Foundational Books on Church Growth

*McGavran, Donald A., Revised and edited by C. Peter Wagner
  This one book is the best outline of Donald McGavran’s thought and the various editions laid the foundation for the church growth movement.

*Wagner, C. Peter
  This is one of the first and most influential books by Peter Wagner. Often quoted and lectured from, many phrases from this book entered the permanent language of the movement.

*Wagner, C. Peter with Win Arn and Elmer Towns
  A more comprehensive and detailed book than *Your Church Can Grow,* this book attempted to bring forth both the newest and the most mature thought of the movement.

*Rainer, Thom S.
  A book that gives an overview and background of the movement. According to Wagner in the preface, it is a “textbook” of the church growth movement. Extensive bibliography.

Current Thinking at Fuller Seminary

*Shenk, Wilbert R.
  Current professor at Fuller. Mennonite. Deals with postmodernism.

Gibbs, Eddie
  2000  *Church Next.* Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.
  Current professor at Fuller. Anglican. Deals with postmodernism.

Van Engen, Charles
  Current professor at Fuller. Reformed. Deals with theology of mission and the missionary nature of the local church.
“How to” Books on Church Growth
*Wagner, C. Peter
  Probably the most read and followed “how to” books in Church growth ever printed. The
  foundation for all spiritual gifts inventories to follow.

*Schaller, Lyle E.
  The best “how to” writer in the church growth movement. Highly practical books written
  from an evangelical perspective.

*Robert E. Coleman
  One of the very earliest books on discipleship. Reprinted many times.

Stedman, Ray C.
  One of the earliest and very best books on the importance of community in church
  growth. Written by a pastor.

*Arn, Win
  A small book with a great idea about what ratios should be in your church in order to

*Dudley, Roger L. and Des Cummings Jr.
  An SDA book published by two professors from Andrews University during the height of
  the Church Growth movement. Came with workbook for churches.

*Barna, George
  1995 *Evangelism that Works: How to Reach Changing Generations with the Unchanging
  Evangelical researcher based in Glendale California who does annual research and then
  writes a book to inform church leaders about how the church can better serve and win the
  society around them.
Theology of Church Growth
*Bosch, David J.
The very best theology of mission every printed. Period.

*Newbigin, Lesslie
Anglican missionary to India who was able to critique the effects of Western society on the church.

*Costas, Orlando
1982  Christ Outside the Gate. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books
Theologian from Latin America who critique the church growth movement in relation to liberation theology and the two-thirds world.

Current Church Growth Practice
*Warren, Rick
California mega-church pastor. Excellent discipleship. See pastors.com

*Hybels, Bill
Chicago mega-church pastor. Excellent mission.

Schwarz, Christian
1996  Natural Church Development. Carol Stream, IL : ChurchSmart Resources
Current professor at Fuller. Reformed. Deals with theology of mission and the missionary nature of the local church.

*In Leslie Hardinge Library at AIIAS
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