

## Church Growth 101 A Church Growth Guidebook For Ministers And Laity Paperback

A startling 85% of churches in the US are plateaued or declining, a trend that has been building for the past fifty years. In the face of shrinking attendance and lagging spiritual growth, pastors and church leaders are understandably discouraged and demoralized. But the first step to turning things around is hope. Church health expert Gary McIntosh offers this hope by showing church leaders the first things they need to do to make a new start for their church. God can and does restore churches to new life, even as he restores individuals. The street-smart ideas and step-by-step instructions found in this book are ones that pastors and church leaders can put to use immediately in their churches to bring about solid growth and renewed hope for the future.

Pastors and church leaders are constantly faced with strategic questions. How much staff does the church need? How many workers are needed in the nursery this month? When is the right time to start a second worship service? How many people should we train for evangelism this year? How does seating and parking impact worship attendance? When church leaders have questions about planning, running, or growing their churches, they need answers fast! What Every Pastor Should Know offers pastors and leaders 101 valuable rules and "sacred" laws to help answer real-life ministry questions. From advertising to facilities to visitation, this valuable book offers the practical help that leaders need, just when they need it most. This comprehensive guide will become one of the most valuable books in a leader's library. Never again will they wonder if they based critical decisions on the right information. They'll get the answers they're looking for all in one place. Church growth models have often been long on promises and short on disciple-making. We continue to watch consistent church attendance shrink, and our desire to reach the lost is infected with a need for self-validation by growing our numbers at any cost. If we believe that God wants his church to grow, where do we go from here? What is the future of the church? Drawing from his 20 years and 15,000 hours of consulting, author Will Mancini shares with pastors and ministry leaders the single most important insight he has learned about church growth. With plenty of salient stories and based solidly on the disciple-making methods found in Scripture, Future Church exposes the church's greatest challenge today, and offers 7 transforming laws of real church growth so that we can faithfully and joyfully fulfill Jesus's Great Commission.

Revised introductory brochure for Natural Church Development

There has been substantial church growth in Britain between 1980 and 2010. This is the controversial conclusion from the international team of scholars, who have drawn on interdisciplinary studies and the latest research from across the UK. Such church growth is seen to be on a large scale, is multi-ethnic and can be found across a wide range of social and geographical contexts. It is happening inside mainline denominations but especially in specific regions such as London, in newer churches and amongst ethnic minorities. Church Growth in Britain provides a forceful critique of the notion of secularisation which dominates much of academia and the media - and which conditions the thinking of many churches and church leaders. This book demonstrates that, whilst decline is happening in some parts of the church, this needs to be balanced by recognition of the vitality of large swathes of the Christian church in Britain. Rebalancing the debate in this way requires wholesale change in our understanding of contemporary British Christianity.

What if your church reached thousands, but they didn't stay or make it to Heaven? According to churches across the world, Retention is the most frustrating part of church growth. People come, but very few stay. Finally, there is a clear plan to drive your Retention rates higher than

ever before. Through years of study, prayer and hands-on action, Brian has cracked the code to Retention and has laid it out in a way that is easy to understand and implement. -The Power of Connections -Follow-up that works -Retaining more people ...and Much More! Retention 101 is more than a follow-up plan... It's a complete step-by-step Retention system and it's the answer for any church that wants to get off the roller coaster and see steady growth.

All local churches experience a predictable life cycle of growth and decline. But if a church is on a downward trend, how can it turn around? Taking Your Church to the Next Level explains the impact of age and size on churches and outlines the improvements that must be made at each point for a church to remain fruitful and faithful to its mission. McIntosh deftly describes the cycles of fruitfulness and the importance of continual improvement to diminish destructive forces that keep a congregation from its mission. Church leaders, pastors, and all who care about the church and desire to see it experience biblical growth will benefit from the sage wisdom offered in these pages.

This book is written to be helpful to ministers who are serving as a bivocational pastor or are considering that ministry role. This is not an exhausting study of the role, but a conversation with you about the key functions and challenges of the bivocational pastor. In my experiences of being a pastor, consultant, personal counselor and friend of pastors, I understand the delights and difficulties of ministry. In my current roles of bivocational pastor and fundraising among churches for a statewide ministry, I understand the challenges that bivocational pastors face and want to share with you a down to earth conversation from my experience and perspective.

Does your life ever feel like one series of rushed moments after another? Do you want to feel more present and connected to those you love? Do you want to be able to listen without thinking the whole time of what you're going to say next? Do you want to feel less distracted, less busy, and more whole? Most of us spend our distracted lives longing to get to the next, better moment and fail to notice the present one. We lack space between one task and the next, one thought and the next, one email and the next. Social media, TV, work deadlines, and family stress steal our enjoyment and engagement in the moment. Holy Noticing will teach you how to: become more aware of your thoughts, emotions, and environment recognize Christ's presence in the moment reduce your stress by developing the ability to focus on God and people rather than tasks Many today think mindfulness is dangerous, unchristian, or associated with Eastern religions—and often it is! But Dr. Charles Stone reveals that the art of holy noticing—purposefully paying attention to God as he works in us, our relationships, and our world—is a spiritual discipline Christians have practiced for millennia. Holy Noticing explores the historically Christian and biblical roots of this lifestyle, as well as Dr. Stone's BREATHe model, which teaches you to be more engaged with Christ in the everyday moments that too often slip right by us. Discover the lost spiritual discipline of holy noticing today and learn to engage the world like Christ.

Bill Easum and Bil Cornelius are two strikingly different, yet surprisingly similar pastors. One undertook to revitalize a moribund mainline church; the other, to plant a new nondenominational congregation. Coming from different generations, their ministries took place under dissimilar circumstances. Yet both have experienced substantial, even explosive, growth in congregational mission and membership. Along the way they learned some important lessons, such as the centrality of strong pastoral leadership, the need for an unhesitating pursuit of excellence in all areas of the church's ministry, and the requirement that you picture an audacious vision for your church and live into that vision. Regardless of the current size of your church, you will find here inspiring,

ready-to-implement ideas to help your church go BIG.

Provides information on ways the church can recruit, train, and commission new leaders.

Why Plan Strategy? Is church growth theory incompatible with belief in the sovereignty of God? Does adherence to church growth principles leave out dependency upon the work of the Holy Spirit? C. Peter Wagner answers no to both questions. He further believes that no task could be more crucial than fulfilling the Great Commission in our generation, and how to approach and plan for the execution of this task is the questions of the day. Strategies for Church Growth addresses this key issue in a biblically pragmatic way. It brings together for the first time many principles of evangelism and missions which have proved, through recent research and experience, to be effective in implementing the Great Commission. It also unifies, in concise form, the latest research of the Church Growth Movement, the Lausanne Committee on World Evangelization, the U.S. Center for World Mission and numerous other key contributors to the recent explosion of evangelistic technology. Among the topics explored are: - the major components of strategy - choosing the appropriate strategy - advantages of having a strategy - the theology of church growth - the harvest principle and soil testing - why you should aim for church growth - characteristics of good goals - the meaning of mission and evangelism - how to target your outreach

Different churches grow in different ways. This book will help you figure out your church's orientation and show the way to healthy growth.

"Authors Eric Geiger and Kevin Peck argue that churches that consistently produce leaders have a strong conviction to develop leaders, a healthy culture for leadership development, and helpful constructs to systematically and intentionally build leaders. All three are essential leaders to be formed through the ministry of a local church."--Back cover.

Are you longing to see your church grow, both in number and in discipleship? If so, Growing the Church 101 was written for you. Based on a seminar for clergy and wives led by Bishop Keith Andrews on radical and Biblical discipleship, this book is part of comprehensive effort to expand his vision to the local church, first in the Diocese of Western Anglicans, then in ACNA, and then in Anglican churches throughout the world. This vision, if realized, will propel us forward into the next phase of our growth as an obedient church. Growing the Church 101 contains six in depth group studies, each with two midweek homework sessions. The book has been recommended by Archbishop Foley Beach, Rt Rev Dr Todd Hunter and Canon David Rosebury for the express purpose of growing disciples who make disciples. Our prayer is that the Lord will use this book to increase, not just our Church's head knowledge, but also our heart knowledge and obedience. We pray that it will be a tool to enable and encourage deep discipleship, so that we will become disciples that make disciples that make a difference in the world."With all the books and resources on Church Growth, I recommend this work for the local congregation. Dr. Crocker and Bishop Andrews have provided an excellent resource for a local congregation to gather its influential members and honestly examine what is hindering their ability to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission. They have provided a safe way for a congregation to look in the mirror, and respond to what they see." Archbishop Foley Beach, Anglican Church in North America

As a pastor since 1977, the importance of God growing HIS church has been paramount to me. Now in 2011 as was driving back from a ministers conference in West Lafayette, Indiana, the Lord spoke to my heart. He revealed to me His divine plan, which I have called the Nine, Nine, Nine, Plan! What you will discover in this book is illustrated for us in the Book of Acts which is a book of the early church. In this first book, we will be teaching on the Nine Important Realities that must be in a local body of believers in order for there to be dynamic spiritual and numerical growth.

"This is a practical manual of everything our church did," says author Molly Phinney Baskette, "to reverse our death spiral and become the healthy, stable, spirited and robust community it is today evident in the large percentage of children and young adults in our church, and a sixfold increase in pledged giving in the last decade." Baskette, pastor of First Church Somerville UCC in the Boston area, strongly believes her church's strategies will work for any church, in any setting, regardless of denomination, demographics, and political landscape. Here, in her new book, *Real Good Church: How Our Church Came Back from the Dead, and Yours Can, Too*, she shares everything her church did, addressing topics such as: outreach and growth strategies, finances and giving, creative worship, including personal testimony and corporate prayer, church conflict and change, anxiety and humor, and much more.

Authentic community is essential if the church is to remain true to its God-assigned mission. As the title indicates, the interrelated concepts of community and oneness are presented in this book. Gilbert Bilezikian lays a biblical foundation for this call to community by showing the centrality of community in the sweep of salvation history -- its loss in the Fall, its reclamation through Christ, and its ultimate realization in the New Jerusalem. Bilezikian proceeds to describe how community can be expressed in the daily life of the church, from small groups to various forms of ministry to church leadership. Focusing on oneness, this book presents a paradigm that can renew the vision of the church in this postmodern society and confirm the authenticity of its message. Authentic community is essential if the church is to remain true to its God-assigned mission. As the title indicates, the two interrelated concepts of community and oneness are presented in this book. Gilbert Bilezikian lays a biblical foundation for this call to community by showing the centrality of community in the sweep of salvation history - its loss in the Fall, its reclamation through Christ, and its ultimate realization in the New Jerusalem.

Dr. Glenn W. Mollette has been writing most of his life. He is the author of numerous books. *Church Growth 101 A Church Growth Guidebook for Ministers and Laity* is based on his thirty-five plus years of pastoral ministries. All the churches Dr. Mollette served grew in attendance, mission giving and effective ministries. This is a must read for every pastor, church staff worker, and church member. In this book Dr. Mollette shares practical and simple insights that will help your church grow. He is a graduate of Georgetown College, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Lexington Theological Seminary. He has served as President of the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference and President of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Today he is the President of Newburgh Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana and works with ministers in all fifty states and over forty countries.

"An unprecedented mix of pentecostal theology and mission practice, virtually a manifesto for pentecostal missions. . . . The fullest and finest missiological treatise originating within classical Pentecostalism available."--Russell P. Spittler

THE AMBITIOUS PASTOR is written to offer practical guidance for the local pastor. God's main strategy for changing this world is through the local church. Local churches call for wise and compassionate leadership. This book covers the five roles that call for excellence on the part of the pastor. These five roles are: 1. Preaching Worship Leader, 2 Teacher, 3. Pastoral Counsellor, 4. Church Administrator and 5.

Evangelist. Pastors are leaders of leaders who can never get too much guidance in carrying out this sacred task.

A simple easy to read guide on church planting, church growth and development. In this book archbishop takes us through the steps he took in planting churches. He shows us where he struggled and how he succeeded. He provides insight needed to plant a church from the ground up. He, also, provides in the book a sample launch plan, articles of incorporation and bylaws. This is a must read for any church planter.

Over 90 percent of all Christian churches in the United States have fewer than 200 members. While they vary in shape, size, ethnicity, and denomination, they have one thing in common: the desire to grow. So why is it that some churches fail to grow for years, while other congregations in the same community increase exponentially? The problem, says church marketing authority Richard Reising, is that most churches should not be doing promotion. Instead, they should focus on the preparation that will make members eager to invite others. In ChurchMarketing 101®, he demystifies basic marketing principles for the church, evaluates them against biblical principles, and illustrates how simple changes can remove roadblocks that hinder members from reaching out. Reising's simple yet insightful approach will be invaluable to pastors and ministry leaders from churches of all denominations and styles.

Endorsement: Minister's Guidebook is an incarnational work written out of the crucible of Dr. Mollette's life experiences. Its pages reverberate with the wisdom of a contemporary man of Issachar who understands the times and knows what ministers ought to do (1 Chron. 12:32). In this practical pedestrian work written to provide salient advice for ministers serving in the real world, Mollette throws out a lifeline. Grab it! Read it! Be saved from mistakes that can adversely impact your ministry for years to come and be saved to join the coffers of those carefully traversing the minefields of ministry with the invaluable wisdom of an elder. Blessings, Dr. Robert Smith, Jr. Charles T. Carter Baptist Chair of Divinity Beeson Divinity School Samford University Table of Contents Subjects discussed in this book Your Ministry Age Your Education Your Study Time Your Marriage Your Family Your Home and Church Parsonage Save Money for Retirement Your Health Your Salary Your Availability Do Not Be the Hired Gun Your Preaching/Teaching Style Funerals Weddings Win Souls to Christ Control Your Tongue Mental Health Issues Minister to All People Your Media Ministry Your Personal Life Addictions Your Car Your Appearance Standing Alone Do Your Best Your Service Options Make the Best of Your Life

Dr. Buddy Bell, founder of Ministry of Helps International, combines humor with informative teaching and practical tips to help ushers realize the importance of serving people with excellence in the local church.

Author Donald A. McGavran is considered a founder of the Church Growth Movement in America. In this 3rd edition of his standard work, McGavaran analyzes the causes, methods and strategies for successful church growth both in America and abroad.

How can you change a stagnant, inward-focused church of pew-sitters into a growing, outreach-oriented fellowship of believers? In The Pastor's Guide to Growing a Christlike Church, you'll discover the keys to creating a vibrant, biblical, spiritually healthy church. William Willimon, H.B. London, George Hunter III, and other well-known church leaders teach you how to: Develop servant leaders among the laity Get laity involved in serving the community Nurture healthy spirituality in the church Develop authentic Christian community and fellowship Plan worship services that bind church members together Cast a vision for the future of the church And much more!

Now in paperback, multi-awarded national hit Simple Church shares a clear message from case studies of 400 North American congregations: Church is done best when it's kept simple.

This book follows the journey of ten churches who underwent church consultancies, and explores in depth both the consultancy and its outcomes. Pre-consultancy and post-consultancy "snapshots," four to five years apart, of vitality indicators and attendance figures (using

National Church Life Survey and other data) are used to compare these with churches that have not undertaken church consultancies. Theologies of church consultancy, church health, and church growth are also developed and examined, intersecting with a wide body of literature, including contemporary ecclesiologies. Consultancy outcomes are examined in detail. This includes interviews with pastors of some of those churches, reflecting on their perceptions of whether and how the church consultancy impacted the health and growth of their church. Conclusions are drawn about the efficacy of church consultancy in influencing the health and growth of churches, as well as contexts for the best use of church consultancy. This is a significant book for denominational leaders, theological lecturers, pastors, and church leaders as they encounter lack of health in churches and seek ways forward for greater health and impact in their local communities.

Ushering in the local church is much more than just shaking hands and passing offering plates. Fulfilling your role as an usher is just as important to the body of Christ as that of a prophet, teacher or evangelist. This book covers both the biblical and the practical aspects of church ushering. Buddy Bell, founder of Ministry of Helps International, combines humor with informative teaching to help you become more effective in your ministry. You will be challenged to serve with excellence as you learn the following: The scriptural role of ushering Leadership by example The legal do's and don'ts of ushering The responsibilities of the head usher Plus much more!

• Practical and theoretical instruction for mainline church planting • Written specifically for the Episcopal Church, but with mainline applications, by a well-known, widely respected author The Episcopal Church has recognized that planting new churches is a high priority through the Mission Enterprise Zones initiative, which provides grant funding for new worshiping communities, in partnership with dioceses. While there is significant literature and training available for church planters in evangelical contexts, very little is available for planters in the Episcopal/mainline context. This book addresses how to rise up and train leaders for the difficult task of planting new churches in the twenty-first century. It answers the essential questions, such as why should we plant churches, what models of church planting are most successful, what kinds of leaders are necessary, and what problems can be expected. Through the author's personal experience and interviews with diocesan experts and leaders in mainline denominations, it provides strategies, approaches, and problem-solving techniques.

God called me in September 1994. It was during my quiet time before going out for my consulting practice. I was then the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Consultant of Alaryn Management Centre Ltd. I was deeply involved in boosting sales, training and equipping managers and officers of various companies who retained us as their Management/Training consultant. By the grace of God, several small and big companies grew and benefitted from our consulting services. I heard God clearly telling me on that fateful morning thus "The same things you are giving to the business world, package it, give it to my church, beginning with the Bible..." I have been doing just that since 1994, as CEO Christian Leadership Skills Inc. The divine call is one of the reasons why I wrote this book. I have been involved in Christian leadership since 1982. But I started pastoring in 1995, as Senior Pastor. It has been my motivation, desire and passion to see God's work grow and progress. Most of the principles in this book, if not all, have been practiced with results in our ministry. When I was privileged to become the President of AGAPE Conference in 1987, only one or two churches attended. By 2003, 203 churches from 85 denominations became regular participants. In other words, I am a fellow student with you dear precious reader in this same school of church growth. This is the second reason why I wrote this book . My wife, Lara, is a Mathematician. She has been teaching Mathematics since 1989. Naturally, she likes computation and percentages. We came back from a Pastors' meeting one evening, Lara analyzed the various reports submitted by about 187 churches. Her statistical conclusion got my attention. She found out that only two churches of the lot were above 1,000 in attendance. Only one church was 500 in attendance, ten churches averaged 300 worshippers. About twenty-four churches were above 100. One hundred

and fifty churches were below 100 in attendance. Though our church was above 1,000 at that time, we received a burden, a mandate to seek for what factors make for church growth. When we searched further, we discovered that 87% of churches in Nigeria were below 200 in attendance. This is the third reason why I wrote this book. It is to report our findings on what make churches grow. I have also discovered that success in ministry is more than numbers. What makes for success in the eyes of God, the LORD of the harvest, is not the same indices used by men to bench mark success. There are habits found with successful pastors. In fact, by and large, success in ministry is an inside job. No work can grow faster on the outside than the man behind the work is growing on the inside. This is my fourth reason for writing this book. The challenge of growth is enormous in the gospel ministry in Nigeria and Africa. The problem and challenges we face are not the same as those faced in other lands and under different climes. The few books we are reading on Church Growth are written by foreign authors, far removed from our context. Many are not relevant to Africa. Except from the writings of Dr. Francis Akin-John, Bishiop David Oyedepo, Pastor Mathew Ashimolowo and very few others, there are not many books and literature on what makes churches and ministries to grow in our contemporary African setting. If this gap is filled a little by this book, then the fifth reason for its writing is justified. We need to continually elevate our thoughts in search of solutions to problems that confront us today. We can not solve our current problems with the level of thinking of yesteryears. This book is a little effort to advance the frontiers of knowledge on the subject of church growth. This is the seventh reason why it took me about 25 years of christian leadership experience, over a decade in pastoring small and growing large churches, and 100,000 hours, to put down 100 ways to increase church attendance.

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What is the simplest system one can use to make disciples and mature them spiritually to the point where they can make their own disciples? A flood of new ideas and methods in evangelism has made us skeptical. The innovation that is needed in churches today is far more elementary yet entirely sufficient: Jesus is Lord. How can we overcome resistance to this innovation? This is a print version of the author's online class on disciple making taught three times a year through the Richard and Julia Wilke Institute for Discipleship at [www.beadisciple.com](http://www.beadisciple.com). Readers can journal their answers to questions on disciple making or use the book to lead a small group into becoming disciple makers for Jesus Christ.

The Church Planting Guide is part 2 in a series of book entitled Church Growth 101. In this book, the church planter is walk step by step down the road of church planting and given the basic tools and insights needed to plant a vibrant ministry. Church planting will become easier for you as you walk through this guide and use it as a resource for planting churches.

Acquaint yourself with NCD principles by reading this book. Natural Church Development presents research from around the world showing how eight quality characteristics appear to be shared by healthy, growing churches.

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