

Appendix

One of the smart things that Bill Hoyt asked us to do in the beginning of the LLC program was to have all the LLCs read the same material. This has helped create a “common language” across the Region as pastors endeavor to lead their churches to grow in health and mission focus. As the Leadership Learning Communities continue to develop Clint and I realize that not every book will meet the particular needs of a particular LLC. Some LLCs will be composed of churches further along in the transformational process. Others will be concentrating on further development of individual leadership skills. Although we want all the LLCs to follow the book list, there will be times you may want to depart from the list, or better yet, add to the list. A few LLCs meet in the summer. Others are able to stay on schedule with their book reading, and even move ahead of schedule. The following are suggested for LLCs that will want to read more, or customize their reading. (Be forewarned: one or two of these may end up on a future LLC reading list.)

Unfreezing Moves: Following Jesus into the Mission Field by Bill Easum. Comment: This is a particularly good, basic book on church transformation. If you have pastors who are in the beginning, or middle, of transitioning their church this would be an excellent pick for them. It will reinforce what they have learned in previous books on transition. It will add new insights to the transformational process.

Fusion: Turning First-Time Guests into Fully-Engaged Members of Your Church by Nelson Searcy. Comment: I have not read this book yet, but have heard many excellent comments about it. It provides a detailed system for moving guests along towards full membership.

Integrity: The Courage to Meet the Demands of Reality by Henry Cloud. Comment: I had difficulty choosing between this Henry Cloud book, and *One-Life Solution* (on the list for November and December). Both are excellent. Both are good for helping pastors improve their own self-leadership. For the over achievers, consider reading *One-Life Solution* in November, and *Integrity* in December

unChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity...and Why It Matters by David Kinnaman. Comment: Again I have not yet read this book, but there is a very positive buzz about this book. It would be a good choice for pastors and churches trying to figure out how to connect with young adults under thirty. In a similar vein another option would be **Quitting Church** by Julia Diun. Also one of these two: **Dear Church: Letters from a Disillusioned Generation**, by Sarah Cunningham and **Essential Church? Reclaiming a Generation of Dropouts** by Thom S. Rainer

Surfing the Edge of Chaos by Richard Pascale, Mark Millemann and Linda Gioja. Comment: This is the best business book I've read in the last two years. It is one of those seminal works like *Good to Great*. You will find that many other authors refer to it. I am continuously reviewing this book because it is that good. Why did I not add it to the list? Because it is 300 pages of challenging reading. Maybe I will add it in the future.

Emerging Worship: Creating Worship Gatherings for New Generations by Dan Kimbell. There is much in this book which would be helpful for churches adding a modern service to their worship service mix, especially if a church is trying to connect with an under 35 crowd. It would also make a good discussion piece for an LLC meeting around worship.