

Worship and Hospitality

***Always in Rehearsal: The Practice of Worship and the Presence of Children* by James H. Ritchie (Discipleship Resources, 2005)**

From the back cover: "Authentic Christian worship happens as the community gathers in all of its diversity – complete with the presence of children. *Always in Rehearsal* lays a theological, liturgical, and child-sensitive foundation for the inclusion of young persons in congregational worship, and provides a wealth of ideas for how this approach can be implemented."

***Church on the Other Side: Exploring the Radical Future of the Local Congregation* by Brian D. McLaren (Zondervan, 2006)**

From the back cover: "Discover the importance of redefining your mission, finding fresh ways to communicate the gospel, and engaging today's culture with understanding. Brian McLaren shows you thirteen practices for navigating toward a vibrant church that can reach out and serve with conviction and confidence in today's changing world."

***Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase (Abingdon Press, 2007)**

From the back cover: "People are searching for a church shaped and sustained by Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. These fundamental practices are critical to the success of congregations. Their presence and strength demonstrate congregational health, vitality, and fruitfulness. By repeating and improving these practices, churches fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

***Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* by Christine D. Pohl (Eerdmans, 2001)**

From the back cover: "For most of church history, practicing hospitality was central to Christian identity. Yet our generation knows little about this rich, life-giving practice. In *Making Room* Christine Pohl combines biblical and historical research with a look at contemporary communities of hospitality."