

## RECOMMENDED READING

- What is the Mission of the Church by Kevin DeYoung
- The Great Commandment Principle by David Ferguson
- 101 Tips for Evangelism by R. Larry Moyer
- The Unchurched Next Door by Thom Rainer
- The Complete Book of Discipleship by Bill Hull
- Brave New Discipleship by Max Anders
- Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden
- Leading Turnaround Churches by Gene Wood
- Leading Turnaround Teams by Gene Wood
- Turnaround Pastor by Donald Ross
- Changing Course by Terry Smith
- Simple Church by Thom Rainer
- Sticky Church by Larry Osborne
- The Healthy Small Church by Dennis Bickers
- The Healthy Community by Dennis Bickers
- Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People over 60 by Edward Hammett
- Color Your World with Natural Church Development by Christian Schwarz

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The Church Health Associate will communicate and encourage a healthy mindset and strategy for advocating healthier church ministries across the denomination. He has received training and has experience in assessing local church health-related needs and potential that will ultimately produce health within their contexts.

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# CHURCH HEALTH COMMUNITY (CHC) RESOURCES



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The CHC offers help to local churches/pastors in the areas of evangelism, discipleship, refocus, revitalization, and church health assessment.

### EVANGELISM (A Story Worth Telling: How God Uses Your Story to Tell His Story)

This training event, focusing on the importance of your story (how you came to know Jesus, and how he has impacted your life), equips people to share the gospel in a natural, non-threatening way.

### DISCIPLESHIP (4TD—Four Tier Discipleship)

This template, based on Christ's teaching contexts, encourages people to engage in four levels or tiers of discipleship: the crowd (congregational), the twelve (small group), the inner circle (triads/quads), and the beloved disciple (one-on-one).

### REFOCUS (How to Be a 1st Century Church in the 21st Century)

This training event, based on Acts 2:42-47, is designed to help people focus/refocus on the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-39) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19,20).



### REVITALIZATION (Turnaround Church Affinity Group)

This group is for pastors who want to see their churches revitalized. Group members read "Leading Turnaround Churches" by Gene Wood and discuss how the assigned reading material relates to their life and ministry. Frequency of meetings is determined by the group.

### CHURCH HEALTH ASSESSMENT (Natural Church Development— NCD)

NCD is a process that measures eight quality characteristics that are essential to local church health: empowering leadership, gift-based ministry, passionate spirituality, effective structures, inspiring worship services, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism, and loving relationships. The NCD survey is used to measure each quality characteristic. Follow up coaching with a credentialed NCD coach is provided to assist in analyzing the survey results.

