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DEVELOPING A CULTURE IN A CHURCH

by

Rev. David Christy,

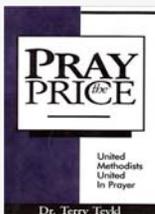
Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Gastonia

One of the great things about getting to be a local church pastor is that we are allowed to witness different "ways of being" (culture) local churches. Each church has its own culture. I think the role of the clergy is to remind the church what they already know: the culture reflects the God who calls us into



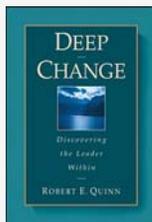
ministry together! We can realize that through intentional prayer groups, Wesleyan accountability groups, or other shared ministry... [More](#)

Rev. David Christy recommends two books that read together by small groups or staff members can affect the culture of a church.



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impact your **culture**

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by Michael D. Watkins



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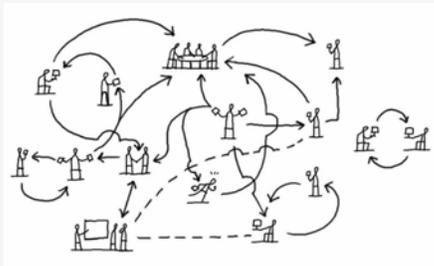
IT'S NOT THE BOTTOM, IT'S THE FOUNDATION

by Seth Godin



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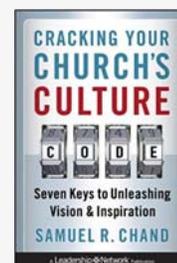
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by Dr. Sam Chand, President Emeritus of Beulah Heights University

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