
Evangelism/Church Growth web catalog

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CONGREGATIONAL FITNESS

HEALTHY PRACTICES FOR LAYFOLK

Goodman, Denise W.

Alban Institute, 2000

BOOK

When serious conflict surfaces in a congregation, lay people are usually stunned. They feel frightened, angry, and helpless. This resource explores why congregations are prone to conflict and describes healthy habits lay people can develop to handle conflict constructively. Designed for use by individuals, study groups, and retreat participants.

CONGREGATIONAL MEGATRENDS

Woods, C. Jeff

The Alban Institute

BOOK

The key to the future will be to cast the exact same gospel content in a mold that people in today's world will view with interest--enough interest to explore the content. Congregations need to understand how seven key megatrends affect them--in evangelism, discipleship, ministry, spirituality, leadership, programming, and planning.

CONNECTIONAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

A PRESBYTERY HANDBOOK FOR CREATING NEW CHURCHES

Denison, Chuck

New Church Development, PCUSA, 2005

BOOK

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DON'T INVITE THEM TO CHURCH

Wilk, Karen

Faith Alive, 2010

BOOK

Loving your neighbors isn't about getting them to join you on Sundays. It's about living your faith right where you are and being the church to the people around you. This flexible guidebook will help you, your small group, or your church get started in neighborhood ministry and missional living. It includes ideas for group meetings, practices to help you develop a better spiritual life, and real-life ideas for reaching out to your neighborhood.

EFFECTIVE CHURCH GROWTH STRATEGIES

Getz, Gene and Joe Wall

Word Publishing, 2000

BOOK

The authors offer a fresh, new understanding of what constitutes a healthy, growing church. They suggest that our Lord does not ask how big our local church is or how much we contribute to our denomination. He does want to know how we invest our lives, our gifts and talents, and our wealth in the numerical growth of His church and in the spiritual growth of His kingdom citizens. Appendices include models and sample documentation for healthy church plants.

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GATHERING THOSE DRIVEN AWAY A THEOLOGY OF INCARNATION					
	Farley, Wendy		Westminster John Knox Press, 2011	BOOK	Wendy Farley presents a powerful expression of Jesus Christ as experienced by those who are marginalized and persecuted in contemporary society. Drawing on broader theological sources, Farley compellingly argues that the doctrine of the Incarnation is the basis for a radical inclusivity and defense of the preciousness of all human beings, especially those the church marginalizes.
HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLES CONGREGATIONS BUILDING MULTIRACIAL COMMUNITY					
	Kujawa-Holbrook, Sheryl A.		The Alban Institute, 2002	BOOK	The author explores the visions, probes the struggles, and celebrates the efforts of congregations in very different settings to move beyond racism. She challenges racism in the church with a gospel vision for multicultural community, offers leaders wise counsel, and provides congregations with helpful resources for living into that vision.
INVITING CHURCH A STUDY OF NEW MEMBER ASSIMILATION					
	Oswald, Roy M. and Speed B. Leas		The Alban Institute, Inc.	BOOK	A study of new member assimilation in family, pastoral, program churches. What happens to people as they discover, explore, and then join a local congregation. What newcomers say happened as they moved into a congregation and suggestions on how to assist newcomers in a congregation.
JUST HOSPITALITY: GOD'S WELCOME IN A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE					
	Russell, Letty M.		Westminster John Knox Press, 2009	BOOK	In this book, theologian Letty Russell redefines the commonly held notion of hospitality as she challenges her readers to consider what it means to welcome the stranger. In doing so, she implores persons of faith to join the struggles for justice. Rather than an act of limited, charitable welcome, Russell maintains that true hospitality is a process that requires partnership with the "other" in our divided world. The goal is "just hospitality," that is, hospitality with justice.
LIVING THE VISION: A FAITH ESTABLISHED A GOVERNOR					
	Scott, Robert W.		Evangelism & Church Development, GAC, 2001	PAMPHLET	Living the Vision Series. Published by Mission Interpretation & Promotion for Evangelism & Church Development Ministries of GAC. Eighth in a series, this booklet written by a former governor of North Carolina, shares his story of how he lives out his faith in light of his work as governor and in his life today.
LIVING THE VISION: BECOMING A MULTI-CULTURAL CHURCH					
	National Ministries Division		PCUSA, 2004	DVD	Living the Vision Series. Copy 2. See also booklet/study guide of same title.
LIVING THE VISION: BECOMING A MULTI-CULTURAL CHURCH					
	Parker, Sarah and Raafat Girgis		PCUSA, 2004	PAMPHLET	Living the Vision Series. There is a hunger for information on evangelism and church growth. This booklet will help the denomination with information to meet the challenge of reaching the unchurched and minister to many different racial and ethnic groups in the next millennium. See also DVD of same title.

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LIVING THE VISION: DEVELOPING STRATEGIES AND GUIDELINES FOR KOREAN NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Kim, Sun Bai	General Assembly Council, 2000	PAMPHLET
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Living the Vision Series. From Evangelism & Church Development, this helpful booklet outlines not only the need for active Korean American evangelism, but ministry to the entire community in the United States, both first-generation Korean Americans who may be unchurched and second-generation Korean Americans looking for an English-speaking church.

LIVING THE VISION: HEALTH, VITALITY, AND GROWTH IN AFRICAN AMERICAN CONGREGATIONS

Black Congregational Enhancement Office	National Ministries Division, PCUSA	PAMPHLET
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Living the Vision Series: This resource will help motivate leaders of African American congregations to develop a vision and plan for growth; encourage leaders to make a deeper commitment to spiritual growth for the church & encourage the use of resources to help in the visioning and planning process. From the Black Congregational Enhancement Office of the Racial Ethnic Ministries Program Area, National Ministries Division, PCUSA.

LIVING THE VISION: NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Snedeker-Meier, Susan	Evangelism & Church Development, PCUSA,	PAMPHLET
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Living the Vision Series: New Church Development (NCD) is one of the riskiest tasks our denomination, a presbytery, a pastor or any individual can undertake. Those who accept the task of overseeing the start of a new church will find this pamphlet and its guidelines helpful. It is designed to introduce the visions, values, convictions and concerns in the development of new worshiping congregations in the 21st century.

LIVING THE VISION: PREPARING MEMBERS FOR EVANGELISM

Potter, Rosalie	PCUSA	PAMPHLET
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Living the Vision Series. Evangelism may require a shift from the Gospel being shared with those just like us to being shared among all people and all cultures. Contains three sample evangelism sessions.

LIVING THE VISION: RURAL MINISTRY: CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Stephen, Diana A.	General Assembly Council, 2000	PAMPHLET
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Living the Vision Series. Published by Mission Interpretation & Promotion for Evangelism & Church Development Ministries of GAC. Today rural communities are experiencing tremendous change and congregations are called to explore new ways to minister to the people in their community and region. This booklet is designed to help rural congregations and the governing bodies that resource them.

LIVING THE VISION: SMALL CHURCH MINISTRY

Stephen, Diana A.	Evangelism & Church Development, PCUSA,	PAMPHLET
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Living the Vision Series: Many small churches (average worship attendance of under 100) are healthy and engaged in vital ministry, with regularly scheduled assessment of the church's vision and true plans for ministry, while others need to revitalize the ministry and mission. This booklet will attempt to describe aspects of congregational life that lead to health and vitality.

LIVING THE VISION: WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR GIFTS

Marks, Amal & Antonio J. Aja	Evangelism & Church Development, PCUSA, 2000	PAMPHLET
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Living the Vision Series: This booklet is designed to help presbyteries and congregations reach out to new immigrants living in their communities and to welcome them with the love of Jesus Christ.

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NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT GUIDE: A VISION-BASED STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPING NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENTS (NCDs)

Wood, H. Stanley
 New Church Development, PCUSA, 2002
 BOOK
 This guide outlines five stages in developing and implementing the vision for New Church Development.

NOOMA: BREATHE

Bell, Rob
 Zondervan
 DVD

With everything that we've got going on every day, how many of us ever think about our breathing, about the meaning of breathing? Yet, for thousands of years, people have understood that our physical breath is a picture of a deeper spiritual reality. In the Bible, the word for "breath" is the same as the word for "spirit." There's an inherent dilemma at the core of what makes us human. We've all been created in the image of God and possess immense power and strength. And at the same time our lives are incredibly vulnerable and fragile. Maybe if we had more insight into the meaning of breathing, we would better understand how God created us as human beings.

NOOMA: BULLHORN

Bell, Rob
 Zondervan
 DVD

God loves everyone, so a Christian should, too. In fact, Jesus said that the most important thing in life is to love God with everything we've got and love others the same way. But it's not always easy to love everyone around us, is it? Sometimes we strongly disagree with other people's political views, religious beliefs, behaviors, or something else, and it makes it hard to love them when we feel like we're right and they're very wrong. But Jesus doesn't separate loving God and loving others. So maybe the best way for us to show our love for God is actually by loving other people no matter how hard it sometimes is. Maybe it's the only way.

NOOMA: CORNER

Bell, Rob
 Zondervan, 2009
 DVD

Can success separate us from those who could use our help? Can it create a wall between those with and those without? Maybe we are only really successful when we can actually see who could use our help. And maybe when we give to those we see, we are reminded of what we have been given.

NOOMA: DUST

Bell, Rob
 Zondervan
 DVD

Believing in God is important, but what about God believing in us? Believing that we can actually be the kind of people we were meant to be. People of love, compassion, peace, forgiveness, and hope. People who try to do the right thing all of the time. Who act on the endless opportunities around us every day for good, beauty, and truth. It's easy for us to sometimes get down on ourselves. To feel "not good enough" or feel like we don't have what it takes. But maybe if we had more insight into the culture that Jesus grew up in and some of the radical things he did, we'd understand the faith that God has in all of us.

NOOMA: FLAME

Bell, Rob
 Zondervan
 DVD

love those shoes. Really? The same way I love my wife? What's up with the word "love"? It doesn't have much meaning when we use it so loosely. Maybe we don't really get it. Maybe we don't understand what real love is. What it involves to really love somebody. What it means to give yourself to someone else. We mistake things like friendship, commitment, or lust for love, but God wired us a certain way to experience all that love was really meant to be. Not to hold us back or to make us miss out on the best that life has to offer. God created love, and wants us to feel it all in the way it's meant to be felt.

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NOOMA: KICKBALL

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

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We always think we know what's missing from our lives in order to really make us happy, don't we? If only I had that car, or that job, or if only I could lose those 15 lbs, then I'd be happy. Really? How often do we want something only to find out that it wasn't that great after all? Sometimes we ask God for things and if he doesn't deliver right away, we start questioning whether God really understands or even cares. Do we really trust God? Do we trust that God is good and sees a bigger picture than we ever could? It's easy to want what's right in front of us, but maybe God knows what's better for us, and sometimes we just can't see it.

NOOMA: LUGGAGE

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

Maybe a friend turned their back on you. Maybe someone you loved betrayed you. We all have wounds and we end up carrying around these things that people have done to us for weeks, months, and sometimes even years. It isn't always easy to forgive these people and after a while these hurts can get really heavy. So the only way to feel better seems to be somehow getting back at the people that hurt us, to get revenge. But does revenge ever truly satisfy? Maybe forgiving isn't something you do for someone else to let them off the hook. Maybe forgiveness is about you. God didn't create you to carry these wounds around. God created you to be free.

NOOMA: LUMP

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

A lot of us have done things in our lives that we're ashamed of. Some are small things, and some of us have really big and devastating things. Some of us even have things that people close to us don't know about. Personal junk that we keep to ourselves so we don't have to deal with it. Because we don't know how to deal with it, do we? We're afraid that if we try it's just going to make everything worse. But no matter how big our junk is, no matter how much what we've done has impacted the way other people feel about us or how we feel about ourselves, it hasn't changed how God feels about us. God loves us, he always has and always will, and there's nothing we can do to change that.

NOOMA: MATTHEW

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

Suffering the loss of someone we love can be the most difficult thing in life to deal with. One moment we have them and the next they're gone. What are we supposed to do? How are we supposed to feel? The truth is, there's no certain way we're "supposed" to feel. Whatever we're feeling, it's okay. It's okay to feel shock, anger, denial or whatever we may feel. It's okay. And if we don't feel anything at all, that's okay too. It's okay to have no answers and no explanations. Because sometimes all the reasoning and comforting words in the world just isn't what we need. What might help us however is to understand how Jesus dealt with this kind of loss.

NOOMA: NAME

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

We all compare ourselves to others. We spend our lives wondering what others think and say about us. Some of us even wish we were someone else. We question why we are the way we are and not the way we wish we could be. Some of us have let the expectations of others dictate who we've become. We act a certain way to be accepted but know that we're being untrue. But why are we so concerned with what other people think, say, or look like? What does it say about us if we are unable to accept who we are? Maybe if we really knew our true selves, we wouldn't give so much attention to other peoples' lives and live more in tune with the life God wants for us.

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NOOMA: NOISE

Bell, Rob

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Why is silence so hard to deal with? Why is it so much easier for us to live our lives with a lot of things going on all the time than to just be in silence? We're constantly surrounded with "voices" that are influencing us on how to think, feel, and behave. Movies, music, TV, Internet, cell phones, and a never-ending barrage of advertising. There's always something going on. Always noise in our lives. But maybe there's a connection between the amount of noise in our lives and our inability to hear God. If God sometimes feels distant to us, maybe it's not because he's not talking to us, but simply because we aren't really listening.

NOOMA: OPEN

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

Many of us have experienced situations where we've prayed and it felt like God wasn't listening. And yet other times we've prayed or known someone that prayed and the situation changed. Does God answer prayer? Sometimes, but not all the time? Or does God always answer prayer and it's just that sometimes God says no? Some of us are angry with God for not answering the prayers we've prayed for years. Why did he answer their prayer but not ours? What if there's more to prayer than just God listening and answering? Maybe if we understood how Jesus prayed, our concepts and expectations of prayer would change.

NOOMA: RAIN

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

Things don't always work out the way we want them to, or the way we think they will. Sometimes we don't even see it coming. We get hit with some form of pain out of nowhere leaving us feeling desperate and helpless. That's the way life is. Still, it makes us wonder how God can let these things happen to us. How God can just stand by and watch us suffer. Where is God when it really hurts? Maybe God is actually closer to us than we think. Maybe it's when we're in these situations, where everything seems to be falling apart, that God gets an opportunity to remind us of how much he really loves us.

NOOMA: RHYTHM

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

What does it mean to have a relationship with God? What does it look like? For a lot of us it's a hard thing to fully understand. If God is an infinite spirit with no shape or form, how can we possibly relate to that? And what about Jesus? He said he came to give everyone life in its fullest. He came to show us how to live. Maybe it's through trusting Jesus and living the kind of life he taught us to live – a life of truth, love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, and sacrifice – that we have a relationship with God. Maybe the way we live every day, every single choice we make, determines how in tune with God we are.

NOOMA: RICH

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

There's a popular bumper sticker that reads "God Bless America," but hasn't America already been blessed? It's easy for us to fall into a mindset of viewing "our" world as "the" world, because it's all we generally see. We're constantly bombarded with images of the latest styles and models of everything, and it can easily leave us feeling like what we have isn't enough because we see people that have even more than us. But how does what we have compare to what most people in the world have? Maybe what we have is enough; maybe it's more than enough. Maybe God has blessed us with everything we have so we can bless and give to others.

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NOOMA: SHE

Bell, Rob

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We didn't have anything to do with our birth. We are all here because some woman somewhere gave us life. Her pain, her effort, for our life. And when a mother gives like that to a child, she is showing us what God is like. But sometimes this part of God's nature is overlooked. A lot of us are comfortable with male imagery for God. But what about female imagery for God? Is God limited to a gender? Or does God transcend and yet include what we know as male and female? Maybe if we were more aware of the feminine imagery for God we would have a better understanding of who God is and what God is like.

NOOMA: SHELLS

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

Do you often find yourself saying, "I'm so busy" or "I just have so much to do"? It's easy to get overwhelmed with appointments, gatherings, to-do lists. But what are we really doing with our time? Many of us are running from place to place and it seems like life is just passing us by. We're doing so many things, a little bit of everything, and yet it doesn't feel like much of a life. But most of us find it hard to say no. We feel obligated. There are so many good things to do. So many good causes to join. But while we're busy doing all these good things, are we missing out on something great? Maybe saying no would be easier if we knew what it meant to say yes.

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NOOMA: STORE

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

We all get angry about things from time to time – some of us more often than others. For some of us, it feels like we're constantly on the brink of losing it, where it doesn't take much to get angry about anything. And this kind of anger can be seen everywhere we go – at work, in traffic, at the store, at home. But what is really at its the root? Anger is often looked at as a bad thing, but are there things actually worth getting angry about? Maybe if we had a better understanding of our anger and where it comes from, we could learn how to channel it towards something constructive – something that's bigger than ourselves.

NOOMA: SUNDAY

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

Why do we do the things we do? Why do we go to church or give money away? Because we're supposed to or because we think God needs it? Do we honestly put on our best clothes for an hour once a week, stand and sit at all the right times, and sing all the appropriate songs for God's sake, or because it'll make us look better to the world around us? We're tired of all the empty rituals and routines. And so is God. God hates it when we call ourselves Christians but ignore all the things he really cares about. He hates it when we go through hollow religious routines out of some feeling of duty or obligation. God doesn't want the meaningless rituals. God wants our hearts.

NOOMA: TODAY

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

How much time and energy do we spend wishing things were how they used to be? We often think about times in our past when things were different and want our lives to be like that again. Some of us have even come to believe that our best days may actually be behind us. But if we're in some way hung up on the past, what does that mean for our lives now? How are we and those around us affected if we're not fully present? If we're longing for the way things used to be, what does that really say about our understanding and appreciation of our lives today? Maybe we need to learn to embrace our past for what it is, in order to live our lives to the fullest, right here, right now.

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NOOMA: TOMATO

Bell, Rob

Zondervan, 2008

DVD

Most of us grew up believing that our worth, our value, our acceptance comes from how good we are. How smart, how competent, how fast and better and skilled. But Jesus invites us to die to all of that so that we can really live.

NOOMA: TREES

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

We want to know why we are here. If our lives really matter. How our religion is relevant to this life. Today. We want to understand what significance this minute, hour, week, month, and year has to our lives. To our world. We need a God who cares about this life, in this world, right now. We want to understand why everything we think, everything we say, and everything we do matters. We don't want to just sit back and wait for something to happen or someday to come. We want to know if all the choices we make now will shape our world and lives for eternity. Because we want our lives to have meaning today, and our lives today to have meaning forever.

NOOMA: WHIRLWIND

Bell, Rob

Zondervan, 2009

DVD

There aren't nice, neat answers for why certain things happen to certain people. Often the perspective of a friend can help, but when there is nothing more to say, where do we turn? Maybe it's when there is nothing more to say that God finally speaks. Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it.

NOOMA: YOU

Bell, Rob

Zondervan

DVD

Some of the central claims of the Christian faith are the source of many discussions and heated debates. But are we always debating the right things? Maybe some of our discussions would change significantly if we had more insight into the actual circumstances that surrounded the first people of the Christian movement – if we had a better understanding of the things they did in the context of the world they lived in. Maybe some of the claims of the Christian faith that we typically perceive to be unique aren't really that special at all. And at the same time maybe we don't always put enough emphasis on the things that truly should matter in our lives.

PLACES OF PROMISE: FINDING STRENGTH IN YOUR CONGREGATION'S LOCATION

Woolever, Cynthia and Deborah Bruce

Westminster John Knox Press, 2008

BOOK

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REACHING OUT IN A NETWORKED WORLD

EXPRESSING YOUR CONGREGATION'S HEART AND SOUL

Baab, Lynn M.

The Alban Institute, 2008

BOOK

In Reaching Out in a Networked World, communications expert and pastor Lynne Baab examines technologies such as websites, blogs, online communities, and desktop publishing. She demonstrates how a congregation can evaluate these tools and appropriately use them to communicate its heart and soul, to convey its identity and values both within and outside the congregation.

STARTING NEW CHURCHES: A PROCESS OF DISCERNMENT

PresbyGrow.Net

PCUSA, 2008

DVD

New church development is not the implementation of successful models and techniques; it is the faithful discernment of God's leading and the faithful implementation of God's Mission. A series of 16 gatherings with assignments and steps will guide the presbytery and its new churches in its midst.

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TELL IT LIKE IT IS

RECLAIMING THE PRACTICE OF TESTIMONY

Daniel, Lillian

The Alban Institute, 2005

BOOK

Through the simple practice of speaking about God's presence in their lives, Rev. Daniel and her congregation discovered that speaking about God's transformation had the power to transform their church.