
Congregational Transformation web catalog

Title 1	Title 2	Author	Publisher	Media	Summary
40 DAYS & 40 BYTES					
MAKING COMPUTERS WORK FOR YOUR CONGREGATION					
		Spiegel, Aaron; Armstrong, Nancy & Brent, Bill	The Alban Institute, 2004		BOOK
		There's no question your congregation is going to use computer technology. The only question is, "How?" 40 Days and 40 Bytes will help you design technology that fits your ministry and mission. 40 Days and 40 Bytes will help your congregation explore technology so you can decide, from a ministry and culture standpoint, what you need to do. The goal: godly service; not technological glitz.			
44 WAYS TO INCREASE CHURCH ATTENDANCE					
		Schaller, Lyle E.	Abingdon Press, 1988		BOOK
		Based on his visits to 200 churches per year, the author offers proven, practical strategies to build larger, more vital congregations. Easy-to-read, humorously written and illustrated.			
BABY BOOMER SPIRITUALITY:					
TEN ESSENTIAL VALUES OF A GENERATION					
		Miller, Craig Kennet	Discipleship Resources, 1993		BOOK
		This generation, born from 1946 to 1964, is reshaping American culture as we had into the 21st century. He explores their issues and goes beyond the headlines to define the spirituality of this generation.			
BEING CHURCH, BECOMING COMMUNITY					
		Buchanan, John M.	Westminster/John Knox Press		BOOK
		To the author, the 1996-97 Moderator of the General Assembly and the pastor of a Chicago church, mainline churches have an obligation to "be in the world," and their effectiveness requires that they not abandon their traditions. He vigorously affirms the Reformed tradition's unique strengths and heritage, as well as its ongoing relevance in today's world.			
CHURCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED					
		Hunter III, George G.	Abingdon Press		BOOK
		A resource for a guide to church based evangelism- emerging multicolored church, the new paradigms for ministry from the most effective churches of our time- a landscape for tomorrow's church.			
CHURCH OF THE LAST STOP: THE STORY OF BIDWELL					
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH					
		Cootsma, Gregory S.	Geneva Press, 2007		PAMPHLET
		Copy 2.			
CHURCH TURNED INSIDE OUT					
		Bergquist, Linda & Allan Karr	Jossey-Bass, 2010		BOOK
		Church Turned Inside Out offers church leaders a new way to think about how their churches are run. Taking cues from the world of business and offering a multi-disciplined and leading-edge approach, the authors stress the importance of incorporating the design process when establishing a new church or planning the ongoing future of an established church. This groundbreaking book also includes ideas for becoming a more effective church leader. A practical, creative guide for planting or redesigning a church and developing leaders.			

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CONGREGATIONAL MEGATRENDS

Woods, C. Jeff
 Copy 3
 Alban Institute
 BOOK

CONGREGATIONS: THEIR POWER TO FORM AND TRANSFORM

Nelson, C. Ellis, editor
 John Knox Press
 BOOK
 The editor collaborated with and collected the works of ten leaders experienced in congregational affairs to design a resource that helps ministers and lay leaders understand the dynamics of congregations so they may use that spiritual energy to invigorate their own congregations.

**CREATING THE FUTURE TOGETHER
 METHODS TO INSPIRE YOUR WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY**

Mead, Loren B. & Billie T. Alban
 Alban Institute, 2008
 BOOK
 Congregations today face a multitude of challenges in trying to adapt to a quickly changing world. Balancing new concerns with core values is a complicated process that can leave too many members feeling that their voices and needs are not being met. The authors have developed this resource to share their knowledge of how congregations can use large group methods to navigate these new waters.

**DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL TYPE: A GUIDE TO
 INDIVIDUAL AND CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH**

Ware, Corinne
 Alban Institute
 BOOK
 How to recognize, appreciate, and build upon different types of spirituality. People whose spiritual styles are not recognized within traditional religious institutions withdraw from them. Here is a tool for strengthening congregations for effective evangelism and for greater appreciation of others' religious beliefs and personal spiritual growth.

DOOR SET OPEN: GROUNDING CHANGE IN MISSION AND HOPE

Steinke, Peter L.
 The Alban Institute, 2010
 BOOK
 We resist change less when we associate it with mission and fortify it with hope. So argues longtime congregational consultant Peter Steinke in his fourth book, A Door Set Open, as he explores the relationship between the challenges of change and our own responses to new ideas and experiences.

**EXTERNALLY FOCUSED QUEST: BECOMING THE BEST CHURCH
 FOR THE COMMUNITY**

Swanson, Eric & Rick Rusaw
 Jossey-Bass, 2010
 BOOK
 The Externally Focused Quest: Becoming the Best Church for the Community is designed for church leaders who want to transform their churches to become less internally focused and more oriented to the world around them. The book includes the clear guidelines on the ten changes congregations must adopt to become truly outwardly focused. This book is not about getting all churches to have an annual day of community service as a tactic but changing the core of who they are and how they see themselves as a part of their community.

**FEEDING THE FLOCK: RESTAURANTS AND CHURCHES YOU'D
 STAND IN LINE FOR**

Chandler, Russell
 Alban Institute
 BOOK
 Stories of why people choose to visit, and revisit, certain restaurants rather than others. It also finds significant points in these stories to apply to congregational health and growth. A book for congregations concerned about being welcoming, hospitable communities.

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FLY IN THE OINTMENT

Crabtree, J. Russell

Church Publishing, 2008

BOOK

Why denominations aren't helping their congregations...and how they can. The author offers an important resource for churches and church leaders as they explore how to transform themselves into vital, flourishing organizations.

GOD'S TAPESTRY

UNDERSTANDING AND CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES

Kondrath, William M.

Alban Institute, 2008

BOOK

Our differences are our greatest blessings and our greatest challenges, maintains William Kondrath, Episcopal priest and seminary professor. Theologically and ecologically, differences foster life and growth, but discord within denominations and congregations frequently have to do with the inability of individuals and groups to deeply understand and value differences.

HOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY WORKS

UNDERSTANDING CONGREGATIONS AS EMOTIONAL SYSTEMS

Steinke, Peter L.

The Alban Institute, Inc., 1993

BOOK

The author suggests that congregations are like family systems and explains how to deal in new and effective ways with such issues as the roots of church conflict, the role of leadership, dealing with change in the congregation, the encouragement of responsible behavior and the significance of family of origin in current relationships.

IMAGINING CHURCH:

SEEING HOPE IN A WORLD OF CHANGE

Shockley, Gary & Kim

The Alban Institute, 2009

BOOK

The Shockleys outline how we in the church are now laborers in a new kind of vineyard—one that requires a new way of thinking and acting in our postmodern world. They invite readers to step into the flow of God's activity and, using the gifts God has given us, cooperate in the work of ministry and mission. Rather than suggesting one model or process for church effectiveness ("do it this way and grow"), *Imagining Church* helps congregational leaders to think more imaginatively about how God is at work in our present ministry contexts.

IN DYING WE ARE BORN

THE CHALLENGE AND THE HOPE FOR CONGREGATIONS

Bush, Peter

Alban Institute, 2008

BOOK

Deeply ingrained in Western culture, and in the minds of most church leaders, is the belief that there is a solution to every problem. Peter Bush offers a powerful challenge to this approach, arguing that for new life, energy, and passion to arise in congregations, they must die - die to one way of being the church in order that a new way may rise.

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INNOVATIONS IN MINISTRY: MODELS FOR THE 21ST C.

Schaller, Lyle E.

Abingdon Press [Ministry for the Third Millennium]

BOOK

Same concepts but for larger church. Identifying the emerging models--heavy emphasis on paradigm shifts toward laity-driven ministries (market-driven "niched" ministries reaching diverse populations, ownership and initiative in ministry, and regional definitions of church into seven-day-a-week ministries).

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LEADING CHANGE IN THE CONGREGATION: SPIRITUAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL TOOLS FOR LEADERS

Rendle, Gilbert R.

Alban Institute, Inc.

BOOK

This volume contains ideas for helping congregational leaders face or initiate change. The book presents ideas in useful bite-sized increments with which leaders can help their congregations to be more adaptive to the world changing around them.

LETTING GO: TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS FOR MINISTRY

Phillips, Roy D.

Alban Institute

BOOK

This book offers a new and exciting approach to ministry and to the life of a congregation--a shared ministry that, if implemented, will renew the church, energize ministers, and fulfill seeking laity.

MAINLINE TURNAROUND: STRATEGIES FOR CONGREGATIONS AND DENOMINATIONS

Schaller, Lyle E.

Abingdon Press, 2005

BOOK

A proposal for ways congregations can reinvent themselves in order to reach the generations born after 1960 and respond to the needs of a new era. Designed to meet the needs of previous generations, some churches were destined to fail when the needs of current generations diverged radically from those of their predecessors. But it is not too late for these churches to reinvent themselves, to redesign their ministries, programs, and mission to focus on those born after 1960.

MEMORIES, HOPES, AND CONVERSATIONS

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY AND CONGREGATIONAL CHANGE

Branson, Mark Lau

Alban Institute

BOOK

When First Presbyterian Church in Altadena, California, was asked to provide a mission study report for its pastor nominating committee, the congregation was afraid they would find themselves engaging in busy work and producing a report that would wind up in a file gathering dust. They then asked professor Mark Lau Branson to consult with them on writing this report. He invited them to join in a process of Appreciative Inquiry--a transformational organization change process--which resulted in a major shift in congregational conversations.

NEXT STEPS IN COMMUNITY MINISTRY: HANDS-ON LEADERSHIP

Dudley, Carl S.

The Alban Institute, 1996

BOOK

What 24 congregations learned in the five years since the Church and Community Project's completion--how reality shattered the myths and expectations of funding, leadership, church/society partnership; how frustration and exhaustion led to being uplifted and sustained; how action made the poor and homeless real and not statistics. SUITABLE FOR RETREATS

PATHWAY TO RENEWAL:

PRACTICAL STEPS FOR CONGREGATIONS

Smith, Daniel, P. & Mary K. Sellon

The Alban Institute, 2008

BOOK

Pathway to Renewal offers pastors and congregational leaders a framework for understanding and addressing the deep cultural shift facing the people of a congregation during congregational renewal. This book will help leaders make sense of where their congregation could get stuck and guide them in thinking through what needs to be addressed next as a congregation seeks renewal.

POSTINDUSTRIAL PROMISE

VITAL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY IN THE 21st CENTURY

Healy, Anthony E.

The Alban Institute, 2005

BOOK

This book provides pastors, lay leaders, teachers, scholars, and seminarians with a solid grounding in the basic aspects of the postindustrial transformation and offers direction to help religious leaders develop responsive and viable places of ministry, mission, and program in this time of change.

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REIGN OF GOD:

IMPLICATIONS FOR CONGREGATIONAL REVITALIZATION

Finne, Maryjane

Maryjane Finne, 2008

BOOK

A thesis submitted to the faculty of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary for a Degree of Master of Arts, May 2008. The study surveys the history of interpretation of the term "Kingdom of God" in Scripture. Focus congregation is the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains, NJ.

SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCH: SCENARIOS FOR TOMORROW

Schaller, Lyle E.

Abingdon Press [Ministry for the Third Millenium]

BOOK

Suggests small churches adopt a "niche strategy" to compete with megachurches and gives 44 scenarios for specialized ministries. Addresses staffing and financing and size issues.

SOUL OF THE CONGREGATION

Frank, Thomsa Edward

Abingdon Press, 2000

BOOK

An invitation to congregational reflection. Every congregation is an unique culture comprising the artifacts, practices, values, outlooks, symbols, stories, language, and collective character that makes it particularly itself. This resource offers leaders a way to more deeply understand the soul of the congregation.

THIS HOUSE WE BUILD: LESSONS FOR HEALTHY

SYNAGOGUES AND THE PEOPLE WHO DWELL THERE

Bookman, Terry and William Kahn

The Alban Institute, 2007

BOOK

This House We Build enables both clergy and members to learn more deeply about creating and sustaining communities of faith in the course of inevitable transitions and everyday challenges.

TRANSFORMATIONAL REGIONAL BODIES

Oswald, Roy M. & Claire S. Burkat

Life Structure Resources, 2001

BOOK

This book is a blueprint for proactively revitalizing a Middle Judicatory, reversing its decline by supporting shrinking congregations, helping them to thrive and grow, all without burning out Regional Body Staff, Bishops or Executives. How to move from maintenance to mission; from merely responding to crises to creating healthy congregations in which crises are minimized.

TRANSFORMING CHURCH BOARDS

INTO COMMUNITIES OF SPIRITUAL LEADERS

Olsen, Charles M.

The Alban Institute, 1995

BOOK

A four point model--shared stories, Scripture, prayer, and discernment--provides a new way of working on church boards that can be fulfilling instead of draining. The approach helps ordinary people integrate their work of leading the organization of the congregation with leading the spiritual life of the congregation.

TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Mead, Loren B.

Alban Institute

BOOK

Mead sees a serious storm buffeting the churches, a storm so serious, he thinks we must begin again building church from the ground up.

TURNAROUND CHURCH: INSPIRATION AND TOOLS FOR

LIFE-SUSTAINING CHANGE

Gifford, Mary Louise

The Alban Institute, 2009

BOOK

Addressing a wide audience, the author shows church leaders they have options and reason for hope. People & clergy serving struggling churches will discover tools and resources to help them guide change. The Turnaround Church, while not a prescription for all churches, is a call to make long-lasting, life-sustaining changes.

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CONGREGATION AS A SYSTEM

Parsons, George and Speed B. Leas	The Alban Institute, Inc.	BOOK
<p>Congregational Systems Inventory series. This resource is a new evaluation tool for congregational leaders. It will enable church leaders to explore seven key areas in evaluating congregational life: strategy, process, pastoral and lay leadership, authority, relatedness, and learning.</p>		

VIRTUAL FAITH

THE IRREVERENT SPIRITUAL QUEST OF GENERATION X

Beaudoin, Tom	Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1998	BOOK
<p>Through an investigation of the popular culture of Generation X - music videos, cyberspace, and fashion - Beaudoin shows that this generation is operating according to a theology radically different from that which shaped the church of their elders. This smart and highly original look at theology and GenX opens an important dialogue about the role of God and religion.</p>		

VITAL SIGNS OF URBAN CONGREGATIONS

Tom, Bert, ed.	Office of Urban Ministry, PCUSA, 2006	BOOK
<p>Vital Signs of Urban Congregations lifts up stories of members from 12 healthy urban congregations who discuss how their congregational and community life have been transformed.</p>		

WWW.CONGREGATIONALRESOURCES.ORG

CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE GUIDE

Bass, Richard, ed.	The Alban Institute, 2004	BOOK
<p>This book is an invaluable resource for congregational leaders. It puts the rich array of important congregational resources into context by examining the key books, organizations, Web sites, and people that will help leaders gain an understanding of important issues facing their faith communities. A companion to an online resource produced by the Alban Institute and the Indianapolis Center for Congregations</p>		