## How to Remake the World Neighborhood by Neighborhood

Mack McCarter

Founder, Community Renewal International

with Tim Muldoon



Founded in 1970, Orbis Books endeavors to publish works that enlighten the mind, nourish the spirit, and challenge the conscience. The publishing arm of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Orbis seeks to explore the global dimensions of the Christian faith and mission, to invite dialogue with diverse cultures and religious traditions, and to serve the cause of reconciliation and peace. The books published reflect the views of their authors and do not represent the official position of the Maryknoll Society. To learn more about Maryknoll and Orbis Books, please visit our website at www.orbisbooks.com.

Copyright © 2022 by Mack McCarter and Tim Muldoon.

Published by Orbis Books, Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

All rights reserved.

No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or any information storage or retrieval system, without prior permission in writing from the publisher.

Queries regarding rights and permissions should be addressed to: Orbis Books, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

Manufactured in the United States of America. Manuscript editing and typesetting by Joan Weber Laflamme.

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data

Names: McCarter, Mack, 1945- author. | Muldoon, Tim, author.

Title: How to remake the world neighborhood by neighborhood / Mack Mc-Carter, Founder, Community Renewal International with Tim Muldoon.

Description: Maryknoll, New York : Orbis Books, [2022] | Includes bibliographical references. | Summary: "A model of community renewal is spreading around the world, attracting supporters ready to serve others"— Provided by publisher.

Identifiers: LCCN 2022015610 | ISBN 9781626985001 (trade paperback) | ISBN 9781608339624 (epub)

- Subjects: LCSH: Church and the world. | Change—Religious aspects— Christianity. | Neighborhoods.
- Classification:LCC BR115.W6 M365 2022 | DDC 261—dc23 eng/20220601 LC record available at https://lccn.loc.gov/2022015610

## Contents

Foreword by Donnie Simpson	ix
Part One Seeing the Need	
Introduction: We Can Grow a More Caring World	3
1. We Can Remake Our Communities	11
2. Building a Movement	29
Part Two Focusing on Essentials	
3. Combining the Three Ingredients	43
4. The Need for Friendship Houses	55
5. Becoming Better Persons	71
6. "Re-village-izing" Society	87

## Part Three Grounding in Friendship

7. Mutually Enhancing Relationships	111
8. The Ever-Renewing Community	121
Conclusion: Remaking the World	145
Afterword by Anne Snyder	151
Acknowledgments	155