

## **General Resources for Evangelism (as at 4 February 2011)**

*These resources are those that have been found helpful by those working across a variety of types of evangelism contexts.*

*The Anglican Communion Office can take no responsibility for the appropriateness of the content of these resources, but the following have been recommended by Anglicans who are involved in evangelism and church growth.*

1. **Sharpening our focus on Evangelism and Church Growth** – *The paper that was presented as a preamble to the agenda for the February 2011 Anglican Communion Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative (ECGI) Core Group meeting presented by Bishop Patrick Yu on 15 February 2011 in Kuala Lumpur. By considering the Great Commission and the different evangelism contexts found within the early church, it helpfully draws parallels between ‘Jerusalem’ and the ‘early modernity context’, ‘Judea and Samaria’ and the ‘late modernity’ context and ‘the ends of the earth’/‘outreach to the Roman world’ and the post-modernity context. Available at <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/mission/ecgi/resources/index.cfm>*
  
2. **Bible’s Big Story** - *This is really a church growth tool rather than an evangelism tool but I have known several people who have come to faith by really getting to grips with the totality of the Biblical narrative for the first time. Using powerful and very colourful graphics and diagrams “Bible’s Big Story” tells the whole story of the Bible and helps those who go through this training to really understand how the Bible works. It is based on narrative theology but is accessible to Christians of many different backgrounds and academic abilities. A full training course (‘experience’ might be a better word) normally takes place over a weekend but shorter courses are possible. For more of a description see <http://www.prettygoodneighbor.com/neighborhood/crossways-tells-bible-stories-in-pictures/> All the materials are available from Crossways International at <http://www.crossways.org/index.cfm/category/34/the-bibles-big-storytell-tale-time-line.cfm>*
  
3. **PERSPECTIVES** - *Originally developed by the US Centre for World Mission, the Perspectives course is being taught in Bible Schools, Seminaries, and churches around the world and can now be taken online. Covering Biblical, Historical, Cultural, and Strategic perspectives of Christian discipleship, the course challenges every believer to understand and commit to fulfilling God’s mission mandate. The authors believe that all Christians are called to, and therefore need to be equipped for, mission whether that be in their own neighbourhood or the other side of the world. More details at <http://www.icmusa.org/perspectives.php>*
  
4. **Coaching For Missional Leadership** - *Bob Hopkins and Freddy Hedley examine the importance of supporting leaders through coaching and mentoring, so that mission initiatives, church plants and fresh expressions of church have access to accompaniment that both provides best practice in mutual reflection and offers connection to the experience and wisdom of other leaders, as well as to the wider church [www.churchplantingcoach.com/](http://www.churchplantingcoach.com/)*

5. **School of Leadership** - *In the Diocese of Liverpool when we were looking at how to grow our churches we identified that many of our clergy needed leadership training and mentoring. Since 2003 we have been running courses for clergy in groups of 10-12 exposing them to national practitioners and current trends in church growth and evangelism. Contact [Linda.jones@liverpool.anglican.org](mailto:Linda.jones@liverpool.anglican.org)*
  
6. **Missional Map-Making: Skills for Leading in Times of Transition (J-B Leadership Network Series)** by Alan Roxburgh - *Currently, churches are seeking to become less focused on programmes for members and more oriented toward outreach to people who are not already in church. This fundamental shift in what a congregation is and does and thinks is challenging for leaders and congregants. Using the metaphor of map-making, the book explains the perspective and skills needed to lead congregations and denominations in a time of radical change over unfamiliar terrain as churches change their focus from internal to external [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)*
  
7. **Mission Shaped Intro Course** - *Has been written to help churches think creatively about mission in your current context, become aware of, and engage with, the cultural changes in contemporary society, explore how to better shape your church for mission understand what "fresh expressions of church" may look like, and how they relate to inherited patterns of church ministry:*
  - week 1: rediscovering mission and what that means for church*
  - week 2: changing world, changing church*
  - week 3: re-imagining church – community*
  - week 4: re-imagining church – worship*
  - week 5: re-imagining church – leadership & discipleship*
  - week 6: where do we go from here? [www.freshexpressions.org.uk/missionshapedintro](http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/missionshapedintro)*
  
8. **The Institute of Evangelism, Wycliffe College, Toronto, Ontario.** - *The Institute was established in this Evangelical Anglican theological college to do research, support students and the church for evangelism. It puts out a newsletter "Good Ideas."*

<http://institute.wycliffecollege.ca>
  
9. **Member Mission Network** - *This is a creation of Wayne Schwab, former evangelism officer of the Episcopal church, to support evangelism for Episcopalians and other Christian denominations. <http://membermission.org/>*
  
10. **Natural Church Development** - *It is an international movement based on research in 40,000 churches in six continents, and holds the belief that growth is a natural consequence of healthy churches. The process involves a core group of a church in assessing 8 areas of its low life. A church is then asked to devise ways to improve its lowest scores. It has proven to be effective for growth in many churches when they follow through a number of cycles of test, action, and retest. There is a cost involved. <http://www.ncd-international.org>*

11. **Evangelism for Normal People** John Bowen, Augsburg Fortress, 2002 - *With a combination of story telling, bible studies and cultural observation, John aims to convince and equipped tongue tied Anglicans to begin sharing their faith in Jesus Christ.*
12. **Introducing The Missional Church** Alan Roxburgh and Scott Boren, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2009. - *Alan identifies the issues when a church faces a society of rapid change, spiritual and psychological, and points to ways of riding the waves and getting back in touch with God's mission in this changing culture.*
13. **The Gospel in a Pluralistic Society** Leslie Newbigin, SPCK/Eerdmans/WCC, 1989 - *Using his experience as a missionary in India, Bishop Newbigin applies his insights into culture when he returns to Europe. A classic and early treatment of the changing culture out of Christendom.*
14. **Home Group (Cell Groups or Small Christian Communities)** - *Sometimes operate as a home or bible study group but function as a community of believers from the same church or congregation, where members provide spiritual, moral and social support to one another and also reach out in love to the local community – such the elderly, prison, hospital, schools, etc. The number of home groups from one parish/congregation may depend on the size of the Church/congregation.*

*Home group members often invite friends to the meetings or any functions organised by the home group. Often home groups provide warm, hospitality and “safe” environment where even a “stranger” would be welcome and feels at home!*

*In countries like Zambia these home groups grow so big that they can develop into a congregation. Home groups have been important means for discipleship and church plant (and growth). They are very popular among most mainline churches in Zambia.*

*The same principle is used in the Diocese of West Malaysia where various resources have been developed.*

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15. **Basic Christianity Classes** – *this is a possible and powerful tool for assimilating new people and interested people to faith in Jesus Christ. I have done this 20 years and have brought hundreds to Christ. This can be a church's legacy.*
16. **Tuition Classes** – *This is a powerful tool to draw children and young people. Of course adults can also be drawn in some cases. It can be done FREE or with a little fee. It varies from place to place.*
17. **Evangelism through the local church** - *One of the most comprehensive, user friendly and practical books on evangelism. A 'must have'. <http://www.amazon.com/Evangelism-Through-Local-Church-Michael/dp/0340561262>*
18. **Natural Church Development**, Christian A Schwarz - *Gives the essential ingredients that help churches to grow – after research done on over 10,000 churches world-wide. <http://www.amazon.com/Natural-Church-Development-Essential-Qualities/dp/1889638005>*

19. **The Mission Driven Parish**", Patrick Brennan - *A strong prophetic call to renewal in the Catholic Church. Very relevant to Anglican Churches and helpful especially to Anglo-Catholic folk.* <http://www.amazon.com/Mission-Driven-Parish-Patrick-Brennan/dp/1570756929>
20. **The Evangelizing Parish**", Patrick Brennan - *This straight –talking Catholic priest gives theologies and strategies for holistic renewal and growth. A must-read resource.* [http://www.amazon.com/Evangelizing-Parish-Theologies-Strategies-Resource/dp/0895054485/ref=ntt\\_at\\_ep\\_dpt\\_1](http://www.amazon.com/Evangelizing-Parish-Theologies-Strategies-Resource/dp/0895054485/ref=ntt_at_ep_dpt_1)
21. **Transforming your Church**, Mark Conner - *Seven strategic shifts to help navigate the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.* <http://www.word.com.au/details.aspx?productid=583052>
22. **Breakout Churches**, Thom Rainer - *Thirteen Churches researched showing how they "broke out" of mediocrity and grew. Insightful, each one differently.* <http://www.amazon.com/Breakout-Churches-Discover-Make-Leap/dp/031025745X>
23. **I believe in Evangelism**, David Watson - *Theology of Evangelism. Simply written classic. Older book but still applicable, although not easy to locate; some are available at* [http://www.amazon.com/Believe-Evangelism-Hodder-Christian-Paperbacks/dp/0340246111/ref=ntt\\_at\\_ep\\_dpi\\_1](http://www.amazon.com/Believe-Evangelism-Hodder-Christian-Paperbacks/dp/0340246111/ref=ntt_at_ep_dpi_1)
24. **Power Evangelism**, John Wimber - *The late John Wimber was an amazing person who touched the whole world. Still very relevant – provides insight on the role of the Spirit in evangelism.* [http://www.amazon.com/Power-Evangelism-Hodder-Christian-Paperbacks/dp/0340561270/ref=sr\\_1\\_fkmr0\\_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1299068236&sr=1-2-fkmr0](http://www.amazon.com/Power-Evangelism-Hodder-Christian-Paperbacks/dp/0340561270/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1299068236&sr=1-2-fkmr0)
25. **Spiritual Power and Church Growth**, Peter Wagner - *Lessons from the amazing growth of the church in Latin America* <http://www.abebooks.co.uk/servlet/SearchResults?isbn=0340413921>
26. **Resource** - *is under the leadership of Martin Cavender, UK, and has many valuable resources. See* [www.resource-arm.net](http://www.resource-arm.net).
27. **Perspective on the World Christian Movement**, (Revised Edition 1992) by Ralph D. Winter, Steven C. Hawthorne. - *It is a Multi-faceted collection of readings on the biblical, historical, cultural and strategic dimensions of the task of world evangelization. It spells out the complexity, the scope and yet the obligation and the emergency of the task of evangelism to which all who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord are called.* <http://www.amazon.com/Perspectives-World-Christian-Movement-Reader/dp/0878082891>
28. **Biblical Christianity in African perspectives** by Wilbur O'Donovan - *It addresses basic truths of the Christian faith, written in every day language and is a result of research, and evaluation in Consultation with more than 300 African Theological students and faculty members. It relates biblical Christianity to the African context.* [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=wilbur+o%27donovan&x=14&y=21](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=wilbur+o%27donovan&x=14&y=21)

- 29. Transforming Mission** by David Bosch Orbis 1991- *is the classic textbook exploring the way in which Christian mission has changed over the centuries and exploring different mission paradigms* [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=transforming+mission+david+bosch&x=15&y=20](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=transforming+mission+david+bosch&x=15&y=20)
- 30. Christian Mission** by Stephen Spencer SCM Press 2007 – *This SCM workbook explores many of the issues covered in David Bosch’s Transforming Mission and might be considered by many as a more accessible book* [http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=30.%09Christian+Mission+by+Stephen+Spencer+&rh=n%3A283155%2Ck%3A30.%09Christian+Mission+by+Stephen+Spencer+&ajr=3](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=30.%09Christian+Mission+by+Stephen+Spencer+&rh=n%3A283155%2Ck%3A30.%09Christian+Mission+by+Stephen+Spencer+&ajr=3)
- 31. The Master Plan of Evangelism** by Robert E. Coleman (1998 latest edition). - *It sets out a simple model of evangelism based on the ministry of Jesus.* <http://www.amazon.com/Master-Plan-Evangelism-Robert-Coleman/dp/0800786246>
- 32. Christ and Culture** : Richard H. Niebuhr (1951). - *This gives several positions on Christianity and its interaction with culture.* [http://www.amazon.com/Christ-Culture-Torchbooks-Richard-Niebuhr/dp/0061300039/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1299230751&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Christ-Culture-Torchbooks-Richard-Niebuhr/dp/0061300039/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1299230751&sr=1-1)
- 33. Child Evangelism Fellowship.** - *A program with huge resources designed especially for children.* <http://www.cefonline.com/>
- 34. The Religious Orders.** *We have two male and two female religious orders with a total number of about four hundred members. They are our primary evangelists who witness and advocate the Gospel as well as social issues.* <http://www.orders.anglican.org/mbh/>
- 35. Mother’s Union Parenting Program Worldwide** by Mary Sumner House – *This focuses on parenting and family life from conception to death.* <http://www.themothersunion.org/>
- 36. Evangelism in a rapidly changing world** - *A reflection presented by Bishop Moon Hing Ng on 14 February 2011 at the Anglican Communion Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative (ECGI) Core Group meeting in Kuala Lumpur which explores some of the different overlapping contexts for evangelism* <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/mission/ecgi/resources/index.cfm>
- 37. An Anglican understanding of Mission and Evangelism** Signposts Series No 2- *The ‘Signposts statement’ on the Anglican Way which formed the basis for work on Anglican identity at the 2008 Lambeth Conference, was produced by TEAC, the Anglican Communion Working Party on Theological Education. The ‘Signposts statement’ briefly describes the Anglican Way under four headings ‘Formed by Scripture’, ‘Shaped by Worship’, ‘Ordered for Communion’, ‘Directed by God’s mission’. In accordance with its role in relation to theological education, TEAC is now seeking to provide accessible resources to help a wide range of readers explore the Statement for themselves. This is the second booklet in the series, which sets out some markers for what it means when Anglicans are ‘Directed by God’s mission.’* <http://shop.anglicancommunion.org/Details.cfm?ProdID=44&category=0>