

RECOVERING ABUNDANCE Twelve practices for small-town leaders Andy Stanton-Henry

To the ordinary leaders who are doing the hidden but holy work of renewing their small towns and rural regions

Introduction	Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5	Chapter 6	Chapter 7	Chapter 8	Chapter 9	Chapter 10	Chapter 11	Chapter 12	Notes &
	The Practice of . . .												
	Retreat	Discernment	Stability	Inventory	Imagination	Organizing	Hospitality	Grounding	Gratitude	Generosity	Solidarity	Memory	
1	10	32	56	77	97	118	137	159	179	198	217	239	265
9	22	24	21	20	21	19	22	20	19	19	22	26	15
	Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.	When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd he had compassion on them.	They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.	How many loaves do you have? Go and see.	Bring them here to me.	Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups	Taking the five loaves and two fish . . .	There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down.	Taking the five loaves and two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks.	Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish.	They all ate and were satisfied.	Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.	
	Mark 6:31	Mark 6:34	Matthew 14:16	Mark 6:38	Matthew 14:18	Mark 6:39	Mark 6:41	John 6:10	Mark 6:41	John 6:9	Mark 6:42	John 6:12	
I woke up on November 9, 2016	It all started with a retreat	I have taken many retreats	I am not an angry man	There is a Hasidic tale about a poor Jewish man	I spent most of my childhood years	Meet Oliver Hudson Kelley	I was a brand-new pastor, excited	I'll never forget the time I got lost	One of the rituals that was consistent and non-negotiable in my household was saying grace before the meal	Sister Simone Campbell talks about how frustrated she got reading the story	Working at a public library provides me an up-close and personal seat from which to view the struggles	When I was growing up, we often had leftovers after a meal	
The Rest of the Story	Bulls and Bushes	The Paradox of Rural Life	Salvation by Relocation	Inventory and Inquiry	Releasing Our Resources	Jesus the Organizer	The Meal is the Message	Saving Stillness	Gratitude in Everything	More of a Miracle?	The Kingdom of God is like a Pottluck	Remembering the Future	
An Alternative Story	Prairie and Pilgrimage	Carrying Your Cross	The Middle of Nowhere	Word Work	Faith for Food	Power Hungry	Confidence	Seated by Jesus	Gratitude as Social Act	Generativity	Charity and Solidarity	Multiplying the Miracle	
The Old-New Story	Reorienting: Outside the Village	Interruption and Invitation	Stability in the Desert	Gold in Them Hills	Grief and Prophetic Imagination	Crowd Control and Community Cultivation	Intentionality	Down to Earth	Gratitude and Transformation	Availability	What the Socialists Want You to Think	Communities of Memory	
Leading the New Story	Renewal: In the Boat	Moved with Compassion	Stability and Spiritual Renewal	Community Capital	Stewarding Sacred Spaces	The Kingdom is Botanical	Particularity	Grounding with Guests	Gratitude as Resistance	Ask	Kinship and Kingdom	The Past is Priority	
Practicing the New Story	Restoration: On the Beach	Contemplation and Action	Stability and Social change	Locus of Power	Heritage House	It's Also a Battle		Wild Churches	Gratitude in My Town	Practice Mutual Aid	Family Quarrels	Sitting Till Bedtime	
		Discernment and Temptation	Brain Gain	Power and Dis-possession			Earth Witness	Gratitude and the Economy of Mercy	Pitfalls in a Community of Memory				
		Discernment and Desire	Stability is Testimony	Making a Miracle				Gratitude as Leadership	Icons and Idols				
		Discernment and Hunger						Gathering the Gifts	Selective Memory				
								Gratitude and Resilience	Nostalgia				
								Gratitude Interventions	Planting and Preserving Seeds				
								Loved into Being	Legacy Work				
												The Growing Edge	