

Evangelism and Church Growth Resources

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Internet/World Wide Web Sites

New Life Ministries – <http://www.NewLifeMinistries-NLM.org>. Extensive resources for evangelism, congregational growth and vitality, and church planting.
Smaller Churches Network — <http://www.NewLifeMinistries-NLM.org/smallchurch.htm>.

Professional Organizations

Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, Samuel Wilson (President), 311 Eleventh St., Ambridge, PA 15003.
American Society for Church Growth, Office of Continuing Education, Fuller Theological Seminary, 135 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena, CA 91182. 1-626-584-5293. Web site: www.ascg.org.

Professional Journals, Magazines, and Newsletters

Cell Church. Randall Neighbour, ed. TOUCH Outreach Ministries, Inc., PO Box 19888, Houston, TX 77224. Web site: www.touchusa.org. Quarterly.

Church Growth Today. John N. Vaughan, editor. Southwest Baptist University, 1202 E. Austin, Bolivar, Missouri 65613. Bi-monthly. Focuses on large churches.

Evangelism. Joel D. Heck, editor. Concordia University Wisconsin, 12800 N. Lake Shore Drive, Mequon, Wisconsin 53097-2402. No longer in publication but back issues contain helpful articles.

Hinton Herald: A Resource for Church of Small Membership. Hinton Rural Life Center, PO Box 27, Hayesville, North Carolina 28904. 704-389-8336. Web site: hinton.sejac-umc.org. Quarterly.

Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education. Richard Stoll Armstrong, ed. Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education. Annual.

Journal of the American Society for Church Growth. Office of Continuing Education, Fuller Theological Seminary, 135 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena, CA 91182. 1-626-584-5293. Web site: www.ascg.org. Three times per year.

Leadership. Kevin A. Miller, ed. 465 Gundersen Drive, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188. Web site: www.christianitytoday.com/leaders. Quarterly.

Mikros: A Newsletter Written for Small Church Leaders. Glenn C. Daman, editor. Western Institute for Small Church Health, 5511 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97215. 1-800-547-4546. Web site: www.westernseminary.edu/ichsma07.html. Bi-monthly.

Net Results. 5001 Avenue N., Lubbock, Texas 79412-2993. 806-762-8094. Thomas Bandy, editor. Web site: www.netresults.org. Monthly. Includes monthly columns by Lyle Schaller, Dale Galloway, Bill Easum, and George W. Bullard, Jr.

Next. Leadership Network, PO Box 9100, Tyler, Texas 75711-9100. 1-800-765-5323. Web site: www.leadnet.org.

Strategies for Today's Leaders: Global Church Growth. Kent R. Hunter, editor. American Society for Church Growth, 1230 US 6, PO Box 145, Corunna, Indiana 46730. Web site: www.strategiesfortoday.org. Quarterly. (no longer in publication)

Resource Centers

- The Alban Institute, Suite 433 North, 4550 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3341. 1-800-486-1318 ext. 244. Web site: www.alban.org. Resources for congregations with emphasis on mainline churches.
- Center for Rural Church Leadership. A wealth of resources on rural church ministry. Visit them on the web at www.seorf.ohiou.edu/~xx042/r_ctr/r_ctr.html.
- Center for Theology and Land, University of Dubuque and Wartburg Seminaries, 333 Wartburg Place, Dubuque, IA 52004. 319-589-0273. Web site: www.ruralministry.com. Focuses on rural and small town churches.
- The Church Growth Center, 1230 US. 6, PO Box 145, Corunna, Indiana 46730. Founded by Kent R. Hunter, a former Lutheran pastor with a D.Min. in Church Growth from Fuller. Books, training events, and consultation.
- Church Growth, Inc., PO Box 541, Monrovia, California 91017. 818-305-1280. Web site: www.churchgrowth.net. Founded by Win Arn, a pioneer in applying Church Growth principles to US churches. Resources and training events.
- Church Growth Institute, PO Box 7000, Forest, Virginia 24551. 1-800-553-GROW. Web site: www.churchgrowth.org. Founded by Elmer Towns. Resources and extensive training events.
- Easum, Bandy, and Associates (formerly 21st Century Strategies, Inc.), 1126 Whispering Sands, Port Aransas, Texas 78373. Voice: 512-749-5364. Fax: 512-749-5800. Web site: www.easumbandy.com. Founded by William Easum, a former United Methodist pastor, now working in association with Tom Bandy. Books, newsletter, consultations, and training events.
- Hinton Rural Life Center, PO Box 27, Hayesville, North Carolina 28904. 704-389-8336. Web site: <http://hinton.sejac-umc.org>. Focuses primarily on small churches in rural settings.
- Injoy, PO Box 19900, San Diego, California 92157-0900. 1-800-333-6506. Web site: www.injoy.com. Founded by John Maxwell, a former Wesleyan Church pastor. Emphasis on leadership and church growth topics. Tapes and training events.
- International Centre for Leadership Development and Evangelism. British Columbia, Canada. Web site: www.growingleadership.com.
- Leadership Network, PO Box 9100, Tyler, Texas 75711. 1-800-765-5323. Web site: www.leadnet.org. Geared to networking pastors and staff from large churches (1,000 and above).
- The McIntosh Church Growth Network. Gary McIntosh, director. Web site: www.mcintoshcgn.com.
- MetaChurch Project. Carl George, director. Web site: www.metachurch.org.
- Net Results Resource Center, 5001 Avenue N., Lubbock, Texas 79412-2993. 806-762-8094. Web site: <http://www.netresults.org>. Ministries include *Net Results* magazine, training events, consultation.
- New Life Ministries, 6404 S Calhoun St, Fort Wayne, IN 46807. 1-800-774-3360 (formerly The Andrew Center). Web site: <http://www.NewLifeMinistries-NLM.org>. Founded by the Church of the Brethren, The Brethren Church, the Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Church Canada, Shalom Foundation, and Christian Community. Resources, consultation, networking, and training events. From the Anabaptist/Believers' Church tradition.
- Percept, 151 Kalmus Dr., Suite A104, Costa Mesa, California 92626-5988. 1-800-442-6277. Web site: www.percept1.com. Source for demographic and lifestyle information for specified communities.
- Serendipity House, PO Box 1012, Littleton, Colorado 80160. 1-800-525-9563. Resources and training events on small groups. Founded by Lyman Coleman.
- Smaller Churches Network. Ronald W. Waters. Web site: <http://www.NewLifeMinistries-NLM/smallchurch.htm>. Resources for churches averaging 100 or fewer in worship attendance.
- Sonlife Ministries. Dann Spader, director. Web site: www.sonlife.com/healthychurch.html.
- Western Institute for Small Church Health, 5511 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR 98215. 1-800-547-4546. Web site: <http://www.westernseminary.edu/ichsmall.html>. Addresses the needs of small churches.
- Willow Creek Association, PO Box 3188, Barrington, Illinois 60011-3188. 847-765-0070. Web site: www.willowcreek.com. Resources and training events, with emphasis on churches with seeker-targeted ministries.

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