

Open Source Church: Making Room for the Wisdom of All By Landon Whitsitt **Open source church management software php** But what does open source church look like? In Open Source Church: Making Room for the Wisdom of All Landon Whitsitt argues that Wikipedia the encyclopedia that anyone can see and edit might be the most instructive model available to help congregations develop leaders and structures that can meet the challenges presented by our changing world. **Epub open source reader** Then turning to the work of James Surowiecki in The Wisdom of Crowds he explores the idea that the body of Christ itself—when it is intentionally diverse encourages independence of thought values decentralization and effectively captures and aggregates the group’s collective wisdom—is an open source church. **Open source church management** It gave me a new look at something I've been doing my whole life Open Source Church: Making Room for the Wisdom of All Quotable:For the church to be faithful it had to be willing to change. **Open Source churchfront pads** "The church in many places has changed from an institution that teaches postures approaches and behaviors that lead to freedom to an institution that teaches postures approaches and behaviors that will maintain itself. **Open source church budget software** "There are too many varied interpretations on the Bible too many different religious traditions and theological expositions and too many different communities of faith for any one person or group to be able to claim the one authoritative interpretation. **Epub open source reader** Your reality and mine will most certainly be different but because we both have a valid basis on which to make our claims we will need to learn how to live with the tension. **Pdf open source reader** An open source church will not share this conviction Regardless of the benefits and effectiveness associated with the missions and ministries of one generation an open source church will assume that each successive generation will add to and in some cases replace what came before them. **Open source church management software php** The Fourth Pillar of Wikipedia reminds users that they have millions of other things to focus on (namely articles need attending to!) so the community does not have time to waste on fighting. **Open source church crm** I think it is not far from the truth to say that congregations vote on a pastor based primarily on her preaching skills and then are shocked if she’s not a great administrator. **Open source church management software php** For example extroverts who have no problem working through ideas aloud with others will dominate a discussion while introverts who are content to sit and listen will not contribute unless prompted. **Open source church accounting software** What if a vote is called but a critical piece of information still sitting in an introvert’s brain could redefine the issue? Because that introvert never felt they could or would get a word in edgewise they kept it to themselves and the group suffers. **Open source church budget software** Some seasons will be longer than others but we do God and congregations a disservice if we do not remember that a church was there before we arrived and a church will be there after we leave. **Pdf open source chip** People want to contribute to the goodness of the world and they want to be free to pursue that conviction without you or me communicating to them that we know better than they do. **Epub open source reader** We must always remember that we have been called to be different - to live according to a way that is better: more peaceful more inclusive more whole more complex (we should never settle for simplistic reductions) more just. **Open source church budget software** Open Source Church: Making Room for the Wisdom of All I read somewhere recently that Wikipedia has been actually demonstrated to be more reliable than the Encyclopedia Britannica a thought that causes some scholars to shudder but has also caused the professors to re-evaluate the power of crowd-sourced information and even revising dogmatic bans on Wikipedia use in research papers. **Open source church management** Landon Whitsitt's book does not necessarily break new ground (in terms of the available literature) but his book is nonetheless a contribution of inestimable worth to church leaders wishing to understand the significance of this change in mentality and how it affects our churches. **Open source church budget software** To sum up this mentality Whitsitt asks a provocative question Why is it that I can edit the world's largest encyclopedia but I can't edit church? Whitsitt's book is an extremely useful read for any congregation seeking to be faithful in this new paradigm of freedom information control and adaptability. **Open Source churchkey** Open Source Church: Making Room for the Wisdom of All Using the idea of open source technology as a

broad metaphor for the church Landon Whitsitt writes a compelling argument for a shift in the way we think of authority and relationships in the church,

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Open source software makes the basic program instructions available for anyone to see and edit, **Open source church budget software** An open source church likewise is one in which the basic functions of mission and ministry are open to anyone, **Open source church presentation software** Members feel free to pursue their callings from God that are consistent with what God has called the congregation to be and do: **Open Source churchkey** Its success depends he demonstrates not on the views of select experts but on the collective wisdom of crowds. **Open source church budget software** Together these phenomena show us what an open source church looks like: **Pdf open source reader** Open Source Church: Making Room for the Wisdom of AllI enjoyed reading this, **Open source church budget software** “Do you know what the last seven words of a church are?”... “We’ve never done it that way before: **Open source church budget software** No theology creed confession doctrine or statement of faith can claim or can be said to be vested with a total embodiment of freedom, **Open source church budget software** We cannot claim to promote openness and yet restrict the freedoms of others to achieve it: **Pdf open source chip** Probably the most common misconception about Wikipedia specifically and open source in general is that it promotes an “anything goes” mentality, **Epub open source reader** As modern people we have become so indoctrinated with either-or thinking that we assume the lack of a controlling bureaucracy is the only alternative: **Open Source churchkey** By definition an organization without any organizing parameters in not an organization. **Open source church management software php** To be more accurate open source means users can function with greater latitude: **Open source church presentation software** If you are used to an organization that has strict controls on this or that you might at first be thrown by the freedom of an open source environment, **Open source church budget software** But what you will quickly discover is that an open source organization still values some level of structure and clarity regarding purpose, **Open source church management software php** An open source church will have space for different understandings to exist side by side, **Open source church budget software** Generations of history lie behind the conviction that the church should focus its efforts on preserving the institution along with its accompanying traditions, **Epub open source reader** They will take what they have inherited and use it toward new purposes. **Epub open source reader** Millions of people and situations need freedom brought to them. **Open source church management software php** We do not have time to fight among ourselves when God has called us to such an important task: **Open source church management software** Those who come to our churches are doing so because they want to be a part of an organization that will enable them to serve something beyond themselves: **Open Source churchkey** Almost every group has a member or two who tends to dominate conversations. **Open Source churchfront pads** Because these individuals are so persistent in their opinions other group members gradually begin to subordinate their ideas and opinions, **Epub open source reader** This sets up a dynamic in which an “expert” is again established nullifying whatever diversity has been achieved: **Open Source churchkey** Programmatic decisions are based not on the “personal development” of the people God has entrusted to our care but on how many people attend our functions, **Open source church budget software** The more homogeneity a group has the less chance it has of making intelligent beneficial decisions, **Open source church management software** In what we think of as Spirit-filled moments we are often actually witnessing the power of one person to sway a group not the actions of the group itself, **Open source church budget software** Unless a group is moderated well not all the cards will be laid on the table: **Pdf open source chip** Pastors are called to a particular time and place for a season: **Open Source churchkey** This is what seeking out power does to us - it sets up a dynamic of opposition and conflict, **Epub open source reader** Every time a group is formed a

shuffling occurs to see who is going to come out on top. **Pdf open source reader** Who's going to be in charge? Most of the time we're polite about the struggle but it is a very real struggle nonetheless. **Pdf open source reader** We may overreach in order to call another's bluff as they strive for the same slot, **Open source church budget software** Eventually the dust settles and a winner emerges but not before much discomfort and anger take root. **Open Source churchfront pads** Whether or not we like the effect business has had on the church we must deal with business's influence. **Open Source churchfront pads** To rip a Bible verse completely out of context: we live in the world but we are not of the world: **Open source church management software php** We must attend to certain realities that require us to draw upon the knowledge and experience of the business community. **Open source church budget software** Providing people with a hopeful future - offering them guidance and direction - is the best way to provide a sense of stability. **Open source church budget software** Change is afoot and such a wiki mentality is observable in nearly every aspect of our existence including the church: **Pdf open source chip** He writes a compelling story with lots of good illustrations so that we can get a real taste for the vision he has for Christian community. **Open Source churchfront pads** Open Source Church: Making Room for the Wisdom of All



. It is the body of Christ at its best. And that meant poking and prodding and questioning. It meant reforming and being reformed. It meant a future that is faithful to the past. "Thou shalt freely give what thou hast freely received. Nothing could be further from the truth. Open source does not mean anarchy. The same goes for the church. They want to be more than giving units. We should not forget that point. We assert ourselves in ways that demonstrate our power. Don't miss this opportunity to re-imagine faith