

Congregation Vitality and Viability Workshop: Bibliography

Relational-Congregation Work

Unbinding the Gospel Series Martha Grace Reece An ordained Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister who serves as President of [GraceNet, Inc.](#) She has initiated and provided leadership for five national Lilly Endowment grants, all focused on congregational transformation, spiritual leadership and evangelism in mainline congregations. Chalice Press.

Building Healthy Communities Together: A Framework for Area Ministry Strategy Daubert & Peterson. Resource from the ELCA on how a cohort/coalition of congregations can work together for the sake of mission and ministry. Copies available through Oregon Synod Office.

Faith-based/Community Organizing

The Mission Table: Renewing Congregation & Community by Stephen Bouman

Stephen Bouman serves and ELCA Churchwide staff as the Executive Director of Congregational and Synodical Mission unit. This short book used with congregations and synods looking at re-rooting in the local community. Augsburg Fortress 2013

Effective Organizing for Congregational Renewal by Michael Gecan

In this short booklet, Michael Gecan, who wrote *Going Public* and helps direct Metro IAF with colleague Arnie Graf, gives a quick analysis of the tools of organizing that can be taught and mastered by the clergy and lay leaders of religious congregations of all faiths and denominations.

Adaptive Work

The Practice of Adaptive Leadership by Heifetz, Grashow, and Linsky

This book offers a comprehensive and systematic approach to assessing the situation and yourself and then taking action. Previous: Leadership without Easy Answers and Leadership on the Line.

Leadership Can be Taught by Sharon Daloz Parks

If leaders are made, not born, what is the best way to teach the skills they need to be effective? Today's complex times require a new kind of leadership--one that encompasses a mind-set and capabilities that can't necessarily be taught by conventional methods. Connection to Harvard Kennedy School.