

BOOKS WORTH READING:

THIN PLACES: 6 Postures for Creating & Practicing Missional Community by Jon Huckins: "Mission is the work of God that the church simply participates in, not the work of the church that we ask God to bless (p19)." The 6 postures proposed by the NieuCommunities of San Diego are listening, submerging, inviting, contending, imagining, and entrusting.

THE NEW PARISH: How Neighborhood Churches As Transforming Mission, by Paul Sparks, Tim Soerens and Dwight J. Friesen. "The New Parish proposal is simple: Follow Jesus into your neighborhood with fellow followers. Allow the incarnation of God in Jesus to form your imagination for **faithful presence**. That means taking your bodies, your location and your community serious. **Faithful presence** invites you to act on the belief that God is giving you what you need to be formed as disciples within your location. (p.46)"

PURSUING GOD'S WILL TOGETHER: A

Discernment Practice For Leadership Groups by Ruth Haley Barton. Part 1: Becoming a Community for discernment includes practices for opening to God together and practices for listening to each other. Part 2: Practicing discernment together – from decision making to discernment.

UPCOMING TIMOTHY LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTES in LA Oct 20 – 23 & Feb. 16-19

(register at www.TLTI.org) Become a master trainer and start multiplying leaders in your church and around the world. Plan to attend in October and/or February.

CENT is inviting all pastors and councils to use the **FAN THE FLAME** as their fall council training event. It's September 13 in Bethany CRC. **FAN THE FLAME** will have a number of workshops for your ministry leaders and council members. The focus will be how we can better engage our neighborhoods with the gospel and help plant churches. Dr. Randy Rowland will speak on being "Better Together".

CLASSIS GLA EVENT CALENDAR

TEAM BUDGETS DUE to Treasurer August 20
TEAM REPORTS DUE to Clerk September 5
CLT Meeting September 11 New City Office 12:45 PM
FAN the FLAME: September 13, Bethany CRC
CENT: September 16. 6 PM Ministry Center
LA CPM: September 18. 11 AM Bel Air Pres. Church
SEAPI Churches Meet Sept 19-22 Denver, CO.
ALL NATIONS CELEBRATION: October 5 1st Artesia
TLT LA: October 20-23 ANC, Lake View Terrace
CLASSIS MEETING: October 28, Bethel, Sun Valley

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT & PLANTING: Check out and like this interesting Facebook page. Full or helpful resources and giveaways. <https://www.facebook.com/cmi.multiply>

SMALL GROUPS SUPPORT: Find out the power of "reflection on scripture" in moving people from exploring Christ to living a Christ centered life. Help your people mature in faith. <http://network.crcna.org/coffee-break/creating-small-groups-bible-engagement>

SAFE CHURCH POLICY: Need help. Contact David Haberbush at dhhaberbush@binsolvency.com. Denominational resources also available at <http://www.crcna.org/SafeChurch>

EXPONENTIAL WEST: Do you want to help your church reach a new level of mission? Check out the **Seek & Save Exponential WEST** conference to be held at Saddleback October 7-9. WOW 75 great speakers. <http://www.exponential.org/2014west/> There will be a preconference RCA-CRC gathering of church planters on October 6. For information & registration see www.flourishwest.com/

HOME MISSIONS WELCOMES GLA's Ryan Ver Wys. See welcome and check out and like <https://www.facebook.com/homemissions>
Also have you seen the HM video at <http://vimeo.com/91425682> Ann's story.

LA CHURCH PLANTING MOVEMENT: An inspirational Lunch meeting with 100's of young LA leaders on fire for the mission of God in LA. Sept 18 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bel Air Presbyterian Church 16221 Mulholland Dr. Los Angeles, CA. <https://www.stadia.cc/LA-movement/>

BELFLOWER SUMMER SERVE: See the Spirit of God unleashed in Bellflower through a local church and the hands and hearts of 150 youth. Awesome! <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=1517462411819140&set=vb.1444647032434012&type=2&theater> Well done Bonny and RWD CRC!

WHAT IS A KEZ? GLA is exploring this RCA partnership. http://www.cmi21.com/?page_id=383

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 "Striving together"

OUTREACH IDEAS: Movies. What do you think of the SONG? Or some of OUTREACH's other movies? <http://www.outreach.com/campaigns/TheSong.aspx?ref=jumbotron>