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Robert's Rules of Order B&H Publishing Group

This project document explored the Houston Northwest Seventh-day Adventist Church's lack of evangelistic strategies and leadership development. In addition to a community demographical surveys and a spiritual health assessment evaluation, a series of contemporary evangelistic methods and strategies were deemed the best antidote for the problems of the church. This study also took into account the church's demographics and their culture of origin, religious convictions, racial makeup, traditional practices, and economic conditions. In order to develop these methods and strategies, this project used the examples set forth by the Old Testament model on revitalized worship, the example of King Hezekiah, the New Testament model on leadership, and the example of Jesus Christ to his disciples. This mandate notes that once leaders are led by the Holy Spirit to bring the people of God back to worship, they must proclaim the advent of Jesus Christ. In addition, leaders should, as Jesus did, teach members how to become steward leaders. They should teach members on how to use their spiritual gifts, talents, and skills to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Finally, church leaders should develop members into disciples and church leaders themselves.

Speaking Effectively Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

The Life of Charles Gad Strasser is well captured in the title, *From Refugee to OBE*. The reader will find not only a passionate personal story of one mans climbing of the mountain but also an important historical rendition from war-torn Europe to the flourishing industries and institutions, which have contributed to our current prosperous world. Charles Strasser fled from his native Czechoslovakia when he was eleven in 1938 just barely in advance of the Nazi war machine. Six years later, he joined the allied armies and participated in the final victory. Before his twenty-fifth birthday, he founded a company that would employ hundred and have an international scope, with ties to Germany, Japan, and many developing countries. While he excelled in business, it was for his many humanitarian services that he was awarded the distinction, Officer of the Order of the British Empire. He received his OBE from Her Majesty, the Queen, at an investiture in Buckingham Palace. The reader is invited to come along with Charles Strasser on his exciting journey from refugee to OBE.

Macs in the Ministry Augsburg Fortress Publishers

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Charisma and Christian Life Bloomsbury Publishing

This book explores neoliberalism as an account of contemporary society and considers what this means for our understanding of religion. Neoliberalism is a perspective grounded in free market economics and distinguished by a celebration of competition and consumer choice. It has had a profound influence in societies across the world, and has extended its reach into all areas of human experience. And yet neoliberalism is not just about enterprise and opportunity. It also comes with authoritarian leadership, gross inequality and the manipulation of information. How should we make sense of these changes, and what do they mean for the status of religion in the 21st century? Has religion been transformed into a market commodity or consumer product? Does the embrace of business methods make religious movements more culturally relevant, or can they be used to reinforce inequalities of gender or ethnicity? How might neoliberal contexts demand we think differently about matters of religious identity and power? This book provides an accessible discussion about religion in the 21st century. Mathew Guest asks what distinguishes neoliberal religion and explores the sociological and ethical questions that arise from considering its wider significance.

11 Rules for Creating Value in the Social Era Author House

With a voice of reason and grace, pastor Caleb Kaltenbach challenges the church to choose the path of hope in response to polarizing cultural issues that are straight from the front pages of today's newspapers. Divergent politics, immigration issues, bullying, re-defining family, racism, terrorism, new ways of categorizing people, and multiple other issues are negatively impacting our communities today. Some feel the country we live in now isn't the same one they lived in twenty years ago. Culture is consistently changing, and many Christians are nervous about what tomorrow will bring. However, we don't need to worry, because we serve the God of tomorrow. Culture will always change, but God never changes. God owns tomorrow. He has been in tomorrow, prepared tomorrow, and will walk with us into tomorrow. He will help us handle our ever-shifting culture as we journey forward. Every cultural issue we deal with today is something that Jesus dealt with in his day. The issues are the same, they just look different. Yet Jesus trusted the God of Tomorrow and

knew that he was in complete control. Because of his trust in God, Jesus engaged culture in a very intentional way, and we can do likewise. *God of Tomorrow* includes discussion questions at the end of each chapter, providing a great platform for small groups to dialogue about these culturally-relevant topics.

Princeton Alumni Weekly Signal

The late nineteenth century was a time of rapid industrialization, mass politicization, and modern philosophy. The resulting political and cultural upheaval confronted the German protestant church with deep questions of identity. *Shepherds of the Empire* engages timeless questions of identity and faith through the time-bound work of four key thinkers from the Wilhelmine period and their eventual failure to carve a middle way for the German parish clergy.

Calling Clergy Harvard Business Press

Affirmative Psychotherapy and Counseling for Lesbians and Gay Men offers a broad base of research, practice, and advocacy information about the special counseling needs of gays and lesbians. Authors Jeffrey N. Chernin and Melissa R. Johnson discuss universal themes as they apply to lesbian and gay clients, as well as issues unique to lesbians and gay men, including the treatment of same-sex couples and families, ethnic minority issues, and living with HIV/AIDS. They present sensible information on how to provide a safe therapeutic environment and how to interpret and apply psychological assessments.

The Hundred Story Home Oxford University Press

Time for Reflection is a comprehensive handbook for school chaplains and all with responsibility for ensuring the spiritual development of children and young people. It offers clear and essential guidance on a wide variety of topics. In addition, busy chaplains will welcome the range of tried and tested ideas for assemblies and other acts of religious observance, and the directory of online resources for chaplaincy ministry. Framed within Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence, and grounded in academic research, new and experienced chaplains everywhere will find *Time for Reflection* an invaluable guide.

Common Worship: Times and Seasons President's Edition Indiana University Press

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Affirmative Psychotherapy and Counseling for Lesbians and Gay Men Shambhala Publications

This revised, expanded edition of the *Common Worship President's Edition* contains everything to celebrate Holy Communion Order One throughout the church year. It combines relevant material from the original *President's Edition* with Eucharistic material from *Times and Seasons*, *Festivals and Pastoral Services*, and the *Additional Collects*.

Ironies Leaders Navigate WaterBrook

The author has extensive experience as deployment officer in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. This book includes guidelines for preparation of parish profile and the work of the calling committee. The web-based appendix includes sample letters, questionnaire templates, a calendar wizard for meeting and itinerary planning, interviewing tips, and prayers and brief liturgies for use by committee members.

God of Tomorrow Thomas Nelson Inc

Monthly current affairs magazine from a Christian perspective with a focus on politics, society,

economics and culture.

Time for Reflection Zondervan

Leaders constantly rely upon power. In fact, leadership and power have so much in common that their definitions are often functionally identical. Every act of leadership is an act of power. Hence, the better we understand power, the better we understand leadership. What, then, are the consequences if, as scholars argue, different people understand power differently and often fundamentally misunderstand power? One consequence turns out to be the emergence of a number of ironies. Another consequence is the opportunity to understand leadership settings better through a careful, redeeming, synergistic look at power. To that end, this book first presents roughly sixty studied, power-related dynamics, and then takes a closer look at how these dynamics clarify leadership settings. Ultimately, this study seeks a better understanding of a particular leadership setting--the local church. Challenges distinct to this setting are explored in marked sections, while the book as a whole offers useful lenses through which to assess the challenges all leaders navigate.

Find Your Fit princeton alumni weekly

A fascinating account of Thomas Merton's conflicted relationship with his abbot, Dom James Fox—by an esteemed modern Merton scholar. In the 1950s and '60s, Thomas Merton, a monk of the Trappist monastery of Gethsemani in Kentucky, published a string of books that are among the most influential spiritual books of the twentieth century—including the mega-best seller *The Seven-Storey Mountain*. He was something of a rock star for a cloistered monk, and from his monastic cell he enjoyed a wide and lively correspondence with people from the worlds of religion, literature, and politics. During that period he also explored and wrote extensively on Buddhism, Sufism, art, and social action. The man to whom he owed obedience in the cloistered life was a much more traditional Catholic, his abbot, Dom James Fox. To say that these two men had a conflicted relationship would be an understatement, but the tension their differences in orientation brought actually led to creative results on both sides and to a kind of hard-won respect and love. Roger Lipsey's portrait of this unusual relationship is compelling and moving; it shows Merton in the years his imagination was taking him far beyond the walls of the monastery, and eventually, literally to Asia.

Korean American Evangelicals New Models for Civic Life Review and Herald Pub Assoc

What if you just trusted the whisper of calling placed on your heart? Kathy Izard was volunteering at Charlotte's Urban Ministry Center when an unlikely meeting with a homeless man changed the course of her life. She realized that serving at the soup kitchen was feeding her soul, but not actually solving the needs of the homeless population. Rather than brush it off and avoid what she now felt called to take on, she quit her job and took on what seemed like an insurmountable task—building housing for Charlotte's homeless. Woven together with this uplifting story of social action is Kathy's personal struggle with faith, forgiveness and fulfillment. In telling her story, Kathy invites you to consider rewriting your own. What's calling you? As crazy as it seems, it may be crazier not to try. This book will push you to do so much more than you ever thought possible.

Faith Driven Entrepreneur Church Publishing, Inc.

Written by an L. A. County homicide detective and former atheist, *Cold-Case Christianity* examines the claims of the New Testament using the skills and strategies of a hard-to-convince criminal

investigator. Christianity could be defined as a “cold case”: it makes a claim about an event from the distant past for which there is little forensic evidence. In *Cold-Case Christianity*, J. Warner Wallace uses his nationally recognized skills as a homicide detective to look at the evidence and eyewitnesses behind Christian beliefs. Including gripping stories from his career and the visual techniques he developed in the courtroom, Wallace uses illustration to examine the powerful evidence that validates the claims of Christianity. A unique apologetic that speaks to readers’ intense interest in detective stories, *Cold-Case Christianity* inspires readers to have confidence in Christ as it prepares them to articulate the case for Christianity.

Shepherds of the Empire SAGE

Studies of religion among our nation's newest immigrants largely focus on how religion serves the immigrant community -- for example by creating job networks and helping retain ethnic identity in the second generation. In this book Ecklund widens the inquiry to look at how Korean Americans use religion to negotiate civic responsibility, as well as to create racial and ethnic identity. She compares the views and activities of second generation Korean Americans in two different congregational settings, one ethnically Korean and the other multi-ethnic. She also conducted more than 100 in-depth interviews with Korean American members of these and seven other churches around the country, and draws extensively on the secondary literature on immigrant religion, American civic life, and Korean American religion. Her book is a unique contribution to the literature on religion, race, and ethnicity and on immigration and civic life.

Music David C Cook

Sometimes, grace gets messy. Caleb Kaltenbach was raised by LGBT parents, marched in gay pride parades as a youngster, and experienced firsthand the hatred and bitterness of some Christians toward his family. But then Caleb surprised everyone, including himself, by becoming a Christian...and a pastor. Very few issues in Christianity are as divisive as the acceptance of the LGBT community in the church. As a pastor and as a person with beloved family members living a gay

lifestyle, Caleb had to face this issue with courage and grace. *Messy Grace* shows us that Jesus’s command to “love your neighbor as yourself” doesn’t have an exception clause for a gay “neighbor”—or for that matter, any other “neighbor” we might find it hard to relate to. Jesus was able to love these people and yet still hold on to his beliefs. So can you. Even when it’s messy. “*Messy Grace* is an important contribution to the conversation about sexual identity for churches and leaders. Caleb's story is surprising and unique, and he weaves it together compellingly. He states his views clearly, leaves room for disagreement, and champions love no matter where you are in this conversation.” —Jud Wilhite, Sr. Pastor, Central Christian Church

New-York Observer Standard Publishing

For Teens God made you unique and valuable, and he invites you into an incredible future. But it can be hard to think through what that means and what it should look like. How can you figure it all out in the middle of your responsibilities, expectations, and pressures? *Find Your Fit* is an incredible resource to help you discover who you are. It assesses your interests, abilities, spiritual gifts, values, and personality so you can understand what makes you tick and how you can become all God designed you to be. But it's not just a powerful tool--it's also fun to understand yourself better than you ever have before. The *Find Your Fit* Discovery Workbook is also available, and it includes self-assessments, questions for digging deeper, and group exercises. Set yourself free to dream big dreams about what your life can be. God loves you so much and wants you to join him to change the world!

Purging the Grief Xlibris Corporation

Drawing from the experiences of ministers in smaller churches from coast to coast, leaders and members alike will find motivation and resources for vision casting and strategic planning in the ministry setting of the smaller church and community. This book addresses topics including outreach, evangelism, missions, youth ministry, children’s ministry, working with volunteers, and planning for growth.