**New Judson Press book Offers Possibilities for New Directions for Communities of Faith**

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 4/30/15)**—What are the “big ideas” our emerging Christian leaders have that concern today’s church? In Judson Press’s latest release, *Church on Purpose: Reinventing Discipleship, Community & Justice*, edited by Adam L. Bond and Laura Mariko Cheifetz, pastors, church leaders, and laity will discover fresh and thoughtful views about traditional models of ministry and leadership.

Sharing insights from both a generational and vocational perspective, contributors stimulate conversation and prompt adaptive change for more effective ministry.

*Church on Purpose* spotlights several key topics:

• Discipleship ministries such as Sunday school, intergenerational worship settings, & evangelism
• Redefinition of community through strategic planning, ecumenical partnerships and communication in a larger world
• Pursuit of justice through inclusion of the poor and the prisoner

Recognizing the generational shift within churches across the country and anticipating areas of congregational life that require reform, this resource offers possibilities for new directions within Christian communities.

“Bond and Cheifetz have offered the church and church leaders a gift:  the powerful insights of younger, emerging leaders about ministry. Those who seek to keep abreast of developments in current thought are well-served by this work.”  —Cynthia Holder Rich, Pastor and Head of Staff, First Presbyterian Church, Findlay, Ohio

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