



Circuit Rider asked readers...

“What resources (books, websites, conferences, etc.) have helped you grow most in your congregational leadership?”

“The GBOD/worship website is essential. I also check—almost daily—Out of Ur, Wesley Report, Jesus Creed, EmergentUMC, World in Prayer, Get Religion, and The Margins.”

“TOUCH by Rudy Rasmus, Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White by Adam Hamilton, Jim & Casper Go to Church by Jim Henderson and Matt Casper,

Most Popular Websites

The Text This Week
(www.textweek.com)

The United Methodist Church
(www.umc.org)

The General Board of Discipleship
(www.gbod.org)

GBOD's Worship Division
(www.gbod.org/worship)

Homiletics Online
(www.homileticonline.com)

Irresistible Revolution by Shane Claiborne, *Generous Orthodoxy* by Brian McLaren, *Velvet Elvis* by Rob Bell, *Momentum for Life* by Michael Slaughter.”

“Anything by Tex Sample.”

“Willow Creek Leadership Summit, Ginghamburg Change the World conference, and the Saddleback AIDS conference.”

“My continuing ed time and money for the past two calendar years have been spent participating in the *Contemplative Prayer Group* and *Retreat Leaders program* through the Shalem Institute. This has been very helpful for my ministry in spiritual formation.”

“Church by Size (from the Bishop Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development), and *Church of the Resurrection's annual Leadership Institute.*”

Most Popular Conferences

Willow Creek Leadership Summit
Leadership Institute (Church of the Resurrection)

Festival of Homiletics

School of Congregational Development (GBOD)

Congress on Evangelism

Change the World (Ginghamburg Church)

“The Bible, and that's it! What I have read is what I read 25 years ago, just a different author using different words, but not really saying anything new.”

“I read more articles on the web and in magazines than I read books.”

“Websites: Answers in Genesis, GBOD, The Ooze, and Easum Bandy.”

“Podcasts by The Village Church, Catalyst, RZIM, Andy Stanley, North Point Community Church, LifeChurch.tv, Passion, etc.”

* Books, conferences, and websites listed as “most popular” are those receiving the most mentions in the Leadership Development poll featured on page 13.

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Rainer and Eric Geiger;
UnChristian, by David
Kinnaman; Blue Like Jazz,
by Donald Miller."*



**Most Popular
Books**

- Practices of Fruitful
Congregations*, by Robert Schnase
Three Simple Rules, by Rueben Job
The Shack, by William P. Young
Christianity for the Rest of Us,
by Barbara Brown Taylor
Good to Great, by Jim Collins
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by Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger
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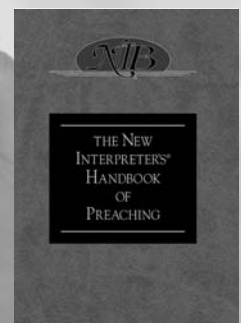
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