

# Additional Resources

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## Chapter One, Revitalization

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[www.rca.org/revitalize](http://www.rca.org/revitalize) for more information, newsletters, and regional contact names

## Suggested Resources

Natural Church Development resources:

- \* *The ABC's of Natural Church Development*, by Christian A. Schwarz. ChurchSmart Resources.
- \* *Implementation Guide to Natural Church Development*, by Christian A. Schwarz. ChurchSmart Resources.
- \* *Natural Church Development: A Guide to Eight Essential Qualities of Healthy Churches*, by Christian A. Schwarz. ChurchSmart Resources.
- \* *Break Out Churches: Discover How to Make the Leap*, by Thom S. Rainer. Zondervan.

*The Church on the Other Side: Doing Ministry in the Postmodern Matrix*, by Brian D. McLaren. Zondervan.

*The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church*, by Reggie McNeal. Jossey-Bass.

*Unlearning Church: Just When You Thought You Had Leadership All Figured Out!*, by Michael Slaughter with Warren Bird. Group Publishing.

*An Unstoppable Force: Daring to Become the Church God Had in Mind*, by Erwin Raphael McManus. Group Publishing.

\*These resources are available through Faith Alive Christian Resources: [www.faithaliveresources.org](http://www.faithaliveresources.org) or (800) 333-8300. The other resources may be special ordered.

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[www.rca.org/multiply](http://www.rca.org/multiply) for more information, newsletters, and regional contact names.

[www.coachnet.org](http://www.coachnet.org), a top website for training and resources on church planting

[www.multiplyingchurches.org](http://www.multiplyingchurches.org), RCA pastor Doug McClintic for resources and insights

[www.cmaresources.org](http://www.cmaresources.org), Church Multiplication Associates

[www.churchsmart.com](http://www.churchsmart.com), for training manuals, seminars, practice books

[www.alliancescp.org](http://www.alliancescp.org), Alliance for Saturation Church Planting

[www.sentinelgroup.org](http://www.sentinelgroup.org), the Sentinel Group has the DVDs *The Quickening* and *Transformations*.

### Suggested Resources

*Church Planting Movements: How God Is Redeeming a Lost World*, by David Garrison. WIGtake Resources.

\**Churches Planting Churches*, by Robert E. Logan and Steven L. Ogne. ChurchSmart Resources.

*The Global House Church Movement*, by Rad Zdero. William Carey Library.

*Houses That Change the World: The Return of the House Churches*, by Wolfgang Simson. C & P Publishing.

“Inside the RCA: Grow Where You Are Planted,” by Ben Ingebretson. *Church Herald*, April 2005.

*Megashift: Igniting Spiritual Power*, by James H. Rutz. Empowerment Press.

*The New Apostolic Churches: Rediscovering the New Testament Model of Leadership and Why It Is God’s Desire for the Church Today*, edited by C. Peter Wagner. Regal.

*What the Spirit Is Saying to the Churches*, by Henry Blackaby. Multnomah.

\**Work in Progress: Architectural Handbook*. Reformed Church Press.

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<http://consistory.rca.org>, Consistory Center

[www.rca.org/leaders](http://www.rca.org/leaders), especially for leaders

[www.rca.org/women](http://www.rca.org/women), women's ministries

### Suggested Resources

*Body Building: Creating a Ministry Team through Spiritual Gifts*, by Brian Kelley Bauknight. Abingdon Press.

\**The Compassionate Congregation: A Handbook for People Who Care*, by Karen Mulder and Ginger Jurries. Faith Alive.

*Equipping the Saints: Mobilizing Laity for Ministry*, edited by Michael J. Christensen. Abingdon Press.

*If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*, by John Ortberg. Zondervan.

\**Leadership from Inside Out: Spirituality and Organizational Change*, by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson. Crossroad.

\**The Ministry of the Deacon: As One Who Serves*, by Betty Voskuil. Reformed Church Press.

\**The Ministry of the Elder: Guiding and Nurturing God's People*, by Robert White. Reformed Church Press.

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[www.rca.org/disciples](http://www.rca.org/disciples), for more information about discipleship for all of God's people

<http://www.rca.org/disciples/spiritgifts>, Every Christian—Called by God, Gifted for Ministry

### Suggested Resources

\**Being Disciples of Jesus in a Dot.Com World: A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Adults, and Other Confused Christians*, by Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg. Westminster John Knox.

\**Discover Your Gifts: And Learn How to Use Them*, by Alvin J. Vander Griend. Faith Alive. Adult and youth editions.

*Discover Your Spiritual Gifts*, by Bruce Bugbee. Zondervan.

\**Learning for Life: Christian Education and the Practice of Faith*. Reformed Church Press. Also online:

<http://www.rca.org/disciples/learningforlife>

\**Life after Grace: Daily Reflections on the Bible*, by Carol M. Bechtel. Westminster John Knox.

\**LifeKeys: Discover Who You Are*, by David Stark, Jane A.G. Kise, Sandra Krebs Hirsch. Bethany House.

\**Network: The Right People, in the Right Places, for the Right Reasons, at the Right Time (Revised)*, by Bruce Bugbee, Don Cousins, and Bill Hybels. Zondervan.

\**The Sweet Life: A Taste of God in the Ordinary*, by Louis Lotz. Reformed Church Press.

*What You Do Best in the Body of Christ: Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, Personal Style, and God-Given Passion (Revised and Expanded)*, by Bruce Bugbee. Zondervan.

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[www.rca.org/mission](http://www.rca.org/mission), for more information  
[www.rca.org/mission/volunteers](http://www.rca.org/mission/volunteers), volunteer services for individuals and groups  
<http://rcws.rca.org>, Reformed Church World Service

### Suggested Resources

- \**Building a Mission-Minded Church*. Reformed Church Press.
- \**Get Dirty for Jesus: How to Organize a Work Trip*, by Jayna E. Powell. Reformed Church Press.
- \**Ministering Cross-Culturally: An Incarnational Model for Personal Relationships*, by Sherwood G. Lingenfelter and Marvin K. Mayers. Baker.
- \**People, Places, and Partnerships: A Workbook for Your Mission Trip Abroad*, by Sally Campbell Evans. Ecumenical Working Group for Mission to the U.S.A. and Canada.
- \**Transforming Ventures: A Spiritual Guide for Volunteers in Mission*, by Jane Ives. Upper Room Books.
- \**Walk Humbly: An Orientation for Christian Servants*. Reformed Church Press.
- \*When God's People Travel Together series. Includes Bible studies for mission and planning materials for leaders. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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[www.rca.org/ourcall](http://www.rca.org/ourcall), more information about the RCA's goal  
[www.rca.org/multiply/evangelize](http://www.rca.org/multiply/evangelize), evangelism resources

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- \* *Acts: Bursting the Boundaries* (two parts), by Philip Apol. Faith Alive.
- \* *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, by Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg. Zondervan.
- The Church in Many Houses: Reaching Your Community through Cell-Based Ministry*, by Steve Cordle. Abingdon.
- \* *Discover Acts*. Three parts: "The Early Church;" "The Gentile Connection;" "The Road to Rome;" by Neva Evenhouse, revised by Carol Veldman Rudie. Faith Alive.
- \* *Hard Questions People Ask about the Christian Faith*, by Case Van Kempen. Faith Alive.
- \* *Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles*, by Carol J. Miller. Kerygma.
- \* *Radical Outreach: The Recovery of Apostolic Ministry and Evangelism*, by George Hunter. Abingdon.
- \* *So You've Been Asked to Share Your Faith*, by Diane and Brent Averill. Faith Alive.
- A Story Worth Sharing: Engaging Evangelism*, by Kelly A. Fryer. Augsburg Fortress.

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