



Resource Guide

Our mission is to assist Indiana congregations in finding and using the very best resources available to address the practical challenges they face. This resource list was developed to supplement the workshop, *Spiritual Strategic Journey*, sponsored by the Center and led by George Bullard, a leader in the field of church growth, strategic planning, and conflict management. Bullard recommends these resources.

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Spiritual Strategic Journey

Bullard, George W., Jr. *Pursuing the Full Kingdom Potential of Your Congregation*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2006.

This book talks about a process for a spiritual strategic journey for congregations that leads them in the direction of their full kingdom potential. It is not about church growth, health, success, faithfulness, transformation, or being missional. It is about being exactly what it is that God is calling your congregation to be and do.

Bullard, George W., Jr. *Spiritual Strategic Journey: Tutorial for Congregational Redevelopment*. An online tutorial at www.CongregationalResources.org hosted by The Alban Institute and the Indianapolis Center for Congregations. [A short cut to this tutorial is www.SSJTutorial.org.]

This is an interactive web-based tutorial that is organized around the spiritual strategic journey of a congregation as it was conceived about six years ago. It is a foundational work that was implemented throughout North America. On the base of the application of the principles and practices of this tutorial was constructed the model for the book *Pursuing the Full Kingdom Potential of Your Congregation*.

McConnell, William T. *Renew Your Congregation: Healing the Sick, Raising the Dead*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2007.

Bill McConnell is pastor of First Christian Church in Harrison, OH. This book reflects his vast experience in leading his congregation to transform, to host an annual conference for other congregations who desire to transform, and to be a strong, positive advocate in his denomination for processes of congregational transformation.

Hammatt, Edward H. *Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60: Being Church for All Generations*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2007.

This book addresses a critical issue for congregations seeking to transform. It is difficult for congregations to reach the new generations necessary to bring new life and vitality without alienating the long-term leadership. Congregations who get a handle on this issue will be able to transition and change in the direction of God's transformational leadership for them.

Hamm, Richard L. *Recreating the Church: Leadership for the Postmodern Age*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2007.

Mainline denominations in the United States are in crisis. These institutions, created in and for modernity, are now facing a changed, post-modern culture. Hamm faces the crisis, examining its origins, and offering sound advice on how to lead to congregations and denominations to make the adaptive changes needed to thrive in postmodern times.