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***RISING FROM THE ASHES: RETHINKING CHURCH TAKES AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT  
EMERGING WORSHIP FOCUSING ON MAINLINE LITURGICAL CHURCHES***

**This First American Look at the Subject Features Contributions  
from Many Leading Thinkers on the Topic**

**NEW YORK (September 7, 2007)** – Author Becky Garrison describes her new book, *Rising from the Ashes: Rethinking Church* (Seabury), as a “salon where voices come to the table” to discuss ways to reach those for whom church is not in their vocabulary.

The alternative worship/emerging church movement has been underway in various incarnations throughout the UK for more than twenty years, and has impacted the U.S. evangelical community since the 1990s. However, these influences are just now beginning to emerge within the mainline liturgical churches. What impact do these new ways of worshiping God have on the contemporary mainline church?

*Rising from the Ashes* engages these questions through interwoven oral history-style interviews with people working with mainline churches who are at the forefront of exploring what it means to “be” the Church in the 21st century. Several worship leaders who do not self-identify with the emerging church movement are also included.

The diverse array of voices range from High Church Celtic Christians to Evangelical Anglicans, as well as a few spiritual souls who consider themselves to be post-church. The contributors to this book include: **Diana Butler Bass, Jonny Baker, Kester Brewin** (*Signs of Emergence*), **Shane Claiborne, Brian McLaren, Peter Rollins, Phyllis Tickle, Karen Ward** (Church of the Apostles, Seattle), and **NT Wright**.

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**About the Author:** Becky Garrison's first book *Red and Blue God, Black and Blue Church*: (Jossey Bass, April 2006) received a starred review in *Publishers Weekly*. Her book *The New Atheist Crusaders and their Unholy Grail* will be released by Thomas Nelson in January 2008. She began writing for *The Wittenburg Door* in 1994 and currently serves as Senior Contributing Editor. Her additional writing credits include work for *The Ooze*, *God's Politics blog*, *Christian Retailing*, *Prism*, Stackpole Books, Bibal Press, *Episcopal Life*, and *The Living Church*.

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