



Protégé: Developing Your Next Generation of Church Leaders
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“This is an incredibly important conversation, one that Steve has been pioneering for more than a decade. His experience can teach all of us how to foster successes and learn from our failures, how to create innovative ways to become more missional and meaningful to the world around us, and how to provide practical hands-on training that will equip emerging ministry leaders to be a force in the future of the church.”

From the foreword by **Mark Batterson**, lead pastor, National Community Church, Washington, D.C.

“Steve doesn’t just know about what it means to have leaders invest in leaders; he has lived the reality of it. Here is a helpful guide in one of the great areas of the church’s need.”

John Ortberg, senior pastor, Menlo Park Presbyterian Church

“I sure wish I had had this book back when I was first figuring out leadership on the ground as a young church planter! Steve has made a remarkable contribution with this volume. Not only has he diagnosed the need of young leaders, he has offered some serious help in what to do about it. At the same time, Steve is dead-on right about some pitfalls and temptations that plague the dark side of young leaders. Protégé is a must-read for young kingdom leaders—and for those of us who work with them!”

Reggie McNeal, author of *A Work of Heart* and *Practicing Greatness*

“When Steve Saccone speaks on leadership development I want to listen. He does not just write in theory in this book, but he has a proven track record of serving with young leaders. Our church had Steve consult with us and we modeled our intern program based on Steve’s ideas. What you will read in this book has proven to be extremely effective. This isn’t just another leadership theory book for unique and the extreme ideal

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situations. This is birthed and written from the front lines of working with young leaders in the reality of today's world."

Dan Kimball, author of *They Like Jesus but Not the Church* and professor, George Fox University

"I wish I had received the kind of mentoring this book describes when I was a protégé. Now that I find myself as a coach in a season of investing in the next generation of leaders, this book equips me with wisdom, practical ideas and guidelines for a process that is by nature more an art than a science."

Nancy Beach, author of *Gifted to Lead: The Art of Leading as a Woman in the Church*

"For an entire generation of church leaders (mine), this book is what you need for the final third of your ministry. The future of the church depends on its leaders taking seriously their responsibility and joy to mentor the next generation of leaders. As I read this book, I am amazed at the holistic approach Steve takes toward leadership development. He challenges more seasoned leaders to engage with younger leaders and plumb the depths of sin, healthy leadership, the gospel and the church. The result is an unleashing of God's amazing gifts into his world, through the men and women he designed to lead it. And I'm not just impressed with and excited about this very necessary book . . . I know Steve. I've worked with him and he authentically lives out the pages he has written. Perhaps that is the highest praise of all."

Nancy Ortberg, author of *Non-Linear Leadership*