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Recent years have
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attention to faith-based
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of social change,
spurred in part by cuts
in public funding for
social services and
accompanied by
controversy about the
separation of church
and state. The debate
over faith-based
initiatives has
highlighted a small but
growing segment of
churches committed to
both saving souls and
serving society. What
distinguishes faith-
based from secular
activism? How do
religious organizations
express their religious
identity in the context
of social services? How
do faith-based service

providers interpret the connection between spiritual methodologies and socioeconomic outcomes? How does faith motivate and give meaning to social ministry? Drawing on case studies of fifteen Philadelphia-area Protestant churches with active outreach, *Saving Souls, Serving Society* seeks to answer these and other pressing questions surrounding the religious dynamics of social ministry. While church-based programs often look similar to secular ones in terms of goods or services rendered, they may show significant differences in terms of motivations, desired outcomes, and interpretations of meaning. Church-based programs also differ from one another

in terms of how they relate evangelism to their social outreach agenda. Heidi Rolland Unruh and Ronald J. Sider explore how churches navigate the tension between their spiritual mission and the constraints on evangelism in the context of social services. The authors examine the potential contribution of religious dynamics to social outcomes as well as the relationship between mission orientations and social capital. Unruh and Sider introduce a new vocabulary for describing the religious components and spiritual meanings embedded in social action, and provide a typology of faith-based organizations and programs. Their analysis yields a

framework for Protestant mission orientations that makes room for the diverse ways that churches interrelate spiritual witness and social compassion. Based on their observations, the authors offer a constructive approach to church-state partnerships and provide a far more objective understanding of faith-based social services than previously available.

Does Size Make a Difference? A Case of Organizational Communication in Churches Lulu.com

What would you learn if you visited 52 churches? How might that experience change the way you treated visitors at your church? But you don't

need to go to a boatload of churches to find out. Church-reform advocate Peter DeHaan, PhD already has. The 52 Churches Workbook is the perfect tool to gain valuable insights without the pain and hassle of going to a different church every Sunday for an entire year. Merely thinking about making your church better isn't enough. It's time to act. With over 200 thought-provoking questions to propel you and your church forward, you'll discover: - How to greet visitors well. - The importance of making a good first impression and a parting memory. - The way one person can make the difference between success and failure. - Best practices

from churches that treat visitors well, along with what to avoid. - Why a website is critical and shouldn't resemble a dating profile. The 52 Churches Workbook is the perfect companion for 52 Churches, but it also works great as a standalone book for those who haven't yet read 52 Churches. Don't go another Sunday without this essential resource. Perfect for leaders and members. Get The 52 Churches Workbook and take the first step to becoming a church that matters.

Christian Unity

Tyndale Momentum Throughout our nation, hundreds of vibrant African-American churches are leading people to deep, life-changing spiritual transformations. With

visionary leadership, powerful worship, challenging faith formation strategies, and a strong sense of community and mission, these churches form the backbone of American spirituality. What generates this vitality? And how can you bring that same passion, energy, and impact to your church? In *High-Impact African-American Churches*, researcher George Barna and Bishop Harry Jackson Jr. combine their research, knowledge, and experience to describe what these churches do that is changing lives. *Good News and Good Works* Independently Published
Congregations want to support their pastors, but don't know how.

Pastors love their congregations, but they don't know what to ask of their congregations to garner needed support. Everyone wants to thrive together, but so often we get stuck. This clear and engaging guide helps pastors and congregations bridge communication gaps and set mutual goals and expectations. Reverend Keck grounds his framework of expectations on both scholarly research and on interviews he's conducted with pastors and lay people. He finds many common difficulties in churches arise from failing to discuss priorities and expectations, and from not effectively working through the problems that arise when expectations aren't

met. For pastors and congregants to arrive at common expectations, they need to understand each other—their respective needs, hopes, and distinctive callings. This book provides concrete steps to aid congregants and pastors communicate their mutual expectations. Keck presents fifty "expectation statements"—examples of what pastors and congregations can expect of one another; a vital resource to anyone who seeks to initiate a discussion of expectations in their own church. Elucidating goals and expectations allows congregations and pastors to support one another and flourish, and fosters church

health and harmony.

**The French Churches
Apology for the
Church of England**

Baker Books

Are you a follower of Jesus Christ? If so, then you have been commanded by your Lord and Savior to make disciples, which begins with telling people about your faith. How are you doing with that? Are you being obedient to this command? If not, this book can help. Don Sunshine has been teaching people all over the United States how to share their faith in Christ every day as a lifestyle without fear or embarrassment. Don has taught his Make a Difference (or MAD for short) Live Events in over 650 churches in twenty-seven states and Canada. Tens of thousands of people

have been impacted by his simple teaching and have begun sharing their faith in Christ every day with a lost world. This book covers a lot of the material that he presents in his MAD live events. You'll learn the following: how to recognize the opportunities (divine appointments) that God gives you every day to tell someone about Jesus; what fears stop you from sharing your faith and how to defeat those fears and live in obedience; and what it looks like when a door opens for you to share your faith, and what to do and say when the door opens. Putting these truths into practice is so simple that Don teaches the same material in Christian middle and high

schools. The book is full of real-life examples of Don's teaching that will help you apply the lessons as part of your daily life. And as you do, your life will become the great adventure that God intended it to be. Your faith and joy will grow as your obedience changes your Christian experience on planet Earth. 1

Adventist Churches
That Make a Difference
Society for Promoting
Christian

Are you ready for a new way to seek justice - an ancient way to know God? Finally, a practical guide on how to do justice and grow in discipleship —from those on the frontlines of the battle in the world's darkest and most dangerous

places. Jim Martin and International Justice Mission are experts not only at bringing rescue to victims of violence, sex trafficking, slavery, and oppression, but also, at bringing churches into the fight, through concrete steps that actually make a difference. Learn how to carry out one of the Bible's core commands—to seek justice—in a way that amounts to more than mere words and good intentions. In the process, you'll discover one of the most powerful tools to grow faith and deepen discipleship. In *The Just Church*, Martin shares tangible, accessible strategies to respond to God's call to seek justice, defend the widow and orphan, and rescue the oppressed . . . whether in far-off

places or right in your own community
Saving Souls, Serving Society Thomas Nelson
 Why do so many young adults (18 to 22) leave the church, and what will it take to bring them back? This important question is examined and duly answered in *Essential Church?* The book is based on a study of one-thousand so-called "church dropouts" who were Reawakened
 InterVarsity Press
 "This is the story of thirteen churches and the leaders who moved them from stagnancy to growth and from mediocrity to greatness. Drawing on one of the most comprehensive studies ever on the church, this book reveals the process of becoming a "breakout" church and

the factors that lead to this spiritual metamorphosis."--The Publisher description.
Essential Church? B&H Publishing Group
 Have you hit a wall with your church, ministry or non-profit organization? In spite of a genuine calling, an exceptional team and solid investment in the vision, have you noticed that the spark never catches fire?
 Media and marketing expert Phil Cooke wants every ministry to ask, Who are we? By identifying what makes your organization different from the thousands clamoring for attention, you can get your message heard. Cooke has consulted with many of the most recognized churches and non-profits in the world, and in *Branding Faith:*

Why Some Ministries Impact Culture and Others Don't, he shares his road-tested strategies for using media and marketing to make your mark on people's minds and hearts. Whatever the size of your organization, his helpful hints and insider know-how will give you the tools to set your ministry's strategies ablaze.

High Impact African-American Churches

Peter DeHaan
Publishing Inc

A text which aims to stimulate people with little or no formal theological training to reflect on the implications of relating disability to the Christian faith. It offers practical advice on what individuals and churches can do to make a difference.

Healing ministry, practical issues such as access and ways of including disabled people within the church, using their gifts and ministry to the full are covered in detail.

Breakout Churches
Churches That Make a Difference

Want to change the world? Did you know You Were Made to Make a Difference? This adaptation of Outlive Your Life for teens offers practical tips youth can take out into their community to make a difference, plus real-life stories about those who have done just that. Teens learn that God can use them to make a difference right now. He wants to use them today, without waiting for them to be older, stronger, richer, or

even more “together.” God can use their minds, their spirits, and their hands and feet to make permanent change for His kingdom. Also included are valuable resources, interesting facts about the needy in the world and how little it takes to make a big difference, and other interactive elements such as journaling opportunities for writing personal ideas and service goals. Teens will learn that their role in life is bigger than themselves, and that they’re not too young to make a difference for God. Meets national education standards.

Scrappy Church
 Pathway Press
 Dear Friend, May I share a story that is very dear to my heart? It's a story of hillbillies

and simple folk, net casters and tax collectors. A story of a movement that exploded like a just-opened fire hydrant out of Jerusalem and spilled into the ends of the earth: into the streets of Paris, the districts of Rome, and the ports of Athens, Istanbul, Shanghai, and Buenos Aires. A story so mighty, controversial, head spinning, and life changing that two millennia later we wonder: Might it happen again? Heaven knows we hope so. These are devastating times: 1.75 billions people are desperately poor; one billion are hungry. Lonely hearts indwell our neighborhoods and attend our schools. In the midst of it all, here we stand: you, me, and

our one-of-a-kind lives. We are given a choice ... an opportunity to make a big difference during a difficult time. What if we did? What if we rocked the world with hope? Worth a try, don't you think? - Max Lucado One hundred percent of the author's royalties from Outlive Your Life products will benefit children and families through World Vision and other ministries of faith-based compassion. *Social Justice and the Churches* Baker Books I will never forget the first time that I met Stan Toler. We were both attending college at Ohio Christian University (Circleville Bible College at that time). We were both ministry majors with a sense of God's call on our lives to serve as pastors. He came into

a class dressed in a black suit carrying a brown briefcase. He was younger than I was, and I could not but help think, "Who is this guy?" Little did I know, on that day, that he would become one of the dearest friends and one of the closet colleagues in my life. From those early days in college, we served together with our entire lives. Stan was always the same whether he was serving in a mission district with a small church, or serving in a large church, or serving as a General Superintendent with the Church of the Nazarene. His love for God and his passion for the church remained the driving force in his life. He touched the world with the love and message of Jesus

Christ during his lifetime. He preached in every state of the union in the United States and over 90 countries around the world. In addition to his preaching and teaching ministry, he was able to write over 100 books! His brother Terry remarked that, "Stan never had an unpublished thought."

Making a World of

Difference Oxford University Press

The various contributions in this informative and exciting volume explore the ambivalent and complex history of Reformed faith during the years 1960 to 1990 in apartheid South Africa. In the process light is shed on the role of Reformed churches in the struggle for justice, freedom and dignity. Parameters are

simultaneously provided for defining the public role of Reformed faith in contemporary South Africa in the context of Africanisation and globalisation ...” Prof. Nico Koopman, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University

Make a Difference

Baker Books

How many times have we heard these statements... “We can’t compete with the megachurch in our town!” “A new church was started two blocks from us. We’ve got plenty of churches without them!” “The church brought another one of their campuses near us. It’s totally unethical what they are doing.” “We can’t reach young families. They all go to the big church that has

all the children's and student stuff." "We don't have the money or the people the other churches have." Bestselling author Thom S. Rainer (I Am a Church Member, Autopsy of a Deceased Church) has heard comments like these hundreds, if not thousands, of times. They are statements of hopelessness. They are statements of despair. They are statements of defeat. Church leaders don't want to feel this way. They desire to break out of the mediocrity of the same, lame, and tame existence of their churches. They want their churches to make a difference. There is hope. God's hope. God's possibilities. What does a scrappy church look like? Let's take a look together.

Taking Discipleship Seriously Paulist Press Equips parents to inspire kids to take on social injustice--at any age With the constant barrage of difficult stories through news and social media, today's kids are increasingly aware of the real problems real people confront every day. And they're quicker than ever to come to parents and other trusted adults to ask how they can help--or why they're not already doing so. And Social Justice for Allequips Christian families to tackle social justice issues together. It inspires them to bring light and love to a dark and scary world. Educator and mom Lisa Van Engen creates innovative resources to engage kids in understanding and

responding to fourteen justice issues such as clean water, creation care, immigration and refugees, hunger, race, and poverty. After placing each issue in kid-friendly context, she offers interactive features:

- High-interest conversation starters for each age group to challenge thinking and assumptions
- A family devotional to anchor each social justice issue in God's Word
- Engaging, age-tiered activities for reading, playing, observing, creating, connecting, and experimenting in God's world
- Tips and internet links to extend awareness and invest resources in social justice.

Throughout each chapter, children speak their own thoughts about injustice and what they

think God is calling them to do. By looking at both the roots of injustice and what Christians can do right now to help, *And Social Justice for All* empowers both adults and children to encounter a broken world with insight and empathy. Simple yet powerful, it lights the path for families to make a real, God-directed difference together.

Branding Faith

Rowman & Littlefield

The Church has lost its voice in America. It's time to get it back.

Most people still believe in God. Many of them hold a negative view of church.

Frankly, they've given up on it. And it's only getting worse as time goes on. Though some churches are growing, church attendance

overall continues to shrink, while our culture sinks deeper into darkness. A world-increasingly desperate for hope-is begging us to do something right now to restore the voice of hope in the world. We must act now. In *Unmuted: Restoring Your Church's Voice*, you will find everything you need to do just that in your community, using the six primary dynamics established by the original Acts 2 church: - They were unified around a God-given vision - They were empowered by the Holy Spirit - They preached a relevant, simple truth - They were hungry to know God - They genuinely cared for one another - They unselfishly cared about the community around them

Incorporate these six dynamics into the unique DNA of your church and you will raise a generation of mature, close-knit Christians, committed to defining their lives by the God-given vision of making disciples of everyone, everywhere. You will also see your church's influence grow. You can still make a difference in your world Jim Wall has dedicated his life to serving the local church, pastoring small-town churches, teaching pastoral university students and planting seventy-six churches in three countries-including the 4,000-soul Community Church in Hampton Roads, Virginia, USA (communitychurch.info). He currently serves as the founder and executive director of

the Acts 2 Network or A2N (acts2network.org), coaching church leaders around the world. Jim holds a DMin in Christian Leadership from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Churches, Cultures and Leadership Harper Collins

As the church continues to heed Christ's call to reflect the multiethnic character of his people, pastors and lay leaders need to gain skills and competencies to serve in those contexts. The multicultural team of Juan Martinez and Mark Branson has written this book to equip such leaders to carry out God's reconciling initiatives effectively. The French Churches Apology for the Church of England; Or, the Objections of

Dissenters Against the Articles, Homilies, Liturgy and Canons of the English Church, Consider'd and Answer'd Upon the Principles of the Reformed Church of France, Etc B&H Publishing Group

In the powerful new book World Impacting Churches, author James Eby issues a challenge to churches around the world to regain their focus on the task of finishing The Great Commission in this generation. Drawing on more than 30 years of experience in national and international ministry, Eby shares ten thought-provoking characteristics of churches which make a difference in the world and help complete the mandate Jesus gave us. Eby's Biblical

insight and practical application for implementing these characteristics will inspire and challenge church leaders on

every level. The principles set forth in this book are applicable to churches of every size and culture.

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