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We Want You Here Church Publishing,

Inc. Forgiveness is the distinctive Christian virtue. But, the most difficult command to practice. Forgiveness is easier to say than to do. Forgiveness: A Lovely Idea Until . . . provides clarity to what forgiveness looks like; compelling reasons why we should forgive; and the proper steps to know we have forgiven. For those people trapped in bitterness, anger, and hatred, this book uncovers the release. Forgiveness will free you from a painful past and propel you into a future of joy and freedom. Reflecting on a hurtful event that could have destroyed him, Rick Ezell presents a thorough understanding of forgiveness' power. He shows the process that led him to forgive. Though it was not easy and it did take time, the result was worth

it. He has gathered a gold mine of truth and in a concise form that will guide your forgiveness journey.

Future Church Baker Books

Engaging worship and intentional follow-up processes are important, but what compels guests to return to our churches is the warmth of our welcome and hospitality that goes beyond their expectations. The Art of Hospitality, a new comprehensive program developed by hospitality experts from the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, promises to guide a local church in exactly what the program's title implies: the artform of creating radical hospitality that infiltrates the heart and culture of the entire church. Complete with techniques and strategic planning throughout, The Art of Hospitality will

effectively change how you do church, leaving guests surprised, delighted, and eager to return. Loaded with key principles and methods honed by hospitality experts Debi Nixon and Yvonne Gentile in their work at The Church of the Resurrection, this guide is designed to engage staff across all ministry areas in creating a common language around the ministry of welcome. Additional components purchased separately include: *The Art of Hospitality: Implementation Guide*: Includes step-by-step implementation strategies for leadership teams tasked with developing and leading hospitality ministry. *The Art of Hospitality: Implementation DVD*: A supplemental DVD to accompany Implementation with visual training in all areas of hospitality.

The Art of Hospitality: Companion Book: Three-chapter book for the congregation as a whole or small groups to coincide with a sermon series in order to prepare the hearts and minds of the people in the pews. This compelling and practical program has been created by two hospitality leaders with credentials to claim their expertise: Debi Nixon is the Executive Director of ShareChurch, and Yvonne Gentile is the Senior Director of Guest Connections at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection—the largest United Methodist Church in the United States with more than 22,000 members and 13,000 average weekly attendees across its campuses.

Serving as a Church Greeter Canterbury Press

All churches like to think that theirs is the friendliest in town. But do visitors see it that way? Church consultant Gary McIntosh invites readers to take a look at their church through the eyes of visitors and potential visitors. His starting point, grounded in an understanding of God as a "welcomer," is that churches should see those who enter their doors as not merely visitors, but as guests, and themselves as gracious hosts. This practical book offers sound advice on assessing and improving the ways in which churches attract people, welcome them, do follow-up, and bring them into the church family. It also offers suggestions for making a welcoming attitude part of the very fabric of the local church.

The Greeter and Usher Handbook

Abingdon Press

Raise the bar in the area of guest services in your ministry. Establish your own ways of wowing guests. You will find new and better ways of making others feel welcome.

First Impressions Fortress Press

A tour through the dates, colors, and other traditions of the Church year. This third volume in the popular Morehouse series explains why we do what we do and when, and it does so in a user-friendly, thoroughly interesting way.

The Art of Hospitality Baker Books

The Holy Eucharist, Rites One and Two, from the Book of Common Prayer, with music for all proper prefaces and conclusions to Eucharistic Prayers; Prayers of the People; Communion under Special Circumstances; An Order for

Celebrating the Holy Eucharist; The Service of Light. Musical Appendix contains Opening Acclamations, Blessings and Dismissals, instructions for chanting the Lessons and the Gospel; the Prayers of the People; baptismal litany and Thanksgiving Over the Water; Consecration of the Chrism. (238 pages) Hole-punched for inclusion in the Holy Eucharist, Altar Edition, Binder. Binder sold separately (9780898690453). [Get Their Name](#) B&H Publishing Group Bookkeeping for churches can be quite different than for-profit businesses, and the other guides available cover either QuickBooks or church accounting, not both. Lisa London, *The Accountant Beside You*, walks you through QuickBooks for your church from start to finish, always with examples,

terminology, and understanding of what a busy church administrator needs to know in a clear, concise style. With her friendly easy-to-understand style and illustrative screenshots, Lisa guides new QuickBooks users every step of the way, while her tips for how to make QuickBooks work better for churches provides new insight and procedures for even the experienced bookkeeper. Not only does she step you through how to set up QuickBooks and utilize it more efficiently for your house of worship, but she also discusses everything you need to know to implement controls and procedures to ensure that your church's money is always protected. *QuickBooks for Churches* covers PC versions of QuickBooks from 2012 forward and even includes what's new in the 2014 version.

Lisa offers sound accounting procedures for both large and small houses of worship, for bookkeepers with years of experience as well as those just starting out. Let *The Accountant Beside You* take one more worry off your crowded to-do list.

Outgrowing the Ingrown Church

Church Publishing, Inc.

An influential pastor, podcaster, and thought leader believes it's not only possible to predict life's hardest moments, but also to alter outcomes, overcome challenges, and defeat your fiercest adversaries. Founding Pastor of one of North America's most influential churches, Carey Nieuwhof wants to help you avoid and overcome life's seven hardest and most crippling challenges: cynicism, compromise,

disconnectedness, irrelevance, pride, burnout, and emptiness. These are challenges that few of us expect but that we all experience at some point. If you have yet to confront these obstacles, Carey provides clear tools and guidelines for anticipation and avoidance. On the other hand, if you already feel stuck in a painful experience or are wrestling with one of these challenges, he provides the steps you need to find a way out and a way forward into a more powerful and vibrant future. Now available in paperback edition.

[The Art of Hospitality Companion Book](#)
Nazarene Publishing House

Walking into a church for the first time can be scary. Are you making your first-time guests feel welcome? Or are you driving them away-unintentionally-with

bad signage, reserved seating, clunky communication and more? In this practical book, Jonathan Malm examines 50 ways churches make first-time visitors feel unwelcome. The transgressions range from insider lingo to awkward transitions, a cold congregation to the over-eager greeter. With all 50 church faux pas, Jonathan suggests ways to not only fix the problem, but also infuse excellence into the situation so churches can put their best foot forward with first-time guests. A few simple changes can help your church roll out the welcome mat for your guests.

People Are the Mission Kregel Academic
The key to growth as a church, youth ministry, or a business is getting first-time guests to come back. And as any

good manager of a hotel, a store, a restaurant, or an attraction knows, the key to getting guests to come back is not actually the rooms or the product or the food itself; it's how guests feel when they're there. It's about hospitality. No matter how much effort and time we spend on excellence--stirring worship time, inspiring sermons, a good coffee blend in the foyer--what our guests really want when they come to our churches is to feel welcome, comfortable, and understood. Written by a church consultant and a hospitality expert, *The Come Back Effect* shows church, ministry, and even business leaders the secret to helping a first-time guest return again and again. Through an engaging, story-driven approach, they explain how service and hospitality

are two different things, show how Jesus practiced hospitality, and invite leaders to develop and implement changes that lead to repeat visits and, eventually, to sustained growth.

Disciple-Making Encounters Group Publishing (Company)

The message is basic but profound. We want guests to know they are welcome to the church. This book is a gift to guests to communicate that very message. Bestselling author Thom S. Rainer (I Am a Church Member, Autopsy of a Deceased Church) has created a tool for churches to become more hospitable through a brief, welcoming book that introduces the ministry of the local church to guests. *We Want You Here* is a clear and instructive message to be given to church guests. Rainer

facilitates the follow up conversation that every pastor would have, if they had the opportunity. By giving away the book to guests, they are encouraged, in a non-intrusive manner, to continue to reflect on the decision to visit their church. Those churches who share *We Want You Here* will be able to tell their guests:

- We Really Want You Here
- This is Not a Place for Perfect People
- We Would Like to Get to Know You
- This is Where Families Grow Strong
- Getting to Know the One Who Made Us
- Come Make a Difference with Us
- Thank You for Being Here

Suburbanity Rick Ezell

Church greeter ministry is a vital part of welcoming visitors to your church. They help shape that first impression which in turn, may very well shape a visitor's

journey to Christ. Sadly, greeting ministry gets neglected, overlooked, or relegated to auto-pilot. Church leaders end up begging for unmotivated volunteers who fill a space. Church Greeters 101 leads you forward in starting or relaunching the greeter ministry of your church, covering such topics as: how to recruit church greeters, ideas to train church greeters, and ways to cast the vision for ongoing hospitality ministry. Maybe: You've been asked to recruit greeters for your church greeting ministry. You've been asked to organize your church greeters, but aren't quite sure where to start. You've been asked to train your current greeters but can't find any adequate training material available. Maybe you are not sure of any of the requirements to be a church

greeter and are asking. . . Where do I begin? Perhaps your greeter ministry has fizzled out during an interim minister. Maybe your church greeting ministry has been neglected because your church has been through a process of healing. Or maybe your church has never had a greeter ministry and you feel the need to start something fresh. If you have the responsibility to lead the your church's greeter ministry, Church Greeters 101 can help you start organizing this ministry to improve your church's welcome experience, identify and recruit new volunteers, cast a renewed vision for hospitality ministry, and take your welcome experience to new levels. Church Greeters 101 will help you get started in putting an effective church greeting ministry in place. Your church

can't make an impact if your visitors don't come back. Church Greeters 101 will help you make sure your greeters are NOT the reason visitors stay away from your church. Inside Church Greeters 101 you'll find How to recruit new church greeters How to keep your church greeters from dropping out of ministry. Meeting ideas for church greeter training. 4 steps to recruit new church greeters and keep them on board. 11 Sample exercises and role plays 27 brainstorming questions for your greeter ministry A special section on ushers How to notice a 1st time visitor What to say to first time church visitors What NOT to say to first time church visitors How to spiritually prepare your greeting team A plan for organizing your greeter department or

ministry Sample church greeter guidelines and checklist for last minute reference Sample initial greeter training meeting 6 qualities of a excellent greeter 10 possible topics for greeter training meetings How to organize a greeting ministry from scratch How to schedule greeters How to figure out how many greeters you need. 6 different types of greeters. Ideas to develop your own church handouts and checklists. Help your greeters develop a commitment to this ministry. Smart Church Management: A Quality Approach to Church Administration Zondervan A Classic Yet Trendy Church Guest Book or Visitor Sign-in Book This beautiful guest book is a convenient 8.25x6in (21x15cm) size to fit any table. The 100-

page paperback book is a soft glossy book and bound with book industry binding (the same standard as your local library books). The quality crisp white paper minimizes ink bleed-through and is perfect for pen or pencil users. The sign in book features 100 Guest Pages with ample space for 400 guests to write: Date Name Physical/email address Telephone Special Request (including visit, prayer, other) If you like this guest book, click the brand name to see other classy styles and funky designs! Don't forget to click the buy button to get your copy!

52 Churches in 52 Weeks WaterBrook Most church members don't see their churches clearly. In almost all of Thom S. Rainer's consultations, church members perceive their church to be friendly. But

as he surveyed guests, he found that the guests typically saw church members as unfriendly. The perception chasm existed because the members were indeed friendly . . . to one another. The guests felt like they crashed a private party. Bestselling author Thom Rainer (I Am a Church Member, Autopsy of a Deceased Church) has a game plan for churches to become more hospitable. In a format that is suitable for church members to read individually or study together, Rainer guides readers toward a practical framework for making a difference for those who visit their church. Churches may use *Becoming a Welcoming Church* to assess and audit where they are on a spectrum between welcoming and wanting. Additionally, churches can use the companion book

We Want You Here to send guests home with a compelling vision for what pastors want every guest to know when they visit.

What Every Pastor Should Know Baker Books

Guests in church often decide whether to return or not before service even starts. It's crucial to create a welcoming environment for guests of your church--to ensure that their first impression is the best impression. Author Mark Waltz gives you practical strategies that have worked in his own church--that you can easily implement in yours. Learn how to make guests feel welcome the moment they pull in to your parking lot. Gain an understanding of the philosophy, strategy, and implementation of a ministry that focuses on welcoming

guests. Get practical ideas that take your church "greeting" to a whole new level.

Welcome to Sunday Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

An update to 2005's *The Usher's Book: Creating a Welcoming and Safe Environment for Worship*, *The Greeter and Usher Handbook* provides a guide to the responsibilities of those who are generally the first faces visitors encounter in church: the usher and the greeter. Intended for training use by church staff or volunteers, the text covers responsibilities related to all aspects of creating a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and new members.

The Come Back Effect Church Publishing, Inc.

A communications specialist discusses communication in the local church-- advertising, talking with the media, communicating with members, and utilizing technology. Includes helpful forms, checklists, and examples from cutting-edge churches.

Welcome to the Church Year

Westminster John Knox Press

This is a book for pacesetters -- church leaders who desire to help their churches break free of the things that turn them in on themselves. It is a masterly mix of biblical principle, objective analysis, and personal experience.

Church Communications Handbook

Abingdon Press

Surely there's more than one way to get to heaven? Bestselling author Andy

Stanley addresses this popular belief held even among Christians. But believing that all good people go to heaven raises major problems, Stanley reveals. Is goodness not rewarded, then? Is Christianity not fair? Maybe not, he says. Readers will find out why Jesus taught that goodness is not even a requirement to enter heaven - and why Christianity is beyond fair. Andy Stanley leads believers and skeptics alike to a grateful awareness of God's enormous grace and mercy. Good People Go to Heaven...Don't They? Sure they do. It only makes sense. Actually, it doesn't really make any sense at all. Smart, educated, accomplished men and women everywhere are banking their eternities on a theory that doesn't hold water. Chances are, you've never really

thought it through. But you owe it to yourself to do so. Find out now what's wrong with the most popular theory about heaven—and what it really takes to get there.

Welcome to the Book of Common Prayer
WestBow Press

For: • Individual use • Group training
Greeters are the welcoming arms that people long to find in a church. This practical guidebook will help you reach out to people who need to experience the warmth of belonging to a church family. Serving as a Church Greeter sheds light on • The Ministry of Church

Greeters • The Need for Warmhearted Greeters • Developing a User-Friendly Foyer • A Better Way of Doing Things • The Parking Lot Ministry
Zondervan Practical Ministry Guides provide you with simple, practical insights for serving in today's churches. Written by experienced pastors and church workers, these easy-to-read, to-the-point booklets address the fundamentals of different ministries as practiced effectively in real life. You'll find biblical insight and wise, field-tested advice you can apply today, as well as discussion questions to help you think through and integrate what you read.