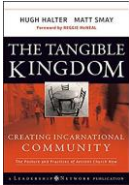


# Community Engagement Resources List

## *Recommended Reading:*



### **The Tangible Kingdom** – by Hugh Halter & Matt Smay

In today's culture, many faith seekers have tried different churches, methods, programs, leaders, teachers, and styles only to discover that nothing holds their interest. The Tangible Kingdom offers theological answers and real-life stories that demonstrate how the best ancient church practices can re-emerge in today's culture, through any church of any size. (Jossey Bass, 2008)



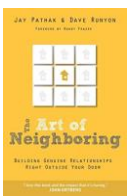
### **The Tangible Kingdom Primer (8-week study)** – by Hugh Halter & Matt Smay

Everyone is talking about community. Everyone seems to want it, but most struggle to find it. The Tangible Kingdom Primer is a spiritual formation tool to prepare your heart for mission. Secondly, it's a field guide for starting mission together. (Missio Publishing, 2009)



### **Don't Invite Them to Church** – by Karen Wilk

Loving your neighbors isn't about getting them to join you on Sundays. It's about living your faith right where you are and BEING the church to the people around you. This flexible guidebook will help you, your small group, or your church get started in neighborhood ministry and missional living. (Faith Alive, 2010)



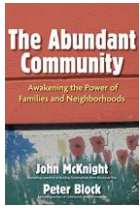
### **The Art of Neighboring** – by Matt Runyon and Jay Pathak

When Jesus was asked to sum up the Law in one command, he said to love God with everything we have and to love our neighbours as ourselves. What would happen if every follower of Jesus took the Great Commandment literally, with our actual neighbours? Is it possible that the solution to our society's biggest issues has been right under our noses for the past two thousand years? (Baker Books, 2012)



### **Next Door as it is in Heaven** – by Lance Ford & Brad Brisco

This book offers principles and best practices to make our neighbourhoods into places where compassion and care are once again part of the culture, where good news is once again more than words, and where the love of God can be once again rooted and established. (NavPress, 2016)



**The Abundant Community** – by John McKnight & Peter Block

“Don’t wait for a politician, scientist, infomercial, or lottery ticket to come to the rescue. Read this powerful book and help yourself, your neighbors, and your planet to satisfying and sustainable solutions found only in community.” (*Review by Jim Diers, former Director, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, and author of Neighbor Power*) This book teaches that we have the capacity to find real and sustainable satisfaction right in our neighborhood and community. (Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2012)

## ***Recommended Websites/Blogs:***

[The Network \(CRCNA blog/news site\)](#)

[Check out this article on Family Fire](#) (A ministry of Back to God Ministries International)