

MISSOURI CONFERENCE READING LIST

Books on congregational fruitfulness, change, church leadership

- A Door Set Open: Grounding Change in Mission and Hope by Peter L. Steinke
- Bearing Fruit: Ministry with Real Results by Lovett Weems and Thomas M. Berlin.
- Direct Hit by Paul Borden
- Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Robert Schnase
- Get Their Names by Bob Farr, Doug Anderson and Kay Kotan
- Leading Beyond the Walls: Developing Congregations with a Heart for the Unchurched by Adam Hamilton
- Legacy Churches by Stephen Gray and Franklin Dumond
- Make or Break Your Church in 365 Days by Paul Borden
- Remember the Future: Praying for the Church and Change by Robert Schnase
- Renovate or Die by Bob Farr and Kay Kotan
- Simple Church by Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger
- The Externally Focused Church by Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson
- The Race to Reach Out by Doug Anderson and Michael Coyner
- Visioneering by Andy Stanley

Books on reaching the next generation

- Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the American Church by Kenda Creasy Dean
- Deep and Wide: Creating Churches Unchurched People Love to Attend by Andy Stanley
- Lost and Found: The Younger Unchurched and the Churches That Reach Them by Ed Stetzer
- Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60 by E. Hammett and J Pierce
- Slow Fade by Reggie Joiner
- Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation by Carol Howard Merritt
- UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons
- Worlds Apart: Understanding the Mindset and Values of 18-25 year olds by Chuck Bomar

Books on organizational dynamics and change

- Good to Great by Jim Collins
- Good to Great and the Social Sectors: A Monograph to Accompany Good to Great by Jim Collins
- Leading Change by John Kotter
- Leadership on the Line by Ronald Heifetz
- Managing Transitions by William Bridges
- Orbiting the Giant Hairball by Gordon MacKenzie
- Results That Last by Quint Studer
- The Advantage by Patrick Lencioni
- The World is Flat by Thomas Friedman

Books on discipleship

- Finding Our Way Again: The Return of the Ancient Practices by Brian McLaren
- Five Practices of Fruitful Living by Robert Schnase
- Unbinding the Gospel by Martha Grace Reese

Books that describe UM context for mission and change:

- American Saint: Francis Asbury and the Methodists by John H. Wigger
- Back to Zero: The Search to Rediscover the Methodist Movement by Gil Rendle
- Focus: The Real Challenges That Face the United Methodist Church by Lovett Weems
- Journey in the Wilderness: New Life for Mainline Churches by Gil Rendle
- Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It) by Robert D. Lupton

Books used in PLD 1

- Communicating for a Change by Andy Stanley and Lane Jones
- Direct Hit by Paul Borden
- Recreating the Church: Leadership for the Postmodern Age by Richard Hamm
- Renovate or Die by Bob Farr and Kay Kotan
- Shaped by God's Heart by Milfred Minatrea
- Simple Church by Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger
- The Externally Focused Church by Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson
- Unbinding the Gospel by Martha Grace Reese

Books used in PLD 2

- Beyond the First Visit by Gary L. McIntosh
- Breaking the Missional Code: Your Church Can Become a Missionary in Your Community by Ed Stetzer and David Putman
- Not Your Parents Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship by J. Clif Christopher
- Taking Flight with Creativity: Worship Design Teams That Work by Len Wilson and Jason Moore
- Time Management for Peak Performance: Practical Plans for Practical People by Ken Willard
- Unleashing the Word by Adam Hamilton
- Visioneering by Andy Stanley

Books used in PLD Next

- A Door Set Open by Steinke
- Almost Christian by Kenda Creasy Dean
- Bearing Fruit by Lovett Weems
- Communicating for a Change: Seven Keys to Irresistible Communication by Andy Stanley and Lane Jones
- Extravagant Generosity by Robert Schnase, Michael Reeves and Jennifer Tyler
- Just Walk Across the Room: Simple Steps Pointing People of Faith by Bill Hybels
- Managing Transitions by William Bridges
- Preaching for Transformation by William M. Easum
- Renovate or Die by Bob Farr and Kay Kotan
- Spiritual Direction by Henri Nouwen
- Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership by Ruth Haley Barton
- The Practice of Adaptive Leadership: Tools and Tactics for Changing Your Organization and the World by Ronald A. Heifetz, Marty Linsky and Alexander Grashow
- Unleashing the Word: Preaching with Relevance, Purpose and Passion by Adam Hamilton