Church Leadership Vision Team Culture Integrity Revised

Solving the Church Crisis: The Biblical Solution of Parallel Ministry (Acts 6:1-7) addresses the crisis of the immigrant church in which complex cultural and linguistic factors create a reliance on the part of immigrants to transfer financial and decision-making authority to succeeding generations, and this results in a culturally irrelevant ministry to those generations, an exodus of believers from the church, a spiritually immature remnant, and an inability to reach the lost. The thesis of this book is that parallel ministry, based on Acts 6:1-7, is the biblical solution to the crisis in the immigrant church. While there are at least two main aspects of this crisis, a spiritual-relational and an ecclesiastical aspect, this book focuses on the ecclesiastical aspect of defining the biblical structure of church government. Specifically, this book is for immigrant churches primarily in the United States and offers them a biblical and practical solution to the problem plaguing them for over two centuries of how to minister effectively to the succeeding generations.

In this helpful book, Boyung Lee offers an encouraging vision of the mainline church’s future. Lee grapples with some of the greatest challenges facing the mainline church, offering compelling responses to recurring questions: What does faithfulness to the gospel look like in this changing world? What is our distinctive voice in the larger society? How does theological education have to change if it is to serve the needs of a new century? Lee argues that the church’s future is a promising one if the church can offer a richer and deeper definition of community—one that moves beyond the excessive individualism of western culture and that helps mainline Christians understand their solidarity with one another and with all of God’s people. Lee further explores the crucial role of faith formation at the congregational and seminary levels. More than mere schooling, theological education must engage all aspects of educators’ and students’ lives to prepare seminarians for the challenges that lie ahead. While not dismissing the mainline church’s challenges, Lee offers congregational leaders and seminary educators a vision of a church transformed for the 21st century.

By culture, George B. Thompson Jr. means not just racial, ethnic, economic, or regional culture, but also a congregation’s way of doing things—its history, customs, conventions, and procedures. In order to launch and maintain a successful ministry, pastors and other church leaders must come to grasp that unique culture of their parish. They must develop a culture capital within their congregations, meaning that they invest themselves deeply in how their church does its work and goes about its ministries. The author presses clergy to answer such questions as How well do I know what I’m getting into? and Have I been adopted yet? and even Is it time to move on? The book is ideal for pastors in solo settings, but pastors in multiple staff settings will also find the author’s insights helpful.

A penetrating look at church leadership through the stories of Saul, David, and other central Old Testament figures. The Bible portrays leaders not as heroes placed on a pedestal, but rather as flawed and fallen human beings who nonetheless work with the people around them and with the situation at hand to move toward accomplishing the will of God. Lewis Parks and Bruce Birch maintain that a clear, open-eyed understanding of biblical stories on the exercise of leadership is the only way to prepare for leadership in the church. In order to provide that understanding, they engage in a dialogue with the books of 1 and 2 Samuel, texts that portray the people of Israel in frequent social and political transition, and hence in need of effective leadership.

Missiologist James E. Plueddemann presents a roadmap for crosscultural leadership development in the global church. With keen understanding of current research on cultural dynamics, he integrates theology with leadership theory to apply biblical insights to practical issues in world mission.

Christian Reflections on The Leadership Challenge is a faith-based companion to the best-selling leadership book of all time--The Leadership Challenge. Grounded in Jim and Barry's time-tested research, Christian Reflections on The Leadership Challenge describes their Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership® --Model the Way. Inspire a Shared Vision, Challenge the Process, Enable Others to Act, and Encourage the Heart—and offers practical guidance and inspiring examples about how Christian leaders can have a powerful impact in their workplaces, communities, and congregations by bringing their faith into their leadership. In addition to Jim and Barry's foundational wisdom, the book brings together five leaders who reflect on the Five Practices from a Christian perspective. John C. Maxwell, David McAllister-Wilson, Patrick Lencioni, Nancy Ortberg, and Ken Blanchard share insights and stories culled from personal experience and the lives of other Christian leaders who have accomplished extraordinary things in churches, communities, classrooms, and corporations. Their thoughtful reflections on the role of faith in leadership will propel leaders and aspiring leaders

The definitive guide to leading the congregation, updated to meet the needs of today's church leaders. The last forty years have seen transitions in mainline churches that feel, for many, like an entry into the wilderness. Yet God is calling us in this moment, not to grieve over the changes we have experienced but to hear the call to a new mission, and a new faithfulness. In Journey in the Wilderness, Gil Rendle draws on decades as a pastor and church consultant to point a way into a hopeful future. The key to embracing the wilderness is to learn new skills in leading change, to reach beyond a position of privilege and power to become churches that serve God's hurting people.

Through personal stories, proven experience, and a thorough analysis of the biblical text, Building a Healthy Multi-Ethnic Church illustrates both the biblical mandate for the multi-ethnic church and the seven core commitments required to bring it about. Mark DeYmaz, pastor of one of the most proven multi-ethnic churches in the country, writes from both his experience and his extensive study of how to plant, grow, and encourage more ethnically diverse churches. He argues that the “homogenous unit principle” will soon become irrelevant and that the most effective way to spread the gospel in an increasingly diverse world is through strong and vital multi-ethnic churches. Apart from ethnically and economically diverse relationships, we cannot understand others different from ourselves, develop trust for others who are different than us, and/or love others different than ourselves. Apart from understanding, trust, and love, we are less likely to get involved in the plight of others different than ourselves. Without involvement, nothing changes, and the disparaging consequences of systemic racism remain entrenched in our culture. Surely, it breaks the heart of God to see so many churches segregated ethnically or economically from one another, and that little has changed in the many years since it was first observed that eleven o'clock on Sunday morning is the most segregated hour in the land. Do you have a desire or calling to lead and no idea where to begin or where you are headed? Do you feel you must have a title or position to be a leader? Have you been a pastor for years but not effective in developing your leadership team? If any of this is true this book is for you. This book was not written exclusively for church leadership. It will examine leadership principles that are pertinent in every area of life. Step back and allow Jim and Barry’s insights to guide you through the process of personal leadership development. It is guaranteed to give everyone who is serious about leadership useful tools and incentives to transform lives. In Part I it will introduce and define a new term with an old flavor—leadership Christianity. Within its pages you will see how creating change and making good sound decisions are essential in your life as a leader. Part II includes a detailed examination and application of the five most important characteristics of a leader who C.A.R.E.S. Character Attitude Relationships Effective Communications Self-Discipline The final chapters of Part III are geared toward action. Showing you, the leader, how these principles can be utilized in your everyday life at home, in your church, and in your community. Rev. Wayne P. Bowman, DMin is often examined in terms of who the minister is, not what the minister does. But the vocation to ministry must be understood as a call to identity as well as to practice, one that is rooted in Jesus’ life and ministry as well as the Spirit’s charisms. Introducing the Practice of Ministry Kathleen A. Cahalan defines ministerial leadership as carried out through the practices of teaching, preaching, pastoral care, worship, social ministry, and administration for the sake of nurturing the life of discipleship in the community of believers. In her examination of the faith in each of the practices of ministry, Cahalan presents readers with a Trinitarian foundation, noting that the practices of discipleship...
and ministry have their origin in the very practices of God." Kathleen A. Cahalan is associate professor of theology at Saint John's University School of Theology, Seminary in Collegeville, Minnesota. She is author of Formed in the Image of Christ: The Sacramental-Moral Theology of Bernard Häring (Liturgical Press, 2004) and Projects That Matter: Successful Planning and Evaluation for Religious Organizations (Alban Institute, 2003). She is the past-president of the Association of Practical Theology."

Church Unique

How Missional Leaders Cast Vision, Capture Culture, and Create Movement

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How can African American church leaders maximize their leadership potential? What are current models for effective leadership in the African American Christian community? This book answers those questions and more with up-to-date research and current best practices regarding leadership principles and strategies. African American church communities and those who interact with and work with these communities will find this book particularly useful. ParkerBooks are written to equip and encourage African American ministry leaders.

Offers the "village of hope" as a framework where pastors and leaders offer the church as a place of support, guidance, and accountability for youth, parents, and other adults who are raising today's black youth. The first edition of Working with Black Youth, edited by Charles R. Foster and Grant S. Shockley, was published in 1989. Since that time the challenges for black youth have only intensified and grown in complexity. A burning question of Black churches continues to be: How can we effectively ministry with our youth? Their world is fast-paced, media-centered, techno-savvy, hip-hop, violent, and plagued with HIV/AIDS. The Church wants to guide youth toward a Christian identity with values for wise decision-making. Youth want their questions heard. They want to see hope modeled. They need leadership opportunities.

While there are no quick, easy, or singular approaches to working with black youth, there can be a framework to offer vital and relevant youth ministry. This book proposes a comprehensive framework that has evolved over ten years of annual youth and family convocations of the Interdenominational Theological Center as well as youth and family forums and activities related to the Youth Hope-Builders Academy of ITC. The framework builds on the image of the congregation as a "village of hope" where pastors and leaders get real to offer the church as a place of support, guidance, and accountability for youth, parents, and other adults who are raising today's black youth. Contributors: Daniel O. Black, Philip Dunston, Maisha L. Handy, Michael T. McQueen, Tapiwa Mucherera, Elizabeth J. Walker, Herbert R. Marbury, Annette R. Marbury, and Anne E. Streaty Wimberly

Effective leadership is required in the twenty first century churches, as these churches are facing numerous issues due to ineffective leadership. In order to lead churches, wounds of leaders must be healed up in the Christian ministry. Today, the churches of America are facing leadership issues because their leaders’ wounds are not treated and healed up. This results in critical, crippling and catastrophic effect on the Christian Ministry. Those life-threatening wounds must be identified. The healing of the wounded leader is essential to the Spirit well being of the people. The purpose of the study is to investigate the wounds face by church leaders. The study also investigates that how these wounds affect church leadership. This study also identifies methods of healing of wounded leader and interventions used from transforming wounded leaders into an active and effective leader. Many churches are facing numerous leadership issues due to leaders’ wounds.

Identification of this issue is important for the development and implementation of churches in America. This study helps in investigating the wounds among leaders and their relationship with leadership ineffectiveness. The study helps in identifying the meaning of wounds. This study helps in studying impact of wounds on church leaders in detail. This study classifies wounds as divorces, childhood traumatic experiences such as rape, molestation and physical abuse through domestic violence, emotional abuse through verbal altercations and mental abuse from a sibling, parent, spouse, authority figure or partner in a relationship. For this study mixed method was done. Survey interview questions and observational research were done. According to the participants, many of the transformational leadership concepts are transferrable into the church context, however, including idealized influence, which espouses the leader as a role model with high moral standards and ethical conduct, and as one who considers the needs of others before his or her own. According to the participants, Old Testament suggested, there are numerous examples of leadership development in the Old Testament, the short space available in this review will dictate a focus on one of the most obvious and well-known leadership examples. According to the respondents, personality is becoming more and more associated with leadership style and ability. This is particularly true when one is discussing the concept of transformational leadership. Due to leadership issues in American churches, Christian community is reluctant to visit their nearby churches regularly. The results depicted that due to past wounds or inner wounds the church leaders are not able to have Holy spirits. The wounds must be healed up for attaining pure Holy spirits. If their wounds are properly healed up then they can more firmly believe as the apostle on the super natural healings signs and miracles. The unhealed wounds of the church leaders hinders in the way of the leaders for praying for the humanity or for those who are suffering from hardships regularly. The lack of pastoral visitations of the members is due to the wounded souls of the leaders. For increasing the pastoral visitations of the members, the church leaders’ wounds must be healed up by using various methods. Ineffective leadership is practicing in the churches; these leaders are not conducting the different counseling sessions for the Christian communities. The Christian communities are not interested in visiting churches because of the ineffective leadership. The ineffective leadership does not encourage Christian communities towards practicing God preaching at church. The church leadership is not effective to spiritually inspire Christian communities. The church leadership is not effective to initiate programs which are helpful for attracting and retaining Christian communities. Missionary programs are not being implemented by many American churches because of lack of effective church

"A vision is not a mission statement," declares George Thompson. In the throes of establishing their congregational identity, many church leaders resort to developing a mission statement which gets put in a file drawer and forgotten until the next budget review. The problem is that mission statements focus on concrete achievements; a vision, in contrast, establishes the larger picture of aim, broad purpose, and hopes. In Futuring Your Church, church leaders explore the congregation's heritage, its current context, and its theological bearings. From the insights gleaned, members can discern what God is currently calling their own church to do in this time and place. Once this vision is found, Thompson provides a simple organization model for applying the vision--for making it work. A practical, helpful tool for future authentic ministry.

This book is about leadership, a scholarly and pastoral response to the urgent demand for the renewal of the contemporary Christian church. It challenges readers to articulate the identity and vision of the church in new ways, and encourages them to revitalize their ministry with fresh insight and passion from women's perspectives. The eight essays written by female scholars in relation to various areas of theological study and the nine pastoral responses to the essays written by ministers from seven different denominations, based on their experiences of actual ministerial settings, provide new paradigms of church leadership—theologically profound, practically relevant, and historically timely. This volume, a product of a collaborative process between academia and church, promises to be a most useful resource to renew the leadership of the church and its vocational commitment to the transformation of the church and society.

In the Name of the Church: Vocation and Authorization in Lay Ecclesial Ministry presents insights generated in the 2011 Collegeville National Symposium on Lay Ecclesial Ministry, a gathering designed to prioritize the theological foundations for vocation and authorization in lay ecclesial ministry, and make recommendations to advance excellence in this expanding ministry. The essays presented by seven theologians at the Symposium are included, along with thoughtful
input drawn from the experiences of lay and ordained ministers who gathered to amplify the voice and strengthen the national will to promote effective ecclesial leadership practices identified within Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord. As a practical and empowering resource for congregational leaders, this comprehensive guide to Christian financial responsibility addresses church fundraising, stewardship campaigns, budgets, financing capital needs, endowments, and innovative approaches to economic sustainability.

Written by church consultant Will Mancini expert on a new kind of visioning process to help churches develop a stunningly unique model of ministry that leads to redemptive movement. He guides churches away from an internal focus to emphasize participation in their community and surrounding culture. In this important book, Mancini offers an approach for rethinking what it means to lead with clarity as a visionary. Mancini explains that each church has a culture that reflects its particular values, thoughts, attitudes, and actions and shows how church leaders can unlock their church’s individual DNA and unleash their congregation’s one-of-a-kind potential.

This work consists of displaying some of the Essays I wrote during my studies in Theology. It is really intended to help some students to debate my points of view and appreciate my sense of criticism.

What decisions must be made now if The United Methodist Church is to have a future?

Worship attendance matters. Learn how to improve it, so that your congregation bears more fruit.

Christianity may be the greatest story ever told, but in Western culture it is losing ground against the powerful forces of secularization. In examining the roots of this cultural shift, does the church have anything to learn from secular society and the business sector? For decades the church has resisted the idea of using business methodologies in the religious sphere. Yet a closer look reveals that most church hierarchies have borrowed much of their organizational structure from the business sector. But the church is not alone in its borrowing. Today the lines between the church and the business sector are blurred, as both entities influence each other interchangeably. In Branded Faith, Rajkumar Dixit enters an engaging and intellectually stimulating analysis of what the church can learn from the business practices of marketing, branding, and contextualization. Using examples drawn from widely recognized companies such as Nike, Starbucks, Coca-Cola, and Subway, Dixit systematically builds a case for the power of a story, and emphasizes the importance of seeking culturally relevant ways to spread it. Those who care deeply about sharing Christianity powerfully and effectively will find in Branded Faith a thoughtful presentation of ideas on how to maintain the integrity of the gospel, while exploring fresh methods of communicating the good news to a postmodern society.

Leadership development is a life-long process. Yet the church of Jesus Christ is in desperate need of strong leaders in this generation. In Charting a Bold Course, Andrew Seidel provides an exceptional tool to get you started on cultivating the unique gifts and abilities God has given you and your leadership team. This leadership course will fit perfectly in a leadership training program.

A number of books have addressed ordination and the priestly life from a devotional or vocational vantage point, but few books have considered ordination from a truly theological perspective. Meanwhile, our time is obsessed with the more general question of leadership. "Being Salt" addresses both ordination and leadership by taking as its point of departure the most distinctive yet often overlooked feature of ordination: indelibility -- being ordained for life. Being Salt offers several answers to the question, What is the church? Summer wholeheartedly agrees with the Reformation emphasis on the ministry of the whole people of God. Still, he argues that we can only understand priesthood if we understand what one is ordained for. Indelibility -- lifetime ordination -- provides an entrée to the question of what sets the ordained apart.

In sum, Being Salt offers an evangelical argument for a catholic practice and so goes to the heart of what Anglicanism understands itself to be.

This is a book that tries to help church members step back and see the bigger picture. An effective pastoral relationship is more like a couple who loves to dance together or a band that plays wonderful music. If we spend too much time on the details, without remembering that we want to dance and sing, our church will not have much to offer to Gospel ministry. This book, then, seeks to blaze a new trail for churches who want to thrive in authentic, faithful ministry with their pastor. In other words, it is a book for churches who want to get along with their pastor. It is a book for church deacons, elders, and other officers who recognize that a healthy, trusting, respectful relationship between pastor and congregation becomes the foundation for the church’s vitality. It is a book designed to give you the tools you need to help your pastor become the best pastor that she or he can be with you. Statistics show that approximately thirteen hundred American pastors unwillingly leave their congregations each month. These sudden changes have negative long-term effects on both the pastor and the congregation. Thompson believes it is extremely important to find practical, easy-to-understand ways to train pastors and churches on how to approach disagreement much more constructively, and shows how to do so in this new book.

Trends and skills for those who offer pastoral care Christian pastoral care has changed a great deal in the past few decades in response to many factors in our rapidly changing world. In part 1 of Nurturing Hope, Lynne Baab discusses seven trends in pastoral care--shifts in who delivers pastoral care, the attitudes and commitments that undergird pastoral care, and societal trends that are shaping pastoral care today. She illustrates them with stories from diverse congregations where Christian caregivers are meeting those challenges in creative and exciting ways. In the second half of the book, Baab presents four practical, doable, energizing skills needed by pastoral carers in our time. Focusing on skills that help carers nurture connections between everyday life and Christian faith, she explores the need for carers to understand common stressors, listen, pray with others, and nurture their personal resilience. Grounded in an understanding of God as the true caregiver delivers pastoral care, the attitudes and commitments that undergird pastoral care, and societal trends that are shaping pastoral care today.

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This guide provides over 300 pages of resources suggested by leadership educators in surveys, Center for Creative Leadership staff, and search of library resources. This eighth edition is half-new, including web sites and listerv discussion groups, and it places a stronger focus on meeting the needs of human resources professionals and corporate trainers. An annotated bibliography groups leadership materials in several broad categories: overview; in context; history, biography and literature; competencies; research, theories, and models; training and development; social, global, and diversity issues; team leadership; and organizational leadership (180 pages). Includes annotated lists of: journals and newsletters (9 pages); instruments (21 pages); exercises (41 pages); instrument and exercise vendors (5 pages); videos (29 pages); video distributors (4 pages); web sites (6 pages); organizations (21 pages); and conferences (9 pages). (Contains a 66-page index of all resources.) (TEJ)

A handbook of guiding principles for those involved at any level in Christian leadership, from churches and educational institutions to missionary organizations and other parachurch ministries.

Strategies for transforming a toxic church culture

Why is it that the best strategic plans and good leadership often are not able to move churches in the desired direction? Sam Chand contends that toxic culture is to blame. Quite often, leaders don't sense the toxicity, but it poisons their relationships and derails their vision. This work describes five easily identifiable categories of church culture (inspiring-accepting-stagnant-discouraging-toxic), with diagnostic descriptions in the book and a separate online assessment tool. The reader will be able to identify strengths and needs of their church's culture, and then apply practical strategies (communication, control and authority, selection and placement of personnel, etc.) to make their church's culture more positive. Discusses how to diagnose the state of a church's culture Reveals what it takes to put in place effective strategies for creating a more positive church culture Author served on the board of EQUIP (Dr. John Maxwell's Ministry), equipping five million leaders world-wide. This important book offers a clear guide for understanding and recreating a healthy church culture.

If you were to ask a room full of CEOs what the most important leadership trait is for an executive officer, most would share such attributes as authoritative, decisive, knowledgeable, dedicated, tough, tactical, and dominant. It is doubtful that any would say humility. The challenge for many churches today is that church officers and leaders are trained to think in terms of secular leadership practices, which are often void of servility. The Unconventionality of Church Leadership: It Works examines current business leadership principles and compares them with the exemplary leadership practices that Jesus displayed while here on earth. By implementing a shepherd-servant leadership model in our churches and executing a strategic plan that engages and utilizes the talents of all members, Earlington Guiste seeks to inspire church members and leaders to carry out the great commission and fulfill the organismic nature of God's church.

What makes the difference between those who aspire to lead and those who actually do it? What does anyone need to know about themselves and others, in order to be ready to lead? How might society benefit from persons who give time and energy to learn the skills of leadership readiness? This book offers a lifelong resource for persons committed to improving their own personal effectiveness as a key step toward leading--in whatever the context, at whatever level. The concepts and terms in this book become tools that strengthen self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship management. Exercises at the end of each chapter stimulate real-life learning, as one practices specific skills that create confidence in being "ready to lead."

Discover how to assess ministry so that it leads congregations to fruitfulness and effectiveness.

What would happen if Christian leaders decided that "good enough" is no longer good enough? What if they stepped out of the comfort zone, stood for right, and strived for excellence? What if they were fearlessly committed to following God's lead and trusting he future to Him?In this book Clinton Valley casts just such a vision for Christian leaders. Drawing from years of experience, Valley offers insight about the true purpose of leadership and the profile of an effective leader. The practical and inspiring principles he shares will help you develop the vision, skills and focus you need to lead effectively. Help! I'm Being Followed addresses how to make positive changes, deal with conflict, handle criticism, and plan for relevance and progress.

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