

9. **Deacons: Partners in Ministry and Growth Kit** ✨  
(Book by Jim Henry, Lifeway Church Resources, 1997): Written specifically to involve your deacons in healthy discussion and interaction, while emphasizing practical application of what deacons should actually know and do. Order a copy for every deacon in your church.
10. **Brothers, We Are Not Professionals: A Plea to Pastors for Radical Ministry** (Book by John Piper, Broadman & Holman, 2002): Should a church be run like a business? Piper says no. In this provocative critique, he takes aim at the widely held managerial/therapeutic model of ministry--- warning that Christlike traits such as childlikeness, tender-heartedness, and dedication to prayer clash with the secular "professionalism" we mistakenly seek to emulate. Sure to spark lively debate!
11. **How to Protect Your Church from Lawsuits- Free Articles:** Articles on Children & Youth safety, church safety, employee job descriptions, high risk activities and more. At: [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com) Just go to SEARCH and put in article title: *How to Protect Your Church from Lawsuits*
12. **Safety, Risk Management, Law, Employment, Finances & Taxes in Churches- Free Articles for Download:** Articles available on safe youth trips and activities; creating safe ministries; hosting safe events; keeping church property safe; keeping counseling safe; hiring practices and more. At: <http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/downloads2.html>
13. **Reducing the Risk- Child Protection Training Kit** ✨:  
Learn why and how to prevent abuse through sound principles of protection. Kit includes training DVD, workbooks and screening forms. Costs about \$150. At: <http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/reducingrisk.html>
14. **Equipping Deacons to Confront Conflict** (Book by Robert Sheffield & Cecil Marsh ): Available through Lifeway bookstores. Cost about \$8.00
15. **Beyond the First Visit: The Complete Guide to Connecting Guests to Your Church** (Book by Gary L. McIntosh, Baker 2006): All churches like to think that theirs is the friendliest in town. But do visitors see it that way? Take a look at your church through the eyes of visitors and potential visitors. This practical book offers sound advice on assessing and improving the ways in which churches attract people, welcome them, do follow-up, and bring them into the church family. It also offers suggestions for making a welcoming attitude part of the very fabric of the church.
16. **250 Big Ideas for Purpose Driven Small Groups** (Book Resource)- This book offers ideas for each of the 5 purposes

for groups: fellowship, evangelism, discipleship, ministry and worship. Cost about \$10 At: [http://www.saddlebackresources.com/en-US/MinistryTools/SmallGroupTraining/SmallGroupTraining.htm#SeriesID\\_268](http://www.saddlebackresources.com/en-US/MinistryTools/SmallGroupTraining/SmallGroupTraining.htm#SeriesID_268)

17. **The Peacemaking Church (Training Resource Kit)-** Living out the gospel through relationships and keeping relationships in the church community healthy is possible through intentional work. Based on the Peacemaker Ministry's work by Ken Sande, this kit includes 1. pastor model sermons and teaching resources, 2. eight weeks of small group study material and 3. all the resources needed to establish a peacemaking team in your church. Kit cost about \$200 (worth every penny) At: [www.peacemaker.net](http://www.peacemaker.net)
18. **Biblical Conflict Resolution & Peacemaking (Free Articles)-** Intentional training and equipping is needed in the Biblical principles for conflict resolution by every church. This website is full of resources useful for the pastor and church leader. At: [www.peacemaker.net](http://www.peacemaker.net)
19. **Building a Healthy Multi-Ethnic Church: Mandate, Commitments and Practices of a Diverse Congregation** (Book by Mark DeYmaz, Jossey-Bass 2007): Learn how healthy multi-ethnic congregations can be successfully established and sustained. Pastor of Mosaic Church of Central Arkansas Mark DeYmaz shares the seven core commitments necessary for a church of diverse cultures to flourish in a healthy context.
20. **A Welcoming Church, Assessment Pack (Downloadable training resource for leaders):** Equip your church leaders with these seven handouts that will help them see how well they welcome and nurture newcomers. This Training Pack contains all of the following: Overcoming 9 barriers to adopting visitors; Why many members find growth difficult; Welcome Check-up: How does our congregation measure up?; 7 Ways to Rate Your Church: Values that measure your spiritual environment; Religion-less Spirituality: Reaching people who think church is the problem, not the answer. Available at: [www.buildingchurchleaders.com/](http://www.buildingchurchleaders.com/)

## PLACE

1. **Lifeway Church Architecture (Free Documents)-** Numerous articles related to church buildings: Nursery and student space guidelines, playgrounds, signage, user friendly, fundraising, construction and more. At: <http://www.lifeway.com/churcharchitecture/resources.html>

2. **Church Facility Evaluation\_ (Free Word Doc)-** This very useful resource can help you evaluate your church building in view of how and what it communicates about the love of Christ to newcomers or guests. At: [www.bcne.net/evangelism/general-stuff/resources.html](http://www.bcne.net/evangelism/general-stuff/resources.html)
3. **Re-Pitching the Tent: Re-Ordering the Church Building for Worship and Mission** (Book by Richard Giles, Liturgical Press 2000): Richard Giles' definitive, best-selling handbook on the design and use of church buildings. Eminently knowledgeable and profoundly theological, this book offers at the same time a hands-on practical guide to the entire process of reordering and furnishing the places where we worship, from the initial idea to the final completion.
4. **Church Facilities Management (Downloadable training pack resource):** Be a good steward of the building, land, and other resources that God has given to your church. These forms help you review your current church facilities policies—or to create new and needed ones. If you're a church administrator, maintenance person, or pastor, you can now be better prepared for facilities use, set limits on what can or cannot be done on the premises, and have a clear line of accountability in case something goes wrong during facility use. Available at: [www.buildingchurchleaders.com/](http://www.buildingchurchleaders.com/)
5. **Church Solutions (Magazine as well as website):** This free resource has many articles, blogs, webinars and e-books about managing church facilities, making needed building changes and information about products related to church properties. Available at: [www.churchsolutionsmag.com/](http://www.churchsolutionsmag.com/)



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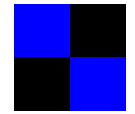
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## Suggested & Proven Resources For Your Church



ONE ELEMENT FROM THE  
LAWS OF HARVEST  
EVANGELISM STRATEGY





## Resources To Consider

*The Farm and the Workers must be ready to receive the Harvest or the results will diminish proportionately.*

### *Is the church ready for the harvest?*

*The Farm & the Workers is the second of five elements to comprehensive evangelism known as **Laws of the Harvest** advanced by the BCNE. We can labor and never see a lasting increase if the barns (church buildings) and workers (congregations) are in disrepair and not ready for the harvest. It is imperative we prepare for the harvest before it comes in and be ready to receive the increase. There are three primary categories, aside of prayer, in preparing the church to evangelize and receive which are:*

1. **PEOPLE**— *The people or workers are the congregation. How are they prepared and equipped? How is the body able to be a transformational, missional and connecting community others want to join?*
2. **PROCESSES**— *There are foundational processes necessary for churches to be healthy and able to evangelize.*
3. **PLACE**— *The church facilities play a key role in the church's being a connecting community*

*There are numerous resources available for your church in these three areas. Some of the most useful to leaders in New England are in this brochure. Also, always remember three important resources available for equipping, coaching and consulting you:*

**1. The Baptist Convention of New England**— *Our staff is here for you! At: [www.BCNE.net](http://www.BCNE.net) We have leaders ready to come along side of you in:*

- ◆ Church Planting
- ◆ Evangelism
- ◆ Transformational Leadership

#### **2. Your Associational Office**

- ◆ Green Mountain BA (VT)
- ◆ New Hampshire BA
- ◆ Western Connecticut BA
- ◆ Southeastern New England BA (RI east CT)
- ◆ Greater Boston BA
- ◆ Massachusetts BA
- ◆ Maine BA

**3. Lifeway Resources**— [www.Lifeway.com](http://www.Lifeway.com)

## PEOPLE

1. **A God Centered Church: Experiencing God Together** (Book by Henry T. & Melvin D. Blackaby, Broadman & Holman 2007): The essential sequel to the award-winning Experiencing God, the Blackabys' bestseller on Christian life together examines how God saves individuals--but places us in community to grow spiritually and to discover his presence in the congregation of his children.
2. **Follow Me: Becoming a Lifestyle Prayerwalker** (Book by Randy Sprinkle, New Hope Publishers, 2005): God is calling believers out of church buildings and into neighborhoods to intercede for towns and cities. This is a 6 week Bible study which explores on-site praying, spiritual warfare, and how prayerwalking can be used as a powerful tool in evangelism and mission work.
3. **Life Changing Power of Prayer— Leader Guide** (Book by T.W. Hunt, Lifeway, 2002): T.W. Hunt's classic study will help study members grasp a Biblical understanding of prayer. Topics include Prayer that transforms; Overcoming hindrances; and our example and helper in prayer.
4. **Discover Your SHAPE (Class 301): Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality & Experience!** - This is a great resource from Saddleback Community Church to help church members and leaders find their gifts and place in ministry. Entire kit (Cost about \$98.00) at: <http://www.saddlebackresources.com/en-US/Resources/ProductDetail.htm?SKU=PK130100> Free resources (including Spanish) at: <http://www.saddlebackresources.com/>
5. **Planted: Finding Your Place in the Church Today** (Book by Robert Gay, Creation House 2004): Robert Gay aptly demonstrates that while the Lord desires for every believer to be planted, the concept of commitment to the local body demonstrated by many who regard themselves as Christian is alien to God's will for their lives. Until we become committed afresh, we risk missing the harvest.
6. **Prayer 101: What Every Intercessor Needs to Know** (Book by Elaine Helms, New Hope Publishers, 2008): A training tool that reviews biblical principles of prayer and teaches application—personal, church, and other ministry.
7. **Taking Prayer to the Streets (Free downloadable guide book)** This Prayer Journeys 12 session guide is for a teacher or prayer coordinator. It includes everything needed to help believers to pray for and share Jesus with people in the communities where they live, work, play and worship. It is available in *Spanish, Korean, Russian, Chinese and Vietnamese* from: [www.NAMB.net](http://www.NAMB.net) (just do a word search: Taking Prayer to the Streets).

✿ = Resources Available on Request from the BCNE Free Lending Library

8. **Prayer Connections Website: [www.namb.net/prayer](http://www.namb.net/prayer)** : This website, your Prayer Connection, contains useful prayer tools to help you connect to God and grow in your relationship with Him. The Prayer Connection is both vertical and horizontal symbolizing our relationship to God and to our fellow man, as well as a connection to prayer related topics.
9. **4Truth.net** : This is an Interfaith evangelism and apologetics website that focuses on the religious and philosophical views of people groups in all of North America, providing practical information for engaging in intelligent discussions of faith and worldviews. Web address: [www.4truth.net](http://www.4truth.net)
10. **RELAY**: Sharing your faith your way is what RELAY is all about. With the 6 week study in relational evangelism RELAY, there is no memorized script. RELAY helps you take the gospel you already know, and pass it on more effectively to those you know and love. In RELAY, you will learn how God works through loving relationships bringing the lost to Christ. You will discover more about yourself and how God designed you in a unique way to relay your faith. Through RELAY, you will be able to talk about spiritual things with confidence. You will learn the skills needed to discover a person's spiritual address and then share Christ in your own way. There are many free resources and those for purchase at: [www.shareasyougo.com](http://www.shareasyougo.com)

## PROCESSES

1. **Strategic Planning Resource Kit (For churches)**- Introduces church leaders to the powerful planning model of appreciative inquiry. This method focuses on constructing a positive model of the church based upon both past experiences and future dreams. The kit includes: Strategic Planning for Churches: An Appreciative Approach book, workbook, and audio tapes. Cost about \$30. At: <http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/stplforchrek.html>
2. **Tools for an Essential Church - Church Manual** (Book by Dr. Thom S. Rainer, Sam S. Rainer III, Dan Garland, LifeWay Church Resources): This how-to manual takes leadership through a detailed step-by-step process to implement a strategy for becoming an "Essential Church" -- a place members see as an essential part of their lives. It helps church leaders and staff develop strategies and processes to lead their churches to be more effective in carrying out their God-given mission.
3. **Outcome: A Blueprint for Becoming an Effective Church** (Book by Timothy Passmore, Creation House 2006): Passmore shows readers you can make a difference in the world by reaching the lost with the good news of Christ, help new believers grow in their faith, and involve believers in the ministry as servants of God. He gives ten distinct steps lead-

ing to better church health, including diagnostic tools for measuring church health and an organizational plan for healthy church ministry.

4. **Destination Community: Small Group Ministry Manual** ✿ (Book by Rick Howerton, Lifeway Resources, 2007): Many small groups are developed around organizational structure and group meetings, yet miss the heart and soul of small-group community. Destination: Community does provide what you need to launch a dynamic small-group ministry as well as lead a redemptive small group. However, this practical resource also goes deeper into the heart and soul issues of vision, authenticity, embracing our stories, joining in the adventure, and doing life together.
5. **Making the Critical Connection** ✿ (Book by Hal Mayer, Serendipity, 2005): Combining the best of small group dynamics with Sunday School. Learn how Flamingo Road Church experienced explosive growth through transitioning from a traditional Sunday School to a "Hybrid" that combined the best elements of Sunday School with the best elements of relational small groups.
6. **Simple Church** ✿ (Book by Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger, B&H Publishing, 2006): Simple Church clearly calls for Christians to return to the simple uncluttered gospel-sharing methods of Jesus. No bells or whistles required, so to speak. Based on case studies of four hundred American churches, authors Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger prove that the process for making disciples has quite often become too complex. Simple churches are thriving, and they are doing so by taking these four ideas to heart: Clarity. Movement. Alignment. Focus.
7. **Toolbox for Busy Pastors** ✿ (Book by Barry Campbell, Lifeway Church Resources, 1998): Find quick how-to help for the 100 most common tasks in ministry. This resource provides one- to two-page summaries on how to: baptize believers, lead a committee meeting, ordain a deacon, dedicate a child, dedicate a building, handle controversy, make a hospital visit, plan effective revivals, utilize computers in your church, write a job description, develop a church constitution, and dozens more!
8. **Mapping Your Church Strategy** ✿ (Book by Mark Marshall, Lifeway Church Resources, 2003): This new handbook by Mark Marshall has been designed specifically to lead a church through a strategic planning process that will help set God's course for the future of the church. This valuable resource serves as a step-by-step guide for pastors and church leaders on a journey that will prepare the way for a church to envision the future and create action steps to make the vision a reality.