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DVDs:

BY SIGNS AND WONDERS: HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT GROWS THE CHURCH (102170) Author: Elliott, Stephen. In this nine-session DVD study, Stephen Elliott takes a close look at evangelism. How did the good news of Jesus Christ spread in the years following Jesus' life? What methods have been used to see entire communities converted in the great revivals of the past? Why has the recent rise of friendship/lifestyle evangelism fallen so short of producing disciples? This study provides laity and Christian leaders with critically important insight into how to more effectively evangelize a lost and dying world. Sessions: 1) Ineffective and confused (3 min.); 2) The Bible study and visit (12 min.); 3) Current realities and persuasion (14 min.); 4) Evangelistic miracles in Church history (6 min.); 5) The Holy Spirit and the great revivals of the past (10 min.); 6) The Holy Spirit in evangelism today (9 min.); 7) The experiment begins (6 min.); 8) Applications to the local church (23 min.); 9) Conclusion (11 min.). Includes paperback book. 98 Minutes.

GET THEIR NAME: GROW YOUR CHURCH BY BUILDING NEW RELATIONSHIPS (107091) Author: Farr, Bob with Kotan, Kay. This kit is designed to help people learn how to share their faith and create a culture of invitation in their church. DVD sessions: 1) Do you know your own story? (3 min.); 2) The person behind the need (3 min.); 3) Being an everyday Christian (3 min.); 4) Are you prepared? (5 min.). The kit includes a DVD, a coordinator's guide, participant workbook, the original paperback book, and a workbook for an in-depth study of the original book. 14 Minutes.

INCREASING ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT (109049) Author: Michel, Miner, Smothers, Weems. This DVD/CD-ROM resource includes two DVD presentations, six video presentations, and printable handouts. DVD segments: 1) Changing patterns of congregational engagement, Lovett Weems (24 min.); 2) Connecting people to their purpose, Jasmine Smothers (20 min.). The resource CD-ROM includes five video presentations: 1) The art of asking, Ann Michel (21 min.); 2) Connecting people through affinity or support groups, Barbara Miner (21 min.); 3) Developing a year-round plan for increasing engagement, Lovett Weems (18 min.); 4) Keeping people involved, Ann Michel (21 min.); 5) Missional outreach as a way to build engagement, Jasmine Smothers (21 min.); 6) Ways to increase frequency of worship attendance, Lovett Weems (16 min.). The CD-ROM also includes printed materials for all presentations.

JUST SAY YES! UNLEASHING PEOPLE FOR MINISTRY (110055) Author: Schnase, Robert. Offering tools to encourage a permission-giving culture in your church, these resources for leaders and congregants will help your church implement the strategies and tactics in the book 'Just Say Yes!' Materials can be used for a single-day retreat, three separate sessions of one or two hours each, or as six shorter sessions of about 30 to 45 minutes each. Topics: Uncover the 'no's';

Unlock the power of 'yes;' 'Unleash a culture of 'yes.' This kit includes DVD, leader's guide, participant guide, and paperback book. 49 Minutes.

Books:

ADAPT TO THRIVE (815137) Author: Flowers, John and Vannoy, Karen. How Your Church Must Identify Itself as a Unique Species, Modify Its Dysfunctional Behaviors, and Multiply Its Transformational Influence in Your Community. A plan to help churches make changes to allow them to grow and thrive. Adaptations include: From scarcity to abundance; From somberness to playfulness; From predictability to freedom; From marginal members to deep disciples; From suspicion to grace; and more. 141 Pages.

BEARING FRUIT: MINISTRY WITH REAL RESULTS (811067) Author: Weems, Lovett, and Berlin, Tom. Chapter titles: A biblical mandate for fruitfulness; An invitation to labor for God's harvest; The two most powerful words for fruitful leadership -- so that; From fruitful management to fruitful leadership -- the power of vision; Fruitful leadership in established congregations; Serving God's vision -- one pastor's story; Giving life to the vision; Sustaining fruitful leadership -- learning to lead yourself; Planting, watering, and praying for growth; Aren't you amazed by what God can do? 110 Pages.

BECOMING A BLESSED CHURCH: FORMING A CHURCH OF SPIRITUAL PURPOSE, PRESENCE, AND POWER (816193) Author: Standish, N. Graham. Second edition. This book shares the story of a church and its journey to become a spiritually deep congregation and offers suggestions for readers hoping to discern God's purpose and path for their congregation. This second edition includes three new chapters that answer the questions the author is most frequently asked - how to facilitate a group discernment practice, how to create an effective small group program, and how to set a church vision in a new direction that actually works. Chapter titles: What is a blessed church?; Setting a spiritual foundation; Grounded in God's purpose; Alive to God's presence; Open to God as power; Leading a church to listen; Leading a church to deepen; Leading a church through transformation. Includes reflection questions. 279 Pages.

CHURCHLESS: UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S UNCHURCHED AND HOW TO CONNECT WITH THEM (815105) Author: Barna and Kinnaman. George Barna and David Kinnaman shine a spotlight on today's culture to reveal what the churchless think and feel about religion, why they might believe in God but avoid the local church, and what kind of faith experience they're seeking. 207 Pages.

CLAIMING RESURRECTION IN THE DYING CHURCH: FREEDOM BEYOND SURVIVAL (816142) Author: Olson, Anna. Based on her experiences as a pastor, Anna Olson encourages us to measure the fruits of our ministry not by its longevity, affluence, and popularity but by the mark set by Jesus -- love of God and neighbor. Chapter titles: Make room; Map the terrain; Turn out your pockets; Make pilgrimage; Try things; Say yes; Look outside the tent; Expect trespasses; When faith and hope fail, try love. 124 Pages.

DEEP AND WIDE: CREATING CHURCHES UNCHURCHED PEOPLE LOVE TO ATTEND (814232) Author: Stanley, Andy. Andy Stanley provides church leaders with an in-depth look in to North Point Community Church and its strategy for reaching unchurched persons. 350 Pages.

DIVERGENT CHURCH: THE BRIGHT PROMISE OF ALTERNATIVE FAITH COMMUNITIES (817233) Author: Shapiro, Tim and Faris, Kara. Chapters: What is a divergent church?; Innovation; What constitutes a church?; Practices; The practice of shaping community; the practice of conversation; The practice of artistic expression; The practice of breaking bread; The practice of community engagement; The practice of hospitality; The voices of divergent church leaders. Includes reflection questions and bibliography. 144 Pages.

DOING THE MATH OF MISSION: FRUITS, FAITHFULNESS, AND METRICS (817004) Author: Rendle, Gil. Metrics are the tools by which we can ask whether, and how well, intentional efforts toward change are progressing. The purpose of this book is to advance the conversation about, and the use of, metrics as a tool of ministry. Chapters: Counting resources and measuring ministry; Getting to why -- turning intentions into outcomes; Phronesis (practical wisdom)

and the task of figuring it out for ourselves; Counts, measures, and conversations -- using new tools for fruitfulness; Cascading questions; Be careful what you measure. Includes bibliography. 147 Pages.

DRY BONES LIVE (892345) Author: Craig, Robert H. and Worley, Robert C. Helping Congregations Discover New Life. This book offers guidance to congregations evaluating their current position and planning for renewal. 114 Pages.

FAITHFUL PRESENCE: SEVEN DISCIPLINES THAT SHAPE THE CHURCH FOR MISSION (817007) Author: Fitch, David. David Fitch offers a new vision for the witness of the church in the world through a thoughtful reexamination of seven disciplines that the church has practiced since its inception. Chapter titles: God's faithful presence; To change the world; The discipline of the Lord's Table; The discipline of reconciliation; The discipline of proclaiming the Gospel; The discipline of being with the 'least of these;' The discipline of being with children; The discipline of the fivefold gifting; The discipline of Kingdom prayer; How God changes the world. 228 Pages.

FLIPPING CHURCH (817010) Author: Baughman, Michael. How Successful Church Planters Are Turning Conventional Wisdom Upside-Down. This book enlists stories from the vanguard of innovative church planting. While serving in wildly different contexts, these writers' successes and struggles in ministry give insight, life, and meaning into persons in established churches and new church starts alike. 204 Pages.

FLOOD GATES: HOLY MOMENTUM FOR A FEARLESS CHURCH (816207) Author: Kibbey, Sue Nilson. 'Flood gates' depicts the rush of spiritual energy that comes when a leader and congregation make and apply new decisions that release a torrent of God's inspiration, empowerment, and purpose to pour through. In this book, Sue Nilson Kibbey shares eight flood gates to initiate church renewal. 165 Pages.

FRESH EXPRESSIONS: A NEW KIND OF METHODIST CHURCH FOR PEOPLE NOT IN CHURCH (817101) Author: Carter, Kenneth H., Jr. and Warren, Audrey. A wave of new Methodist churches is emerging to reach unchurched and dechurched people who live in a culture that is increasingly nonreligious and multireligious. These new forms of church gather people who typically have never been to church. The new faith communities listen to people and meet there where they are on their journey toward Jesus. They are deeply ecumenical without losing their distinctiveness because they learn fresh ways to communicate their identity through faithful discipleship. The Fresh Expressions movement began in the United Kingdom, where it ignited over 3,000 new faith communities. Now this movement has been captured and written down to share with others who are in the grip of Holy Spirit motivation to renew their tradition. Each chapter includes two complete plans for group conversation and Bible study. 124 Pages.

GARDEN RESONATES: A GOSPEL EMERGING GENERATIONS CAN BELIEVE IN (817201) Author: Folmsbee, Chris. There will always be a 'next generation' to reach, and this book will equip church leaders with a framework for sharing the gospel in relevant and compelling ways with emerging generations. It reframes the gospel narrative and provides leaders with practical help to reverse negative trends, while weaving a new story of growth and vibrancy. Chapters: The core values and behaviors of emerging generations; A deeper look at the great Good News of salvation and justice and the Kingdom of God; Three gardens and a pattern for transcendence; Transcendence - the key to reaching emerging generations; Asset-based community discipleship; A model for ministry across generations; Final thoughts and group-discussion questions. 127 Pages.

GO NOW AND BE THE CHURCH: BECOMING AN OVERFLOWING COMMUNITY (816140) Author: Bennett, Brian. Author Brian Bennett invites you to enter into his church's story through a forty-day devotional-discipleship journey. Walk alongside these fellow travelers through their fledgling church growth, experience their failings and victories, and see how God will in turn channel your life beyond your own church walls. Themes: Discovering Kingdom life, Modern-day wells, Love's goal, Doing a new thing, Jars of clay, Being leads to doing, Bridges built by faith, Receive rather than achieve. A group leader's guide for a six-session study and sermon notes are available at wphresources.com/gonow 250 Pages.

GROWING YOUNG: SIX ESSENTIAL STRATEGIES TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DISCOVER AND LOVE YOUR CHURCH (817140) Author: Powell, Kara; Mulder, Jake; Griffin, Brad. Chapter titles: Growing young -- what congregations are doing right; Unlock keychain leadership -- sharing power with the right people at the right time; Empathize with today's young people -- why 25 is the new 15, and 15 is the new 25; Take Jesus' message seriously -- what's young about the good news; Fuel a warm community -- warm is the new cool; Prioritize young people and families everywhere -- from

rhetoric to reality; Be the best neighbors -- loving and shaping your world well; Growing young in your context -- how to create a plan for change. Includes discussion questions. 330 Pages.

LASTING IMPACT: 7 POWERFUL CONVERSATIONS THAT WILL HELP YOUR CHURCH GROW

(817006) Author: Nieuwhof, Carey. Chapters: Why are we not growing faster?; How do we respond as people attend church less often?; Are our leaders healthy . . . really?; What keeps high-capacity leaders from engaging our mission?; Why are young adults walking away from church?; What cultural trends are we missing?; What are we actually willing to change? Each chapter includes discussion questions. 169 Pages.

LONGING FOR SPRING: A NEW VISION FOR WESLEYAN COMMUNITY (816181) Author: Heath, Elaine and Kisker, Scott. Elaine Heath and Scott Kisker explore the grass-roots phenomenon of 'new monasticism,' and how it relates to the United Methodist Church. Chapters: Our story; Early stories of intentional community and church renewal; Protestant models of intentional community; What the new Methodists want; Spring; Reports from the horizon. Includes bibliography and small group study guide. 104 Pages.

MEET GENERATION Z: UNDERSTANDING AND REACHING THE NEW POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

(817078) Author: White, James Emery. The author explores Generation Z (born approx. between 1993 and 2012) and the impact it is likely to have on the nation and the faith and he encourages leaders to use the early church model to reach this generation. Chapters: A seventh age, the second fall, and the rise of the nones; Meet Generation Z; When Christ and his saints slept; The countercultural church; Finding our voice; Rethinking evangelism; Apologetics for a new generation; Decisions. 219 Pages.

MESSY CHURCH: FRESH IDEAS FOR BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY (817205)

Author: Moore, Lucy. The Messy Church model offers your church a tool to bring people of all ages and stages of faith together for a unique come-as-you-are experience of creativity, celebration, and hospitality. With instructions for starting a program at your church, this book includes 15 sessions for use throughout the year. Session topics: Abraham and Sarah; Joseph; Moses; Joshua; I Am the True Vine; I Am the Light of the World; I Am the Good Shepherd; Messy Christmas; Creation; A new start (Noah and the flood); New life in Jesus (Easter); New life in the Spirit (Pentecost); Bible mountains; Bible roads; Bible seashores. 205 Pages.

MISSIONARY MINDSET: WHAT CHURCH LEADERS NEED TO KNOW TO REACH THEIR COMMUNITY

(817133) Author: Ruffle, Douglas. Douglas Ruffle draws upon the wisdom of E. Stanley Jones and other missionaries to delineate the right way to approach people of different faith traditions and those with no faith tradition. The lessons offered will help guide Christian leaders to reach out to their communities with grace, love, and humility. Chapter titles: Remembering E. Stanley Jones; Prayer -- keeping our focus on God; Self-awareness -- understanding who we are; Listening -- taking the risk to understand; Humility -- looking to lift others; Love -- making it real; Planting like Paul -- learning from Roland Allen; The kingdom -- living and breathing the good news; Trust -- believing in and living by the power and truth of the gospel. Includes notes for a small group study. 191 Pages.

NEW ADAPTERS: SHAPING IDEAS TO FIT YOUR CONGREGATION (816033)

Author: Armstrong, Jacob with Hamilton, Adam and Slaughter, Mike. New Adapters are people carrying on an old tradition of adapting the timeless story of Jesus to a changing cultural landscape. Jacob Armstrong shares stories of New Adapters and gets additional insight from Adam Hamilton and Mike Slaughter. Chapters: The vision must fit the mission field; It has to be good news to the poor; New spaces for new people; Adaptive worship; Conflict and criticism; Good-bye to the solo, heroic leader; No more turf; Raising up new and young leaders. 96 Pages.

NEW DAY IN THE CITY: URBAN CHURCH REVIVAL (817103)

Author: Sokol, Donna Claycomb and Owens, Roger. Donna Claycomb Sokol and Roger Owens share lessons they've learned on the job and from other urban pastors. Along the way, they challenge clichés about church leadership and strategic planning by showing what congregational renewal can look like and how it can become a reality. Each chapter features a set of practical guidelines for leading a congregation to address the questions that matter most. 145 Pages.

NOT SAFE FOR CHURCH: TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR REACHING NEW GENERATIONS (815133)

Author: Powe, F. Douglas, Jr. and Smothers, Jasmine Rose. Congregations say they want to reach new and younger people. To

really connect, congregations have to start doing new things that are out of their comfort zones. This book gives ten ways to help you move past just saying what you intend to actually doing it. It provides tools to help churches reframe the good news in nontraditional ways and study questions for church leadership teams. *2017 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development 142 Pages.

ON THE VERGE: A JOURNEY INTO THE APOSTOLIC FUTURE OF THE CHURCH (816124) Author: Hirsch, Alan and Ferguson, Dave. This book combines the best thinking on missional strategy with the best practices in contemporary church growth. It discusses the four processes to begin change ('momentum'): Imagine, Shift, Innovate, Move. Includes discussion questions and bibliography. 348 Pages.

PASSIONATE CHURCH: IGNITE YOUR CHURCH AND CHANGE THE WORLD (816109) Author: Slaughter, Mike and Smith, Karen Perry. This book explores the Four Areas of Focus and how churches can put them into action: 1) Developing principled Christian leaders; 2) Engaging in ministry with the poor; 3) Creating new and renewed congregations; 4) Improving global health. Includes a facilitator's guide for group study. 160 Pages.

RACE TO REACH OUT: CONNECTING NEWCOMERS TO CHRIST IN A NEW CENTURY (805037) Author: Anderson, Douglas and Coyner, Michael. Ideas on attracting, welcoming, identifying, responding to, listening to, and including newcomers as well as including newcomers as new members. 111 Pages.

REAL GOOD CHURCH: HOW OUR CHURCH CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD, AND YOURS CAN, TOO (817116) Author: Baskette, Molly Phinney. Chapters: Doom, gloom, and a kernel of hope; The building; Children's ministry and adult spiritual formation; Pastoral care; Pastoral self-care and administration; Outreach and social justice; Outreach and growth; Finance and stewardship; Open and affirming; Real good worship; Leadership; Church conflict; Epic failures. Also includes notes on welcomer training and multiple samples of printed pieces. 228 Pages.

REVIVAL RISING: PREPARING FOR THE NEXT GREAT WAVE OF AWAKENING (817104) Author: Nysewander, Mark. The history of the church is full of revivals. While these movements of the Holy Spirit are not constrained by one location, language, or cultural identity, there are consistencies that help us understand the climate and spiritual posture in which God works at an accelerated pace. Mark Nysewander explores the dynamics of high-impact revivals, believing that even a limited knowledge of the supernatural realities in a revival can stir us to content for God's next wave of power. Chapter titles: Revival power; Revival life; Revival culture; Revival experience; Revival glory; Revival love; Revival humility; Revival witness; Revival freedom; Revival hope; Revival worldview; What's ahead? 132 Pages.

ROADMAP TO RENEWAL: REDISCOVERING THE CHURCH'S MISSION (817229) Author: Ruffle, Douglas. Revised Edition with Study Guide. Know your mission - know your strengths and challenges - know where you are going - reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ! Chapters: Readiness; Reality check; Reconnect; Rediscover the landscape of our parish; Reassess our current ministry; Road break; Reaching younger people; Roadmaps start with vision; Realign mission, goals, and objectives; Roadmarkers on the road to renewal. The study guide contains plans for a ten-session study. Includes bibliography. 134 Pages.

SECOND RESURRECTION: LEADING YOUR CONGREGATION TO NEW LIFE (807238) Author: Easum, Bill. Chapter titles: When it's not a matter of sickness; Are we spiritually dead?; How churches die spiritually; Turnaround is an eternal issue; Leaders--it's time to die to yourself; A life worth watching; Resurrection begins with you; Rolling away the stone; Life beyond the tomb; Pastor, are you ready for resurrection?; The meaning of faithfulness; My first six months as pastor of a church--what to preach. 126 Pages.

SHIFT: HELPING CONGREGATIONS BACK INTO THE GAME OF EFFECTIVE MINISTRY (817153) Author: Maynard, Phil. Chapters: From fellowship to hospitality; From worship as an event to worship as a lifestyle; From membership to discipleship; From 'serve us' to service; From 'survival mentality' to generosity; Leading the charge without getting trampled. 137 Pages.

SIMPLE CHURCH: RETURNING TO GOD'S PROCESS FOR MAKING DISCIPLES (816051) Author: Rainer, Thom and Geiger, Eric. Updated Edition. Churches are thriving by taking four ideas to heart: clarity, movement, alignment, and focus. Each idea is closely examined in this book, simply showing why it is time to simplify. Chapters: The simple

revolution has begun; The simple (and not-so-simple) church in action; Simple church -- an extreme makeover; Three simple stories; Clarity -- starting with a ministry blueprint; Movement -- removing congestion; Alignment -- maximizing the energy of everyone; Focus -- saying no to almost everything; Becoming simple; The postscript (or what we have learned); Frequently Asked Questions. 281 Pages.

START THIS, STOP THAT: DO THE THINGS THAT GROW YOUR CHURCH (814155) Author: Cowart, Jim and Cowart, Jennifer. Chapter titles: Part 1: Leadership -- Stop the cruise ship; Start casting clear vision; Stop saying but; Start expecting excellence; Stop committees; Part 2: Worship -- Start the party; Stop communicating for information; Start using a ladder; Stop speaking Shakespeare; Part 3: Money -- Stop pledge campaigns; Start teaching money management; Stop wasting influence; Start quarterly financial statements; Part 4: Growth -- Start three things; Stop bottlenecks; Start big things; Stop expecting uninvited company; Stop holy huddles; Stop the trickle-away effect; Start tapping volunteers; Part 5: Tools -- Start using communication cards; Stop using flannelboards; Start counting; Start confronting gossip; Stop allowing staff to drain the church; Start valuing membership. 159 Pages.

SURPRISE FACTOR: GOSPEL STRATEGIES FOR CHANGING THE GAME AT YOUR CHURCH (814129) Author: Shockley, Kim and Nixon, Paul. The authors explore key leadership behaviors that propel a church successfully through a season of transformation. Chapters: Seek significant God-encounter; Love one another; Love your community; Treat urgency as a gift!; Collect, develop, and deploy bright-eyed people; Make a few helpful, bold moves; Create legend on the community grapevine; Hold difficult people accountable; Shop up at the parties; Trust God and expect great things; Improving your odds. 129 Pages.

SURVIVAL OR REVIVAL: TEN KEYS TO CHURCH VITALITY (874577) Author: Calian, Carnegie Samuel. Chapter titles: Worship God alone; Be biblically literate; Honor your heritage; Be a welcoming church; Promote prayer; Nurture the youth; Address issues knowledgeably; Practice forgiveness; Work for peace and justice; Be people of trust. Includes study questions. 150 Pages.

WALKING WITH NEHEMIAH: YOUR COMMUNITY IS YOUR CONGREGATION (815135) Author: Daniels, Joseph, Jr.. This book gives inspiration and practical tools for engaging with your community in ways that help you, your congregation, and your community become whole. Chapters: Feel your heart break; Pray for next steps; Give it your all; Take the risk; Inspect your mission field; Gain commitment; Get to work; Expect opposition; Build momentum. 120 Pages.

WE REFUSED TO LEAD A DYING CHURCH! CHURCHES THAT CAME BACK AGAINST ALL ODDS (816053) Author: Nixon, Paul. A follow-up to his book "I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church" (#807183), Paul Nixon shares inspiring stories of churches that decided giving up was not an option. With hope, determination, and perseverance, these churches have experienced a transfusion of the Spirit in their churches. 175 Pages.

WHY NOBODY WANTS TO GO TO CHURCH ANYMORE AND HOW 4 ACTS OF LOVE WILL MAKE YOUR CHURCH IRRESISTIBLE (814033) Author: Schultz, Thom and Joani. Thom and Joani Schultz expose the church practices that are driving people away and thwarting spiritual growth. They also reveal what can bring them back -- the four keys to reaching the unchurched and the dechurched: 1) Radical hospitality; 2) Fearless conversation; 3) Genuine humility; 4) Divine anticipation. Includes practical ideas for implementation. 249 Pages.

