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Beyond Maintenance to Mission

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Fortress Press, 1999. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Fortress Press 1999 New/ Editorial Reviews About the Author Craig L. Nesson is a Lutheran pastor who earned his doctorate at the University of Munich. He is currently on the faculty of Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, as Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. The title of a recent by Wendell Berry asks the basic but penetrating question: 'What are people for?' By posing this fundamental query, Berry intends to probe the misdirection of farm policy in the United States since World War II. The operating assumption, that there are too many people working in agriculture, has shredded the fabric of rural life. This poses an equally basic and penetrating question regarding church life in the United States at the close of the twentieth century: 'What are congregations for?' It may be that we have grown so accustomed to the routine of congregational life that we have stopped asking this question. Relying on established patterns, we delude ourselves into believing we are providing clear theological vision and faithful leadership. Thus we succumb to what Karl Hommen refers to as 'the peril of ordinary days.' Although there may be...

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