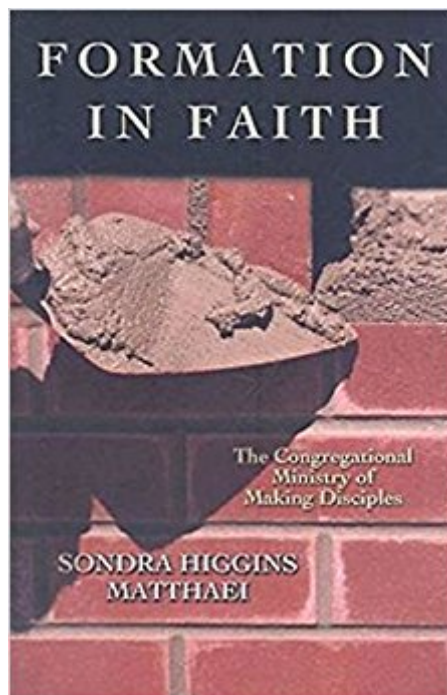




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Synopsis

The ministry of congregations is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Behind that simple and seemingly self-evident statement lies a problematic reality, however. While congregations know that disciple making is at the heart of their identity, they often have trouble understanding how to go about it. Apart from such traditional Christian education ministries as Sunday school, too little formal thinking or planning goes into the task of forming Christians in the faith. In this book Sondra Matthaei casts a vision in which congregations open up their life of faith to others as an invitation to connect the universal longing for authentic relationships and deeper meaning with the church's practice of faithful discipleship. As folks enter the church's communion of grace, Matthaei challenges church leaders to utilize the gifts of every member and lays out a plan to help congregations grow in faith and communion with God and creation, including the context and goal of such ministry, deciding what to teach and who shall teach, and attendant relationships, structures, and practices.

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Sondra Higgins Matthaei is Professor of Christian Religious Education at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri. She is the author of *Making Disciples: Faith Formation in the Wesleyan Tradition*, also published by Abingdon Press.

I get the distinct feeling that this author was told to write clearly by someone who then proceeded to

spit in her cheerios. The writing style is needlessly circular and verbose, and I don't feel that it's backed by experience nearly so much as theory.

The proof is in the praxis. For me a book on faith formation or disciple-making is as valuable as it is useful. The jury is still out on this one. Its tone tends to the academic and the abstract. However, sometimes academic and abstract discussions can translate to effective action. They can provide the raw materials of conceptualization and strategy. Can its concepts and strategies be implemented on the ground, and if so, will results occur? I'll have to get back to you on this one.

The book arrived in excellent condition. I got this book for a class I'm taking. It is a good book with lots of great information.

I purchased this for a class I am taking. It is being used as a textbook for a Christian development class. It is simple to understand and follow. good practical advice.

Not interesting

even though I seem to know all the info in this book. Sometimes we need to be reminded what our main purpose is in the church. Encourage you to read it.

great resource

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