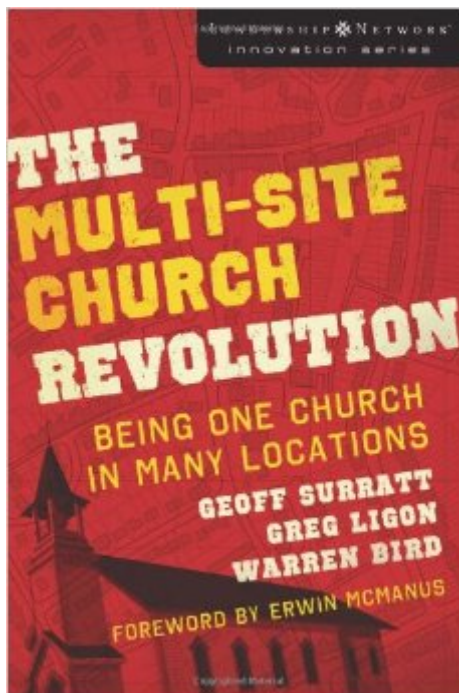


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# The Multi-Site Church Revolution: Being One Church In Many Locations (Leadership Network Innovation Series)



## Synopsis

Fueled by a desire to reach people for Christ, a revolution is underway. Churches are growing beyond the limitations of a single service in one building. Expanding the traditional model, they are embracing the concept of one church with more than one site: multiple congregations sharing a common vision, budget, leadership, and board. Drawing from the examples of churches nationwide, *The Multi-Site Church Revolution* shows what healthy multi-site churches look like and what motivates congregations to make the change. Discover how your church can:

- cast a vision for change
- ensure a successful DNA transfer (vision and core values) to its new site
- develop new leaders
- fund new sites
- adapt to structure and staffing change
- use technology to support your worship services

You'll identify the reasons churches succeed and how they overcome common snags. *The Multi-Site Church Revolution* offers guidance, insights, and specific action steps as well as appendixes with practical leadership resources and self-diagnostic tools.

I wholeheartedly recommend this book for any pastor or church leader who needs to know the pertinent issues, tested solutions, and real examples of multi-site strategies that are currently being deployed around the world.

—Ed Young, senior pastor, Fellowship Church

The authors have done their homework. They have firsthand knowledge of the successes and failures of this movement, having been networking with and facilitating dialogue among churches across the country for years.

—Max Lucado, senior minister, Oak Hills Church

Look no further than this book to propel your ministry to Ephesians 3:20 proportions: exceeding abundantly above all that you could ever ask or think!

—Randy and Paula White, senior pastors, Without Walls International Church

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## Customer Reviews

The Multi-Site Church Revolution is the complete package! At just over 200 pages, it's packed with some really good back-story from churches where the idea is working. Equally helpful are examples of missteps in many of the model churches. Through the stories the authors effectively demonstrate that this is a strategy that is working in many different locations and in a variety of ways (Part One explores five different models). The section that I found most helpful was on Building Better Leaders. Along with a list of 10 very practical ideas for leadership development, you'll find a list of 8 questions that will help you spot new leaders. No matter where you are on the multi-site journey, figuring out how to identify and then build more and better leaders is an ongoing challenge. Another very helpful section is on the Secrets of Ongoing Replication. Organized around 7 thought-provoking questions, this chapter can serve as the basis for a very productive off-site for your team. If there is a weakness, it might be in the chapter on defining your church's DNA. Hitting the Sweet Spot contains some helpful nuggets but you'll need to turn to other resources as you seek clarity on "what is foundational and what stands at the periphery." All things considered this is a great new resource that will help advance the multi-site movement. If you're open to investigating a different solution, it could also open your eyes to new ways to advance the Kingdom. I highly recommend it.

"The Multi-Site Church Revolution: Being One Church in Many Locations" is a very valuable book for churches that want to expand beyond their own location, are growing out of their building, or want to reach a new population of people. "A multi-site church is one church meeting in multiple locations... [it] shares a common vision, budget, leadership, and board." One of the main reasons to consider opening a multi-site church is from research that shows that the people willing to drive thirty plus minutes to a worship service rarely invite their friends and neighbors to church, participate in midweek activities and small group ministry, volunteer to serve, nor involve their children in church. A multi-site church brings the resources of a larger church closer to where people live and serve, often with an attractive smaller church atmosphere. For churches considering opening a new campus, the authors of "Multi-site" give a history of the development of the multi-site movement and an explanation of how this approach has already been used by God to expand the ministry of hundreds of churches. After getting a vision for what multi-site churches can do, the authors give a

step-by-step explanation of how to pick new sites, campus pastors, ministry teams, and budget for the new location. Then after the first campus starts, the book offers advice to help churches with staff organizational structure, leadership development, and financing that is necessary to continue and expand the multiplication of sites. "Multi-site" is worth reading even if you are not considering starting a new campus because it will help you to understand the philosophy behind the multi-site church that probably will soon be opening near you; a high percentage of the nation's largest and fastest growing churches are multi-site. Take it a look, it is worth reading.

Overall I think this was a very good presentation of the multi site church concept. However, it did seem largely one sided in that it primarily focused on the benefits of the multi site concept while largely ignoring the drawbacks. The author clearly is a proponent of the concept, seemingly to the degree of believing that most churches should be doing this. I would have preferred a more balanced approach. Overall, a good, informational book but not great.

This book was a good explanation of Multi-Site. It also contained many practical tips on how to do multi-site. However, as a Christian pastor I found my self getting irritated at the complete lack of interest in serious discussion about the Bible or doctrine.

Great Book. Even if you are not considering being multi-site this book is very inspiring and challenging. Especially as you discover four reasons to go multi-site. More seats, more parking, no building payments and more souls won to Christ.

Honestly I was very skeptical going into this book. I picked it up because a pastors group that I am a part of were going to be discussing it together. Going into the book I had a particular picture of what a multi-site church looked like and was pleasantly surprised and even found myself enthusiastic about the concept after just the first few chapters. It is great to see the many varieties of multi-site out there and how God is working in incredible ways. A definite must read for anyone considering multi-site ministry or for anyone who wants to get a different perspective on it. Good, easy, quick read.

If you are a church leader even thinking about multi-site, are multi-site or want to know what multi-site is - you need this book. Geoff Surratt, Greg Ligon and Warren Bird have put together a Master's Degree in multi-site in a readable and enjoyable book.

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