

# Personal and Professional Endorsements of Carl F. George

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## 1. Nationally Known Consultants and Church Leaders

Carl George is one person who always makes me want to stretch a little farther in growing a church to the glory of God and the reaching of the unchurched thousands.

*Dr. Dale E. Galloway, New Hope Community Church Portland, OR*

Carl George offers to the church insight and innovation that simply is nowhere else to be found. Personally Carl has offered not only a service to the church but has been used to unleash people like myself into the role of consultant-equipper. I am very appreciative of his ministry.

*Terry Walling, Church Resource Ministries, Victoria, Australia*

Carl George possesses a brilliant, analytical mind that enables him to look beyond the symptoms of discontent in a congregation and thus enables the leaders to redefine their ministry, sharpen their focus, and seek to become the church that God has called that congregation to be

*Lyle E. Schaller, Naperville, IL*

## 2. Denominations and Church Families

### **Adventist (Seventh Day)**

Carl George has been one of our greatest sources of encouragement. His occasional calls to me have meant more than I can say. I respect him as one of the most brilliant, capable and articulate spokesmen for the process of developing a relational, gospel-centered church.

*Rev. Dan Simpson, Celebration Center, Colton CA*

### **Baptist (Conservative)**

Carl George is a mentor and friend who has stimulated and encouraged me toward greater effectiveness in ministry. His insights are helping the church prepare for the 21st century.

*Dr. Bob Logan Church Resource Ministries, Fullerton, CA*

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### **Baptist (General Conference)**

Carl George thinks about the church with a depth and passion that are unique. He has brought more resources to empower our church for change and growth than I could have imagined.

*Dr. John Ortberg, Horizons Community Church, Diamond Bar, CA*

### **Baptist (Southern)**

God used Carl George to tie together twenty years of church growth study.

*Rev. Tim Wilson, Calvary Church, Brandon, FL*

### **Brethren (United)**

Carl George is a leader who is prophetic and powerful. He is helping the church in North America look at the needs of the present and the potential of the future!

*Bishop Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Huntington, IN*

### **Christian & Missionary Alliance**

Carl George has been a tremendous blessing to our church. We'd not be where we are without him. He is a friend, mentor and spiritual father to me. He's guided us to be a Meta-Church model in an urban cross-cultural situation. We fully endorse the Meta-Church perspective.

*Pete Scazzero, New Life Fellowship, Queens, NY*

### **Church of God (Anderson)**

Carl George is years ahead of his time as an effective consultant for the church. With intensity and great insight he diagnoses accurately and prescribes the right kind of medicine. Few people want the church to succeed like Carl George does.

*Rev. Charles R. Shumate, Church of God Anderson, IN*

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### **Evangelical Free**

I have had the privilege of knowing Carl George personally for over a decade as his pastor, personal friend, colleague in ministry, and as a recipient of his multiple gifts. Carl is one of the most gifted and insightful consultants available to the Christian Church in the western world. I am always both blessed and challenged by his ministry. I highly recommend him to you.

*Dr. Paul A. Cedar, President, Evangelical Free Church of America, Minneapolis, MN*

I have known Carl George for years. In addition to using him as a consultant and having our leadership attend his seminars, I respect him as a genuine Jesus-follower. Every time I have been with him on a personal basis I have been edified, challenged in my own walk with Christ and sensed that I was in the presence of someone who genuinely worships and loves God.

*Dr. John Vawter, Wayzata Evangelical Free Church, Plymouth, MN*

### **Foursquare**

Carl George is the most creative thinker on church life I have ever been around.

*Rev. Doug Murren, Eastside Foursquare Church, Kirkland, WA*

### **Friends (United)**

Thanks so much for letting me read the galleys of your new book Prepare Your Church for the Future. As a part of a small denomination, it is healthy for us to be stimulated to think bigger and to be given some practical possibilities for how that can be done such as you have done for us in this book.

*Mary Glenn Hadley, Friends United Meeting Richmond, IN*

### **Lutheran (AALC)**

Carl George has a keen insight and ability to articulate problems and solutions that most churches would welcome and benefit from. The teachings and insight I have received from Carl George have been invaluable in my work with numerous churches.

*Dr. E. Fred Luthy, Chairman, American Missions Committee, American Association of Lutheran Churches, Stevens, PA*

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### Lutheran (ELCA)

Carl's knowledge of the Church and his commitment to the Lord of the Church combine to make him an effective consultation for any congregation that is willing to seek spiritual growth through actually implementing lay ministry. I recommend a consultation with Carl George very highly. Four stars for this one.

*Rev. Michael W. Foss, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, OR*

Carl George is a great gift to the church today, but especially to the church tomorrow.

*Rev. Walt Kallestad, Community Church of Joy, Glendale, AZ*

### Lutheran (LCMS)

Carl George won't always tell you what you want to hear, but he'll always say what you need to hear. I believe he's a prophetic voice to the church as we prepare to enter the twenty-first century. My prayer is that the church will pay careful attention to his insights.

*Rev. John Kieschnick, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Houston, TX*

I have appreciated Carl George's personal style, positive wit, and future direction. He is a futurist, a prophet, a friend, and a divine irritant! He nudges, cajoles, supports, affirms, suggests, models and makes things happen. I thank the Lord that Carl George has touched my life!

*Dr. Richard W. Bimler, Wheat Ridge, Chicago, IL*

### Mennonite

Carl George cares deeply about the church and its effectiveness. His analytical mind and ability to communicate challenges pastors and lay leaders alike to discover creative ways to help their churches grow. I strongly endorse him as one of the most able church growth spokespersons in this decade.

*Dr. Ed Bontrager, Life Project Director, Mennonite Board of Congregational Ministries, Elkhart, IN*

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### **Methodist (Free)**

Carl George is gifted by God as a church growth consultant. His insight and vision are demonstrated when he assesses a local church and makes recommendations for spiritual health and growth for the future of the church. I have worked with Carl and observed his skills in action. I praise the lord for his prophetic leadership as he counsels churches to be faithful to the Great Commission.

*Dr. Ray W. Ellis, National Director, Department of Evangelism and Church Growth,  
Free Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN*

### **Methodist (United)**

Carl's model has helped us restructure our church for the purpose of being more effective in discipleship and building a network of care throughout a growing fellowship.

*Rev. Michael B. Slaughter, Ginghamburg United Methodist Church, Tipp City, OH*

### **Nazarene**

Carl George, always at the cutting edge of church growth, is foremost among consultants in motivating and consulting churches that wish to fulfill the Great Commission to a maximum degree. Over a period of several years I experienced under his leadership training for consultants and in church growth/church planting seminars. I believe he has a focus and philosophy greatly useful to any client.

*Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City,  
MO*

### **Nondenominational**

What Peter Drucker is to study of management, Carl George is becoming to the future of the local church. There are plenty of people that can describe the problems of the local church, but few have committed themselves to developing a comprehensive plan for recovery and growth. Carl George has taken many years and many miles of experience and developed a model of ministry that addresses every aspect of the local church structure. The Meta-Church is not just one man's theory. It is a biblical model of ministry that is removing the self-imposed growth barriers from the local church. The Meta-Church may be the single greatest contributor to accelerating the great commission in our generation.

*Robert W. Seymore, VP of Operations, Bethel Temple, Evansville, IN*

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### **Pentecostal -- Holiness**

Carl George is the most effective communicator I've heard in the area of identifying church growth obstacles and giving specific guidance in building positive strategies to overcome them. In every sense of the word in contemporary use, he is prophetic.

*Dr. Dan Greenlee, Calvary Cathedral, San Jose, CA*

### **3. Seminaries**

Carl George models strategic leadership. We need leaders who can analyze, synthesize and produce workable strategies. George's Meta-Church theory is worth pursuing.

*Dr. Bobby Clinton, Associate Professor of Leadership, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA*

Because of his wide experience with almost every U.S. denomination in many different social settings, and because of his unusually gifted mind, Carl George understands more about the dynamics of the church, both as an organization and as a spiritual organism, than anyone I know.

*Dr. Paul E. Pierson, Dean, Fuller Theological Seminar, Pasadena, CA*

Carl F. George had done his homework. His long years of pastoral ministry, diligent search for a way to reach the masses, skill and experience as a consultant, combined with his heart for God uniquely qualify him to explain how to Prepare Your Church for the Future.

*Dr. John W. Reed, Chairman, Department of Pastoral ministries, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX*

His system is natural: healthy cells grow strong bodies. He communicates and inspires. Carl George is a gift to churches called into mission.

*Dr. David L. Tiede, President, Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN*

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### 4. Para-Church

Carl George is one of the world's top church growth leaders. Carl leads the leaders by helping them win.

*Dr. Ron Jensen, High Ground Association, San Diego, CA*

Carl George has provided the modeling and wisdom that has enabled countless servant-leaders in the body of Christ to rise above mediocrity and strive for excellence. In my twenty years in the arena of church renewal, Carl George has been my primary mentor -- challenging me with visions of church renewal, equipping me to ferret out blockages to growth, and modeling a servant/soldiers' zeal and integrity.

*George O. Fraser, Titus Task Force, Wasco, CA*

Leadership Network has put pastors of large churches with a wide array of resource people -- Peter Drucker, John Stott, Lyle Schaller and many others. However, the morning a group threatened to drag me out and hang me for cutting their time short with Carl George gave me instant insight into how much the practitioners in the large churches value the exhilaration and challenge of Carl's mind and method. He is one of a kind.

*Fred Smith, Leadership Network, Tyler, TX*

### 5. Consultant

Carl George brings to the aid of church leaders a rare combination of ecclesiologist, practitioner, gifted teacher and personal genius informed by years of serving churches as a church growth consultant. Carl George is the "man of the hour" in church growth theory and practical application.

*Dr. Robert L. Brady Jr., Bakersfield, CA*

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