

A Reading List by Robert Schnase

Books on congregational fruitfulness, change, church leadership:

Direct Hit, Paul Borden

Simple Church, Thom Rainer & Eric Geiger

The Externally Focused Church, Rick Rusaw & Eric Swanson

Renovate or Die, Bob Farr & Kay Kotan

Visioneering, Andy Stanley

A Door Set Open: Grounding Change in Mission and Hope, Peter L. Steinke

The Race to Reach Out, Doug Anderson & Michael Coyner

Legacy Churches, Stephen Gray and Franklin Dumond

Make or Break Your Church in 365 Days, Paul Borden

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, Robert Schnase

Remember the Future: Praying for the Church and Change, Robert Schnase

Bearing Fruit: Ministry with Real Results by Lovett Weems and Thomas M. Berlin.

Leading Beyond the Walls: Developing Congregations with a Heart for the Unchurched, Adam Hamilton

Books on reaching the next generation:

Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the American Church, Kenda Creasy Dean

Worlds Apart: Understanding the Mindset & Values of 18-25yr. olds, Chuck Bomar

UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity,

David Kinnaman & Gabe Lyons

Lost and Found: The Younger Unchurched and the Churches that Reach Them, Ed Stetzer

Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation, Carol Howard Merritt

Slow Fade, Reggie Joiner

Reaching People under 40 while Keeping People over 60, E. Hammett & J Pierce

Deep and Wide: Creating Churches Unchurched People Love to Attend, Andy Stanley

Books on organizational dynamics and change:

Leadership on the Line, Ronald Heifetz

Managing Transitions, William Bridges

Orbiting the Giant Hairball, Gordon MacKenzie

The World is Flat, Thomas Friedman

Good to Great, & Good to Great and the Social Sectors: A Monograph to Accompany Good to Great, Jim Collins

Results that Last, Quint Studer

The Advantage, Patrick Lencioni

Leading Change, John Kotter

Books on discipleship:

Finding Our Way Again: The Return of the Ancient Practices, Brian McLaren

Unbinding the Gospel, Martha Grace Reese

Five Practices of Fruitful Living, Robert Schnase

Books that describe UM context for mission and change:

Journey in the Wilderness – New Life for Mainline Churches, Gil Rendle

Back to Zero: The Search to Rediscover the Methodist Movement, Gil Rendle

Focus: The Real Challenges That Face the United Methodist Church, Lovett Weems

American Saint: Francis Asbury and the Methodists, John H. Wigger