

Thomas G. Bandy

Tom Bandy is an internationally recognized consultant, conference speaker, and leadership coach for Christian organizations and faith-based non-profits. He is the president of Thriving Church Consulting, LLC and can be found in his virtual office at ThrivingChurch.com. Tom is widely respected for his unique ability to understand diverse cultures, traditions, and denominational polities; and his grasp of systemic change and congregational mission. Denominational, congregational, and non-profit leaders appreciate his ability to discern truth, clarify options, and guide leaders for spiritual growth and mission impact. Tom listens, teaches, and empowers leaders to follow Christ faithfully in a world of change.

Tom's spiritual journey in companionship with Christ began at an early age through an experience of healing. He was called to ministry and licensed to preach by the Methodist Church in High School. Ever since then he has mentored pilgrims, guided small groups, preached to seekers and disciples, and grown churches. He has been a pastor in three denominations in the United States and Canada; provided national leadership for the United Church of Canada in evangelism and congregational mission; and worked tirelessly as a church transformer and clergy coach.

For over ten years, Tom has traveled widely consulting with churches, training clergy and lay leaders, and speaking to Christian conferences small and large. He is a frequent traveler working with churches across the denominational and theological spectrum. He works with Anglo, African-American, Hispanic, and Asian churches in urban, exurban, suburban, rural, and even remote contexts. His books and articles have been translated into Spanish, Korean, and Afrikaans.

In the course of his spiritual journey, Tom has also been involved in academic theological teaching. He received his master's degree from Princeton Seminary, and his academic doctorate in philosophical theology from the University of Toronto and Toronto School of Theology. He regularly participates in the American Academy of Religion and several societies related to the theology of culture and philosophy of religion. He is a favored guest lecturer and teacher for church development, practical theology, and postmodern Christian witness.

Tom has published over 16 books and numerous articles, and produced a variety of DVD's. ThrivingChurch.com has a complete list of his writing.

Tom was born in Cleveland, Ohio; raised in many regions of the United States; and currently lives with his wife, Lynne, near Toronto, Ontario. Lynne is a pastor with over 30 years of experience, currently leading a growing church. They have been married for all that time and rejoice with two gifted children.

The mission of Thriving Church Consulting is to guide Christian leaders for ancient mission in the contemporary world. Tom's personal mission is to help people experience the transforming power of God and walk daily with Jesus Christ. He is ready to help you follow Christ faithfully in a changing, challenging world.

Books by Tom Bandy:

Worship Ways: For the People Within your Reach

Kicking Habits: Welcome Relief for Addicted Churches

Coming Clean

Growing Spiritual Redwoods

Road Runner: The Body in Motion

Fragile Hope: Your Church in 2020

Moving Off the Map: A Field Guide to Changing the Congregation

95 Questions to Shape the Future of Your Church

Accelerate Your Church: Out of the Box and Beyond

Coaching Change: Breaking Down Resistance, Building Up Hope

See. Know & Serve

The Uncommon Lectionary: Opening the Bible to Seekers and Disciples

Christian Chaos: Revolutionizing the Congregation

Spirited Leadership: Empowering People to Do What Matters

Why Should I Believe You? Rediscovering Clergy Credibility

Christian Optimystics: Running the Rapids of the Spirit

Mission Mover: Beyond Education for Church Leadership

Talisman: Global Positioning for the Soul

Christian Mentoring: Helping Each Other Find Meaning and Purpose