

# **Rethinking The Church**

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Rethinking the Church James Emery White, 2003-07 An innovative evangelistic pastor guides local church leaders to rethink their ministry s unique purpose and mission within the community Rethinking Church Ron Highfield, 2021-02-15 In Rethinking Church veteran church leader theologian and professor Ron Highfield tells the story of how he came to the conclusions that most institutions we call churches are really parachurch organizations much of the church work we do focuses on making something happen on Sunday mornings and much of the money we give goes to pay staff to keep the parachurch functions running Highfield writes for older believers who feel burned out and disillusioned by years of institutional maintenance He addresses young people who have never seen the relevance of institutional churches to their lives To all who view institutional churches as self serving hypocritical money grubbing growth obsessed clergy dominated and backward Highfield offers a different vision of church life This church is simple small requires no money needs no clergy and possesses no property It does not run like a business is not organized like a corporation and does not feel like a theater It feels like a family meets around a table and focuses on the Lord Highfield invites you to join him in Rethinking Church for your life The vibrancy of church envisioned in the Bible tends to happen in smaller settings while traditional church is hamstrung by numerous programs and other commitments Truth be told for many who seek authentic and transformative fellowship going to church is discouraging Yet there is hope Rethinking Church is a compelling and biblically refreshing read penned by the clearest thinker and most concise writer I know Douglas Jacoby Lincoln Christian University The widespread frustration with and apparent social demise of the institutional church is of grave concern And if you share such frustrations it may be important to know that there are creative and faithful and compelling options for being church Ron Highfield's description of simple church is one of those options which takes church seriously without off putting dogmatism Realistic and practical while also hopeful this is a genuinely helpful resource for those who are looking for something different before they give up on church altogether Lee C Camp host of Tokens Show www TokensShow com With thoughtfulness and discernment Ron Highfield deconstructs our expectations of what church must be inviting us to expand our thinking by thinking smaller In doing so he offers us a needed moment to take a step back and catch our breath He beckons us to sit down and sort through our heavy suitcases and consider that traveling light might be a possibility for the family of God Amy Wilson Kendall College Faith and Public Life Alfred Sebahene, 2025-05-31 God s love in Jesus Christ for the Minister Boulder Colorado salvation and recreation of all things is still the hope of the world This Christian affirmation is the reality that holds all things and holds all things together Yet in today s world it is easy to understand why the church is in pain and declining in its Christian and moral influence Rethinking Church in the 21st Century is the culmination of three years of exploration into the condition of the church around the world today Bringing together a diverse community of Christian voices these essays offer reflections and admonitions to ignite the hearts of pastors and leaders during the dynamic vulnerable and hopeful times we

face In this third volume the contributors explore how the church should be engaged in the public space in the face of the new opportunities and fundamental challenges confronting the global church today These realities missional expansion persistent barriers to human progress shifts in the composition and centre of gravity of world Christianity and a growing attention to the need for the church to embrace a radically different way of life call for a new approach to the role of faith in our public life to the different ways of witnessing to Christ and stewarding the mysteries of Christian faith With solid grounding in Scripture and critical reflection for authentic Christian public witness and mission this book speaks of how the gospel of Jesus Christ endlessly relates to the whole world and its reconciliation with God **Rising From the Ashes** Becky Garrison, 2007-10 Offers the first American look at emergent worship focused on mainline liturgical churches featuring contributions from leading thinkers and their critics From the Outside Tony Flannery, 2021-02-17 Eight years ago the popular and outspoken priest Tony Flannery was withdrawn from his ministry by his religious congregation the Redemptorists under orders from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in the Vatican The CDF took issue with some of his writings saying they were heretical He was forbidden to perform priestly duties or to write any articles or give interviews Refusing to submit to this sentence the intervening eight years have given him a greater degree of freedom of thought and action than he had ever experienced during his life as a priest in ministry From the Outside is a product of what he has ascertained and come to believe during those years The Church is facing many challenges A great many people are leaving or have left priest numbers are declining clerical sex abuse still festers women are excluded from ministry and decision making and that is becoming more and more of an anomaly as time goes by Leadership in the Church seems incapable of dealing with these challenges leaving the Church with a serious credibility issue Along with these issues From the Outside also deals with a much more fundamental and intractable problem namely the problem of Church doctrine Many of what are regarded as fundamental doctrines in the Church date from the early centuries of Christianity To hold that what was defined about God over fifteen hundred years ago must be accepted without question in the twenty first century is no longer credible Flannery outlines what needs to be changed both in the content and language of doctrine and in the images and metaphors used Challenging and controversial From the Outside asks the Church leadership to look again at some of its basic doctrines Change is needed Tony Flannery is a Redemptorist priest well known for his writings on a variety of Church issues His previous books include A Question of Conscience 2013 From the Inside A Priest's View of the Catholic Church 1999 Keeping the Faith 2005 and Death of Religious Life 1997 **Rethinking Church** LaKesha Womack, 2019-10-06 How many workshops and seminars have you attended trying to find the key to growing your church Of course you received great information but when you got home or back to your church you found yourself wondering how and where to start RethinkingChurch was birth out of a series of workshops that LaKesha has been facilitating with churches seeking strategies to transform their church to serve this present age No matter the size or location LaKesha has found that most churches can

benefit from implementing these strategies into their strategic planning to be intentional about meeting the needs of their congregations and communities This workbook was designed to be used with a group prepared to rethink how they are doing church Each strategy has worksheets included to facilitate action oriented goal setting LaKesha Womack has 15 years of experience helping leaders across the globe to start and grow profitable organizations Although the product service differs across industries LaKesha's strategies help organizations to focus on identifying and meeting the needs of their target markets She has published 14 additional books with more than 40 pieces of business advice listed on Forbes com Are you Rethinking Church Music Paul W. Wohlgemuth,1973 ready to rethink how you do church Rethinking Church Johannes Reimer, Chris Wright, 2018-08-15 What is church we needed to radically rethink church by exploring God's Word Christian Faith in Our Time Paul Jersild, 2016-12-19 Jersild responds to a fundamental issue in the theology of the church what is the nature of our language in addressing the mysteries of our faith such as speaking of God or of the incarnation Advocating a modest theology in facing the mystery of God and acknowledging the impact of postmodern sensibilities he lifts up the metaphorical language of Jesus as the key to a responsible theology Jersild makes his case for a faith based imagination centering on the life death and resurrection of Jesus as God's man who brings a divine redemptive love to the human story Theology does not give us a line in the sand that divides the saved from the lost nor is it the truth that makes all other religions false This is a book for seekers as well as many church members who harbor questions and doubts about the church s theology ReMission Gary Comer, 2018-01-09 A systemic disease is lurking inside the church that is derailing it from what God intended it to be to know and to do That disease manifests in practical ignorance and isolation If the church is to be healthy and thriving its members must gain the needed know how and skill sets to meaningfully engage with their increasingly difficult to reach unsaved neighbors communities and cultures in productive conversations about the good news of Jesus Christ In other words there must be a re missioning of the body of Christ ReMission practically equips leaders with tried and tested solutions that can outwardly mobilize a congregation small group or nonprofit ministry and substantially increase the spiritual vitality of the body of Christ both locally and globally

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gain the needed knowledge and skill sets to meaningfully engage with their difficult to reach unsaved neighbors communities and cultures GLIMPSES INTO LIFE THROUGH THE Samuel Amirtham, Selvanayagam, 2015-01-01 We Must Speak Larry Hollon, 2012-07-28 We Must Speak Rethinking How We Communicate About Faith in the 21st Century Pray that I may declare the message boldly as I must speak Ephesians 6 20 In We Must Speak Larry Hollon addresses the communications crisis in mainline denominations and sounds a call to action for the church Speak out in todays digital culture or risk irrelevance Communications technology is connecting people in unprecedented ways yet many mainline churches have been slow to adapt and have continued to lose members and status Other voices and messages are filling the void offering superficial entertainment and consumerism as poor substitutes for the good news of the church By embracing communications ministry churches can transform their communities change lives and be the presence of Christ for a hurting world Hollon shares success stories a theologically grounded vision and specific steps for local congregations and denominations to tap the power of communications Larry Hollon sets out the case for why we need to maintain our voice in a world crowded with competing messages and often destructive values Mike McCurry former White House press secretary

Leading by Story Vaughan S. Roberts, David Sims, 2017-09-30 There is a great deal of interest in churches across the UK US and Europe about applying ideas from the world of leadership and management to Christian ministry There are those who wish to apply sometimes guite uncritically mechanistic approaches which they hope will enable churches to be run in a more business like manner. There are also those who argue that insights from organizational studies have no place whatsoever in churches This innovative and original book builds on qualitative thinking about organizational narrative and argues that it can provide significant insights into how churches function which is much more in keeping with their ethos and history As well as analysing how stories and storytelling work in churches it also provides practical ideas for how they can be used to improve church leadership Taking the work of organizational thinkers and researchers and bringing it into conversation with biblical scholars theologians and church historians the authors establish a conversation across these disciplines and explore how story and narrative work through and within churches You Lost Me David Kinnaman, Aly Hawkins, 2011-10-01 Close to 60 percent of young people who went to church as teens drop out after high school Now the bestselling author of unChristian trains his researcher's eye on these young believers Where Kinnaman's first book unChristian showed the world what outsiders aged 16 29 think of Christianity You Lost Me shows why younger Christians aged 16 29 are leaving the church and rethinking their faith Based on new research You Lost Me shows pastors church leaders and parents how we have failed to equip young people to live in but not of the world and how this has serious long term consequences More importantly Kinnaman offers ideas on how to help young people develop and maintain a vibrant faith that they embrace over a lifetime **Surprised by Hope** Nicholas Thomas Wright, 2010 Many Christians believe our future in heaven is all that really matters But that s not what the Bible teaches In this six session small group Bible study DVD digital video sold

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