

## ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

### III. Christian Ministries Department

This volume of the *Journal* includes the third in an ongoing series of bibliographies covering the field taught at Ashland Theological Seminary. They include foundational works for disciplines and sub-disciplines in our theological curriculum. This installment features works on (compilers' name): Christian education and discipleship (Eugene S. Gibbs), church growth and evangelism (Ronald W. Waters), homiletics (Marvin A. McMickle), leadership (Richard Parrott), missions (Grace S. Holland), and music and worship (Ronald L. Sprunger).

#### Christian Education and Discipleship

Anthony, Michael J., ed. *Foundations of Ministry*. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1992.

Ten authors set out to cover the practice of Christian education in the church. The four parts deal rather adequately with foundations and ministry; Christian education of children, youth, and adults; organization and administration; and specialized ministries.

Burgess, Harold. *Models of Religious Education: Theory and Practice in Historical and Contemporary Perspective*. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1996.

Five models for Christian education are set forth in irenic fashion. Each model is carefully presented including the people who shaped them. A grid is also given for comparing the models.

Cully, Iris V., and Kendig Brubaker Cully, eds. *Harper's Encyclopedia of Religious Education*. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1990.

This is a one-volume reference that should be on the shelf of everyone who is at all interested in Christian education. The 600 entries by 270 experts cover articles, charts, biographies, diagrams, and many other topics pertinent to Christian education.

Gangel, Kenneth O., and James C. Wilhoit, eds. *A Christian Educator's Handbook on Adult Education*. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1993.

The book attempts to give comprehensive coverage of all the aspects of the

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Christian education of adults. The contributors, twenty-five of them, come from the evangelical spectrum.

Gibbs, Eugene S., ed. *A Reader in Christian Education: Foundations and Basic Perspectives*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1992.

The author collects primary source material from twenty-four Twentieth Century noteworthy contributors to Christian education. Each chapter begins with an introduction to the writer and then a selection from his or her writings follow. In one volume, the reader can sample several writings on education from this century.

Groome, Thomas H. *Sharing Faith*. New York: HarperCollins, 1991.

This work applies the shared praxis approach to Christian education. This is a complete reworking of his previous publication, *Christian Religious Education*. Following Part I on "Foundations," there is a very thorough treatment of the shared praxis approach in Part II. The concluding two parts deal with the application of this approach to other areas of ministry.

Paymiño, Robert W. *Foundational Issues in Christian Education: An Introduction in Evangelical Perspective*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1997.

The author explores with the reader foundational issues for evangelical Christian education. Each generation needs to do this, the author claims. Foundations examined are: biblical, theological, philosophical, historical, sociological, psychological, and curricular.

Roehlkepartain, Eugene C. *The Teaching Church: Moving Christian Education to Center Stage*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993.

The book, written for pastors and coordinators of Christian education, explores the findings of the Search Institute study, "Effective Christian Education." Findings, a faith maturity index, and worksheets for evaluating congregations' effectiveness are included. It is "must" reading.

Steele, Les L. *On the Way: A Practical Theology of Christian Formation*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1990.

The author weaves together material on Christian formation from the Gospels and the Epistles. Then he analyzes and critiques several theories from psychology. The author then applies the principles he has identified to the practice of Christian education.

Wilkins, Michael J. *Following the Master: Discipleship in the Steps of Jesus*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992.

This is without a doubt the most outstanding book in the area of discipleship. It draws together the best of the literature on discipleship and puts it in one volume. The author carefully surveys the New Testament material on discipleship and concludes with a contemporary application of the biblical materials.

Yount, William R. *Created to Learn*. Broadman & Holman, Publishers, 1996.

The author presents a religious examination of educational psychology and introduces "The Disciplers' Model." It is filled with applications appropriate for Christian education.

### **Church Growth and Health**

Crandall, Ron. *Turnaround Strategies for the Small Church*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1995.

One of the better books on revitalization of smaller congregations, this book is based on a study of one hundred congregations from a variety of denominational backgrounds.

George, Carl F. *Prepare Your Church for the Future*. Grand Rapids: Fleming H. Revell, 1992.

This book describes the meta-church approach to small groups as one approach to outreach and discipleship.

Guder, Darrell L., ed. *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1998

This book addresses the question, "What would a theology of the church look like that took seriously the fact that North America is now itself a mission field?" It grows out of the ongoing dialogue of scholars and practitioners in the Gospel and Our Culture network.

Hunter, George G., III. *Church for the Unchurched*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996.

Based on a study of evangelistically effective church, this book looks at the style and approach of congregations that are reaching secular people.

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McGavran, Donald A. *Understanding Church Growth*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. revised and edited by C. Peter Wagner. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1990.

This is the authoritative work on the principles of the Church Growth Movement written by its founder and revised and updated by one of its second generation leaders. The principles contained herein are applicable around the world.

Morris, Linus J. *The High Impact Church: A Fresh Approach to Reaching the Unchurched*. Rev. ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Christian Associates International, 1998.

The author writes from his experience in starting churches in Europe that resulted in conversion growth among post-Christian, postmodern persons. His model is based on a strong theology of the church with a practical application in ministry.

Regele, Mike, with Mark Schulz. *Death of the Church*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1995.

This book addresses the pressure points from the culture for change in the church, with particular emphasis on postmodernity, societal structures, generational shifts, and the characteristics of church members. It calls for the church to rise to the occasion, to die to itself and thus be usable by God to reach a changing world. The authors are the founders of Percept Group (formerly known as CIDS), and they offer many charts and graphs based on research through that organization.

Schwarz, Christian A. *Natural Church Development: A Guide to Eight Essential Qualities of Healthy Churches*. Carol Stream, IL: ChurchSmart Resources, 1996.

Based on a study of 1,000 from 32 countries, this book approaches church growth from the perspective of eight qualitative aspects of congregations. The author also identifies six biotic principles that, when applied together, have a radical impact upon ministry decisions.

Terry, John Mark. *Church Evangelism: Creating a Culture for Growth in Your Congregation*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1997.

This book surveys a variety of approaches to congregational outreach, largely from a traditional church approach.

Wagner, C. Peter. *Strategies for Church Growth: Tools for Effective Mission and Evangelism*. Ventura: Regal Books, 1987.

The author surveys the key issues of evangelistic outreach from the perspective of the Church Growth Movement. This is a basic primer written by a second generation leader of the movement.

Warren, Rick. *The Purpose-Driven Church: Growth without Compromising Your Message and Mission*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1995.

The author challenges other forces that drive congregations (tradition, finances, programs, events, seekers) and explains how healthy, growing churches must be driven by a five-fold biblical purpose. The concepts the author advocates are applicable to congregations of any size, even though he pastors one of the larger congregations in America.

### **Church Planting**

Malphurs, Aubrey. *Planting Growing Churches for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Comprehensive Guide for New Churches and Those Desiring Renewal*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1992.

The author provides the biblical and practical rationale for starting new churches and highlights a variety of approaches to doing so. It focuses on preparation, personnel, principles, and the process of church planting.

### **Evangelism**

Barna, George. *Evangelism That Works: How to Reach Changing Generations with the Unchanging Gospel*. Ventura: Regal Books, 1995.

This book is based on the author's study of twenty-three evangelistically effective churches and his research into contemporary American culture. He highlights evangelistic strategies that are being used effectively.

Green, Michael. *Evangelism in the Early Church*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1970.

This is an older book but it contains one of the best biblical and theological introductions to evangelism available today.

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Hunter, George G., III. *How to Reach Secular People*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1992.

The author interviewed over 1,000 secular people and a dozen congregations. This book includes broad but practical principles for individuals and congregations.

Hybels, Bill, and Mark Mittelberg. *Becoming a Contagious Christian*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1994.

The authors provide a contemporary guide to relational evangelism following the evangelism training model used at Willow Creek Community Church. One of the most helpful sections describes six different approaches to evangelism based on personality styles. A video training program by the same title is also available and is excellent for use with laypersons.

Kennedy, D. James. *Evangelism Explosion: Equipping Churches for Friendship, Evangelism, Discipleship, and Healthy Growth*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, 1996.

The newest edition of this widely used evangelism approach includes a new section on friendship evangelism and how to build a vision for worldwide discipling. It still relies upon the author's two diagnostic questions and five-point outline of the gospel.

Sjögren, Steve. *Conspiracy of Kindness: A Refreshing New Approach to Sharing the Love of Jesus with Others*. Ann Arbor: Vine Books, 1993.

The pastor of the Vineyard Community Church in Cincinnati describes the basic approach to servant evangelism pioneered by his congregation. It includes a list of over 150 service projects designed to help persons without the gift of evangelism "show God's love in practical ways."

Strobel, Lee. *Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry and Mary: How to Reach Friends and Family Who Avoid God and the Church*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1993.

The author, a former atheist, lawyer, and journalist and now a teaching pastor at one of America's largest churches, offers perceptive insights into the mind of secular people. The concepts are most applicable to Baby Boomers but may be applied to other generations as well.

### Homiletics

In selecting eight books in the field of homiletics, I am suggesting texts that I would recommend as part of a core theological library. These eight books encompass what I consider to be the four major study areas in the field of homiletics: sermon design and delivery, exegesis as a step in preaching, the history of preaching, and preaching in the African American tradition. I hope you enjoy these eight books as much as I still do (Marvin McMickle).

Craddock, Fred. *Preaching*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1985.

This is the essential text for the study of the preparation and delivery of the sermon, and for the spiritual and intellectual development of the preacher. Craddock seeks to guide the preacher into listening more carefully to the biblical text, and being sensitive to those things that will aid the congregation in listening more carefully to the sermon. There is no aspect of the life and work of the preacher that is not helpfully addressed in this book.

Proctor, Samuel D. *The Certain Sound of the Trumpet*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1994.

The strength of this book on sermon preparation and delivery is Proctor's strong emphasis on the traditional use of the dialectic as the basis for the sermon's design. Here is the basic three point sermon: thesis (what you want to assert or defend), antithesis (what seems to contradict or stand over against your thesis), and synthesis (how the listener should bring matters to a final resolution. Point - counterpoint is Proctor's strength.

Massey, James Earl Massey. *The Burdensome Joy of Preaching*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998.

This book wants the reader to feel the necessity of the preacher being an "Event maker." Massey contends that a sermon ought to cause something Christ-like to happen within the lives and souls of the listeners. Sermons are not meant simply to be heard. The preacher's job is not fully done until the sermon has helped people "experience" the grace of God.

Robinson, Haddon. *Biblical Preaching*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1980.

This is the classic text on expository preaching. His definition speaks for itself. "Expository preaching is the communication of a biblical concept, derived from and transmitted through a historical, grammatical, and literary study of a passage in its context, which the Holy Spirit first applies to the

personality and experience of the preacher, then through him to his hearers.” Everybody ought to read this one.

Willimon, William, and Richard Lischer, *Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1995.

Here is a great collection of short entries on the biographies of great preachers past and present, biblical and theological doctrines, the forms and types of sermons, and practical matters such as the use and care of the voice. The contributors include a broad cross-section of pastors and professors of homiletics. Thus, this book has both the substance of deep scholarship and the immediacy of the local church. It is an invaluable resource.

Wilson, Paul Scott. *A Concise History of Preaching*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1992.

Here is a collection of twenty biographies and sermon samples ranging from the preaching of Paul in the New Testament, to the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 1960s. Attention is given to four eras of Christian preaching. They are the Early Church from Paul to Augustine, the Middle Ages from Hildegard of Bingen to Thomas Aquinas. It moves to the Reformation era stretching from Martin Luther to John Wesley. It ends with a series of princes of the 20th century pulpit, including James S. Stewart, Harry Emerson Fosdick, and King.

Wiersbe, Warren. *A Treasury of Great Preaching*. Grand Rapids: Kregel Press, 1993.

This is the definitive one-volume collection of sermons from pulpit greats prior to the 20th century. The preaching of Origen, Savonarola, Joseph Parker, Charles Spurgeon, George Whitfield and many more is found here. Like Wilson's book, this one also includes a very brief biographical sketch of each preacher including the context in which they worked. This book welcomes the reader into the presence of many of the greatest preachers of all time. Its weakness is that it does not cover any contemporary or non-white, non-male preachers.

Achtemeier, Elizabeth. *Preaching From the Old Testament*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1989.

If we are to “declare the whole counsel of God” as Paul suggests in Acts 20, we must preach from the texts of the Old Testament. The themes, doctrines, personalities and theological claims found there are essential to a

comprehensive understanding of the Christian faith. The most useful part of this book involves the five reasons the author gives for why Christian preachers must preach from Old Testament material. This book is also useful in doing exegesis on Old Testament texts.

### **Leadership**

Bass, Bernard. *Bass and Stogdill's Handbook of Leadership: Theory, Research, and Managerial Applications*. New York: Free Press, 1990.

This book consists of thirty-seven chapters and is divided into eight parts. It is not the sort of work you will sit down and read from cover to cover. However, it is more than just an encyclopedia of research findings, and the reader will certainly benefit from tackling a chapter, or even a group of chapters, all at once for the sake of comprehension and continuity.

Bennis, Warren. *On Becoming a Leader*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1994.

The first edition of this work was the fruit of personal interviews with sixty business leaders and thirty public-sector leaders. Two essential components of leadership emerged in these interviews: creating a vision, and translating that vision into reality. The second edition contains updated examples and elaborates upon the original analysis by emphasizing the following six principles: 1) Leadership is about character. 2) To keep organizations competitive, leaders must help to create a social architecture capable of generating intellectual capital. 3) Realizing a vision requires conviction and passion. 4) A leader must generate and sustain trust. 5) True leaders enroll others in their vision through optimism. 6) Leaders have a bias toward action that results in success.

Bolman, Lee G., and Terrence E. Deal, *Leading with Soul: An Uncommon Journey of Spirit*, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1995.

Join one beleaguered executive on his quest for passion and purpose. Penned as a parable, *Leading with Soul* chronicles the journey of a dispirited leader in search of something more than a healthy bottom line. By rediscovering his own soul, he learns how to rekindle his spirit and that of his organization. Interludes between chapters explore the lessons he has learned and provide practical ways to apply them in your real-life journey.

Heifetz, Ronald A. *Leadership Without Easy Answers*. Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1994.

These thoughtful, literate reflections on leadership are intended for leaders as well as those who look to them for answers. Heifetz's model of leadership is a social contract where constituents confer power and resources in return for leadership and guidance. The social contract between leader and follower requires insight and sensitivity on the part of the leader, and realistic expectations on the part of the follower. The transformation of a dominance relationship into more mutually participative social contract is no small event--it is a revolution. The five strategic principles of leadership are: 1) Identify the adaptive challenge. 2) Keep the level of distress within a tolerable range. 3) Focus attention on ripening issues. 4) Give the work back to people, but at a rate they can stand. 5) Protect voices of dissent.

Hersey, Paul, Kenneth H. Blanchard, and Dewey E. Johnson. *Management of Organizational Behavior: Utilizing Human Resources*. 7th ed. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1996.

This readable best-seller has brought the behavioral sciences to life for leaders and students for over 30 years. Its Situational Leadership and One Minute Management programs have been adopted by more than 400 companies. Its practical, real-world approach still facilitates an understanding of the challenges of managing human organizations. Updated and containing three new chapters this seventh edition provides readers with what they need to motivate and lead people within their organizations.

Hesselbein, Frances, Marshall Goldsmith, and Richard Beckhard, eds. *The Leader of the Future: New Visions, Strategies, and Practices for the Next Era*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1996.

The Drucker Foundation collects thoughts from some of the world's best business minds. *The Leader of the Future* contains 30 essays by business experts such as Stephen Covey, Ken Blanchard, Sally Helgesen, and Peter Senge. Each contributor offers a perspective on leadership and a glimpse into the future.

Robbins, Stephen P. *Essentials of Organizational Behavior*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall Publishers, 1997.

A solid text on organizational behavior now in its fifth printing. New chapters on motivation and work teams; new materials on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, virtual and boundaryless organizations, and 360-degree

performance appraisals. Concise, clear, and thorough, Robbins combines basics with cutting-edge theory to create a reference every human resource professional will refer to.

Schein, Edgar H. *Organizational Culture and Leadership*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1992.

Focusing on the complex realities of the '90s, organizational development pioneer Edgar H. Schein demonstrates the crucial role leaders play in successfully applying the principles of culture to achieve their organizations' goals. Leaders and founders embed, transmit, and employ culture and subculture to fulfill organizational goals. Understanding culture is crucial because it enables leaders to introduce new technologies to the organization and to manage across cultural and ethnic boundaries. The essence of culture lies in shared assumptions. In order to manage culture, a leader must decipher these assumptions. Schein recommends enrolling the entire group in the task of deciphering and interpreting its own culture. This process carries risks: The analysis may be incorrect, and the organization may not be ready to receive feedback about its culture. Ultimately, the leader must foster a "learning organization," which contains the cultural mechanisms to manage and diagnose itself. Schein shows how to identify, nurture, and shape the cultures of organizations in any stage of development, and presents critical learning and practice in the field, including work on subcultures.

Senge, Peter M. *The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of the Learning Organization*. New York: Doubleday/Currency, 1990.

The author proposes the "systems thinking" method to help a corporation to become a "learning organization," one that integrates at all personnel levels in differently related company functions (sales product design, etc.) to "expand the ability to produce." Other disciplines described include "personal mastery" of one's capacities and "team learning" through group discussion of individual objectives and problems.

Senge, Peter, Richard Ross, Bryan Smith, Charlotte Roberts and Art Kleiner. *The Fifth Discipline Fieldbook: Strategies and Tools for Building a Learning Organization*. New York: Doubleday/Currency, 1994.

The original *Fifth Discipline* is a transformational book in leadership and organizational behavior. The *Fieldbook* takes the same five disciplines and provides practical ways of understanding, teaching, and applying the lessons. This book is about the hard work of implementation.

Seagal, Sandra, and David Horne. *Human Dynamics: A New Framework for Understanding People and Realizing the Potential in our Organizations*. Pegasus Communication, 1997.

This book is endorsed by Peter Senge, author of *The Fifth Discipline*. The book deals with five personality types that combine to create a learning organization.

Whyte, David. *The Heart Aroused: Poetry and the Preservation of the Soul in Corporate America*. New York: Doubleday/Currency, 1994.

David Whyte is a poet impassioned to take on the world of corporations. He looks at the underside of work, the side that does not fit into structure and regulation. Here he discovers and sets free the creative force of the human heart is its quest for meaning and purpose. Through story and poetry and story he invites the reader into the underworld of human organizations and work.

### Missions

Bosch, David. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1991.

The ultimate in surveying how God's mission has been understood and carried out over the centuries. Approaches the missions outreach of each era through an attempt to see how the people of that day understood God's commission and how we need to weigh the many models of missions today in order to determine our whole responsibility.

Bryant, David. *Concerts of Prayer*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1988.

How Christians can join together in concerted prayer for spiritual awakening and world evangelization. Contains exciting and practical presentations on prayer action. It begins with Christians' personal spiritual fullness and ends with the fulfillment of Christ's great commission for the world.

Hale, Thomas. *On Being a Missionary*. Pasadena: William Carey, 1995.

An intensely practical and interesting study of missionary life and work, including call, preparation, cross-cultural adjustment, interpersonal conflict, prayer, family life, and furlough ministry, by a missionary medical doctor to Nepal. Full of personal experiences and applications.

Johnstone, Patrick. *Operation World: The Day-by-Day Guide to Praying for the World*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993.

A small prayer encyclopedia that opens every country of the world to those who want to know what God is doing there. Detailed beyond secular encyclopedias in the area of religion and encouraging in the description of the powerful reality of God's work in country after country. Lists specific issues needing prayer.

Kraft, Charles H., *Anthropology for Christian Witness*, Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1996.

Profitable insight into the cultural problems of communicating the Gospel in six divisions: (1) the problem of diverse cultures, (2) culture providing form and meaning, (3) how cultures relate to the non-human universe, (4) human interactions and life ways, (5) culture in change, (6) research and study in cultural settings. Coverage is complete and is written for practitioners. It will help both ministers and missionaries understand the people to whom God has called them.

Smith, Donald K. *Creating Understanding: A Handbook for Christian Communication Across Cultural Landscapes*, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992.

Dr. Smith puts his vast experience and knowledge at our disposal in the presentation of twenty-three propositions aimed at communicating the Gospel. Three basic positions are: (1) All communication is cross-cultural, (2) Culture is the way peoples organize life experiences to develop world view, and (3) Communication is the human part of proclamation--the God part is the Spirit of God producing transformation.

Ramachandra, Vinoth. *The Recovery of Mission: Beyond the Pluralist Paradigm*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1996.

A fascinating study of three Asian theologians who consider themselves Christian but who decry the exclusivism of the Gospel. Ramachandra, himself an Asian, gently ferrets out the fallacies of their positions, shows how they have been influenced by the West they criticize, and then focuses on the centrality of Jesus and His Gospel for the whole world.

Tucker, Ruth A. *Another Gospel: Alternative Religions and the New Age Movement*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1989.

A historical survey of all major cults and many minor ones showing theological errors and sympathetic ways to relate to adherents, as well as how

elements of many false religions contribute to the New Age movement.

Tucker, Ruth A. *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1983.

The journeys of ninety-nine key men and women who have led the way in missions across the last 2000 years. No hero-worship, but honest glimpses of the lives and struggles of these missionaries, representative of thousands more who make up the history of missions.

U.S. Center for World Mission. *Mission Mobilizers Handbook: Key Resources, Networks, Ministries and Articles for Maximizing Your Church/Fellowship's Impact on the Nations of the 10/40 Window and Beyond*. Pasadena: William Carey, 1996.

Just what the extended title says.

Van Engen, Charles. *Mission on the Way: Issues in Mission Theology*. Grand Rapids, Baker, 1996.

A grappling with current concerns in the theology of mission, addressing such issues as: the relation of Bible and mission, the influence of context, the missionary church, evangelical and conciliar mission theology, modernity and postmodernity, and the pastor as missionary leader.

Winter, Ralph D. and Stephen C. Hawthorne, eds. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: A Reader*. Rev. ed. Pasadena: William Carey, 1992.

This comprehensive mission survey covers all aspects of missions in four divisions—the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic perspectives. Biblical articles are written by authors such as John Stott, George Ladd, and Arthur Glasser. Historical articles speak of pioneers, expansion, and present status. Cultural and strategic articles alert the reader to classical and front-line developments. It is a comprehensive collection of mission material, whose authors read like a Who's Who of World Evangelization. (A new edition is currently in process.)

### **Music and Worship**

Eskew, Harry and Hugh R. McElrath. *Sing with Understanding*. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1995.

The title of this text reflects the desire of the authors to facilitate the

heartfelt singing of hymns. This is done by drawing attention to the rich content of the words. The various musical styles of the hymns are also considered.

Hustad, Donald P. *Jubilate II: Church Music in Worship and Renewal*. Carol Stream, IL: Hope Publishing Co., 1993.

This is a valuable source of biblical and historical information regarding the function of music in worship and evangelism. In this revision of his earlier work, The author gives considerable attention to current issues in church music.

Johansson, Calvin M. *Music & Ministry: A Biblical Counterpoint*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1984.

This work will challenge the reader to think. The following chapter headings provide some idea of the content: *Philosophical Perspectives, The Doctrine of Creation, The Imagio Dei, The Incarnation, The Gospel and Contemporary Culture, Faith, Stewardship, and Music and Ministry*.

Liesch, Barry. *The New Worship: Straight Talk on Music and the Church*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996.

The author offers resolution to the worship conflicts that short-circuit the work of God. His writing is perceptive, thought-provoking and inspiring. For an overview of the material see the author's web page: <http://www.worshipinfo.com>

Martin, Ralph P. *Worship in the Early Church*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1974.

This work, rich in scriptural content, will contribute much to the reader's understanding of historical worship practices.

Morgenthaler, Sally. *Worship Evangelism*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.

The author's thesis is that quality worship draws people to the Lord. Her approach shows sensitivity to seekers, and, at the same time, strives for depth.

Osbeck, Kenneth W. *101 Hymn Stories*. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1982.

Learning about the situations that inspired the writing of hymns can serve as inspiration to worshipers. This can also be instructive for the work of integrating faith and life. Other great books by the author include: *101 More*

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*Hymn Stories*, *52 Hymn Stories Dramatized*, and *Amazing Grace* (daily devotionals on hymns). All of these are Kregel publications.

Spencer, Donald A. *Hymn & Scripture Selection Guide: A Cross-Reference Tool for Worship Leaders*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1992.

This work is an exhaustive treatment of the scriptural content of hymns. Part one is a listing of hymn titles with several scripture references for each title. Part two is a listing of scripture with related hymn title(s). It also includes a topical index and an index of hymns. This is a must for pastors and worship leaders!

Sprunger, Ronald L. *Want to Play by Ear? A Step-by-Step Approach*. Ashland: Bookmasters, Inc., 1998. (1-800-247-6553).

This is for keyboard musicians who would like to be free to express without being bound to the written music. This is accomplished by analyzing (thinking about) the chords we hear and play, and applying them in different keys and in different musical styles. CD and MIDI file included. There is a discount on orders placed through a church or bookstore.

Webber, Robert E. *Signs of Wonder: The Phenomenon of Convergence in Modern Liturgical and Charismatic Churches*. Nashville: Abbott Martyn Press, 1992.

The theme of this work is convergence. The author sees a full worship experience as one that is informed and enriched by the contributions of the larger body of Christ that transcends Protestantism. He invites us to look beyond the walls built through centuries of church practice.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Worship Old and New*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992.

The author examines the biblical roots, historical development, and the theological meaning of worship. He also explores ways of applying old practices to twentieth century worship. Although it is intended as a text for seminary students, it is also a valuable resource for laypersons.