

## **8. Three Foundational Books and Three Basic Articles on**

### **Springs of Living Water**

Three books in Springs of Living Water give a thorough treatment of the renewal process. The most recent *Springs of Living Water, Christ-centered Church Renewal* with Foreword by Richard Foster (2008) is an in depth coverage of what a church needs to enter into a spiritual renewal journey. The extensive Appendices are field tested resources that a local church can utilize.

The first book written was *A New Heart and A New Spirit, A Plan for Renewing Your Church* (1994) and is the course as taught starting in 1986 at Eastern, an American Baptist Seminary near Philadelphia. Needing a book on spiritually focused servant leadership led to the second book on *Servant Leadership for Church Renewal, Shepherds by the Living Springs* (1999).

While the three books in church renewal explain the spiritual journey of Springs of Living Water, there are three short articles that can be used for interpretation and implementation of Springs. Each was published by *Net Results* and should be given credit as the source.

David S. Young, “*Renewal in Times of Fear and Opportunity with questions*”, *Net Results*, May, June, 2009, pp. 21-14, 30. This article is a basic overview looking at three fundamentals of Springs of Living Water: Spiritual Disciplines, Servant Leadership, and a Healthy Church with an Urgent Mission.

David S. Young, “*Seven Tipping Points of Church Renewal in Times of Fear and Opportunity*,” *Net Results*, March, April, 2010, pp. 15-19. The article focuses on the shifts one can see when renewal moves from one level to another and momentum shifts and a church moves into action implementing a ministry plan.

David. S. Young, “*Did Jesus Have a Strategic Plan?*” *Net Results*, November, December 2010, pp. 15, 16, 18. While Jesus did not have a strategic plan of numbers and programs, he did move with great sensitivity meeting the spiritual needs of people. His plan shows us to follow the spiritual thirst.