

# Best Practices List

*Below are best practices we have gathered to help your church become a Vital Congregation. Please let us know any feedback from anything you use from this list. Also, if you have other items you think could be added, please let us know.*

## DISCIPLES IN WORSHIP

### Online Documents & Articles

- Crossman, Robert, "Fifty-eight Ways to Increase Worship Attendance (Without a Change of Pastors)."  
[http://www.arumc.org/k\\_media/files\\_library/58%20Ways%20To%20Increase%20Attendance.pdf](http://www.arumc.org/k_media/files_library/58%20Ways%20To%20Increase%20Attendance.pdf)
- Crossman, Robert, "Fifty Ways to Increase Worship Attendance."  
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- General Board of Discipleship Website - Worship Section:  
<http://www.gbod.org/lead-your-church/general-information>
- "How a Two-Hundred-Year-Old, Declining, Mainline Church Got Its Groove Back." Originally published in Circuit Rider, Aug/Sept/Oct 2010.  
<http://www.gettingreadyforsunday.com/articles/HowDecliningChurchGotGrooveBack.htm>
- Miller, Herb, "Church Effectiveness Nuggets: Volume 4: How to Increase Worship Attendance." [www.theparishpaper.com](http://www.theparishpaper.com). (This is a free study-discussion for congregations to evaluate their worship attendance.)  
<http://www.theparishpaper.com/files/resources/Church%20Effectiveness%20Nuggets-%20Volume%204.pdf>
- Toolbox A- Worship Attendance, Kansas East Conference of the United Methodist Church <http://kesite.brickriver.com/pages/detail/1044>
- Website Building through [WordPress.com](http://WordPress.com)

## Books

- Bush, Peter & O'Reilly, Christine. *Where 20 or 30 Are Gathered: Leading Worship in the Small Church*. (Herndon: Alban Institute, 2006).  
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- Cherry, Constance, Mary Brown, and Christopher Bounds. *Selecting Worship Songs: A Guide for* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 2011).  
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- Cherry, Constance. *The Worship Architect: A Blueprint for Designing Culturally Relevant and Biblically Faithful Services* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 2010). [https://www.amazon.com/Worship-Architect-Blueprint-Culturally-Biblically-ebook/dp/B00B85COV4/ref=pd\\_sim\\_351\\_1?ie=UTF8&dpID=41poqeSgTsL&dpSrc=sims&preST=OU01ACUL320SR214%2C320&refRID=VTRQNE6W8WH451SKWKAJ](https://www.amazon.com/Worship-Architect-Blueprint-Culturally-Biblically-ebook/dp/B00B85COV4/ref=pd_sim_351_1?ie=UTF8&dpID=41poqeSgTsL&dpSrc=sims&preST=OU01ACUL320SR214%2C320&refRID=VTRQNE6W8WH451SKWKAJ)
- Duck, Ruth. *Worship for the Whole People of God: Vital Worship for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)  
[https://www.amazon.com/Worship-Whole-People-Ruth-Duck-ebook/dp/B00H3QU9IM?ie=UTF8&keywords=ruth%20duck%20worship&qid=1464987367&ref\\_=sr\\_1\\_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Worship-Whole-People-Ruth-Duck-ebook/dp/B00H3QU9IM?ie=UTF8&keywords=ruth%20duck%20worship&qid=1464987367&ref_=sr_1_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1)
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[https://www.amazon.com/Worship-Workshop-Creative-Design-Together-ebook/dp/B00558O7J2?ie=UTF8&keywords=mcfee%20worship%20workshop&qid=1464987415&ref\\_=sr\\_1\\_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Worship-Workshop-Creative-Design-Together-ebook/dp/B00558O7J2?ie=UTF8&keywords=mcfee%20worship%20workshop&qid=1464987415&ref_=sr_1_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1)
- Miller, Barbara Day. *Encounters with the Holy: A Conversational Model for Worship Planning*. (Herndon, VA: The Alban Institute 2010).  
[https://www.amazon.com/Encounters-Holy-Conversational-Planning-Congregations-ebook/dp/B00K73VIME?ie=UTF8&keywords=Barbara%20Miller%20encounters%20holy&qid=1464987468&ref\\_=sr\\_1\\_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Encounters-Holy-Conversational-Planning-Congregations-ebook/dp/B00K73VIME?ie=UTF8&keywords=Barbara%20Miller%20encounters%20holy&qid=1464987468&ref_=sr_1_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1)
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[https://www.amazon.com/Transforming-Church-Rural-America-Shannon-ebook/dp/B003GXEU5Y?ie=UTF8&keywords=O%27Dell%20rural&qid=1464987506&ref=sr\\_1\\_2&s=digital-text&sr=1-2](https://www.amazon.com/Transforming-Church-Rural-America-Shannon-ebook/dp/B003GXEU5Y?ie=UTF8&keywords=O%27Dell%20rural&qid=1464987506&ref=sr_1_2&s=digital-text&sr=1-2)

- Patton, Jeffrey H., *If It Could Happen Here: Turning the Small-Membership Church Around*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2002. (\$9.45, [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com))  
[https://www.amazon.com/If-Could-Happen-Here-Small-Membership-ebook/dp/B005JSJQE4?ie=UTF8&keywords=Jeffrey%20Patton%20If%20could&qid=1464987561&ref=sr\\_1\\_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/If-Could-Happen-Here-Small-Membership-ebook/dp/B005JSJQE4?ie=UTF8&keywords=Jeffrey%20Patton%20If%20could&qid=1464987561&ref=sr_1_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1)
- Townley, Cathy. *Missional Worship: Increasing Attendance and Expanding the Boundaries of Your Church*. (Atlanta, GA: Chalice Press, 2011).  
[https://www.amazon.com/Missional-Worship-Cathy-Townley-ebook/dp/B0083DJW64?ie=UTF8&keywords=Townley%20missional%20worship&qid=1464987596&ref=sr\\_1\\_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Missional-Worship-Cathy-Townley-ebook/dp/B0083DJW64?ie=UTF8&keywords=Townley%20missional%20worship&qid=1464987596&ref=sr_1_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1)
- Wallace, Robin Knowles. *Worshiping in the Small Membership Church*. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008). (\$13.99, [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com))  
[https://www.amazon.com/Worshiping-Small-Membership-Church-Ministry-ebook/dp/B0053YNUT6?ie=UTF8&keywords=Robin%20wallace%20small%20membership&qid=1464987661&ref=sr\\_1\\_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Worshiping-Small-Membership-Church-Ministry-ebook/dp/B0053YNUT6?ie=UTF8&keywords=Robin%20wallace%20small%20membership&qid=1464987661&ref=sr_1_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1)
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## Video Resources

- Reaching Others through Worship DVD/CD Resource Worship attendance is vital to the mission of the church. Through engaging videos, PowerPoint presentations, and supplemental materials, this resource provides you with tools and strategies to improve your worship attendance. Reaching Others through Worship is appropriate for self-study and for use with groups in your church. (Cost, \$75 for full kit)  
<http://www.churchleadership.com/newdisciples/ReachThroughWorship.asp>
- Vital Congregations- Best Practices, Worship.  
<http://www.umvitalcongregations.org/site/c.btJRL9NSJoL6H/b.7830665/k.D213/Worship.htm>

- “Why Worship Attendance Matters and Clues for Improving It” This 10-minute video by Lewis Center Director Lovett H. Weems, Jr., provides an overview of the importance of worship attendance and ways you can improve it. While free as an online stand alone, it is included in the Reaching Others Through Worship Resource. <https://vimeo.com/47467057>
- Worship Seminary Channel on YouTube, with John David Walt <http://www.youtube.com/user/worshipseminary>

### Small Church Resources

- Corvelay, Art. “How to Increase Attendance at a Small Membership Church.” [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_6454384\\_increase-attendance-small-church.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_6454384_increase-attendance-small-church.html)
- Daman, Glenn C., “Developing Worship in the Small Church.” <http://www.smallchurchleaders.org/the-small-church-shepherd/developing-worship-in-the.html> This entire website is a great resource.

### Midsized Church Resources

- Miller, Herb, “Church Effectiveness Nuggets: Volume 28: Coaching Midsize Congregations toward Positive Change.” [www.theparishpaper.com](http://www.theparishpaper.com). <http://www.theparishpaper.com/files/resources/Church%20Effectiveness%20Nuggets-%20Volume%2028.pdf>

## DISCIPLES IN SMALL GROUPS

### Online Documents, Articles, Websites

- Chiapperino, Frank. “Six Reasons You Need a Small Group Ministry.” <http://www.churchleaders.com/smallgroups/leading-small-group-leaders/141557-6-reasons-you-need-a-small-group-ministry.html>
- Facebook <http://www.facebook.com>
- Fifty Ways to Strengthen Adult Education [http://www.churchleadership.com/pdfs/50Ways/50\\_Ways\\_Adult\\_Education.pdf](http://www.churchleadership.com/pdfs/50Ways/50_Ways_Adult_Education.pdf)

- General Board of Discipleship Website – “Living the United Methodist Way” Section <http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/live-the-um-way>
- Lentz, Dan. “Four Things a Church (Small Group) Must Do.” [http://blog.smallgroups.com/2010/03/four\\_things\\_a\\_church\\_small\\_gro\\_1.html](http://blog.smallgroups.com/2010/03/four_things_a_church_small_gro_1.html)
- Rice, Kami. “Forming Disciples, Building Relationships: The Ministry of Small Groups.” <http://interpretermagazine.org/interior.asp?ptid=43&mid=14362>
- Small Group Resources and Information, General Board of Discipleship. (This is an excellent resource with a variety of articles.) <http://www.gbod.org/live-the-um-way/small-groups>
- Twitter <https://twitter.com>
- Vital Congregations- “Best Practices, Spiritual Formation.” [http://www.umvitalcongregations.org/site/c.btJRL9NSJoL6H/b.7830661/k.FA83/Spiritual\\_Formation.htm](http://www.umvitalcongregations.org/site/c.btJRL9NSJoL6H/b.7830661/k.FA83/Spiritual_Formation.htm)

## Books

- Adam Hamilton, *24 Hours That Changed the World* (or others) [https://www.amazon.com/24-Hours-That-Changed-World-ebook/dp/B00AKJYQPG?ie=UTF8&keywords=Adam%20Hamilton%20changed%2024&qid=1464988118&ref=sr\\_1\\_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/24-Hours-That-Changed-World-ebook/dp/B00AKJYQPG?ie=UTF8&keywords=Adam%20Hamilton%20changed%2024&qid=1464988118&ref=sr_1_1&s=digital-text&sr=1-1)
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[https://www.amazon.com/Relational-Way-Structures-Holistic-Connections-ebook/dp/B004EEPNU0?ie=UTF8&keywords=Boren%20scott%20the%20relational%20way&qid=1464988491&ref\\_=sr\\_1\\_1&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Relational-Way-Structures-Holistic-Connections-ebook/dp/B004EEPNU0?ie=UTF8&keywords=Boren%20scott%20the%20relational%20way&qid=1464988491&ref_=sr_1_1&sr=8-1)
- Brown, Marc. *Does Your Church Have a Prayer: Book and Bible Study* (this is helpful for churches of any size) [http://www.amazon.com/Does-Church-Prayer-Leaders-Guide/dp/0881775665/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1465217994&sr=1-1&keywords=does+your+church+have+a+prayer](http://www.amazon.com/Does-Church-Prayer-Leaders-Guide/dp/0881775665/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1465217994&sr=1-1&keywords=does+your+church+have+a+prayer)
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## Other

- Doodle (a way to set up meetings, connect with people, keep groups together) <http://doodle.com/>
- Mini Retreats done at your church by Camp Highroad <http://www.camphighroad.org/>
- Crossroads UMC put a weekly study on back of bulletin, also can email you the scriptures each day [www.everydaylifewithgod.org](http://www.everydaylifewithgod.org). [www.crossroadsnova.org](http://www.crossroadsnova.org). Rick will contact Dave Normon
- Upward Sports to reach community. [Upward.org](http://Upward.org)
- MOPS <http://www.mops.org/>

- Moms in Touch <https://momsinprayer.org/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bvd-kcDek6w>
- Coffee with the pastor - to ask questions and get answers in a more personal setting than Sunday. Here is an example: <http://saokc.org/coffee-with-the-pastor.html>
- Pie with the Pastor(s) for visitors
- Lunch Bunch - for students during summer break - Ed Johnson

## DISCIPLES IN MISSION

### Online Documents, Articles and Websites

- General Board of Global Ministries Website - “Resources for Global Ministries” Section: <http://www.umcmission.org/Find-Resources/Resources>
- It's About Time (free MP3 New Testament) (a group that does solar powered MP3 players that translate scripture into many languages) <https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/>
- Mentorship with a local school
- Use Members as Mentors for Confirmation - youth seem to be more engaged and more connected when they have had a mentor. Here is an example. <http://www.christchurchva.org/uploads/confirmation-mentor.pdf>

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# DISCIPLES GIVING IN MISSION

## Online Documents, Articles and Websites

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- General Board of Global Ministries Website - “How to Give” Section: <http://www.umcmision.org/Give-to-Mission/How-to-Give>
- J. Clif Christopher resource: [www.horizonsstewardship.com](http://www.horizonsstewardship.com)
- “Stewardship Matters” – Stewardship Consulting to churches/districts/pastors by David Rash, Waynesboro <https://www.linkedin.com/in/david-rash-b2969069> or contact David directly at [davidrash809@gmail.com](mailto:davidrash809@gmail.com) or (540) 335-5175.
- United Methodist Communications: [www.umcgiving.org](http://www.umcgiving.org)
- Vital Congregations- Best Practices, Stewardship <http://www.umvitalcongregations.org/site/c.btJRL9NSJoL6H/b.7830663/k.A0DA/Stewardship.htm>

# DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

## Online Documents, Articles and Websites

- Connect with Your Neighbors DVD/CD Resource Learn to connect with your church's neighbors through understanding, engagement, and service. This resource includes video and PowerPoint presentations you can use for self study or with groups in your church as well as supplemental resources to help you reach new disciples. (Cost, \$75)  
<http://www.churchleadership.com/newdisciples/ConnectWithNeighbors.asp>
- Fifty Ways to Build Strength Welcoming New People  
[http://www.churchleadership.com/pdfs/50Ways/50\\_Ways\\_to\\_Build\\_Strength\\_in\\_Welcoming\\_New\\_People.pdf](http://www.churchleadership.com/pdfs/50Ways/50_Ways_to_Build_Strength_in_Welcoming_New_People.pdf)
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<http://www.umvitalcongregations.org/site/c.btJRL9NSJoL6H/b.7830657/k.3054/Evangelism.htm>
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## Video Resources

- Break the Unseen Barriers That Keep Visitors from Returning  
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## GENERAL HELPS

### Resources

- [www.vaumc.org/EquippingVitalCongregations](http://www.vaumc.org/EquippingVitalCongregations)
- <http://vaumc.org/discipleshipcircles>

### Events

- District Training Events (Best Practices can help)  
<http://vaumc.org/Discipleship>
- Five Talent Academy: helping you reach your Vital Congregation goals. <http://vaumc.org/5TalentAcademy>

- The Goodson Academy for Preaching  
<http://vaumc.org/BishopsFoundation>

### People

- Beth Christian for Children's Ministries [bethchristian@vaumc.org](mailto:bethchristian@vaumc.org)
- Doug Forester (Apple) <https://douglasforrester.org/>
- James A Harnish. <https://jimharnish.org/>
- Phil Maynard, Excellence in Ministry Coaching  
[www.emc3Coaching.com](http://www.emc3Coaching.com)
- A worldwide ministry in creative evangelism: The National Association of United Methodist Evangelists. [www.naume.org](http://www.naume.org)

### Websites

- GBOD website <http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/>
- Breaking ground for the seed of the gospel through ministries that transform leaders and churches for the transformation of our communities. <http://plowpoint.org/>
- Romans 12 Newsletter GBOD (free)  
<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/best-practices-romans-12>
- [UMC.org](http://www.UMC.org) website