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Connecting for a Change: How to Engage People, Churches, and Partners to Inspire Hope in Your Community
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April 16, 2019 (Nashville, TN)—Abingdon Press announced today the release of ***Connecting for a Change: How to Engage People, Churches, and Partners to Inspire Hope in Your Community***, by Joseph W. Daniels, Jr., and Christie Latona.

Mission Strategy is about aligning the what, who, how and when with God's why. Learn to implement Mission Strategy in your community of faith!

Church and community relevance and vitality depends on leaders who see their situation through the lens of Mission Strategy. **The authors have lived Mission Strategy in a variety of bold ways and have helped others do the same.** In doing so, they have created vitality in existing congregations and in newly formed clusters of churches. They have helped create zones of innovation and new ministry development.

The sky is the limit when pastors, church leaders, and laity in local churches begin emphasizing Mission Strategy in their conferences, regions, neighborhoods, and churches.

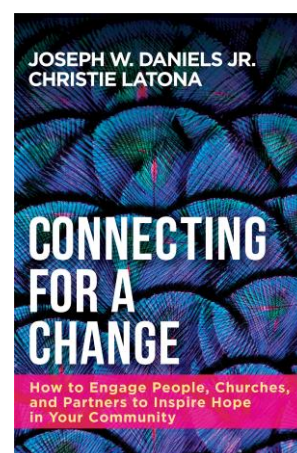
"This book is for those who share the authors' passion for connecting people, churches, and partners to inspire hope and life change in their communities. With rich biblical examples, the authors develop four building blocks for vitality that turn distrust and division into courage and competence to help communities thrive."—**Lovett H. Weems, Jr.**, distinguished professor of church leadership, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC

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