

# The Lutheran World Federation—A Communion of Churches

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#### **Pauline Hermeneutics: Exploring the Power of the Gospel, LWF Studies 2016/3, Eve-Marie Becker and Kenneth Mtata (eds)**

Paul's letters are of crucial importance for Christian theology and church life. The way in which the apostle Paul critically reflected on the meaning of the gospel message in light of Scripture, the traditions, ethics and Christian faith and hope, has had a significant and lasting impact on the Lutheran tradition.

In this publication, the fourth and final in a series of LWF publications on biblical hermeneutics, renowned international scholars from the fields of biblical studies and systematic theology reevaluate to what extent twenty-first-century Lutherans can rediscover the Pauline paradigm of the "power of the Gospel" and hereby overcome ambiguous perceptions of the so-called "Lutheran reading(s)" of Paul.

Evangelische Verlagsanstalt/The Lutheran World Federation, ISBN: 978-3-374-04842-7 ([www.eva-leipzig.de](http://www.eva-leipzig.de)), € 14.85 plus postage and packing

#### **Healing Memories: Implications of the Reconciliation between Lutherans and Mennonites, LWF Studies 2016/2**

Meeting in Stuttgart, Germany, in 2010, the Eleventh Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) asked for forgiveness from members of the Anabaptist/Mennonite tradition for the wrongs going back to the beginnings of the Lutheran movement in the sixteenth century that had led to painful divisions between the two Christian families. The Mennonites accepted this apology and both communities committed themselves to move toward reconciliation.

On the threshold of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this publication brings together two reports: Healing Memories: Reconciling in Christ by the Lutheran–Mennonite International Study Commission first published in 2010) and Bearing Fruit—Implications of the 2010 Reconciliation between Lutherans and Mennonites/Anabaptists by the LWF Task force on Mennonite Action approved by the LWF Council in 2016.

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#### **Interactive Pluralism in Asia: Religious Life and Public Space, LWF Studies 2016/1, Simone Sinn and Tong Wing Sze (eds)**

In today's multi-ethnic and multi-cultural Asian contexts, religious plurality is one of the hallmarks of many societies. This book provides new insights into the current realities of religious life in Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia and Myanmar, highlights the influence of religious commitment on the public space, and examines how Christian theology engages with contemporary realities in Asia. Christian theologians of different denominations offer fascinating theological reflections on justification, salvation, the Holy Spirit and the Trinity, and discuss interactions within and between Asian societies as well as with the world at large..

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## **The Church in the Public Space: A Study Document of the Lutheran World Federation**

Through its member churches, programs and projects, the Lutheran World Federation has been heavily involved in community-based action for peace and justice and human rights advocacy. At the same time, the LWF has engaged in theological reflection that deepens the understanding of being church in the public space today.

This study document, prepared by an international group of Lutheran theologians and received by the LWF Council in 2016, invites the Lutheran communion, theological seminaries, ecumenical and interfaith partners meaningfully to engage in and contribute to the strengthening of the public space—locally and globally—so that it becomes a just place for all. It is an important reference document for the Reformation anniversary activities and beyond

The Lutheran World Federation, available free of charge and online

## **“In the beginning was the Word”: The Bible in the Life of the Lutheran Communion. A Study Document on Lutheran Hermeneutics**

In light of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, the Lutheran communion revisited its own theological roots and theological identity. A communion-wide, international hermeneutics process brought together Lutheran and ecumenical theologians and the lessons gleaned from this comprehensive process are synthesized in this statement for use by the LWF communion.

At its meeting in Wittenberg in June 2016, the LWF Council received the hermeneutics statement recommending it to the member churches for study and action in order to ensure that the churches engage critically with their interpretive responsibilities at different levels. Moreover, the member churches and the Communion Office are encouraged to draw on the key elements of the document to inform the deliberations around the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and as they celebrate and commemorate the Reformation anniversary to recommit themselves to the biblical resources for their faith and life.

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## **NEW EDITION From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran–Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017, Report of the Lutheran–Roman Catholic Commission on Unity (including Common Prayer)**

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## **Religious Identity and Renewal in the Twenty-first Century: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Explorations, LWF Documentation 60/2015, Simone Sinn and Michael Reid Trice (eds)**

Religions carry strong visions of renewal and thereby have the potential to trigger dynamics of change in all spheres of human life. Religions have contributed to societal transformation and processes of renewal spark intensive theological debates. The renewal of religious identity is informed by how religious communities interpret their traditions and past, present, and future challenges to themselves, society and the world at large. How do religious communities understand their own resources and criteria for renewal in the twenty-first century? In this publication, Jewish, Christian and Muslim scholars analyze and reflect on the meaning and dynamics of religious renewal and explore the meaning of religious renewal across religious traditions.

Evangelische Verlagsanstalt/The Lutheran World Federation, ISBN: 783374 04178 ([www.eva-leipzig.de](http://www.eva-leipzig.de)), € 14.85 plus postage and packing.

## **To All the Nations: Lutheran Hermeneutics and the Gospel of Matthew, LWF Studies 2015/2, Kenneth Mtata and Craig Koester (eds)**

In his pastoral and theological reflections, Martin Luther always sought faithfully to discern the Word of God from the Scriptures. Luther drew on the Gospel of Matthew when developing edifying sermons as well as teasing out valuable ethical insights for the Christian engagement in society. While his immediate audience was in Wittenberg, the Gospel of Matthew has continued to be a resource for the church's mission. In this collection of essays, internationally renowned theologians reflect on the ongoing reception of the Gospel of Matthew from the Reformation until today, and how, in light of the Lutheran interpretive traditions, it remains a valuable resource for the church as it seeks to respond to contemporary concerns in its mission to the whole world.

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## **Embarking on the Journey of Interreligious Dialogue**

The Lutheran World Federation is firmly committed to promoting interreligious dialogue. In a world, marked by division and strife also among religious communities, the bringing together of people of different faiths to deepen the mutual understanding of and joint commitment to issues of shared concern constitutes a strong public witness. Over the last decades, the LWF has published a number of substantial theological studies in the area of interreligious relations. During the summer of 2015, Jennifer Lewis, a student of theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, studied a number of these publications in order to gather insights that will be inspiring and thought-provoking for a wider audience. This booklet provides a taste of the wealth of expertise the LWF has gathered in this field.

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## **Liberated by God's Grace: 2017—500 Years of Reformation**

In these four booklets, theologians from all parts of the world reflect on the main theme and three sub-themes (Liberated by God's Grace: Salvation—Not for Sale; Human Beings—Not for Sale; Creation—Not for Sale) of the Lutheran World Federation's commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This collection of essays provides profound insights into the crucial issues and challenges daily faced by the members of the worldwide Lutheran communion in very diverse contexts. The theological concept of justification by God's grace and its consequences for different dimensions of life serve as the main guiding principles for the essays, each one of which is accompanied by three questions that invite to further contextual reflection on the subject.

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## **Religious Plurality and the Public Space: Joint Christian–Muslim Theological Reflections. LWF Studies 2015/1, Simone Sinn, Mouhanad Khorchide, Dina El Omari (eds)**

Religious plurality is a vital element of many societies across the globe. Different visions of life and religious commitment not only shape people's private lives but have an intrinsic public dimension. Societies need to find ways to acknowledge and deal with this diversity in the public space. Religious communities and theologians are challenged to interpret their own traditions in ways that enable the constructive engagement with religious plurality. In this volume, Christian and Muslim scholars from different parts of the world together explore the meaning of public space. In relation to their contexts, they examine how public space can be understood as a shared space and discuss the meaning of secularity in plural societies.

Evangelische Verlagsanstalt/The Lutheran World Federation, ISBN: 978-2-940459-40-7 ([www.eva-leipzig.de](http://www.eva-leipzig.de)), € 14.85 plus postage and packing.

## **The Self-Understanding of the Lutheran Communion—A Study Document**

As the Lutheran communion journeys towards the Reformation Anniversary in 2017, the LWF wants to attest to what it means to be an ecclesial communion from a Lutheran perspective. One of the phrases that has become a hallmark of Lutheran ecclesiology is "unity in reconciled diversity." At all times and in every place, churches discern how faithfully to live out the message of the gospel in their contexts. As part of this process, they are called to review and examine cultural and socio-ethical paradigms in light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Careful responses to the particular contexts are an important aspect of credibly communicating the message of the gospel. At the same time, the mutual accountability of churches in different contexts is part of their commitment to the catholicity of the church of Jesus Christ.

As follow-up to the LWF Council Meeting in June 2015, the LWF General Secretary invites member churches to a study process on the significance of the Lutheran communion for the LWF member churches. The study document "The Self-Understanding of the Lutheran Communion" was elaborated by a working group, in collaboration with the LWF regions and approved by the LWF Council in 2015.

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## **Understanding the Gift of Communion: The Quest for a Shared Self-Understanding of the Lutheran Communion. A Reader**

As the Lutheran communion journeys towards the Reformation Anniversary in 2017, maintaining the integrity of the communion where disagreements have emerged between member churches has become a concern in light of how churches respond to certain ethical challenges. The articles in this publication review and reflect on shifting socio-ethical paradigms in light of the gospel of Jesus and explore subjects such as the theological significance of the concept of communion and its impact in relation to global dynamics; Lutheran ecclesiological insights in relation to insights during the Reformation; the concept of communion in the LWF's bilateral dialogues; the importance of linking autonomy and accountability in relations between churches; the meaning of communion in a multireligious context; and the power dynamics between churches.

The Lutheran World Federation, ISBN: 978-2-940459-38-4, available online at <http://www.lutheranworld.org/content/resource-understanding-gift-communion>

## **“Women on the Move: From Wittenberg to Windhoek” Toolkit**

The project “Women on the Move: From Wittenberg to Windhoek” (WMWW) celebrates the leadership and participation of women in the ongoing Reformation 1517—2017. The WMWW toolkit gives an introduction to the project. It equips women in the global Lutheran communion to take part by sharing texts, images and videos with other women. The toolkit has two major sections: •Her-stories – with guiding questions and several elements to be developed by individual readers; •Women doing theology - including theological reflection and publications and the women theologians' network. The toolkit is made up of a number of elements available for individual download. A cover folder with an inspiring image of Catharina crossing over the threshold provides a convenient holder for stories and ideas collected on the journey toward 2017. The folder is available in standard printing and press (delivery to service provider) formats. Use the toolkit to revisit and reflect on the past together with other women, and to empower the present. Experience how it makes visible women's contributions to the spreading of ongoing reformation ideas and ways of living.

Available online only at <http://www.lutheranworld.org/content/resource-women-move-wittenberg-windhoek-toolkit>

## **Singing the Songs of the Lord in Foreign Lands: Psalms in Contemporary Lutheran Interpretation. Documentation 59/2014, Kenneth Mtata, Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr, Miriam Rose (eds)**

Despite their richness, the Psalms also raise some interpretive challenges. How do we read such difficult passages as the one which advocates the violent destruction of one's enemies? This collection of essays by renowned international scholars addresses such issues as historical and contemporary Lutheran and ecumenical interpretations of Psalms and provides valuable interpretive insights for theologians, biblical scholars, pastors, counselors and students.

Evangelische Verlagsanstalt/The Lutheran World Federation, ISBN: 978-3-374-03772-8 (www.eva-leipzig.de), € 14.85, CHF 18.--, USD 19.--, plus postage and packing. Also available in German.

## **Communion: On Being the Church. Report of the Lutheran—Reformed Commission between the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), 2006—2012**

On the basis of the results of earlier Lutheran-Reformed dialogues and the theological foundations (relating to ecclesiology and ministry) articulated in this report, Lutheran and Reformed churches have now a greater potential to reach full communion. The report recommends several practical steps toward more fully living out the reality of this communion. It also includes several contextual observations on challenges faced and creative responses to these in different parts of the world reaching out for unity between Reformed and Lutherans. The document marks the end of a six-year dialogue process.

Available online only at [http://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/DTPW%20Reformed-Lutherans%202014\\_0.pdf](http://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/DTPW%20Reformed-Lutherans%202014_0.pdf)

## **Religion: Help or Hindrance to Development? Documentation 58/2013, Kenneth Mtata (ed.)**

The decline of religion in the Western world used to be regarded as a direct consequence of development, and it was assumed that this would also occur in the global South once the same levels of economic development had been reached. The current flourishing of religion in the global South and the increased awareness of its significance in the global North prove that religion continues to play a crucial role. In those contexts where religion frames reality, development cannot ignore religion. This collection of essays by scholars and development practitioners from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin and North America explores the fascinating interface between religion and development as well as the negative and positive potential of religion in development.

Evangelische Verlagsanstalt/The Lutheran World Federation, ISBN: 978-3-374-03772-8 (www.eva-leipzig.de), € 12.--, CHF 15.--, USD 15.--, plus postage and packing. Also available in German.

## **LWF Gender Justice Policy**

The LWF Gender Justice Policy, approved by the LWF Council in 2013, is a tool to enhance the communion's journey towards inclusiveness. Developed in a participatory process, it has grown out of experiences in member churches, is enriched by the biblical and theological bases of our Lutheran identity, and provides guidance and methodologies for contextualizing action plans and strategies and integrating gender as a crosscutting priority in all of the communion's work.

The Lutheran World Federation, ISBN: 978-2-940459-31-5, free of charge. Postage and packing for bulk orders. Also available in French, German and Spanish. (German copies from [Ulrike.Hansen@Mission-EineWelt.de](mailto:Ulrike.Hansen@Mission-EineWelt.de) ; French: Rev. Jeannette Ada Maina [mainaada@yahoo.fr](mailto:mainaada@yahoo.fr) ; and Spanish: Elizabeth Arciniegas [lizalara16@gmail.com](mailto:lizalara16@gmail.com).)

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## **"You have the Words of Eternal Life": Transformative Readings of the Gospel of John from a Lutheran Perspective, Documentation 57/2012, Kenneth Mtata (ed.)**

The Bible remains the main resource for faith communities. How can it be read fruitfully in ways that strengthen the community of readers in their faith, witness and service to the world? In what ways can convergence be found in diverse, sometimes conflicting, interpretive contexts? This collection of essays seeks to attend to these and similar questions. The focus on the three interpretive poles highlights these as central to biblical interpretation. The Gospel of John is used as a base text, read in light of different contexts and through the lens of the ecumenical, Lutheran and Reformed traditions. This book is the first in a series that will further explore the relationship between these hermeneutical poles.

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## **To Love and Serve the Lord: *Diakonia* in the Life of the Church, The Jerusalem Report of the Anglican–Lutheran International Commission (ALIC III)**

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## **"A Common Word: Buddhists and Christians Engage Structural Greed," LWF Studies 01/2012, Martin Sinaga (ed.)**

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**“Dignity of Work: Theological and Interdisciplinary Perspectives,” Documentation 56/2011,**  
Kenneth Mtata (ed.)

While work is central to human flourishing, the way in which it is understood and practiced has the potential both to affirm and to assault human dignity. Drawing on the social sciences, this book contributes to the current discussion on the ethics of work from the perspective of the Lutheran theological heritage as it is expressed in the different contexts of the communion. Furthermore, it explores the various ways in which the Scriptures can be read in light of Luther’s understanding of vocation, and explores the implications of affirming the dignity of work in relation to questions of fair remuneration, gender and culture.

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**“Like Living Stones”: Lutheran Reflections on the One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church,**  
Hans-Peter Grosshans and Martin Sinaga (eds)

In this book, Lutherans share insights into how faith in the one holy, catholic, and apostolic church not only provides theological commonality among Lutherans, but also helps realize the social aspect of the Christian faith.

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(eds)

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**Transformative Theological Perspectives, Theology in the Life of the Church series, vol. 6,** Karen  
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**Accepted by God—Transformed by Christ: The Doctrine of Justification in Multilateral Ecumenical Dialogue. A Study on the Doctrine of Justification by the German Ecumenical Study Commission (DÖSTA)**

A study by the German Ecumenical Study Commission (DÖSTA), involving representatives of the Protestant and Roman Catholic churches, as well as delegates from the Orthodox, Old Catholic, Baptist, Mennonite and Methodist churches. The commission's statement is a helpful example of a regional attempt to facilitate the reception process within the wider communion.

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**The Diaconal Ministry in the Mission of the Church, Reinhard Boettcher (ed.)**

The main presentations and final statement of a global consultation on the diaconal ministry are brought together in this publication. Churches are challenged to reexamine how they understand and order the diaconal ministry as an expression of diakonia as a core component of the church’s mission in society.

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