

Bibliography for Change

Books by Johnson & Perkinson (PRAXIS)

- *A New Testament Trilogy*
- *The Kingdom Quest*
- *InBetween: Living in the Tension Between Promise & Fulfillment (This Abundant Life)*

Books Related to Natural Church Development by Christian Schwartz

- *ABCs of Natural Church Development*
- *Color Your World With Natural Church Development*
- *How to Embrace the Three Colors of Spirituality in Your World*
- *How to Implement the Three Colors of Love in Your World*
- *How to Implement the Three Colors of Ministry in Your World*
- *How to Study the Three Colors of Ministry in Your Church*
- *How to Study the Three Colors of Ministry in Your Small Group*

Books About Organic/Simple Church/House Church by Neil Cole

- *Organic Church: Growing Faith Where Life Happens*
- *Organic Leadership: Leading Naturally Right Where You Are*
- *Search & Rescue: Becoming a Disciple Who Makes a Difference*
- *Cultivating a Life for God: Multiplying Disciples Through Life Transformation Groups*
- *One more, this time* by Larry Osborne entitled *Sticky Church*
- *Beyond Church Growth* by Robert E. Logan

Books about Organizational Process

- *Values Driven Leadership* by Aubrey Malphurs
- *Advanced Strategic Planning* by Aubrey Malphurs
- *Common Sense for Board Members* by Edgar Stoesz
- *A Multi-Site Church Road Trip* by Surratt, Ligon & Bird
- *Leading Through Change* by Wells, Giese & Klassen

Books that Help with Conflict

- *Forgiveness: How to Get Along with Everybody All the Time* by Vaughn & Johnston
- *The Freedom of Forgiveness* by David Augsburger
- *Antagonists in the Church* by Kenneth C. Haugk
- *Making Peace* by Jim Van Yperen

Books on Prayer Strategies

- *The Praying Church Sourcebook* by Alvin J. Vander Griend
- *The Prayer Saturated Church* by Cheryl Sacks
- *Concerts of Prayer* by David Bryant

Books on Leadership (Rob McLeland's top choices)

- *Leading Through Change (Shepherding the Town and Country Church in a New Era)* by Wells, Giese & Klaasen
- *Spiritual Leadership* by Henry T. Blackaby
- *Leading Turnaround Teams* by Gene Wood and Daniel Harkavy
- *The Leader's Legacy* by James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner
- *The Power of Full Engagement* by Jim Loehr and Tony Schwartz
- *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team* by Patrick M. Lencioni
- *Christian Reflections of the Leadership Challenge* by James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner
- *Courageous Leadership* by Bill Hybels

General Web Site Resources

Praxis Center for Church Development - <http://www.praxiscenter.org/>

Devoted to helping churches evaluate and plan for more effective disciple-making, this organization places many free resources on its web site. In addition, for an annual fee, a subscriber may access many more of their resources.

Natural Church Development –

Helps churches evaluate and develop strategies to improve ministry strength.

United States - <http://www.churchsmart.com> – Provides training and sales for Natural Church Development in the USA.

Canada - <http://www.ncdcanada.com> – Provides materials and sales for Natural Church Development in Canada

CoachNet - <http://www.coachnet.org>

Provides framework for NAB Coach Training and holds thousands of resources, including many related to Natural Church Development. Through the NAB Conference, an annual subscription may be purchased at the reduced rate of \$75/yr, well worth the price.

Rural Ministry Web Resources

“When it becomes harder to fill pastoral vacancies, our rural congregations have accepted the call to ...lift... up new models of leadership.” *For complete article, click on - [Mark L. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA](#)*

[Voices from Rural People on ELCA Rural Ministry Page](#) – Illuminates rural perspectives.

[No Little Places PowerPoint](#) – From Ron Klaasen Book by the same name – Pastor Discussion guide.

[Rural Church Discussion-Based Ministry Effectiveness Assessment](#) by Rural Home Missionary Association

[Book Recommendations](#) by Rural Home Missionary Association

[Rural Ministry Seminar Recordings](#) available for purchase at Rural Home Missionary Association Website.

[On-Line Bridge Evangelism Tool](#) by Rural Home Missionary Association

[Letter to the Rural Church](#) (Patterned after Rev. 2-3) on Building Church Leaders Website

[Advantages and Disadvantages of a Small Church](#) (Blog) on The Discipeler

[Leadership Magazine Articles on Small Church Ministry](#) – Note: Some full articles are available, some require subscription, others require the hard copy of Leadership.

[What Makes A Healthy Small Congregation?](#) New Life Ministries Report

[Small Churches](#) by James W. Moss Sr. (A lecture)

[American Missionary Fellowship](#) (formerly, The American Sunday School Union –“Rather than duplicating the work done by churches and other Christian groups, we focus on areas these ministries have overlooked or have been unable to reach because of a lack of resources.”

<http://www.newlifeministries-nlm.org/contents-smch.htm> - get back to rural ministry web site

Web Sites for Bi-Vocational Pastors:

[Lifeway Ministries](#)

[Parsonage.Org – Should I Become a Bi-vocational Pastor?](#)

[What Should A Church Pay A Bi-vocational Pastor?](#)

[Bi-Vocational Ministry Packet](#) – Mennonite Brethren

[Supporting the Bi-vocational Pastor](#)