit into the new structure? Regan answers these questions and offers ideas for developing a balanced approach to religious education—one that addresses the ongoing faith life of adults.

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## **RADICAL WELCOME**

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### **EMBRACING GOD, THE OTHER, AND THE SPIRIT OF TRANSFORMATION**

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Church Publishing, Inc. A theological, inspirational, and practical guide for congregations that want to move beyond diversity and inclusion to present a vision for the church of the future: one where the transforming gifts, voices, and power of marginalized cultures and groups bring new life to the mainline church.

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## **THE CAT AND THE TOASTER**

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## **LIVING SYSTEM MINISTRY IN A TECHNOLOGICAL AGE**

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**Wipf and Stock Publishers** Living system ministry is an approach to Christian ministry in the Western world that recognizes the differences between cats, the world God created, and toasters, the world we create using our technology and our capacities, limited as they are. The church is the Body of Christ, a living system. Neighborhoods, cities, and cultures, too, are complex and interrelated living social systems. Why, then, would we try to do God's work in a church or social system using tools and methods designed for non-living systems? We do it because our culture is very organizationally - and technologically - centered. We have grown accustomed to thinking of our social contexts not as living systems, but as things we can easily measure and control. Embracing both perspective and procedure, Living System Ministry is about doing better ministry by seeing a better picture of what exists in the total system. Like farmers, rather than technicians, we learn to be involved in and to be "in tune with" what causes fruitfulness. We never cause fruit to happen. God does! But as our work becomes better aligned with what God is already doing in his complex, living-system environment, there is an explosion of life. We discover the fruit that remains. Writing from his forty-five years of experience as an urban ministry practitioner in Boston, Dr. Doug Hall introduces us to an approach to missions that recognizes the lead role of God's larger, living social systems as powerful engines for doing far more in our world than we can even begin to imagine.

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## **TRANSFORMING DISCIPLES**

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**Church Publishing, Inc.** Make the transition from consumer religion to participatory faith by building congregational relationships that nourish people spiritually and empower them to risk living, worshipping, learning, and serving God and each other in new and enlivening ways.

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## **PRACTICING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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## **AN INTRODUCTION FOR MINISTRY**

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**Baker Academic** This accessible introduction to the broad scope of Christian education focuses on its practice in the local church. Two leading experts argue that Christian education encompasses all of the intentional practices of the local church, including worship, mission, sacraments, and teaching. They explore Christian education not only as a field of study but as a vital congregational ministry, showing how congregations can engage in discipleship and formation

for spiritual growth. The book features exercises and other pedagogical devices and includes reflection questions and suggestions for further reading.

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## **MEMORIES, HOPES, AND CONVERSATIONS**

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### **APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY AND CONGREGATIONAL CHANGE**

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Rowman & Littlefield A second edition of *Memories, Hopes, and Conversations* is now available! With helpful updates throughout, the new edition features five new chapters on Appreciative Inquiry applied in real congregations. When First Presbyterian Church in Altadena, California, was asked to provide a mission study report for its pastor nominating committee, the congregation was afraid they would find themselves engaging in busy work and producing a report that would wind up in a file gathering dust. They then asked professor Mark Lau Branson to consult with them on writing this report. He invited them to join in a process of Appreciative Inquiry--a transformational organization change process--which resulted in a major shift in congregational conversations and a new sense of hope. *Memories, Hopes, and Conversations* recounts the experience of First Presbyterian and outlines a process that any congregation can utilize to harness the energies of the congregation at all levels of its common life. Branson first leads readers through the foundations of Appreciative Inquiry and bravely explores biblical texts for understanding the practice in a faith context. He then outlines and illustrates a four-step process--Initiate, Inquire, Imagine, Innovate--that creatively employs constructive conversations and questions to evoke storytelling and spur imaginations. Branson persuasively demonstrates how concentrating on needs and problems can mire a congregation in discouragement and distract it from noticing innate strengths. By focusing on memories of the congregation at its best, members are able to construct "provocative proposals" to help shape the church's future. Grounded in solid theory and real-life practice, *Memories, Hopes, and Conversations* is a groundbreaking work of narrative leadership and the first book to apply the principles of Appreciative Inquiry to the lives of congregations.

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## **THE POWER OF ASSET MAPPING**

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### **HOW YOUR CONGREGATION CAN ACT ON ITS GIFTS**

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Rowman & Littlefield Asset mapping isn't a new system or theory. It's a way of thinking, a doorway into an "open-sum" perspective rooted in the Bible and common experience. *The Power of Asset Mapping*, by long-time community

developer Luther K. Snow, shows congregational leaders how to help a group recognize its assets and the abundance of God's gifts and to act on them in ministry and mission. Congregations will find the book easy to read and immediately useful. Leaders can begin with the tested Quick and Simple Asset Mapping Experience to strengthen and inspire any group in the congregation in as little as an hour. Further tips, techniques, stories, and lessons drawn from the experience of diverse congregations will help readers discover how asset mapping works. Finally, Snow provides lessons about why asset mapping strengthens faith and community.

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## **THE SHAPING OF THINGS TO COME**

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### **INNOVATION AND MISSION FOR THE 21ST-CENTURY CHURCH**

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Baker Books In a time when the need for and the relevance of the Gospel has seldom been greater, the relevance of the church has seldom been less. *The Shaping of Things to Come* explores why the church needs to rebuild itself from the bottom up. Frost and Hirsch present a clear understanding of how the church can change to face the unique challenges of the twenty-first century. This missional classic has been thoroughly revised and updated.

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## **THE LEARNING CONGREGATION**

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### **A NEW VISION OF LEADERSHIP**

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Westminster John Knox Press Congregations today face an adaptive challenge of immense proportions. Many respond with classic signs of work avoidance: holding to past assumptions and blaming authority. Thomas Hawkins's new vision of church leadership can provide a way to break through these defensive routines. *The Learning Congregation* is a must read for all pastors and church leaders.

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## **TEACHING FOR A CULTURALLY DIVERSE AND RACIALLY JUST WORLD**

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Wipf and Stock Publishers Cultural and ethnic diversity is the reality of our world, and much more so in this age of heightened globalization. Yet, do our ways of doing theological education match with our current reality and hopes for a colorful and just tomorrow? How shall we do theological formation so it helps give birth to a culturally diverse, racially just, and hospitable world? This edited volume gathers the voices of minoritized scholars and their white allies in the profession in response to the above questions. More particularly, this volume gathers the responses of these

**scholars to the questions: What is the plight of theological education? Who are the teachers? Who are our students? What shall we teach? How shall we teach? How shall we form and lead theological institutions? It is the hope of this volume to contribute to the making of theological education that is hospitably just to difference/s and welcoming of our diverse population, which is our only viable future. When we embody this vision in our daily educational practices, particularly in the training of our future religious leaders, we may help usher in a new, colorful, and just world.**

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## **THE LIVING CHURCH**

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### **TEACHING THE FAITH, FORMING THE FAITHFUL**

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#### **A BIBLICAL VISION FOR EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH**

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**InterVarsity Press With the decline of traditional Sunday school and education programs in recent years, many Christians have not learned the fundamental doctrinal content of the faith. In this text Gary Parrett and Steve Kang set forth a thoroughly biblical vision for intentional teaching of the Christian faith that attends to both the content and process of educational and formational ministries.**

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## **DYNAMIC ADVENTURE**

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### **A GUIDE TO STARTING AND SHAPING MISSIONAL CHURCHES**

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**Starting and shaping a missional expression of church is a wild and unpredictable adventure. There are no maps for where you're going. You need an experienced guide. Dynamic Adventure is a guide for your team's journey into the strange and unfamiliar territory of starting or shaping a missional expression of church. It's filled with real-life stories from the field and over fifty practical exercises to guide you as you learn and apply to your unique context the six dynamics of Communitas International's approach to missional church planting: Embed, Initiate, Practice, Mature, Hub, and Extend. Whether you are just setting out or have journeyed for many years, Dynamic Adventure is an invaluable tool to help you engage your surroundings, mature as a faith community, and deepen your Kingdom impact. Dynamic Adventure is not a textbook, it's a workbook designed to promote action! It's a unique resource specifically designed to help groups of people start and shape a missional expression church: informal groups of "dreamers" seeking to impact in their city missional communities church planting teams leadership teams or boards of established churches pastoral**

education groups academic programs study groups for missional pioneers No matter the size or nature of your group, Dynamic Adventure provides the framework for you to interact, imagine, and implement a missional approach to being church together.

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## **SHAPING SPIRITUAL LEADERS**

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### **SUPERVISION AND FORMATION IN CONGREGATIONS**

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Rowman & Littlefield Supervision--the shaping of spiritual leaders--occurs formally and informally in many aspects of congregational life. Every year, thousands of pastors supervise field education students and interns; staff members and lay leaders often supervise committee members or other staff; clergy and lay leaders supervise each other as a way to offer support and establish accountability. While supervision enhances the work of all concerned, it is rarely explicitly addressed in congregations. For over fifteen years, Abigail Johnson has supervised and trained others to supervise candidates for ordination within the United Church of Canada. Recognizing that supervision is as important in the formation of lay leaders as in the life of candidates for ordination, she has developed this book to guide all who supervise others in a congregation. Johnson views supervision as a ministry and shows how leaders can use their own innate gifts to enhance their supervision skills. By shaping the supervision relationship based on the gifts of the people involved as well as the context in which the relationship occurs, supervision can become an opportunity for mutual growth and learning that strengthens all other areas of ministry. This book provides a hands-on approach to supervision, addressing key areas such as identifying a learning focus, covenanting, managing conflict, understanding and using power and authority, offering and receiving feedback and evaluation, and celebrating and ending the supervisory relationship. Supervisors who pay attention to these and other key areas will help those they supervise develop their gifts for ministry in all forms.

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## **SHAPE UP**

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### **STRATEGIES FOR HEALTH AWARENESS THROUGH PREACHING AND EMPOWERMENT**

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AuthorHouse Shape UP: Strategies for Health Awareness Through Preaching and Empowerment by Dr. Michael Thomas Scott, Sr. is a must read for Pastors, Preachers, Health Educators and Community Leaders of all churches and denominations. There is a tremendous need for health awareness through preaching within the African-American

community because many African- Americans continue to make bad choices that often lead to disease and infirmity. Preaching has always been and always will be the catalyst to motivate people and the source of inspiration to inspire people to continue to move forward when their progress has been impeded or stopped because of some opposing opposition. Health Awareness Ministry is an application of the hands on approach. This insightful book is a practical resource tool for the implementation of an effective Health Awareness Ministry for the local church.

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### **CATALOG OF COPYRIGHT ENTRIES. THIRD SERIES**

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#### **1962: JULY-DECEMBER**

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### **THE COMMERCIAL CHURCH**

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#### **BLACK CHURCHES AND THE NEW RELIGIOUS MARKETPLACE IN AMERICA**

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Lexington Books This book provides an accessible exploration of religious education and theology in the historic black church. The book then looks at two mega churches to determine their ecclesial structure and whether they are continuing the legacy and what the implications of their breach is for the US religious landscape.

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### **BREAKTHROUGH TO CREATIVE CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES OF FAITH**

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iUniverse It is possible for Communities of Faith to break through to creative change-if they are willing to learn how to get differences working together without a war. Proven practical tools that effect organizational rejuvenation, and a roadmap of change keeps congregations moving together in the same direction. Author John E. Piper explores issues such as: How to recognize controlling self-interests How to identify hidden decision-makers Church Chess-the win-lose turf game that everyone loses Creating a complementary team where everyone wins Learning to drive safely on the open roadmap of change Most change efforts center on either people, processes, or structure. These tools bond together the varying perceptions, styles and interests, so that a congregation can get its organizational act together and maintain its integrity through future crises. In this way, congregations can shape change before it pushes them out of shape.

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## **PARISH AS LEARNING COMMUNITY**

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## **MODELING FOR PARISH AND ADULT GROWTH**

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## **NEW MONASTICISM AS FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH**

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Canterbury Press This title explores the emergence of monastic spirituality - not just as a resource for personal formation, but for building fresh expressions of church. Leaders of traditional religious communities and emerging 'new monastic' communities tell their stories, reflecting on how an ancient expression of being church is inspiring and shaping a new one

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## **THE CHURCH AS MOVEMENT**

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## **STARTING AND SUSTAINING MISSIONAL-INCARNATIONAL COMMUNITIES**

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InterVarsity Press JR Woodward and Dan White Jr. have trained church planters all over North America. In this interactive field manual, they help you and your team gain eight key competencies crucial for church planting so that you can create churches that flourish and launch their own sustainable missional and incarnational congregations.

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## **SCATTERED AND GATHERED**

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## **EQUIPPING DISCIPLES FOR THE FRONTLINE**

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Inter-Varsity Press How can the local church empower people to live faithfully and fruitfully for Christ in their Monday-to-Saturday lives? How can what happens on Sundays and in midweek groups equip and sustain God's people for the opportunities and challenges that present themselves in the places where they are each day? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? What sort of churches grow these sort of disciples? What sort of leaders serve these sort of churches? These are challenges that LICC (London Institute of Contemporary Christianity) have been successfully helping churches address with training events, resources and tools. Scattered and Gathered is the follow-up book to Imagine Church (2012). This new book will enable church leaders to grow churches that help people know what it means to serve the purposes of God on their front-lines. It's a book that is based on the latest of LICC's thinking and methods of supporting churches with their practice of ministry. Each chapter will help church leaders to move past

good intentions into knowing how the practices of their church will lead to the development of confident front-line-focused disciples. Providing a resource that leaders can use with wider church leadership teams, small group leaders and pastoral workers. It will ensure that local churches are able to keep the contexts of their church communities central to their mission planning and practice. *Scattered and Gathered* offers a clear vision of what it means to be the people of God, guides in reflecting on the shape and culture of church life, and then explores what that means for the leadership styles and expectations of those who have that responsibility. This is a book that will further develop the conversation about churches being communities that shape us for our scattered living.

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## **TRAVELING TOGETHER**

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### **A GUIDE FOR DISCIPLE-FORMING CONGREGATIONS**

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Rowman & Littlefield Anyone concerned for the life and ministry of the church, who has a sense that things are not what they might be, and who is seeking a new understanding of congregational life and mission will find hope and help in the pages of this book. Jeff Jones takes his readers on a journey, providing a guidebook that maps out the factors facing congregations in this postmodern, post-Christendom world. With the heart of a pastor, Jones shows congregational leaders how to embrace the best parts of their church's rich heritage and reclaim it for a new day.

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## **CHURCH IN LIFE**

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SCM Press Taking account of the significant developments in practice and thinking around the emerging church, this book will quickly establish itself as a key text for all interested in pioneer ministry, fresh expressions, church planting, church growth and ecclesiology.

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## **THE CHURCH IN THE PUBLIC**

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### **A POLITICS OF ENGAGEMENT FOR A CRUEL AND INDIFFERENT AGE**

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Fortress Press How should the church relate to the public sphere? The body politic? The state? The economic order? The natural world? For too many Christians and churches, being "in the world but not of it" has resulted in either a theocratic impulse to seize the reins of secular power or a quietistic retreat from the world and its material concerns. *The Church in the Public* shows how this dualism has corrupted the church's social witness and allowed neoliberal and

neocolonial ideas to assert control of public and political life. Dualism has rendered the church not only indifferent to but also complicitous with the state's bio- and power-politics. Because of this outdated framework of the church's political theology, the church has been reluctant to engage in challenging structural and systemic injustice in this world. But rather than counseling despair or making a case for Christendom, Ilsup Ahn argues for a public church, one that collaborates and cooperates with other public actors and entities in the promotion of a just social order. The book traces this "third way" back to the apostolic age and offers practical approaches for enacting it today. Central to this vision is the analogy of the rhizome--that strange, unique form of life that lives underground, grows horizontally, and is capable of regeneration. The Church in the Public draws on this image to develop a political theology for engaging the world, identifying with the oppressed, and binding up the broken.

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### **LEADING CONGREGATIONAL CHANGE: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY SET (INCLUDES THE TEXT AND WORKBOOK)**

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Jossey-Bass A Leadership Network Publication With this much-needed handbook, the authors brilliantly combine their experience guiding dozens of churches through the change process with both the study of Christian disciplines and the sophisticated understanding of such important business thinkers as John Kotter on leading change and Peter Senge on learning organizations. In this eminently readable book the authors have distilled their insights and practices into simple but powerful concepts for leading congregations, whether long established or recently formed, through profound change. Leaders using this guide will also be interested in the companion Leading Congregational Change Workbook, which offers assessment questions, planning worksheets, activities, and case examples for each stage of the process.

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### **IN ACADEMIA FOR THE CHURCH**

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#### **EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES**

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Langham Monographs Tension between theory and practice in theological education is an unfortunate yet common occurrence, with educators sometimes finding themselves on one extreme or the other. Some academics can be so immersed in high-level theological discourse that they hardly interact with the main questions of the average church-goer, while others are so keen to be engaging and relevant they fail to be rigorous in their scholarship. Regardless of the reasons the results are the same - failure to present the good news with a powerful, credible voice. To address this

tension between academia and the church, a group of Eastern European theologians came together in the spring of 2013 in Berekfüdő, Hungary. This publication is a collection of 10 edited papers presented at that conference. While topics are addressed from a European context the principles behind them are far-reaching, providing important insight for the global church and academy alike.

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### **CASES ON EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTATION FOR FACILITATING LEARNING**

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IGI Global With constant explorative research on educational technologies, it remains important to have a detailed understanding of the implementation of these innovations. Cases on Educational Technology Implementation for Facilitating Learning blends together vital research and advancements on educational technologies into one comprehensive collection; while structuring the information to make it accessible for implementation into the classroom. Academics, professors, and educators will find this casebook especially useful for integrating new aspects of technology into their programs.

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### **THE SHAPE OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

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### **EMPOWERING MINISTRY WITH THEOLOGICAL PRAXIS**

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InterVarsity Press Ray S. Anderson lays out a new and renewing theological foundation for engaging in Christian ministry. Illuminated by discussion and case studies, he shows how a biblically informed approach addresses real issues in Christ's power.

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### **POSTMODERNISM 101**

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### **A FIRST COURSE FOR THE CURIOUS CHRISTIAN**

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Brazos Press An accessible introduction to the ideas of postmodernism and postmodernism's relationship to Christianity.

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### **DIGITAL MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S CHURCH**

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Liturgical Press Digital Ministry and Leadership in Today's Church is designed for pastors and parish leaders who wish

to initiate or enhance their use of digital tools and methods to further their mission and ministries. No matter your level of confidence, comfort, and competency in digital ministry, you will find ideas, strategies, and next steps for you and for your church community. **Digital Ministry and Leadership in Today's Church** provides concrete ways to create and foster digitally integrated ministry and faith formation, extending the ministry of the local church into online spaces and communities where more and more people gather to nurture, explore, and share their faith today. **Digital Ministry and Leadership in Today's Church** was created by a team of experienced leaders who bring years of experience in utilizing digital tools, methods, and media in church life and especially faith formation. Margaret Babcock brings a special focus and experience in curation and website development for a Catholic diocese. Deanna G. Bartalini is a parish minister and writes about how to use technology to spread the Gospel. Claudia McIvor is the cofounder of Digital Discipleship Boot Camp. Bill Miller brings decades of experience in faith formation at the local and national levels and is an author and spiritual director. John Roberto is an author, teacher, and founder of Lifelong Faith Associates, and he has over a decade of experience in applying digital tools, methods, and media in lifelong faith formation. Tim Welch is an author and has served as the specialist in educational media/technology for a Catholic diocese.

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## **WIDE WELCOME**

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### **HOW THE UNSETTLING PRESENCE OF NEWCOMERS CAN SAVE THE CHURCH**

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Fortress Press While most churches offer 'new member classes' and genuinely seek to welcome visitors, too often the end result is a rush to assimilate the newcomer into formal membership and all of the invitations to participation in committees, choirs, or fellowship groups that go along with it. In **Wide Welcome**, Jessicah Krey Duckworth presents the stark differences between the established congregation, which cares for current members and congregational identity, and the disestablished one, intentionally equipped to facilitate the encounter between new and established members. The disestablished congregations, she says, gains purpose and identity in the task of relating to the newcomer, and by doing so engages the world in powerful new ways. By intentionally extending the time of newcomer inquiry and allowing their questions, insights, and experiences to reverberate through the entire congregation both they and the church are changed.

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## **ENGAGING TECHNOLOGY IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION**

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### **ALL THAT WE CAN'T LEAVE BEHIND**

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**Rowman & Littlefield** We live in a media culture, surrounded by ever-evolving digital technologies. While state schools and secular organizations have embraced the new teaching tools and models for learning that technology affords, religious institutions have struggled with how and why to do the same. **All that we can't leave behind: Engaging technology in theological education** is a breakthrough book that invites religious educators to both engage and adapt their pedagogy to incorporate new media and technology. Drawing from her expertise as a seminary professor and consultant to religious institutions on the use of technology in teaching, Mary Hess invites professors, pastors, seminarians, and anyone interested in religious education into critical reflection on ways of engaging technology to enhance learning and serve as critical interpreters within communities of faith.

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## **PLANNING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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### **A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR YOUR CONGREGATION**

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### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE EMERGING CHURCH**

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### **POSTMODERN FAITH FORMATION**

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**Wipf and Stock Publishers** All signs point to Christian education having lost its theological location and prominence in the life of the Western Protestant church. The Emerging Church movement, as an intentionally postmodern approach to ministry in the contemporary context, may, however, offer insights to reinterpret Christian education. This significant movement in today's church gives Christian education a new interpretive framework that is theologically located at an intersection of doxology and doctrine. In her examination of postmodern faith formation, Wendi Sargeant explores the importance of the Christian worshipping community as the most appropriate setting for Christian education. Practitioners and students will benefit from the ready-to-use teaching and learning matrix, and all those with interest in the formation of faith in themselves and others will draw much from the way Sargeant situates worship as the basis for enhancing Christian formation and ethos.

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**TRANSFORMING CONFLICT**

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**THE BLESSINGS OF CONGREGATIONAL TURMOIL**

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**Rowman & Littlefield** With more than three decades of ministry and conflict resolution research, Rev. Dr. Terasa Cooley embraces conflict as an opportunity for growth within church congregations. Exploring the neuroscience and psychology of conflict, Cooley reveals new response patterns and includes exercises and discussion questions for individuals or group seminars.