

Resources for A Community Engaged Church



Jonathan Brooks: Sometimes the church needs to follow and partner with others

The pastor of an inner-city Chicago church shares how he and his congregation have changed the way they work in their neighborhood -- and how that has changed the community itself.

<https://faithandleadership.com/jonathan-brooks-sometimes-the-church-needs-follow-and-partner-others>



A church and community partnership helps bring fresh groceries to a Chicago food desert

The opening of a Whole Foods in the Englewood neighborhood was the culmination of a congregation's multilayered efforts to respond to community needs. Top among them: Fresh, healthy food.

<https://faithandleadership.com/church-and-community-partnership-helps-bring-fresh-groceries-chicago-food-desert>



A dying church's gift inspires a young congregation to help people experiencing homelessness

When asked to use its building and property to shelter women and families, Salt House Church said yes.

<https://faithandleadership.com/dying-churchs-gift-inspires-young-congregation-help-people-experiencing-homelessness>

<https://faithandleadership.com/how-do-i-know-whether-my-church-ready-innovate>

<https://faithandleadership.com/thriving-communities> a series of articles and biblical foundations from leading thinkers, theologians and practitioners on how congregations can thrive in their contexts.



A church that serves, reflects and has grown out of the community

A congregation of low-income people, ex-cons, rural folk and military families embodies the features of thriving communities.

<https://faithandleadership.com/rock-solid>



A small church with a big impact

Despite being a small, rural congregation in an impoverished part of North Carolina, Sandy Plains United Methodist Church has sent a large proportion of its members into mission, leaving some to wonder: How has this tiny church produced so many leaders?

<https://faithandleadership.com/every-member-mind>

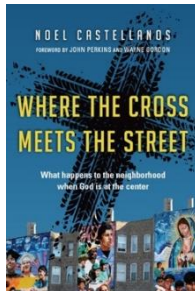


A mission to include the downtrodden

A Florida megachurch intentionally seeks “the people nobody else wants or sees.” And it is growing.

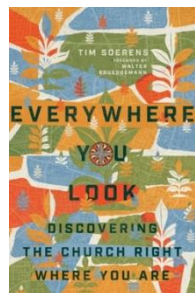
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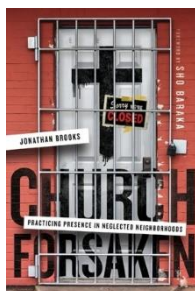
Where the Cross Meets the Street,

by Noel Castellanos (IVP, 2015)



Everywhere You Look,

by Tim Soerens (IVP, 2020)



Church Forsaken: Practicing Presence in Neglected Neighborhoods,

by Jonathan Brooks (IVP, 2018)