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Ministry with Children  
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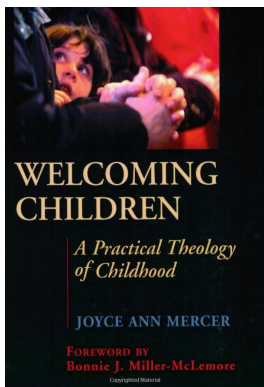


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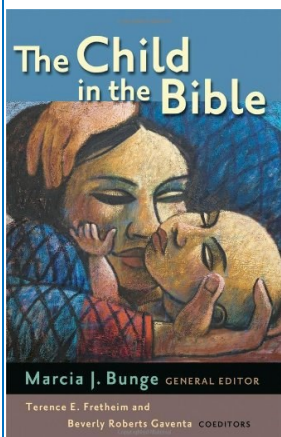


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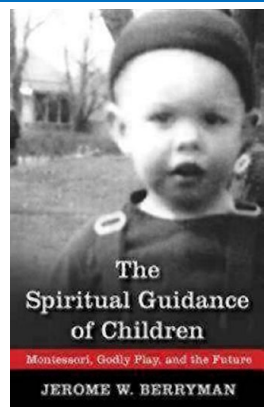
## **Welcoming Children: A Practical Theology of Childhood – Joyce Ann Mercer**

Welcoming Children develops a theology of childhood both from a theological perspective and from practical experience in children and youth ministry. The author draws insights from classic and modern feminist theologians, pastoral theologians, and contemporary cultural criticism to offer strategies for educational and liturgical practices in congregations that welcome children and contribute to their flourishing.



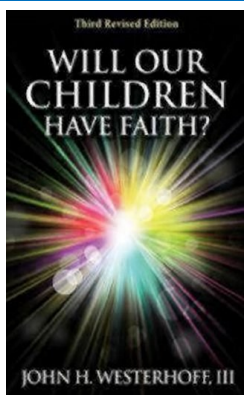
## **The Child in the Bible—Edited by Marcia J Bunge**

In this volume nineteen biblical scholars collaborate to provide an informed and focused treatment of biblical perspectives on children and childhood. Looking at the Bible through the "lens" of the child exposes new aspects of biblical texts and themes. Some of the authors focus on selected biblical texts -- Genesis, Proverbs, Mark, and more -- while others examine such biblical themes as training and disciplining, children and the image of God, the metaphor of Israel as a child, and so on. In discussing a vast array of themes and questions, the chapters also invite readers to reconsider the roles that children can or should play in religious communities today



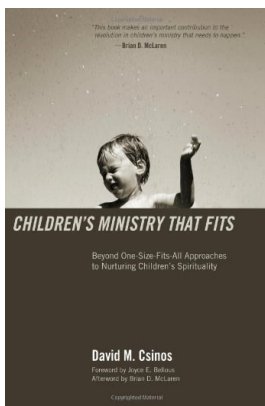
## **The Spiritual Guidance of Children – Jerome W. Berryman**

This new book is an important history-of-traditions work in which Godly Play founder Jerome Berryman revises religious education as spiritual guidance and traces the history of Montessori religious education through four generations. Berryman then highlights the development of the Godly Play approach to spiritual guidance within this context and concludes with thoughts about the fifth generation and the future of the tradition.



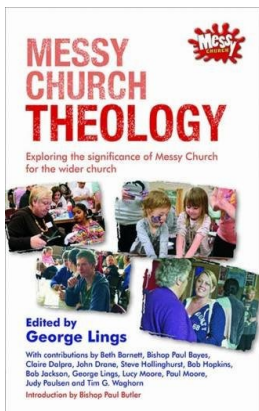
### **Will Our Children Have Faith? – John H. Westerhoff III**

Will Our Children Have Faith?: Third Revised Edition by John H. Westerhoff III is a classic book about how the church is - and should be - engaged in Christian education at all age levels. With a study guide, this book may be helpful for Christian Ed committees.



### **Children's Ministry that Fits – David M. Csinos**

Children's Ministry that Fits blends insightful research, relevant theory, and practical ministry into a guidebook for discovering and understanding children's spiritual styles. David M. Csinos offers practical wisdom that will help ministers, worship leaders, parents, and children's workers to move beyond one-size-fits-all approaches to children's ministry and begin nurturing the spiritual lives of children in welcoming and inclusive environments.



### **Messy Church Theology: Exploring the significance of Messy Church for the wider church – Edited by George Lings**

This is an exploration of Messy Church and its theological significance for the wider church. Messy Church Theology brings together essays and case studies from a wide range of contributors examining the growth of Messy Church and discussing questions of sustainability, discipleship, all-age church, sacramental, interdenominational, ecumenical and international possibilities, and the future of Messy Church.



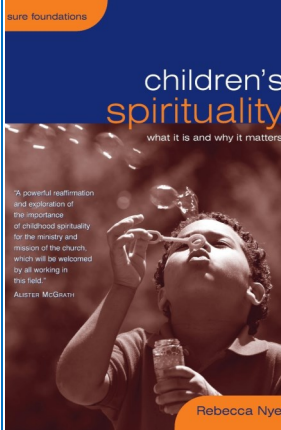
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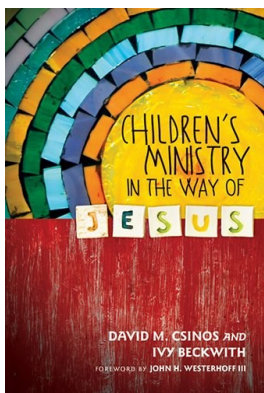
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A consideration of key theological themes from one of the most neglected of perspectives - that of children. Honouring Jesus' command to place the child at the centre, theologians, psychologists and educationalists take us from our comfort zones to look afresh at some of the most grave, difficult and beautiful topics in Christian theology. Challenging conventional readings of theology, this will fascinate and challenge anyone who cares about children and their place in the church.



### Children's Spirituality – Rebecca Nye

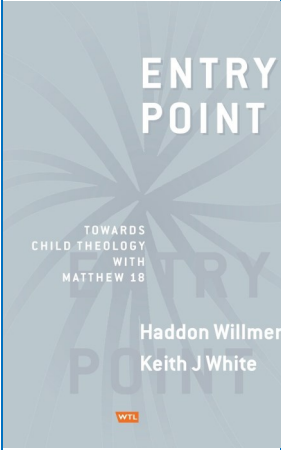
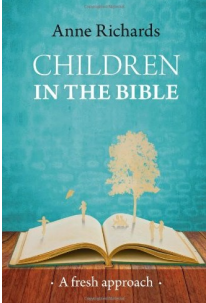
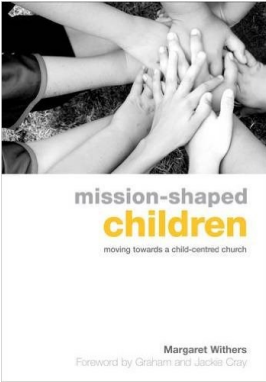
This concise guide is an ideal introduction to the increasingly popular topic of children's spirituality. Mixing theory with tips on 'good practice', leading expert Rebecca Nye shows how choices made in churches and homes can stimulate or stifle a child's spiritual development, exploring: Childhood as a natural source of spirituality Ways to help children value and express their spirituality The role of Christian nurture and worship in early spiritual development.

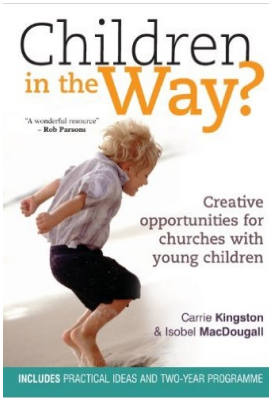


### Children's Ministry in the way of Jesus – David M. Csinos and Ivy Beckwith

Attract kids to church, the logic often goes, and you get parents in the pews. All that's left, then, is to get kids out of the way. Not so, say David Csinos and Ivy Beckwith. In Children's Ministry in the Way of Jesus they draw on research in human development and spiritual formation to show how children become disciples and churches become centres of lifelong discipleship



	<p><b>Entry Point: Towards Child Theology with Matthew 18 – Haddon Wilmer and Keith J White</b></p> <p>In June 2002 a group of Christians met in Penang, Malaysia to explore what was meant by "Child Theology". One of the outcomes was the request for a book on the subject. Entry Point is the book! It is not an attempt to define the shape and content of Child Theology, but rather a record of a pioneering trip into largely uncharted territory which invites readers to explore what it might mean to receive this child as: • a challenge to radical conversion, • a clue to the truth about the kingdom of God, • a reminder that following Jesus into the kingdom means denying self and taking up the cross, • an encouragement to live in the resilience of resurrection, • a helper in making universal community with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.</p>
	<p><b>Children in the Bible – Anne Richards</b></p> <p>Interweaving analysis with stories about contemporary children and childhood, Anne also touches on issues such as infertility, consumerism and neglect. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and a suggested activity, making the book ideal for individual or group study.</p>
	<p><b>Mission shaped children - Margaret Withers</b></p> <p>Mission-shaped Children outlines the many obstacles that are currently preventing growth in children's work in the Church, and suggests practical and effective strategies for overcoming these. It explores how the Church can shape itself around children and young people, rather than expecting them to fit in with the Church. It looks too at how the dramatic cultural, social and economic trends of recent years have impacted on children's lives and how this affects the Church.</p>

	<p><b>Children in the Way - Carrie Kingston and Isobel MacDougall</b></p> <p>The first years are a pivotal time when children have powerful curiosity, and an exuberance for learning; a time when they make strong connections through their experiences. This is also when a child's attitudes, values and perceptions are formed: Our grasp of how children learn has developed sharply in recent years but churches sometimes employ antiquated practices. All too often we inoculate our children against church! How can we ensure that children's encounters with church are positive and enriching?</p>
	<p><b>Messy Togetherness - Martin Payne</b></p> <p>How does generations exploring faith together fit with our inherited model of age-related groups for learning and discipleship? Is it practical and possible to have an experience of church where the youngest to the oldest share the same meeting space, service theme and time to worship? Current thinking about faith development and a biblical rationale for the all-age approach. offering practical advice and sharing stories and ideas from across the Messy Church network.</p>
	<p><b>Formational Children's Ministries - Ivy Beckwith</b></p> <p>We want to raise faithful children. But are churches today helping to fulfill that mission? Or are we more like entertaining babysitting services than places where true spiritual formation happens? If you're ready to create a place where children feel a part of God's story, where they don't just learn information but live it, Formational Children's Ministry, is your first step. What if we taught children how the stories of God, church history, the local community, and the child intersect and speak to one another?</p>

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**Getting your Kids through Church without them ending up hating God - Rob Parsons**

There are no guarantees that our children will accept the faith of their parents. From toddlers to teens, we want their experience of the Christian faith to strengthen them, not to make it harder for them to follow Jesus. This book explores the environment our children grow up in and what we can change in our hearts, homes and churches to make it less likely that a generation will be lost from the church.

Parenting  
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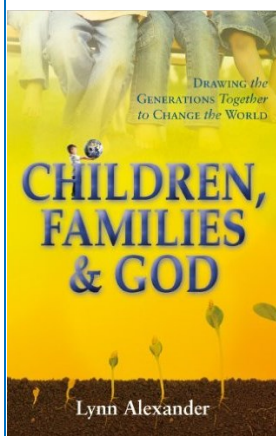
Helping children meet and know God



Rachel Turner

**Parenting Children for a Life of Faith - Rachel Turner**

This book explores how the home can become the primary place in which children are nurtured into the reality of God's presence and love, equipped to access him themselves and encouraged to grow in a two-way relationship with him . We need to model for our children what it means to be in a relationship with God rather than just equipping them to know about him - helping our children to be God-connected rather than just God-smart.

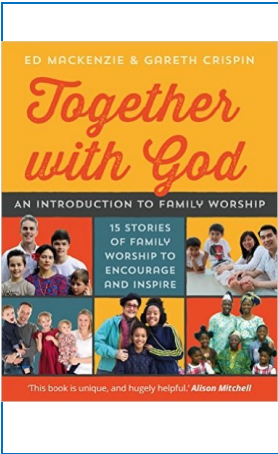
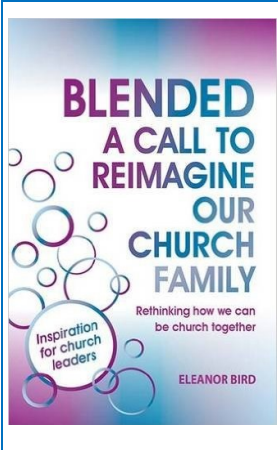
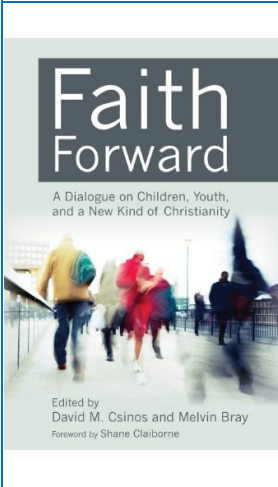


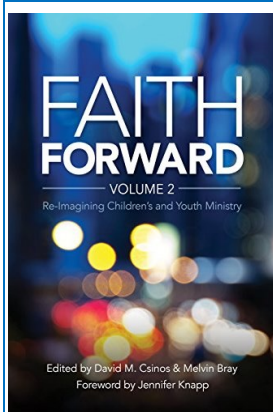
**Children, Families & God - Lynn Alexander**

Children, Families & God is a call to consider children, make disciples, build the Church! Spiritually sound guidance about how to nurture children's spirituality is overflowing on every page . Many churches are desperately searching for ways to stop the decline and involvement of young people in Kingdom advancement. How Jesus re-deemed family structures so they would become vehicles for Kingdom advancement.; How to grow spirituality into lifelong personal faith; how to help children and families find Jesus and become disciples ; What whole family discipleship might look like.; 6 key practical principles needed to train and equip believers in every church.

	<p><b>7 family ministry essentials—Michelle Anthony &amp; Megan Marshman</b></p> <p>7 Family Ministry Essentials will energize and equip you with the practical steps, inspirational stories, and biblical foundation you need as you lead those in your ministry.</p> <p>Empowering families to take spiritual leadership in the home, Forming lifetime faith that transcends childhood beliefs, Teaching Scripture as the ultimate authority of truth, Understanding the role of the Holy Spirit to teach and transform, Engaging every generation in the gospel of God’s redemptive story, Making God central in every biblical narrative and daily living, Participating in community with like-minded ministry leaders.</p>
	<p><b>Family Ministry - Diana Garland</b></p> <p>This new edition takes a three-pronged approach to family ministry, which includes developing families grounded in Christian faith, helping families live the teachings of Jesus with one another, and equipping and supporting families as they learn to serve others. The insights gained are organized into four main sections: • The Context for Family Ministry • Family Formation • Family Dynamics • Leading Family Ministry. Garland examines and fully integrates the historical, sociological, theological and biblical contexts to understand the role and meaning of family in the life of Christians and the church.</p>
	<p><b>Along the way - Ron Bruner &amp; Dana Pemberton</b></p> <p>Conversations about children and faith draw us close to the heart of God, and the authors of Along the Way lead everyone in the church into a careful, honest dialogue about nurturing children spiritually. Along the way, readers will rediscover how each child's walk with God is a unique journey of discovery. Readers will also realize that sharing these paths with children can change and bless not simply the children, but their own lives as well.</p>

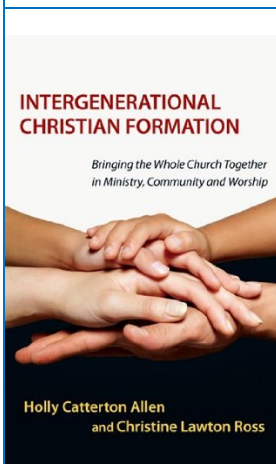


	<p><b>Together with God - Ed Mackenzie &amp; Gareth Crispin</b></p> <p>Together with God is an introduction to family worship that features 15 stories of how families worship and pray together at home. The stories are the heart of the book, and explain what has worked well for each family, the challenges families face, and tips for those just starting out. Together with God is designed for parents wishing to start family worship in their home, but will also be a great resource for Youth, Children and Family Workers, Ministers and Church leaders, and all who are concerned about</p>
	<p><b>Blended – Eleanor Bird</b></p> <p>Church as we know it is changing...with conversations and initiatives bubbling up around how our churches can be truly intergenerational, functioning in close and loving community as the body of Christ. Eleanor Bird speaks into the debate with a challenge to rethink our work with all ages from the ground up, offering practical observations drawn from her experience of developing children's and youth ministry in a local church context, together with a biblically based framework for how this thinking can be</p>
	<p><b>Faith Forward – Ed David Csinos &amp; Melvin Bray</b></p> <p>Knowing how to nurture faith in young people is a challenge, particularly when we want to encourage a faith that is generous, innovative, and contextual. Faith Forward gathers 21 presentations from the 2012 “Children, Youth, and a New Kind of Christianity” conference held in Washington, D.C., and makes them available for anyone called to help young people on their journey of faith. Authors and attendees alike came from several countries and many denominational inflections. Likewise, the chapters express various contemporary takes on Christian faith and discipleship.</p>



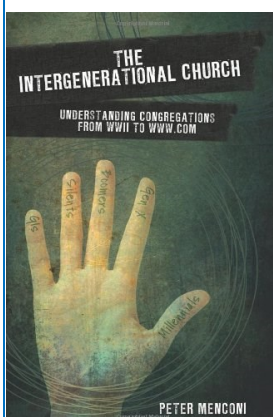
## **Faith Forward Volume 2— Ed David Csinos & Melvin Bray**

Compiled from presentations given at the Faith Forward 2014 conference, held in Nashville, Tennessee, May 2014, this volume features the work of Brian McLaren, Sandy Sasso, Andrew Root, Phyllis Tickle, Anne Wimberly, Ivy Beckwith with David M. Csinos, Paul-André Durocher, Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Melvin Bray, and more. If you are seeking ways of doing children's and youth ministry that are grassroots, forward thinking, ecumenical, innovative and collaborative, this book will provide inspiration and wisdom for the journey.



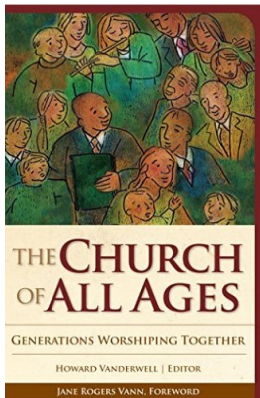
## **Intergenerational Christian Formation - Holly Catterton Allen and Christine Lawton Ross**

In this comprehensive text, a complete framework for intentional intergenerational Christian formation is offered. The authors provide the theoretical foundations for intergenerationality, showing how learning and spiritual formation are better accomplished through intergenerational contexts. They give concrete guidance for how worship, community and service can all be achieved intergenerationally. Case studies of intergenerational congregations provide models for how local churches can create a culture of intergenerationality.



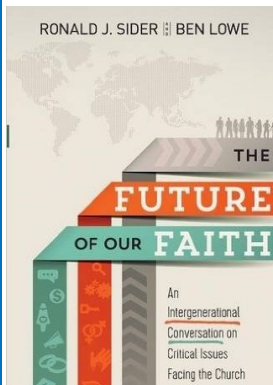
## **The intergenerational Church—Peter Menconi**

In *The Intergenerational Church*, Peter Menconi shows you why understanding today's generations is crucial for the survival and thrival of the local church. But understanding the generations is not enough. In this book you will learn how to: - Minimize generational tension. - Get all the generations moving in the same direction. - Develop leaders from all generations. - Deliver intergenerational preaching. - Cultivate intergenerational worship and community. - Stimulate intergenerational mission and outreach.



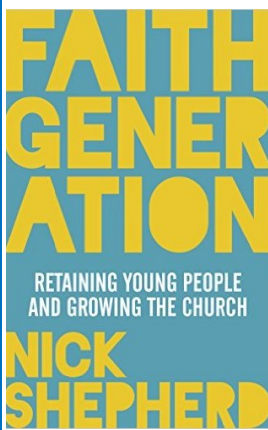
### **The Church of all Ages: Generations Worshipping Together —Ed by Howard Vanderwell**

The focus of this book is there is no greater privilege for Christians than worshipping God, and no better way to do that than as an intergenerational community in which all are important and all encourage and nurture the faith of the others. Should we try to hold the generations together when we worship/ Is it even possible? Contributors do not propose easy answers but guide readers to practices that fit their own community, heritage, and history. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and group discussion.



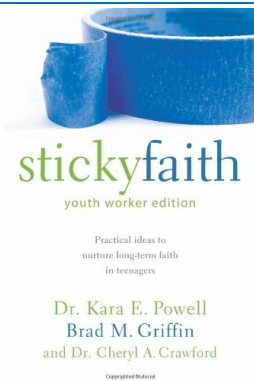
### **The Future of our Faith - Ronald Sider**

Younger Christians are leaving the church in droves, frustrated and disillusioned by the track record of American Christianity. Older Christians, who still lead most churches, are concerned about this trend. But the generations don't see eye to eye on many things. The authors model and cultivate an intentional, charitable, and much-needed intergenerational dialogue as they discuss some of the biggest issues challenging Christianity today and into the future.. Each chapter includes sidebar reflections from notable Christian leaders and study questions.



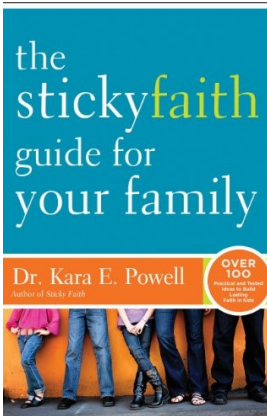
### **Faith Generation - Nick Shepherd**

Is institutional religion in Britain 'one generation away from extinction'? In an increasingly secularized culture, faith formation no longer just happens. So how do we help children and young people to form faith today and help our churches to grow in the process? Based on his own research, Dr Nick Shepherd, argues that there is an urgent need for faith generation within our churches. Through examining youth ministry practices, he explains both the 'why' and 'how' of faith generation today.



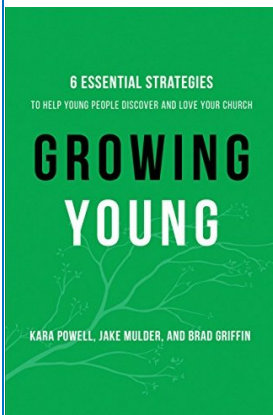
## Sticky Faith: Youth Worker Edition – Dr Kara E. Powell

In Sticky Faith, the FYI research team presents youth workers with both a theological and philosophical framework as well as relationship and programming ideas to develop faith that lasts well beyond the youth group. Each chapter presents a summary of FYI’s quantitative and qualitative research, along with the implications of this research, including program ideas suggested and tested by youth ministries nationwide.



## The sticky faith guide for your family - Kara Powell

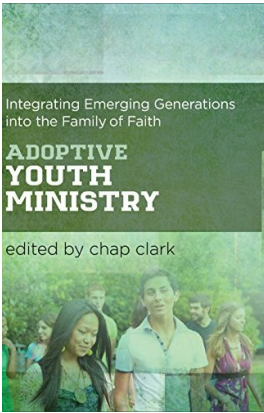
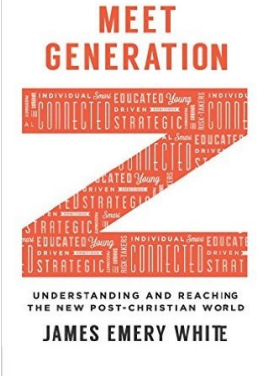
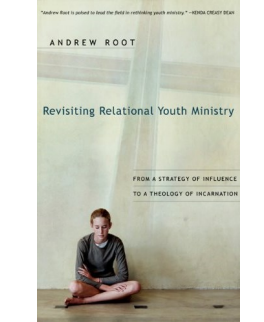
This book is grounded in sophisticated, academically verified data. While Dr. Powell is a parent of three children who authentically weaves her own experiences throughout the book, the chapter topics correlate with parenting principles proven in national research. Amid gloomy and theoretical resources, this book leaves parents empowered and hopeful that even little tweaks to their family rhythms can make a big difference. It is practical with more than 100 ideas parents can try. Its “guidebook” format is accessible.

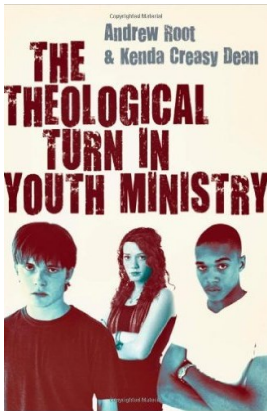
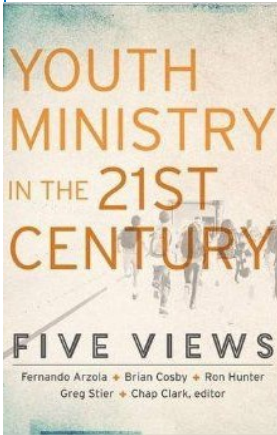


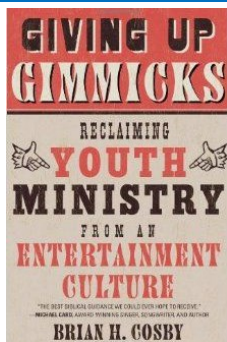
## Growing Young - Kara Powell, Jake Mulder & Brad Griffin

Churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the USAs 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.



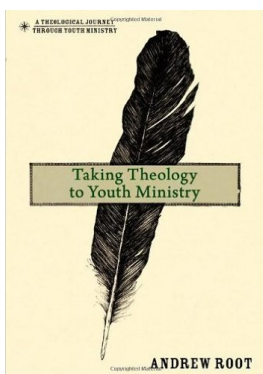
	<p><b>Adoptive Youth Ministry —Ed by Chap Clark</b></p> <p>Kids desperately need healthy, committed adults who can help them thrive in their faith and become active participants in the life of the church. This requires the efforts of the whole faith community. Chap Clark, one of the leading voices in youth ministry today, brings together twenty-four experts from a variety of denominations and traditions to offer a comprehensive introduction to adoptive youth ministry, a theologically driven, academically grounded, and practical youth ministry model. The book shows readers how to integrate emerging generations into the family of faith, helping young adults become active participants in God's redemptive community.</p>
	<p><b>Meet Generation Z - James Emery White</b></p> <p>Born approximately between 1993 and 2012, Generation Z is the first truly post-Christian generation, and they are poised to challenge every church to rethink its role in light of a rapidly changing culture. This book explains who this generation is, how it came to be, and the impact it is likely to have on the nation and the faith. It also reintroduces us to the ancient countercultural model of the early church, arguing that this is the model Christian leaders must adopt and adapt if we are to reach members of Generation Z with the gospel.</p>
	<p><b>Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry – Andrew Root</b></p> <p>Andrew Root reviews the history of relational/incarnational youth ministry in American evangelicalism and recasts the practice as one of 'place-sharing', not so much 'earning the right to be heard' as honouring the human dignity of youth and locating God in their midst.</p>

	<p><b>The theological turn in youth ministry —Andrew Root &amp; Kenda Creasy Dean</b></p> <p>The questions young people have are often the same ones that perplexed the great theologians, dirving them to search for God in the places God didn't appear to be—places of brokenness, siuffering and confusion. What if we let these questions drive our search for God too? Andrew Root &amp; Kenda Creasy Dean invite us to envision youth ministries full of practical theolgoians, addressing the deep questions of life with a wonderfully adolescent mix of idealism, cynicism and prophetic intolerance for hypocrisy. The result is a more rigorous and meaningful youth ministry, and a more theologically grounded and engaged church.</p>
	<p><b>Youth Ministry in the 21st Century: Five views—Ed by Chap Clark</b></p> <p>There are many philosophies and strategies that drive today's youth ministry. To most people, they are variations on a single goal: to make faithful disciples of young people. However, digging deeper into various programs, books, and concepts reveals substantive differences among approaches. Bestselling author Chap Clark is one of the leading voices in youth ministry today. In this multiview work, he brings together a diverse group of leaders to present major views on youth ministry. Chapters are written in essay/response fashion by Fernando Arzola, Greg Stier, Ron Hunter, Brian Cosby, and Chap Clark. As the contributors present their views and respond to each of the other views, they discuss their task and calling, giving readers the resources they need to develop their own approach to youth ministry. Offering a model of critical thinking and respectful dialogue, this volume provides a balanced, irenic approach to a topic with which every church wrestles.</p>



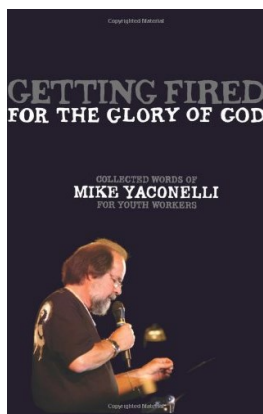
## **Giving up Gimmicks: Reclaiming youth ministry from an entertainment culture —Brian Cosby**

Brian Cosby demonstrates a ministry approach that truly nurtures teens and brings them back for more—one solidly grounded in Christ and patterned after the means of grace: the Word, sacraments, prayer, service, and community. Learn how much teenagers not only need a deep-ministry, but want one too.



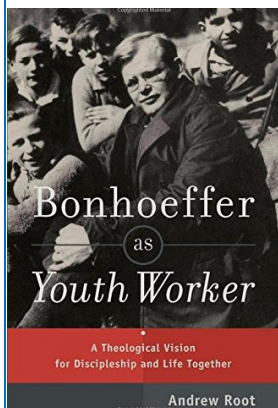
## **Taking theology to youth ministry —Andrew Root**

If you've ever stopped to ask, "What's the point of youth ministry?" ... In Taking Theology to Youth Ministry, Andrew Root invites you along on a journey with Nadia—a fictional youth worker who is trying to understand the "why" behind her ministry. Her narrative, along with Root's insights, help you uncover the action of God as it pertains to your own youth ministry, and encourage you to discover how you can participate in that action. As you join this theological journey, you'll find yourself exploring how theology can and should influence the way you do youth ministry.



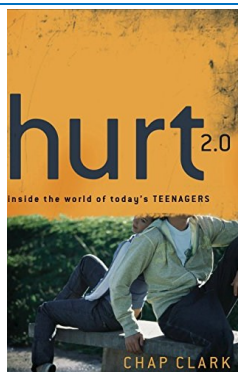
## **Getting Fired for the Glory of God – Mike Yaconelli**

Like the prophets of old, Mike was a blend of the sacred and the profane, the outspoken and the insecure, the gentle lamb and the roaring lion. This paradox lives on in his writing and in his recorded words. In Mike Yaconelli you'll discover a bold, passionate, and ultimately prophetic voice reminding us to stay focused on Jesus, to hold life lightly, to walk together as we love kids, and to devote ourselves to an outrageously gracious God who loves our souls into being.



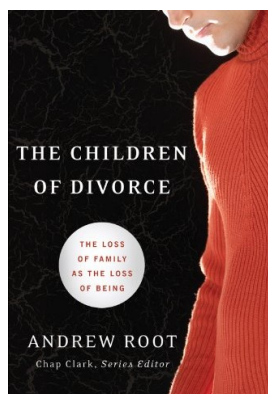
## **Bonhoeffer as Youth Worker: A Theological Vision for Discipleship and Life Together—Andrew Root**

The youth ministry focus of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life is often forgotten or overlooked, even though he did much work with young people and wrote a number of papers, sermons, and addresses about or for the youth of the church. However, youth ministry expert Andrew Root explains that this focus is central to Bonhoeffer's story and thought. Root presents Bonhoeffer as the forefather and model of the growing theological turn in youth ministry. By linking contemporary youth workers with this epic theologian, the author shows the depth of youth ministry work and underscores its importance in the church. He also shows how Bonhoeffer's life and thought impact present-day youth ministry practice.



## **Hurt 2.0 – Chap Clark**

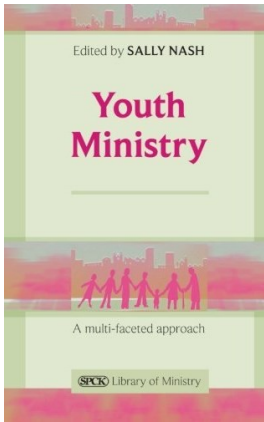
Hurt provided a vivid and insightful view into the world of today's teenagers. Now leading youth ministry expert Chap Clark substantially updates and revises his groundbreaking bestseller (over 55,000 copies sold). Hurt 2.0 features a new chapter on youth at society's margins and new material on social networking and gaming. Each chapter has been thoroughly revised with new research, statistics, quotations, and documentation.



## **The Children of Divorce – Andrew Root**

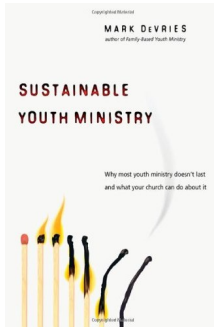
Why does divorce cause so much strain and long-term distress for children of all ages? Andrew Root, a recognized authority on youth ministry and a child of divorce himself, explains that divorce causes children to question their core identity. This unique book examines the impact of divorce not only from a theological and spiritual perspective but also from a young person's perspective.





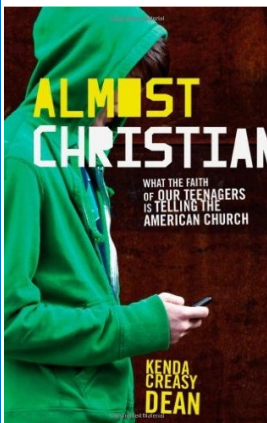
## Youth Ministry: A Multi-faceted Approach – Edited by Sally Nash

This book explores youth ministry by looking at a range of metaphors for the youth worker, such as 'flawed hero', 'visionary architect', 'party planner' and 'guardian of souls'. Each chapter takes a metaphor and offers theological reflection, explains the relevant theory and the necessary skills, uses real-life stories from practitioners to bring the metaphor to life, summarizes the key principles and values, gives questions for reflection and makes suggestions for further reading.



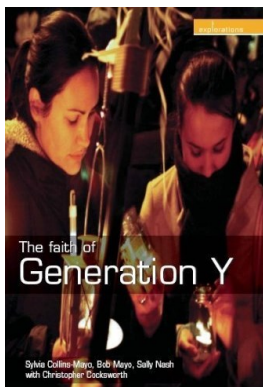
## Sustainable Youth Ministry – Mark DeVries

Based on his own experience as a youth minister and on his work with churches in crisis, Mark DeVries pinpoints problems that cause division and burnout. He then provides the practical tools and structures needed to lay a strong foundation for ministry - one that isn't built solely on a youth worker.



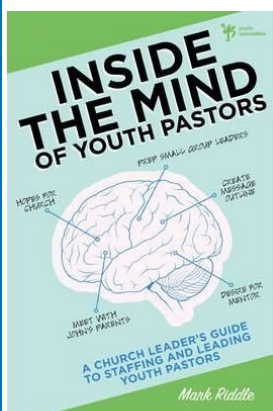
## Almost Christian—Kenda Creasy Dean

In order to produce ardent young Christians, Dean argues, churches must rediscover their sense of mission and model an understanding of being Christian as not something you do for yourself, but something that calls you to share God's love, in word and deed, with others. Dean found that the most committed young Christians shared four important traits: they could tell a personal and powerful story about God; they belonged to a significant faith community; they exhibited a sense of vocation; and they possessed a profound sense of hope. Dean proposes an approach to Christian education that places the idea of mission at its core and offers suggestions for inspiring teens to live more authentically engaged Christian lives.



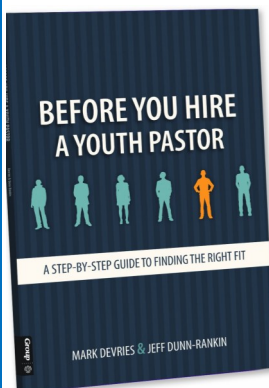
### **The faith of Generation Y – Sylvia Collins-Mayo, Bob Mayo, Sally Nash**

Generation Y (those born after 1982) growing up in Britain has had less contact with the Church than any previous generation in living memory. So what interest do young people have in Christianity? How do social influences inform their Christian consciousness? Does belief in God make any difference to them? These are pressing questions for the Church. Using sociological and theological approaches, the authors shed light on these questions.



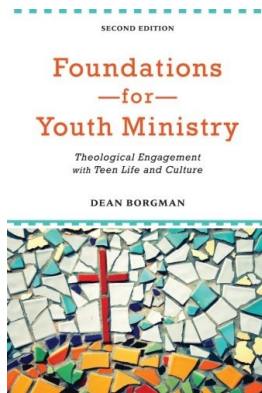
### **Inside the Mind of Youth Pastors – Mark Riddle**

Some of the most important steps in building a sustainable youth ministry happen even before you begin looking for a youth worker. And once you have a person in place, there are several key things you can do to help develop a healthy youth ministry that includes encouraging your youth worker, engaging teens, and involving parents. This practical book for church leaders will help you think through the issues.



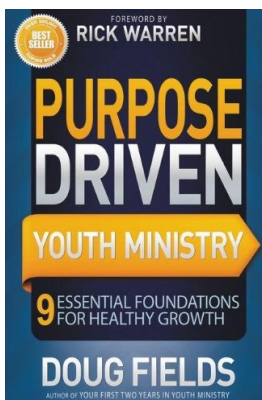
### **Before you hire a Youth Pastor – Mark Devries and Jeff Dunn-Rankin**

This book delivers advice and strategies on topics such as preparing for an exceptional search, screening and researching candidates, building and structuring your search team, conducting effective interviews, communicating proactively and setting up your new youth worker to succeed.



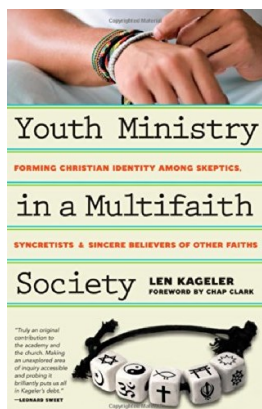
## Foundations for Youth Ministry: Theological Engagement With Teen Life And Culture—Dean Borgman

Dean Borgman, offers a new edition of his influential classic. Reaching a broadly ecumenical audience, this book challenges readers to think about the theological nature of youth ministry. Questions for discussion and reflection are included. This thoroughly updated edition was previously published as *When Kumbaya Is Not Enough*.



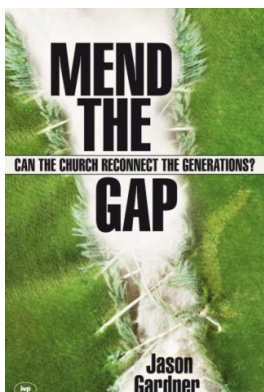
## Purpose Driven Youth Ministry—Doug Fields

Balancing both theory and practice this book will help you develop a ministry that equips young people rather than a ministry that coordinates events. "My goal for this book is to coach you through a plan to build a healthy youth ministry that isn't dependent on one great youth leader and won't be destroyed when they leave. It's not a book on how to grow your youth ministry with six easy steps; it's about identifying, establishing, and building health into your church's youth ministry."



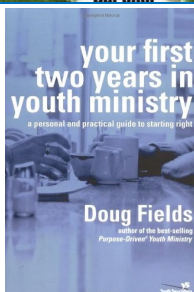
## Youth Ministry in a Multifaith Society—Len Kageler

How do we ground our young people in the faith while encouraging their relationships with friends of other faiths? Veteran youth minister and researcher Len Kageler digs into the data surrounding this exciting multifaith era and offers surprising confidence that our kids can be guided into mature Christian faith while simultaneously learning to love their neighbours of other religions.



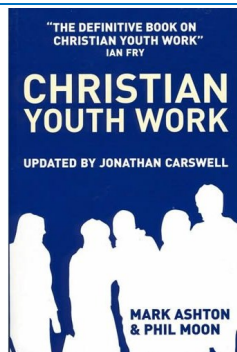
### **Mend the Gap – Jason Gardner**

As society alters beyond recognition, the gap between young and old threatens to become a deep fracture in the heart of families, communities - and churches. Urgent surgery is required to mend the gap. Resisting simplistic solutions, Jason Gardner deftly analyses the reasons for the growing generation gap, including the role of the church. He provides practical steps forward for church leaders, youthworkers and parents.



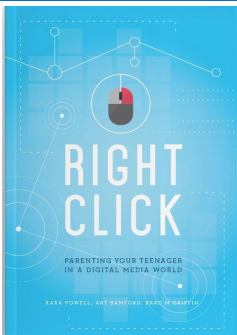
### **Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry: A Personal and Practical Guide to Starting Right—Doug Fields**

This book addresses twelve valuable steps that will help readers take the first steps as they begin their ministry. An invaluable resource for anyone in youth ministry and ideal for first-timers, veterans, or college students in youth ministry.



### **Christian Youth Work—Mark Ashton, Phil Moon and Jonathan Carswell**

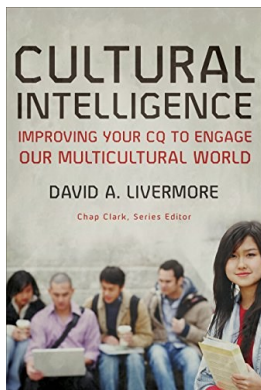
Stats are clear: 1,000 teenagers a week are leaving the church, and support among young people is decaying fast. For every church that has a flourishing youth group, there are three more that have none. This book outlines a strategy for youth work that is both radical and biblical.



### **Right Click - Art Bamford , Kara Powell & Brad M Griffin**

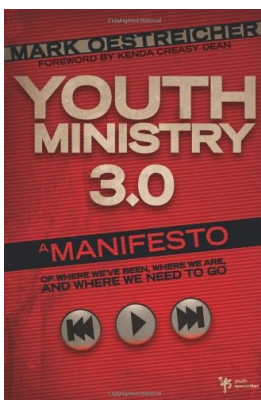
Right Click helps you think and talk differently about digital media, as you learn from inspiring and creative parents like you who navigate these ever-changing waters day after day. Drawing from the best research on media and youth, as well as conversations with parents and teenagers, Right Click offers new breakthroughs for your most pressing tech-related dilemmas.





### Cultural Intelligence—David Livermore

This book explores the much-needed skill of Cultural Intelligence (CQ), the ability to work effectively across national, ethnic, and even organizational cultures. While rooted in sound, scholarly research, Cultural Intelligence is highly practical and accessible to general readers. It will benefit students as well as guide ministry leaders interested in increasing their cultural awareness and sensitivity. Packed with assessment tools, simulations, case studies, and exercises, Cultural Intelligence will help transform individuals and organizations into effective intercultural communicators of the gospel.



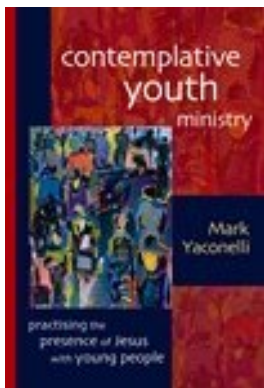
### Youth Ministry 3.0—Mark Oestreicher

In "Youth Ministry 3.0", readers will explore why we need change in youth ministry, from a ministry moving away from a dependence on programs, to one that is focused on communion and mission. They'll get a quick history of youth ministry over the last fifty years. And they'll help dream about what changes need to take place in order to create the next phase of youth ministry - the future that needs to be created for effective ministry to young people



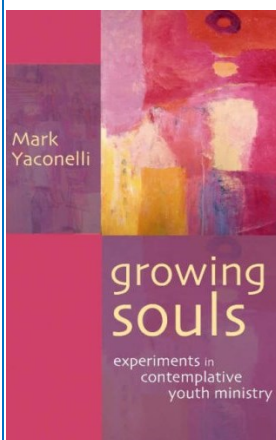
### Christian Youth Work in Theory and Practice—Edited by Sally Nash and Jo Whitehead

This book provides a comprehensive overview of Christian youth work, drawing together practice, theory and theology in a format which is both engaging and informative. It brings together key youth ministry thinkers and grass-roots practitioners to explore significant themes and issues. Each of the sixteen chapters is followed by a response written from a different perspective, modelling reflective practice and theological reflection.



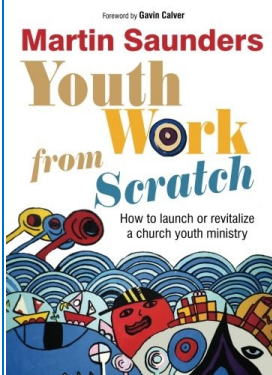
### **Contemplative Youth Ministry: Practicing the Presence of Jesus with Young People—Mark Yaconelli**

Mark Yaconelli is co-director of the Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project, which over the last 8 years has gathered together churches and youth ministers from across North America to explore contemplative prayer, discernment, spiritual direction, covenant community, spiritual practice and Sabbath-living as a way of resourcing ministries with youth. This book offers some of the experience, teaching, praying and thinking behind the project.



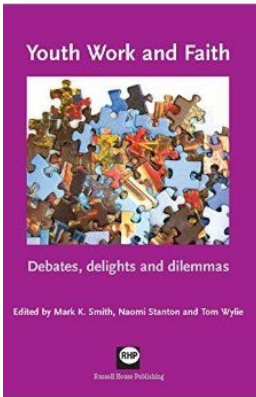


### **Growing Souls: Experiments in Contemplative Youth Ministry—Mark Yaconelli**

In Contemplative Youth Ministry Mark Yaconelli presented his own understanding and experience of an approach that addresses the spiritual longings of youth and youth ministers. Growing Souls is an attempt to deepen and expand the conversation regarding contemplative youth ministry by presenting the work of the youth ministry and spirituality project and giving voice to the scholars, youth workers, pastors, and youth who shared in its work.



### **Youth Work From Scratch: How To Launch Or Revitalize A Church Youth Ministry—Martin Saunders**

With case studies and principles which address both new projects and those which require a 'jumpstart', plus specific chapters which look at how to regenerate an old project, Martin Saunders applies his considerable experience to help. He addresses a host of 'big picture' issues such as: envisioning your church; recruiting and training volunteers and different models of youth ministry as well as spiritual ones such as adopting strong spiritual disciplines and soliciting prayer support.

	<p><b>Youth Work and Faith —Ed by Smith, Stanton &amp; Wylie</b></p> <p>Following recent decline in statutory youth work provision alongside growth in the faith-based sectors, thinking about youth work and faith is crucial, both to those working in faith-based settings and those working with them as partners or funders. This unique book draws on the debates, delights and dilemmas of the relationship between youth work and faith. It is informed by a range of perspectives, from specific faith traditions as well as cross-cutting issues &amp; will enhance practice &amp; study.</p>
	<p><b>Learn: How Will Our Children Have Faith</b></p> <p>This booklet will take you through four steps, helping you to reflect on and evaluate ministry with children and young people in your church. Congregations are encouraged to ask ‘Why?’ they should run a children or youth ministry before they ask ‘How?’ to do it. This guide is designed to facilitate a discussion about their ministry in this area of church life. We hope that by working through this resource, congregations will be able to understand the importance and the purpose of their work with children</p>
	<p><b>Learn: Children and Young People</b></p> <p>This publication gives introductory articles to help churches consider how they can develop ministry with children and young people in their parish. Aimed at volunteers it aims to get people thinking theologically, recognising the importance of including children and young people in the Community of Faith and the importance of skilled and effective leadership. Formed around three chapters, being Church together, working together and forming together each article includes ideas for further reading, questions for discussion, ideas to try and resources that might help. The voices of children and young people appear throughout. Published 26th August 2017.</p>



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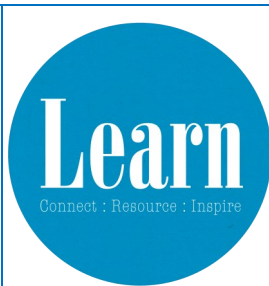
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