

## A Brief Reading List on The Emerging Church Movement

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of its contents by the compiler or any organization with which he is affiliated*

### A. Those with a More Positive View of the Movement

- Anderson, Ray S. ***An Emergent Theology for Emerging Churches***. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2006.
- Bell, Rob. ***Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith***. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.
- Brewin, Kester. ***Signs of Emergence: A Vision for Church That Is Organic /Networked/Decentralized/Bottom-Up/Communal/Flexible {Always Evolving}***. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2007.
- Burke, John. ***No Perfect People Allowed: Creating a Come-as-You-Are Culture in the Church***. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005
- Burke, Spencer, with Colleen Pepper. ***Making Sense of Church: Eavesdropping on Emerging Conversations about God, Community, and Culture***. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.
- Cole, Neil ***Organic Church: Growing Faith Where Life Happens***. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2005.
- Conder, Tim. ***The Church in Transition: The Journey of Existing Churches into the Emerging Culture***. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006.
- Cunningham, Sarah. ***Dear Church: Letters from a Disillusioned Generation***. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006.
- Driscoll, Mark. ***Confessions of a Reformission Rev.: Hard Lessons from An Emerging Missional Church***. . Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006.
- Frost, Michael. ***Exiles: Living Missionally in a Post-Christian Culture***. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2006.
- Frost, Michael, and Alan Hirsch. ***The Shaping of Things To Come: Innovation and Mission for the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Church***. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2003.
- Gibbs, Eddie and Ryan K. Bolger. ***Emerging Churches: Creating Christian Community in Postmodern Cultures***. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2005.
- Hirsch, Alan. ***The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating the Missional Church***. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2006.
- Kimball, Dan. ***The Emerging Church***. Grand Rapids: Zondewan,
- McLaren, Brian. ***A New Kind of Christian: A Tale of Two Friends on a Spiritual Journey***. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2001.
- Minatrea, Milfred. ***Shaped By God's Heart: The Passion and Practices of Missional Churches***. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2004.
- Pagitt, Doug, and Tony Jones. ***An Emergent Manifesto of Hope: Key Leaders Offers an Inside Look***. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2007.
- Rollins, Peter. ***How (Not) to Speak of God: Philosophical & Theological Underpinnings of the Emerging Church Movement***. Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2006.
- Whitesel, Bob. ***Inside the Organic Church: Learning from 12 Emerging Congregations***. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006.
- Wilson, Jim L. ***Future Church: Ministry in a Post-Seeker Age***. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2004.
- Yaconelli, Mike, ed. ***Stories of Emergence: Moving from Absolute to Authentic***. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.

### B. Those with a Mixed or Multi-Perspective View of the Movement

- Sweet, Leonard, ed. ***The Church in Emerging Culture: Five Perspectives***. Grand Rapids: Zondervan/Youth Specialties, 2003.
- Webber, Robert, ed. ***Listening to the Beliefs of Emerging Churches: Five Perspectives***. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.

### C. Those with a More Critical View of the Movement

Carson, D.A. *Becoming Conversant with the Emerging Church: Understanding a Movement and Its Implications*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.

Dever, Mark, and Paul Alexander. *The Deliberate Church: Building Your Ministry on the Gospel*. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2005.

Smith, R. Scott. *Truth & The New Kind of Christian: The Emerging Effects of Postmodernism in the Church*. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2005.

Towns, Elmer L., and Ed Stetzer. *Perimeters of Light: Biblical Boundaries for the Emerging Church*. Chicago: Moody, 2004.

### D. Internet Sites on the Movement

#### **[www.emergentvillage.org/](http://www.emergentvillage.org/)**

The closest thing to an "official" site of the emergent conversation in the U.S.; includes information about conferences and other gatherings

#### **[www.emergingchurch.info](http://www.emergingchurch.info)**

This is a UK site with thoughtful articles, stories and discussions.

#### **[www.emergingchurch.org](http://www.emergingchurch.org)**

Karen Ward's helpful introduction to the emergent conversation with extensive links to other sites and blogs.

#### **[www.theooze.org](http://www.theooze.org)**

A site created by Spencer Burke to help church leaders converse, collaborate and share resources for the emerging church; includes articles, a blog and live chat.

#### **[www.vintagefaith.org](http://www.vintagefaith.org)**

A site created by Dan Kimball and Josh Fox, pastors of Vintage Faith Church ([vintagechurch.org](http://vintagechurch.org)), an extension of Kimball's work in The Emerging Church and Emerging Worship.

#### **[www.alternativeworship.org](http://www.alternativeworship.org)**

Another UK site arising out of the alternative worship movement; combines both theory and practice.

#### **[www.resonate.ca](http://www.resonate.ca)**

Part of the emerging church conversation in Canada, with articles, links and discussions, complete with virtual lounge parties and a virtual prayer room.

#### **[www.theopedia.com/Emergent\\_church](http://www.theopedia.com/Emergent_church)**

This is a decent online encyclopedia article giving an overview of the movement.