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This work is an ethnographic account of the work of transnational, Christian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Zimbabwe. Protestant NGOs are one of the voices of pluralism in southern Africa, sometimes challenging the state and at other times collaborating with it. The tensions of such engagement are key to understanding the successes and failures of transnational, humanitarian endeavors to foster democratic governance in Zimbabwe. While much scholarship has been focused, theoretically, on the role of NGOs in democratization in Africa regarding international foreign policy, few studies offer empirically grounded insights into how transnational NGOs operate. *The Spirit of Development* addresses, ethnographically, how an American discourse of Christian humanitarianism transforms and is transformed by, local settings.

Develop poise Gain self-confidence Improve your memory Make your meaning clear Begin and end a talk Interest and charm your audience Improve your diction Win and argument without making enemies.

This collection of original essays is intended to both celebrate Derek Bickerton's sixty-fifth birthday and honor his long and eminent career. Each author included in the volume is a noted scholar who has distinguished him/herself in some area of linguistics and has professionally or personally interacted with Bickerton and been influenced by his work. While the papers make independent thematic contributions, they also discuss, augment, present alternatives to, or are inspired in some way by Bickerton's seminal ideas or penetrating analyses. The book is

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organized into 5 sections, each a reflection of a major research period in Bickerton's career: Section 1: Identifying Creoles; Section 2: Language Variation; Section 3: Creole Processes; Section 4: Creole Syntax and Semantics; Section 5: Serial Verbs.

In this book Stan Ilo offers an integral theology of development and creatively lays the groundwork for Christian humanitarian and social ministry in Africa. Ilo proposes a vulnerable missional praxis through a social analysis informed by the gospel, which promises to enrich the ways Catholic and Christian charities worldwide carry out their humanitarian work and engage in aid and development initiatives in developing countries of Africa and among the poor in different parts of the world. Ilo offers a comprehensive and systematic presentation of Catholic social ethics in relation to human rights, ecology, globalization, international cooperation, development and aid, human and cultural development, business ethics, social justice, and the challenges of poverty eradication.

Papua New Guinea is going through a crisis: A concentration on conventional approaches to development, including an unsustainable reliance on mining, forestry, and foreign aid, has contributed to the country's slow decline since independence in 1975. Sustainable Communities, Sustainable Development attempts to address problems and gaps in the literature on development and develop a new qualitative conception of community sustainability informed by substantial and innovative research in Papua New Guinea. In this context, sustainability is conceived in terms that include not just practices tied to economic development. It also informs questions of wellbeing and social integration, community-building, social support, and infrastructure renewal. In short, the concern with sustainability here entails undertaking an analysis of how communities are sustained through time, how they cohere and

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change, rather than being constrained within discourses and models of development. From another angle, this project presents an account of community sustainability detached from instrumental concerns with economic development. Contributors address questions such as: What are the stories and histories through which people respond to their nation's development? What is the everyday social environment of groups living in highly diverse areas (migrant settlements, urban villages, remote communities)? They seek to contribute to a creative and dynamic grass-roots response to the demands of everyday life and local-global pressures. While the overdeveloped world faces an intersecting crisis created by global climate change and financial instability, Papua New Guinea, with all its difficulties, still has the basis for responding to this manifold predicament. Its secret lies in what has been seen as its weakness: underdeveloped economies and communities, where people still maintain sustainable relations to each other and the natural world.

The Millennium Development Goals, adopted at the UN Millennium Summit in 2000, are the world's targets for dramatically reducing extreme poverty in its many dimensions by 2015 income poverty, hunger, disease, exclusion, lack of infrastructure and shelter while promoting gender equality, education, health and environmental sustainability. These bold goals can be met in all parts of the world if nations follow through on their commitments to work together to meet them. Achieving the Millennium Development Goals offers the prospect of a more secure, just, and prosperous world for all. The UN Millennium Project was commissioned by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan to develop a practical plan of action to meet the Millennium Development Goals. As an independent advisory body directed by Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, the UN Millennium Project submitted its recommendations to the UN

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Secretary General in January 2005. The core of the UN Millennium Project's work has been carried out by 10 thematic Task Forces comprising more than 250 experts from around the world, including scientists, development practitioners, parliamentarians, policymakers, and representatives from civil society, UN agencies, the World Bank, the IMF, and the private sector. This report argues that meeting the Millennium Development Goals will require a substantial reorientation of development policies to focus on key sources of economic growth, particularly the use of scientific and technological knowledge and related institutional adjustments. It outlines key areas for policy action, including focusing on platform or generic technologies; defining infrastructure services as a foundation for technology; improving higher education in science and placing universities at the center of local development; spurring entrepreneurial activities; improving the policy environment; and focusing on areas of under-funded research for development.

Unleash the Power of the Arts in Your Church The Source for Effective Church Service Planning gives you tried and tested service-programming material from Willow Creek Community Church and offers hundreds of ideas for integrating the arts into your worship services. This book supplements your creative process, helping you relate biblical truth to the people who walk through your church doors. You'll find creative ideas for a huge variety of subjects and occasions. Do you want to plan a service that addresses Christian character? Workplace issues? Leadership? The lordship of Christ? Family relationships? A service for baptism, communion, Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas? Thematic listings of services include topics on Christian life issues, holidays, special services, the identity of God, relationship with God, relationships, seeker issues, and social issues. Each service outline offers suggestions in

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five categories:

- **Message Titles:** These are titles Willow Creek teaching pastors have used over the years, offering ideas for your own message titles
- **Dramas:** Each listing includes tone, topic, and gender of players, and all sketches listed are available through Willow Creek Resources online
- **Songs:** Suggestions for presentational music by contemporary Christian artists include a seeker sensitivity rating
- **Worship Choruses:** NEW! Listings help churches of all denominations, philosophies, and worship styles plan a weekly worship service
- **Movie Clips:** These include information on movie title, topic, clip description, start time, start cue, end time, end cue, and comments

This revised edition of *The Source* has all the benefits of the first edition, with even more features. This updated and improved resource not only appeals to seeker-oriented churches, but offers helpful features for any church that uses contemporary music, drama, or video in their services.

Other special features:

- An alphabetical song index that includes artist, label, style, tempo, themes, and seeker sensitivity ratings to help you choose appropriate music for each message
- Drama index that includes topics, characters, and storyline summaries
- Package suggestions for combining songs, dramas, and movie clips where one element follows another to maintain creative and emotional flow

An *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, reprinted from the 1878 edition, “is rightly regarded as one of the most seminal theological works ever to be written,” states Ian Ker in his foreword to this sixth edition. “It remains,” Ker continues, “the classic text for the theology of the development of doctrine, a branch of theology which has become especially important in the ecumenical era.” John Henry Cardinal Newman begins the *Essay* by defining how true developments in doctrine occur. He then delivers a sweeping consideration of the growth of doctrine in the Catholic Church from the time of the Apostles to his own era. He demonstrates

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that the basic “rule” under which Christianity proceeded through the centuries is to be found in the principle of development, and he emphasizes that throughout the entire life of the Church this principle has been in effect and safeguards the faith from any corruption.

For a long time African history has been dominated by western perspectives through predominantly male accounts of colonial governments and missionaries. In contrast, Dr Emily Onyango provides an African history of mission, education development and women’s roles in Kenya. Based on archival research and interviews of primary sources this book explores the relationship of these areas of history with each other, focusing on the Luo culture and the period of 1895 to 2000. With the pre-colonial African context as the foundation for understanding and writing history, Dr Onyango uses gender to analyze the role of Christian missionaries in the development of women’s education and their position in Kenyan society. The result of this well-researched study is not only a challenge to the traditional understanding of history, but also a counternarrative to the common view that to be liberated African women must disregard Christianity. Rather she looks at the importance Christianity plays in helping women establish themselves economically, politically and socially, in Kenyan society. This research is a vital contribution to women’s history and the history of Christianity in Africa. Churches around the world are trying to revitalize their church services. There is almost nothing they will not try. Some embark on multi-million dollar building campaigns while others sell their buildings to plant home churches. Some hire celebrity pastors to attract crowds of people, while others hire no clergy so that there can be open sharing in the service. Yet despite everything churches have tried, few focus much time, money, or energy on the one thing that churches are supposed to be doing: loving and serving others like Jesus. Put Service

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Back into the Church Service challenges readers to follow a few simple principles and put a few ideas into practice which will help churches of all types and sizes make serving others the primary emphasis of a church service. This revised and updated book now includes discussion questions, perfect for a small group setting. Books in the "Close Your Church for Good" series: Preface: Skeleton Church Volume 1: The Death and Resurrection of the Church Volume 2: Put Service Back into the Church Service Volume 3: Dying to Religion and Empire Volume 4: Church is More than Bodies, Bucks, & Bricks Volume 5: Cruciform Pastoral Leadership This collection of papers examines key ideas in cultural-historical approaches to children's learning and development and the cultural and institutional conditions in which they occur. The collection is given coherence by a focus on the intellectual contributions made by Professor Mariane Hedegaard to understandings of children's learning through the prism of the interplay of society, institution and person. She has significantly shaped the field through her scholarly consideration of foundational concepts and her creative attention to the fields of activity she studies. The book brings together examples of how these concepts have been employed and developed in a study of learning and development. The collection allows the contributing scholars to reveal their reactions to Hedegaard's contributions in discussions of their own work in the field of children's learning and the conditions in which it occurs.

Is your church facing a period of change? Are you overwhelmed with too much to do? Or are you searching for a new vision? If you are looking to take your church in a new direction, then *How to Develop Your Local Church* can help you decide which path to follow. Written by an experienced practitioner, it will help you to understand your congregation better: how it operates, what its members take for granted, what their priorities are and what the 'character'

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of the congregation is. The book then explains some of the reasons for frustration and conflict in church life, and points to positive ways forward, giving guidance on planning and decision-making. Just as no two churches are the same, there is no 'one-size-fits-all' answer to how your church might develop. Rather, it is only by drawing upon the collective wisdom of the local congregation that worthwhile change will begin to happen.

The aim of this project is to explore the author of Hebrews' approach to revitalization. The book of Hebrews demonstrates that church revitalization is not merely a matter of replacing an antiquated model for something more novel or vice-versa. Instead the author of Hebrews models an apostolic pattern of church revitalization—one committed to the priority of discipleship and theological training. The project is a series of six sermons designed to lead the congregation toward spiritual vitality by guiding hearers toward a Christ-centered philosophy of ministry. The first chapter addresses the topic of biblical theology and outlines the sermon series in Hebrews. The remaining six chapters use author-oriented exegesis and biblical theology to properly unpack and apply the passages in the modern context.

Nurturing Child and Adolescent Spirituality: Perspectives from the World's Religious Traditions provides a forum for prominent religious scholars to examine the state of religious knowledge and theological reflection on spiritual development in childhood and adolescence. Featuring essays from thinkers representing the world's major religious traditions, the book introduces new voices, challenges assumptions, raises new questions, and broadens the base of knowledge and investment in this important domain of life. It specifically and intentionally focuses on theological and philosophical perspectives from within religious traditions, creating space for the religious traditions to find their voices. *Nurturing Child and Adolescent Spirituality*

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is firmly grounded in the language and priorities of religious studies, and helps stimulate explorations of whether and how religious communities are tapping their own wisdom and strengths in nurturing today's young people in a complex and changing world. *Nurturing Child and Adolescent Spirituality* will set the stage for new waves of scholarship and dialogue within and across traditions, disciplines, and cultures that will enrich understanding and strengthen how the world's religious traditions, and others, understand and cultivate the spiritual lives of children and adolescents around the globe.

The need for successful traveling ministers is greater now than ever before. As an individual accepts his or her calling to minister the gospel, there are some important principles and practices one must adhere to in order to ensure they maximize their efforts in fulfilling the Great Commission. There have been hundreds, if not thousands of men and women who have been called to ministry and falter along the way as a result of not knowing how to structure their ministry and develop it into an organization that is built to last. With over sixteen years developing my own itinerant ministry, this book is a collection of experiences and thoughts beneficial for anyone interested in developing a thriving itinerant ministry. It includes forms, contacts of organizations, associations and companies useful for the travelling minister. In this book you will learn about: 1. Financing your itinerant ministry 2. Marketing your ministry for growth 3. The Place of Prayer in a Minister's Life 4. Habits of a Successful Travelling Minister 5. Common Problems Some Traveling Ministers Face And much, much more... This book was written for those who want to be achievers, to do more, to grow, learn to be better and live richer and fuller lives as they maximize their potential in the calling of God upon their lives. *Developing Faithful Ministers* aims to support the work of all those involved in

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supervision and training relationships within the Church. The Church recognising its call to serve God and the nation seeks to equip and develop its ministers to face the challenge of ministry in a society at the threshold of Christendom that is in a mission context. It is a context where both the general public and the institutional church have significant expectations of those in ministry. Indeed, there is now an expectation of 'demonstrable capability' prior to being licensed to any form of permanent tenure. The demand for more professional, demonstrably capable, mission able and collaborative licensed ministers places particular weight on the efficacy of the initial training relationship. "Developing Faithful Ministers" seeks to support those who find themselves in these relationships by offering both models of good practice and sustained theological reflection on what these drivers mean for developing ministry.

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Nicholas of Cusa's Brixen Sermons presents the concepts of church and reform that the fifteenth-century speculative thinker preached as a residential bishop and relates them to the challenges of late medieval church reform.

A unique tool to helps preachers connect the gospel to a secularized culture with powerful clarity and persuasion.

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