

## GREAT 'IDEA' AND 'HOW-TO' BOOKS

*Ready to Go Devotions: For Mission & Service*, Mark Ray (Abingdon Press: Nashville, 2008).

*Ready to Go Fundraisers: 75 Ways to Fund Your Ministry* (Abingdon Press: Nashville, 2007). Great resource! It is geared toward youth, but could easily be adjusted for church-wide events.

*Ready to God Missions: 12 Complete Plans for Life-Changing Experiences*, Jason Schultz (Abingdon Press: Nashville, 2006).

Sjogren, Steve, *101 Ways to Reach Your Community*, (NavPress: Colorado Springs, 2001). This is about servant evangelism. These are not money-raising ideas, but they are ways to serve your neighbors.

Sjogren, Steve, *Conspiracy of Kindness: A Refreshing New Approach to Sharing the Love of Jesus with Others* (Servant Publications: Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1993). Great section in the back of service ideas.

*They Will Know Us By Our Love: Services Ideas for Small Groups* (Group Publishing, 2007). [www.group.com](http://www.group.com). Another great resource. It divides the activities according to duration, seasons, and types of service. It also has a Scripture Index.

*Plunge 2 Poverty: An Intensive poverty Simulation Experience*, Jimmy and Janet Dorrell (New Hope Publishers: Birmingham, 2006). [www.newhopepublishers.com](http://www.newhopepublishers.com).

## Miscellaneous Books on Mission

Bandy, Thomas G., *Mission Mover: Beyond Education for Church Leadership* (Abingdon Press: Nashville, 2004).

Claiborne, Shane, *Irresistible Revolution: Living As An Ordinary Radical* (Zondervan: Grand Rapids, 2006).

Metzler, Barbara R. *Passionaries: Turning Compassion into Action* (Templeton Foundation Press: Philadelphia, 2006).

Schnase, Robert, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (Abingdon Press: Nashville, 2007).

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Traditioned innovation -- envisioning the future by honoring the church's past -- is a way of thinking about how the church engages the world. Consider how to develop missional work and live out the gospel message in response to great needs both in the United States and abroad.

Our resources, while not exhaustive, will allow you to explore this topic more fully. The *foundational* resources are important for the development of transformative leaders. The *formational* resources are of a different sort. These are meant to spark your imagination by introducing you to stories and ideas that have surprising insight into the practice of Christian leadership.

Foundational Resources

- [Bible and Mission](#) by Richard Bauckham – Presents the Gospel as both particular (God working in and through a particular people) and universal (God working through a particular people to reach the entire world)
- [Communities of Shalom](#) – This website seeks to support local communities working toward systemic change and social transformation
- [Congregations in America](#) by Mark Chaves – Chaves, the principal investigator for the National Congregations Study, describes the survey's 1998 results with a particular focus on the way churches provide social services. (For further reflection, see F&L content by [Mark Chaves](#).)
- [Considering the Great Commission](#) edited by Stephen Gunter and Elaine Robinson – An exploration of the theology and practice of evangelism in the Wesleyan tradition
- [The Cross-Cultural Process in Christian History](#) by Andrew Walls – A look at the historic movement of the Christian faith and why Africa is the church's future
- [DART: Direct Action and Research Training](#) – This website provides resources for training in an approach to congregation-based community organizing
- [Evangelism after Christendom](#) by Bryan Stone – Situates evangelism within the church as a corporate and communal practice rather than an individual one
- [The Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbor: A Theology of Witness and Discipleship](#) by Scott J. Jones – A look at the ways churches can effectively evangelize
- [Exclusion and Embrace](#) by Miroslav Volf – A theological exploration of identity, otherness and reconciliation worth reflecting upon for anyone in missions
- [The Gospel in a Pluralist Society](#) by Lesslie Newbigin – A prominent missiologist exploring the Gospel's spread in an ever-shrinking world
- [Making Room](#) by Christine Pohl – Explores the history of hospitality alongside contemporary communities of hospitality to help the church recover the practice
- [Missional Church](#) edited by Darrell Guder – Six missiologists explore the landscape of North America as a mission field

- Reclaiming the Great Commission by Bishop Claude Payne and Hamilton Beazley – A vision and model for transforming the contemporary church by reclaiming the power of first century Christianity
- Reconciling All Things by Emmanuel Katongole and Chris Rice – Sets the theological framework for Christian reconciliation and reorients us from an activist mentality to a journey of holiness into God’s embrace. Also visit the Duke Center for Reconciliation website. (For further reflection, see an excerpt from the book)
- Roots for Radicals by Edward Chambers – Provides a model for attending to local particulars and context while community organizing
- Saving Women by Lacey Warner – Studies the contributions of six Protestant women from 1800-1950 and their contribution to the theology of evangelism
- Transforming Mission by David Bosch – A broad examination of the history of mission in the Christian Church with an outline of key characteristics of mission for a postmodern paradigm
- The Violence of Love by Oscar Romero – Selected sermons and writings by the assassinated archbishop of San Salvador that speak for the poor and against oppression