WEB RESOURCES

— General information, blog sites, browsers, calendar sites, communication and marketing, event registration, email management, file sharing, online conferencing, networking, photo storage, podcasting, video sharing, rating and review, web development, web tools, wiki — revised 12/11/12

GENERAL INFORMATION WEBSITES

Anglimergent.org
relational network of Anglicans engaging emerging church and mission
http://anglimergent.ning.com/

Beliefnet
Religious portal with great content: discussion groups, reviews, viewer polls, prayer circles, advise, etc.
www.beliefnet.com

Christian Website conservative evangelical web directory, reference and services
http://www.christianwebsite.com/index.html

Churchwebsitehelp blog and reference. Evaluates church websites, provides advice. Maintained by a UMC web minister
http://www.churchwebsitehelp.com/

gospel.com
evangelical Christian site, good tips for church website creation
http://gospelcom.net

Heal Your Church Website
Individual's web advice site for churches. By Dean Peters. "Teaching, rebuking, correcting & training in righteous web design." Aggregates other sites: blogs, web development tools, design suggestions,
http://www.healyourchurchwebsite.com/

Churchseek church directory for the United States
http://www.churchseek.net/

BLOG SITES

Blip TV
Video blogging and podcasting
http://blip.tv/

Blogger Google hosting and development site for free blogs
http://www.blogger.com

Google blog   Google blog site
http://googleblog.blogspot.com/

Blogster
http://www.blogster.com

Bluehost
http://bluehost.com

Church Communications Pro
Blogging and website design and help site for churches; provides advice and templates for WordPress
http://churchcommunicationspro.com/

Typepad
http://www.typepad.com

Wordpress
http://wordpress.org/

Technoerati
Tracks, catalogues and rates blog sites and social networking sites. Content aggregator.
http://www.technorati.com/

BROWSERS
Google Chrome
http://www.google.com/chrome

Internet Explorer
http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/internet-explorer/products/ie/home

Mozilla Firefox
http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/new/

Safari   Apple browser for Mac and PC
http://www.apple.com/safari/

CALENDAR SITES
Mychurchevents free calendar for adding to websites, multiple formats and views, downloadable data
http://www.mychurchevents.com/

Doodle
Collaborative scheduling for meetings, conferences and group events.
http://www.doodle.com/

Google calendar
https://www.google.com/accounts/ServiceLogin?service=cl&passive=true&nui=1&continue=http%3A//www.google.
com/calendar/render?sa=N&tab=lc&followup=http%3A//www.google.com/calendar/render?sa=N&tab=lc

Trumba   interactive online web calendar software
http://www.trumba.com/connect/default.aspx

COMMUNICATION & MARKETING SITES
Babelfish   text and webpage translation tool of Yahoo
http://babelfish.yahoo.com/

Churchmarketingsucks by the Center for Church Communications
http://churchmarketingsucks.com

Churchcartoon
http://www.churchcartoon.com

The Cluetrain Manifesto
Promoting horizontal, two-way communication in internet marketing, and building trust and mutual respect between
businesses and customers.
http://www.cluetrain.com/

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Episcopal Communicators   resources page
http://www.episcopalcommunicators.org/communications-resources/

Faith and Values Media
http://www.faithandvaluesmedia.org/

The Revealer
Review of religion and the press
http://www.therevealer.org/index.php

EVENT REGISTRATION
Acteva
Online event registration and management
http://www.acteva.com/

Qgive   online donations and event registration
http://www.qgiv.com/

Regonline
Online event registration and management
http://www.regonline.com/

Serviceu   event management and registration, donations for schools, churches, nonprofits
http://www.serviceu.com/

EMAIL MANAGEMENT AND MESSAGING
Churchpost email management, e-newsletter, email groups (multiple users, allows attachments)
http://churchpost.com

Constant Contact email management, e-newsletter, email groups
http://constantcontact.com

mailchimp
email management, email groups
http://www.mailchimp.com/

Twitter web messaging, micro-blogging
http://twitter.com/

Yourmailinglistprovider   email management (allows attachments)
http://www.yourmailinglistprovider.com/

FILE SHARING and STORAGE
Dropbox
https://www.dropbox.com/home#:::

Live Drive   affordable file storage and sharing,unlimited storage and bandwidth
http://www.livedrive.com/

4 Shared   basic and affordable file sharing and storage
http://www.4shared.com/signup.jsp

ONLINE CONFERENCING
Goto Meeting
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/?Portal=www.gotomeeting.com

MeBeam   video chatting and conferencing
http://www.mebeam.com/index.php

MegaMeeting
http://www.megameeting.com/overview.html

Oovoo video chat and conferencing
http://www.oovoo.com/

Sight Speed   video conferencing
http://www.sightspeed.com/

Skype   video calling and conferencing
http://www.skype.com

Webex   training, learning, conferencing
http://www.webex.com/index.html

NETWORKING
Digg
http://digg.com/

Facebook
http://www.facebook.com/

Friendfeed   aggregates networking and content sharing accounts
http://friendfeed.com/

Google+
https://plus.google.com/

MySpace
www.myspace.com/

Ning
http://www.ning.com/

Quora
For submitting questions on topics or choosing topics to follow and answer questions. Similar to wiki
http://www.quora.com/

Twitter   web messaging, micro-blogging
http://twitter.com/

PHOTO SITES
Flickr.com   photo cataloguing, viewing, sharing
http://flickr.com/

(photo sites continued)
Photobucket
http://photobucket.com/about

Picasa photo management sharing site by Google
http://picasa.google.com/

Shutterfly.com photo cataloguing, print orders
http://shutterfly.com

Smugmug
http://www.smugmug.com/

PODCASTING
Liberated Syndication hosting (Libsyn)   pod hosting, management and distribution
http://www.libsyn.com/index.php?&mode=logout&message=

Podbean   pod hosting and subscription
http://podbean.com/

Podcast People podcast creation and hosting
http://www.podcastpeople.com/

VIDEO REFERENCE AND SHARING SITES
Our Church Video
http://www.ourchurchvideos.com

Digg
http://digg.com

Google Video
http://video.google.com

Metacafe
http://metacafe.com

Vimeo
http://vimeo.com

Youtube.com
http://youtube.com

RATING AND REVIEW
Churchrater.com founded February 2010 by Matt Casper and Tyler Mahoney, user reviews of church experiences
http://churchrater.com/

Foursquare   microblogging and rating site, location notification, point awards, similar to Twitter
http://foursquare.com/

Yelp   search, review and ratings of retail, services and institutions
http://www.yelp.com/

Bluehost
http://www.bluehost.com/

Churchsites
http://churchsites.com/

Clover
http://www.cloversites.com/

Digital Faith Community
http://www.digitalfaith.org/

Elexio
http://Elexio.com

Ezekiel
http://e-zekiel.com/

Faith Connector
http://www.faithconnector.com/index.cfm

Monk Development/Ekklesia360
http://www.monkdevelopment.com/

1and1
http://order.1and1.com/xml/order/Home;jsessionid=5EEB0443E4E61FA2AABD4CA946C60AB6.TCpfix140a?__frame=
_top&__lf=Static&linkOrigin=sitedesign&linkId=hd.nav.home

Your Church Web
http://yourchurchweb.net

Weebly
http://www.weebly.com/

WebSanity
http://www.websanity.com/index.htm

WEB DESIGN TOOLS
Buttinator
Create graphics for web page links
http://www.buttonator.com/

Church App Developer
Develops mobile applications for I Phone, IPad and Droid
http://www.thechurchapp.org/apps/iphone-ipad-android-apps-for-churches

Drupal
Content management platform
http://drupal.org/

Hootsuite
social media tracking, statistics tracking, search column embedding, twitter list management
http://hootsuite.com/

Flipping Book
Software for creating digital publications and converting pdf documents to digital publications
http://page-flip.com/

Flipbuilder
Software for creating digital publications, and converting pdf documents to digital publications for distribution on digital media or posting online.
http://www.flipbuilder.com/

Issuu
Website service for creating and storing digital publications. Free and paid solutions.
http://issuu.com/

Joomla
Open source content management system
http://www.joomla.org/

Widgetbox   for locating or making widget content (compact display for RSS, video, images, etc)
http://www.widgetbox.com/

Wordle
Create word clouds from text source
http://www.wordle.net/

Wufoo
Form creation web application developed by Infinity Box inc.
http://wufoo.com/

WIKI
Wikidot open source wiki creation and hosting software
http://www.wikidot.org/

Atwiki free wiki hosting service
http://atwiki.com/

pbwiki   wiki creation and hosting service
http://pbwiki.com/

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http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/oreilly/tim/news/2005/09/30/what-is-web-20.html

Outreach magazine. February 21, 2011. Social Media and the Church. By Justin Wise, et. al.
http://www.outreachmagazine.com/features/4048-Social-Media-and-the-Church.html

BOOKS

An Army of Davids: How Markets and Technology Empower Ordinary People to Beat Big Media, Big Government, and Other Goliaths   Thomas Nelson (March 7, 2006)
ISBN-10: 1595550542

The Big Switch, Rewiring the World from Edison to Google.   By Nicholas Carr. **Paperback:** 304 pages **Publisher:** W. W. Norton & Company; Reprint edition (January 19, 2009)
Language: English **ISBN-10:** 0393333949   Examines the evolution of the personal computer to a computer utility.

Church Website Design: A Step by Step Approach. By Timothy Fish. BookSurge Publishing (January 19, 2007) 265 pages, paperback. **ISBN-10:** 1419659715
This book focuses on the details of designing and developing a church website. The reader will come to an understanding of the church's need for a website, the things that should go into the website, how to implement the website and what to do when it is done.

Creating Web Pages—All-in-One Desk Reference for Dummies
Emily A. Vander Veer et al. For Dummies; Book and CD-ROM edition (November 15, 2001). **ISBN:** 076451542X.
Creating Web Pages All-in-One Desk Reference For Dummies also includes a CD-ROM containing trial versions of the software tools you'll need, such as Dreamweaver, BBEdit, Flash, and Photoshop.

Don't Make Me Think: A Common Sense Approach to Web Usability
by Steve Krug. New Riders; 1st edition (October 13, 2000) **ISBN:** 0789723107
All of the tips, techniques, and examples presented revolve around users being able to surf through a well-designed site with minimal cognitive strain. Using an attractive mix of full-color screen shots, cute cartoons and diagrams, and informative sidebars, the book keeps your attention and drives home some crucial points. Much of the content is devoted to proper use of conventions and content layout.

Getting the Word Out: the Alban Guide to Church Communications. Pub: The Alban Institute. October 2003. Paperback. 244 pages. **ISBN-10:** 9781566992831

Here Comes Everybody: The power of organizing without organizations
By Clay Shirky. Penguin (Non-Classics); Reprint edition (February 24, 2009)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0143114948

Less Clutter. Less Noise.: Beyond Bulletins, Brochures and Bake Sales
By Kem Meyer. Pub: thirty: one press. Paperback March 2009.
ISBN-10: 0979589959
With proven "now" communication strategies--practical solutions and principles that build trust instead of walls--helping make every aspect of a person's engagement with church simple and more rewarding. Includes short illustrations and real-life stories.

Six Degrees: The Science of a Connected Age
By Duncan J. Watts. W.W. Norton & Co. (February 17, 2004)
ISBN-10: 0393325423

The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains by Nicholas Carr. 288 pages **Publisher:** W. W. Norton & Company (June 7, 2010) **Language:** English
ISBN-10: 0393072223   Examines the mental and social transformations underway in the digital environment. How our brains may be rewired by the internet.

The Elements of User Experience: User-Centered Design for the Web
by Jesse James Garrett. New Riders; 1st edition (October 11, 2002)
ISBN: 0735712026
The Elements of User Experience cuts through the complexity of user-centered design for the Web with clear explanations and vivid illustrations that focus on ideas rather than tools or techniques.

Unleashing Web 2.0: From Concepts to Creativity
Morgan Kaufmann (July 27, 2007)
ISBN-10: 0123740347

Web 2.0 A Strategy Guide
By Amy Shuen. O'Reilly Media, Inc. (August 7, 2008)
ISBN-10: 0596529961

Wired for Ministry: How the Internet, Visual Media, and Other New Technologies Can Serve Your Church
by John P., Jr. Jewell. Brazos Press; (February 2004) **ISBN:** 1587430754.

The Word Made Fresh: Communicating Church and Faith Today. By Meredith Gould. Pub: Morehouse. August 1 2008. Paperback. **ISBN-10:** 9780819222855
This inviting communicators book helps readers appreciate the significance, value, and role of church communications as a ministry, to understand the role they play in transmitting the Gospel. The author explains how the history of church communications, starting with the first-century church, provides a useful context for understanding church communications today, and offers counsel about using spiritual practices to face the challenges of communicating sacred messages.

You are not a gadget. By Jaron Lanier. **Publisher:** Knopf; 1 edition (January 12, 2010)
Language: English . 224 pages. **ISBN-10:** 0307269647
Argument for digital humanism. Exploring how social networking and software are changing how people process information.

The Internet Church
by Walter P. Wilson. Word Publishing; (February 8, 2000) **ASIN:** 0849916399
The Internet Church shows church leaders how to start from square one in creating an interactive website that can greatly expand the ministry potential of a church. Walter Wilson, an internet expert and committed Christian, describes how technology can enhance evangelism outreach, and challenges leaders to take advantage of unprecedented opportunities in the new digital age.