

“No one is better placed than Tony Jones to offer an insider’s view of the emergent conversation in the United States. His clear and engaging writing style, his wide-ranging and incisive mind, and his extensive personal involvement make him the ideal person to tell his story and invite others to be part of it. *The New Christians* is instructive, inspiring, enjoyable, and a milestone in the development of this important young phenomenon.”

—**Brian McLaren**

author and speaker (brianmclaren.net)

THE NEW CHRISTIANS

What is the “emergent church movement” all about and why does it matter to the future of Christianity? Following on the questions raised by Brian McLaren and others about faith in a post-modern age, Tony Jones has written an engaging exploration of the emergent church movement that points the way toward a new kind of Christianity.

Through story and “dispatches” about the many adventurous communities and practices of emergent Christians around the world, Tony Jones offers an in-depth view of this new “third way” of faith between religious conservatism and religious liberalism. Jones examines its origins; its values; its theology; its views of truth, scripture, and interpretation; and the movement’s hopeful and life-giving sense of community. With the depth of theological expertise and broad perspective he has gained as a pastor, writer, theologian, and leader of the movement, Jones initiates readers

into the emergent conversation and offers a new way forward for all Christians. Written with a journalist's flair and a participant's studied reflection, this fascinating book draws upon years of research to provide compelling examples and first-hand stories of who is doing what, where, and why it matters.

The New Christians provides yet another voice in the ongoing conversation that is Christianity, always emerging.



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