

Faith and the Fire of Public Religion<sup>1</sup>  
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Revised July 2009:

- Introduction: Reclaiming Public Religion in Worshiping Communities. . . . .
- a. Narratives:
    - Worshiping Communities Reborn
    - Contemporary Faith Journeys Being Born
  - b. Reclaiming politics:
    - The “New Voices” Project of the PICO National Network
  - c. The Congregational Development Research Study:
    - Research design:
      - How we approached the research
  - d. Research process, methodology, & representativity
  - e. Overview of book
1. Thriving & Struggling Public Religion: Congregational Development Through Public Work
- a. Assessing Congregational Development Outcomes
  - b. Logic Model: How *might* civic engagement generate congregational development?
  - c. Evidence and Stories of FBCO-driven Congregational Development . . . . .
  - d. General dynamics of
    - i. Relationships as Social Capital . . . . .
    - ii. Leadership Development . . . . .
    - iii. Faith Links . . . . .
    - iv. Power and Public Presence (RLW: inc the “public within”). . . . .
2. Reclaiming politics & Political Culture: Dynamics of Public Life in Congregations
- a. Public work: politics as human activity, politics as spiritual calling
  - b. The cultural terrain of politics
  - c. Political organizing as cross-institutional flow
3. Rekindling Public Protestantism: Latent Fire in the Mainline Churches
- a. Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Episcopalians, American Baptists
4. Channeling the Fire of Public Evangelicalism: Social Pentecostals and the Historic Black Churches
5. Reclaiming Public Catholicism: Toward a New Solidarity
6. Public Judaism: Reclaiming a Legacy, Repairing the World
7. Emergent Public Congregations: The Public Presence of Unitarians, Muslims, and Latino

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<sup>1</sup> Alternative title: *The Fire of Public Religion*

Pentecostals (RLW\*\*\*latter here, or in chapter on social pentecostals?)

- 8. Nurturing Public Work: The Artisans of Public Religion
  - a. The role of the organizing networks
  - b. Nurturing public congregations: Emerging role of denominations and para-denominations
  - c. Artisans of public congregations: Clergy, lay leaders, and organizers

Conclusion: The Challenges Ahead, and the Promise of Public Life. . . . .

Appendices:

- The National and Regional FBCO Networks . . . . .
- Related Publications . . . . .