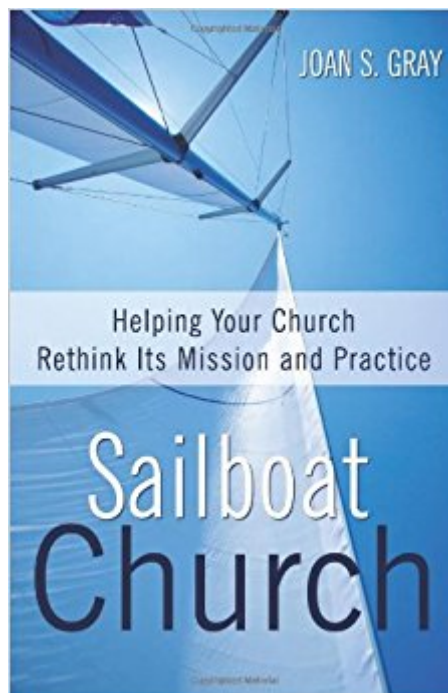




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# Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission And Practice



## Synopsis

Is your church a rowboat church or a sailboat church? Rowboat churches depend largely on human effort. When church budgets shrink and membership declines, rowboat churches frantically row harder against a current, often frustrated and disappointed at their efforts. Sailboat churches, on the other hand, take up the oars, hoist sails, and rely on the Holy Spirit to guide them. Arguing that churches should be "sailboats," Joan S. Gray encourages readers to shift concern from the many daily, practical concerns of their local church to fresh ideas that can be found using the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The book includes forty days of sailing prayers, quotes from Scripture, brief reflection questions, and an extensive bibliography that is arranged by theme. Perfect for groups to read together, this book will help leaders reframe their church's mission and practice with the Holy Spirit as their guide.

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Joan S. Gray is a teaching elder living in Atlanta, Georgia. The moderator of the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), she is the author or coauthor of several books including *Presbyterian Polity for Church Leaders*, Fourth Edition, with Joyce C. Tucker.

Great resource for church-wide of session study, especially in congregations that are tired of rowing and not getting anywhere fast as a church. Spirited sailing involves a change of mind-set and approach to leadership in church and Joan Gray offers navigational instruction that is very

encouraging and helpful for churches seeking a bright and hope-filled future!

Simple yet focused on the right stuff! It should be a must read for every congregation and journeyman.

This author has a unique gift in writing. She offers practical, workable action to revitalize church attendance, outreach and all around renewal. She is an easy read with absolutely no wasted words. I would highly recommend this book to any individual seeking workable solutions to guide a struggling church into new adventure.

It's a bit of a slow start, but well worth the time spent reading it. We are going to use this for a group discussion in my congregation, and I'm really looking forward to the way it will touch our members and help our church ground itself in healthy and life-giving practices.

Interesting concept which suggests that if we simply raise our "sails" that the Holy Spirit will fill them and move us in the direction we need to go.

Great book!

Just right

Thank you. Book was great. Loved the devotions at the end

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