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### **The Red Monastery Church** SPCK

When He came to earth, Jesus Christ was rejected in every quarter in which He stepped. The Creator was rejected by His own creation. "He came to His own and His own received Him not," said John. For this reason, Jesus Christ had "no where to lay His head." There was one exception, however. A little village just outside of Jerusalem named Bethany. Bethany was the only place on earth where Jesus was completely received. God's Favorite Place on Earth is a retelling of Jesus' many visits to Bethany and a relaying of the message it holds for us today. Frank Viola presents a beautifully crafted narrative from the viewpoint of

Lazarus, one of the people who lived in Bethany with his two sisters. This incomparable story not only brings the Gospel narratives to life, but it addresses the struggle against doubt, discouragement, fear, guilt, rejection, and spiritual apathy that challenges countless Christians today. In profoundly moving prose, God's Favorite Place on Earth will captivate your heart with its beauty, charm, and depth. In this book you will discover how to live as a "Bethany" in our world today, being set free to love and follow Jesus like never before.

[Growing Healthy Asian American Churches](#) GP Publisher  
2024 Nautilus Book Awards Silver Winner in "Religion / Spirituality of Western Thought" Category  
Winner of the Living Now Book Award, Church of the Wild reminds us that once upon a time, humans lived in an intimate relationship with nature. Whether disillusioned by the dominant church or unfulfilled by traditional

expressions of faith, many of us long for a deeper spirituality. Victoria Looz certainly did. Coping with an unraveling vocation, identity, and planet, Looz turned to the wanderings of spiritual leaders and the sanctuary of the natural world, eventually cofounding the Wild Church Network and Seminary of the Wild. With an ecospiritual lens on biblical narratives and a fresh look at a community larger than our own species, Church of the Wild uncovers the wild roots of faith and helps us deepen our commitment to a suffering earth by falling in love with it--and calling it church. Through mystical encounters with wild deer, whispers from a scrubby oak tree, wordless conversation with a cougar, and more, Looz helps us connect to a love that literally holds the world together--a love that calls us into communion with all creatures.

Generative Emergence Wipf and Stock Publishers

New York Times bestselling author of *The Prodigal Prophet*

Timothy Keller explores how people are changed by meeting Jesus personally—and how we can be changed encountering him today. The people who met Jesus Christ in person faced the same big life questions we face today. Like most of us, the answers handed down to them didn't seem to work in the real world. But when they met Jesus, things immediately started to change for them. It seems he not only had the answers—he was the answer. In *Encounters with Jesus*, Timothy Keller shows how the central events and meetings in Jesus' life can change our own lives forever. "Keller's work belongs on the bookshelf of every serious Bible student." —Examiner "Keller has mined the gold from these texts of Scripture, and any Christian is bound to have their minds expanded and hearts stirred." —Grace for Sinners

**Dan Taylor (1738-1816), Baptist Leader and Pioneering Evangelical** Church Publishing, Inc.

This book offers a common language for ministers, church boards, contractors, and designers. Point by point, start to finish, Dan Michal, an architect involved in a variety of church building projects, and Rev. Lance Moore, a pastor and the son of a pastor, warn of common follies and guide you in sorting out the best choices for your church. A copy for all involved in planning or building your facility may be the best investment you make *GROWING A NEW CHURCH* A&C Black

Sticky Faith delivers positive and practical ideas to nurture within your kids a living, loving faith that lasts a lifetime. Research indicates that almost half of high school seniors drift from their faith after graduation. Struck by this staggering statistic, and recognizing its ramifications, the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) conducted the "College Transition Project" in an effort to identify the relationships and best practices that can set young people on a trajectory of lifelong faith and service. This easy-to-read guide presents both a compelling rationale and a powerful strategy to show parents how to actively encourage their children's spiritual growth so that it will stick with them into adulthood and empower them to develop a living, lasting faith. Written by Fuller Youth Institute Executive Director Dr. Kara E. Powell and youth expert Chap Clark--authors known for the integrity of their research and the intensity of their passion for young people--Sticky Faith is geared to spark a movement that empowers adults to develop robust and long-term faith in kids of all ages. Further engage your family and church with the Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family, Sticky Faith curriculum, and Sticky Faith youth worker edition.

Sticky Faith is also available in Spanish, *Cómo criar jóvenes de fe sólida*.

### **Joint Endeavour in the Work For the Gospel Church**

Publishing, Inc.

Having pioneered or begun a church, it takes as much wisdom and work to grow the church. Many new churches and pastors have this problem. They have started the church but, they are unable to grow it. Sometimes, you even find churches that are decades old that have very few members. This is not the will of God. Some have even accepted that it is not the will of God for all churches to grow and have a lot of members. This is a lie! As churches are born, God wants them to grow, multiply, and take over their sphere of influence. This is why the pastor has to understand the factors that lead to church growth and how to apply them in his new church. This will be my focus in this book. I will explain how to grow a new church, how you can bring people into your church, the foundation for a growing church, and the ways you can gain followership.

### Reader's Guide to Lesbian and Gay Studies Routledge

A pioneering survey of leading and emerging global artists, curators and art practitioners on the question: can art aid in conflict resolution and therefore reduce global tensions and human suffering? Throughout the centuries, art has documented the atrocities of wars, participated in propaganda campaigns, and served as an advocate for peace and social justice around the world. The aim of this project is to explore how art can assist in creating dialogue and bridges across cultures and opposing groups. Over 100 leading and emerging architects, artists, curators, choreographers, composers, and directors of art

institutions around the globe explore the potentially constructive role of the arts in conflict resolution. A summarizing chapter maps out the diverse positions and examines the variety of themes and approaches that were brought up.

### Missionary Pioneering in Bolivia Zondervan

Unleashing the Passion of Young People in Your Church Is Possible! Churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation's leading congregations, *Growing Young* provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain teenagers and young adults. It profiles innovative churches that are engaging 15- to 29-year-olds and as a result are growing--spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. Packed with both research and practical ideas, *Growing Young* shows pastors and ministry leaders how to position their churches to engage younger generations in a way that breathes vitality, life, and energy into the whole church. Visit [www.churchesgrowingyoung.org](http://www.churchesgrowingyoung.org) for more information.

### Radical Welcome BoD - Books on Demand

The *Reader's Guide to Lesbian and Gay Studies* surveys the field in some 470 entries on individuals (Adrienne Rich); arts and cultural studies (Dance); ethics, religion, and philosophical issues (Monastic Traditions); historical figures, periods, and ideas (Germany between the World Wars); language, literature, and communication (British Drama); law and politics (Child Custody); medicine and biological sciences (Health and Illness); and psychology, social sciences, and education (Kinsey Report).

### The Advocate Zondervan

This landmark, interdisciplinary publication of the Red Monastery church, the most important Christian monument in Egypt's Nile Valley, highlights its remarkable and newly conserved paintings and architectural sculpture.

Encounters with Jesus Orbis Books

From the common Spanish phrase "cuentame" (tell me a story), the author tells the story of the church, rooted in the experiences and lives of Latino/a Catholics in the United States.

*Breaking Through the Stained Glass Ceiling* Orbis Books

"In 1903, a representative from the Salvation Army's headquarters in London traveled to Canada to explore the possibility of relocating Britain's poor overseas. Over the next three decades, a quarter of a million people were shipped to destinations in Canada, Australia, and Africa. More than a hundred thousand of those deported were children: abandoned, orphaned, and otherwise separated from their natural parents. Dozens of religious organizations took part in the effort: the Catholic Emigration Association, Church of England Society for Empire Settlement, Church of Scotland, Inter-Church Immigration Committee, Jewish Immigrant Aid Society, Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church, Society of Friends, St. Vincent de Paul, and the United Church of Canada, among others. The practice resumed on a smaller scale after World War II and continued until 1970. The agencies involved described their activities in the language of salvation, moral uplift, and service to God. "Carrying off the children of distress to the lands beyond the sea," one of the organizers wrote, was a service "to religion, humanity and civilization."--

**The Feminist Question** Wipf and Stock Publishers

Most books on spiritual formation focus on the individual. But spiritual formation is at the heart of the church's whole purpose for existence. It must be a central task for the church to carry out Christ's mission in the world. This book offers an introduction to spiritual formation set squarely in the local church. The first edition has been well received and widely used as a textbook. The second edition has been updated throughout, incorporates findings from positive psychology, and reflects an Augustinian formation perspective. Foreword by Dallas Willard.

*From Franchise to Local Dive* Bloomsbury Publishing

How do organizations become created? Entrepreneurship scholars have debated this question for decades, but only recently have they been able to gain insights into the non-linear dynamics that lead to organizational emergence, through the use of the complexity sciences. Written for social science researchers, *Generative Emergence* summarizes these literatures, including the first comprehensive review of each of the 15 complexity science disciplines. In doing so, the book makes a bold proposal for a discipline of Emergence, and explores one of its proposed fields, namely Generative Emergence. The book begins with a detailed summary of its underlying science, dissipative structures theory, and rigorously maps the processes of order creation discovered by that science to identify a 5-phase model of order creation in entrepreneurial ventures. The second half of the book presents the findings from an experimental study that tested the model in four fast-growth ventures through a year-long, week-by-week longitudinal analysis of their processes, based on over 750 interviews and 1000 hours of on-site observation. These data, combined with reports from over a dozen other studies, confirm

the dynamics of the 5-phase model in multiple contexts. By way of conclusion, the book explores how the model of Generative Emergence could be applied to enact emergence within and across organizations.

Regeneration, Revival, and Creation University of Chicago Press

\* A wide-ranging exploration of the past, present, and future effects of women's ordination on the church \* Edited by a well-respected theologian and featuring a diversity of voices from across the Anglican Communion This new book gauges the current and future impact and implications of women's ordination on the church, preaching, pastoral care, the episcopate, and on lay women across the Anglican Communion. The editor draws upon a rich variety of writers and thinkers for this new book.

*Ethnic Blends* B&H Publishing Group

Jonathan Edwards (1703-58) is considered one of the greatest theologians and philosophers of evangelicalism, who also served as a pastor, missionary, and revival leader. By underscoring "Regeneration, Revival, and Creation" in Edwards's thought, this volume uniquely captures the need to delve into Edwards's theological and philosophical rationale for the revivals, alongside key questions concerning the historical context and Edwards's standing in his own tradition. This book gathers the work of scholars working in the areas of historical, systematic, and analytic theology, church history, psychology, and biology. It contains papers presented at the inaugural conference of the Jonathan Edwards Center at Gateway Seminary (JEC West). Bringing together some of the leading authorities as well as up-and-coming Edwards scholars working today, this collection advances the questions of regeneration, revival, and creation in

fresh new ways. With contributions from: Adriaan Neele, Douglas Sweeney, Chris Woznicki, Obbie Tyler Todd, Peter Jung, Michael Haykin, Ryan J. Martin, Mark Rogers, Allen Yeh, Oliver Crisp, Walter Schultz, John Shouse, Rob Boss, Lianne Winslow, and Robert Caldwell.

**The Catholic Ethicist in the Local Church (CTEWC Series)**

Broadleaf Books

For the late Fuad I. Khuri, a distinguished career as an anthropologist began not because of typical concerns like accessibility, money, or status, but because the very idea of an occupation that baffled his countrymen made them—and him—laugh. “When I tell them that ‘anthropology’ is my profession . . . they think I am either speaking a strange language or referring to a new medicine.” This profound appreciation for humor, especially in the contradictions inherent in the study of cultures, is a distinctive theme of *An Invitation to Laughter*, Khuri’s astute memoir of life as an anthropologist in the Middle East. A Christian Lebanese, Khuri offers up in this unusual autobiography both an insider’s and an outsider’s perspective on life in Lebanon, elsewhere in the Middle East, and in West Africa. Khuri entertains and informs with clever insights into such issues as the mentality of Arabs toward women, eating habits of the Arab world, the impact of Islam on West Africa, and the extravagant lifestyles of wealthy Arabs, and even offers a vision for a type of democracy that could succeed in the Middle East. In his life and work, as these astonishing essays make evident, Khuri demonstrated how the discipline of anthropology continues to make a difference in bridging dangerous divides.

*Graded Missionary Education in the Church School* Yale University

## Press

Many local churches are stuck in a rut, have reached a plateau, or - worst of all - are declining. The temptation is to serve up the same exact ministry models that worked in another time and space, but ultimately feel safe to existing churches. Like ordering from a menu at the franchise chain restaurant and expecting the meal to be palatable in the local context, many churches try and start something new by serving up the same old thing, failing to discover what their local community is actually hungry for. From Franchise to Local Dive explores what it means to multiply ministry by cooking with local flavor. Whether you want to start a new service, or a brand-new campus, this workshop will help you discover how to make a ministry recipe that will keep people coming back for more. The local church is not called to settle for the fast food chain mentality that cranks out disciples with slick slogans, flashy trends and regurgitated practices. Rather the call is to be a local, homegrown, farm-fresh, organic ministry that uses authentic ingredients to win people for Jesus. In Franchise to Local Dive, Jason Moore and Rosario Picardo offer an important resource designed to help congregations multiply their ministries by learning how to perfect their winning recipes.

### **Religion's Power** Frame Publishers

History from below uncovers overlooked protagonists contributing to (inter)national endeavour often against considerable odds. Mrs T. Edward Bowdich then Mrs R. Lee (1791-1856) is indicative. When women allegedly cannot participate in early nineteenth-century scientific exploration, discovery and publication, Sarah's multiple specialist contributions to French and British natural history have attracted

no book-length study. This first appraisal of Sarah's unbroken production of discipline-changing scientific work over three decades - in modern ichthyology, in historical geography of West Africa and in the next-generational dissemination of expert scientific knowledge - does more than fill this gap. The book also pivotally investigates the intercultural, interdisciplinary and multi-genre reach of Sarah's pioneering perspectives and contributions, and how she could achieve her work independently in her own name(s) over three decades. Sarah's larger significance is then to provide a very different narrative for women at work in expert nineteenth-century natural history-making. By everywhere challenging the secondary, minor and domestic frames for women's contributions of the period, the pioneering perspectives of Sarah's story also provide alternative paradigms to the 'leaky-pipeline' model still informing women's careers and work in STEM(M) today.

Church of the Wild Growing Healthy Asian American Churches  
Ethnography is a way to tap the deep undercurrents in a community through a process of gathering, analyzing, and sharing data. Fully revised and updated for this second edition, Ethnography as a Pastoral Practice has quickly become the go-to textbook for those in or training for ministry who want to discover how they can use ethnography to help them hear the stories of those to whom they minister. Setting forth the case for ethnography's ability to galvanize aspirations and heal communal hurt, this book presents the helpful pastoral practice of ethnography in a clear, step-by-step manner and includes many compelling case studies of transformational leadership. Ethnography as a Pastoral Practice invites us to open our eyes,

ears and hearts to those in our congregations.

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