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this book commemorates zachary united methodist church s 125th anniversary celebration on october 11 2015 margaret cline harmon interviewed descendants of charter members of the church about their memories of growing up in the church and the community their reflections contained in this book are priceless historical snapshots of what it was like growing up in the zachary united methodist church and the zachary area during our formative years of the twentieth century and fifteen years beyond these interviews along with the history of this church is a real treasure to cherish for all who were blessed to be a part of this church and community between 1890 and 2015

Germany and South Africa experienced drastic social transitions with the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the end of apartheid in 1994 this book consists of a collection of essays from German and South African theologians who analyse the role that religious communities had and are still playing within the respective civil societies the concept and texture of civil society are analysed case studies are presented theological perspectives are given on the relation between church state and civil society and guidelines are provided for the healing role that Christian religious communities can play in Germany and South Africa this book is mainly directed at theologians and scholars in religious studies however sociologists and political philosophers may also find the essays informative besides the wide variety of theological approaches sociological and empirical data and practical theological perspective the book also yields interesting comparative analysis on two societies in transition

Methodist Morals offers keen insight into the public church interpreting the United Methodist social principles as a dynamic discourse about morality and human rights in light of faith revised every four years by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church the social principles exposes the moral deliberations of this distinctly American and increasingly worldwide church as it struggles to achieve

community across multiple languages and cultures perhaps no other document provides as rich a depiction of protestants participating in the moral argument of public life this is the first full length study of methodist social teachings in over fifty years examining official methodist teachings from institutional historical and cross cultural perspectives darryl stephens provides a rich analysis of this case study of protestant social witness drawing on his expertise in church polity methodist history and christian social ethics a wide range of comparisons with documents of the united nations with moral debate in germany and zimbabwe and with historical methodist statements of social witness shows the social principles to be a unique form of social witness the issues of war abortion human sexuality and marriage illustrate the messiness of democratic deliberation in an ecclesial context and the evolution of a people ever concerned with the sin of worldliness even as they become more attuned to transforming social structures stephens also contrasts this conception of the public church with the ecclesiologies of prominent methodist ethicists stanley hauerwas and paul ramsey intended for students of methodism ecumenical church leaders and scholars of christian social ethics and contemporary us mainline religion this work reveals the challenges to and possibilities for achieving moral community in an increasingly global and diverse world darryl w stephens director of united methodist studies at lancaster theological seminary is former assistant general secretary for advocacy and sexual ethics in the umc s general commission on the status and role of women he is the coeditor of professional sexual ethics a holistic ministry approach

come now let us argue it out provides a look into a community that challenges common narratives about what it means to be lgbtq and christian in the contemporary united states based on his participant observation fieldwork with a faith based organization called the reformation project jon burrow branine provides an ethnography of how some lgbtq and lgbtq supportive christians negotiate identity and difference and work to create change in evangelicalism come now let us argue it out tells the story of how this activism can be understood as a community of counter conduct drawing on a concept proposed by the philosopher and historian michel foucault burrow branine documents everyday moments of agency and resistance that have the potential to form new politics ethics and ways of being as individuals in this community navigate the exclusionary politics of mainstream evangelical institutions culture and theology more broadly burrow branine considers the community s ongoing conversation about what it means to be lgbtq and a christian grappling with the politics of inclusion and representation in lgbtq evangelical activism itself

mid nineteenth century america was a vibrant period marked by charismatic leaders who produced new sacred writing this book explores the lives and works of mormon founder joseph smith jr methodist revivalist phoebe palmer and transcendentalist ralph waldo emerson focusing on how their textual productions contributed to a diverse discourse community grappling with a perceived loss of religious authority it identifies shared motifs and practices these modern prophets employed to establish new carriers of religious authority claudia jetter examines the concept of religious authority highlighting the dynamic ascription processes between charismatic leaders and interactive social communities within the historical context of nineteenth century america

in times of right wing populists gaining traction worldwide conservative christians engage in both continuous and dynamic action forms to gain societal and political hegemony hendrik johannemann delves deeply into the contentious practices of the south korean anti lgbt movement investigating its roots framing strategies transnational ties and political endeavors sociologists political scientists and practitioners alike will discover how this dynamic continuity runs like a thread through anti lgbt politics in korea displaying not just another far right success story but unveiling also contradictions and internal conflicts

the story of historic churches in texas is the story of the anglo american and european immigrants in

texas it is the story of the struggle of three cultures trying to coexist in an empty and often hostile land the native americans the mexicans and the immigrants it is the story of circuit riding preachers tirelessly clandestinely crisscrossing texas bringing the protestant word of god to the people in a land where prior to texas s independence only catholicism was legal it is the story of a people who successfully fought and won their independence to build a nation it is the story of texas over the past ten years my wife and i have visited and photographed almost one thousand historic churches in texas we have seen stunningly beautiful stained glass windows listened to the rich tones of texas s largest organ and prayed in the smallest active catholic church in the world we visited the oldest polish church in the united states in panna maria lingered with spirits in an abandoned church in nacogdoches and were dazzled by the bright colors and designs found in the catholic cathedral in beaumont in berlin we held a silver communion cup donated to the church in 1889 and in san antonio we touched the sarcophagus where the remains of alamo heroes william travis david crockett and james bowie are said to be kept the photographs and text which was jointly written by william and mary pamela schaefer are attempts to capture the important history and the quiet beauty of the 186 historic texas churches presented in this book

multi denominational congregations offer rich soil for new interpretations of what it means to be a church these parishes have chosen to covenant together for worship service ministry mission and nurturing of faith across two or more denominational traditions daring to share tells their stories investigates their practices and proposes a fresh vision of church for the twenty first century this book equips ordained and lay leaders for the formation and flourishing of such ministries it describes five models of partnership analyzes the parish life cycle interprets how worship works addresses constitutional and governance issues and reflects theologically on the intersection of diversity and unity what can we learn from these congregations studying their particular witness struggles and promise for the future fills a gap in both congregational studies and contemporary ecclesiology multi denominational parishes are more than a convenient way to revitalize congregational ministry they present new opportunities and approaches for sharing the gospel ecumenical convergence meets demographic realities to suggest a mission strategy that will transform local practice and perhaps the church itself by daring to share these churches challenge a fractured world

united methodist take a stand make a difference and shape a better future discover the power of an active faith as united methodist in your daily life with the book of resolutions this new edition offers models for making a real impact on the world around us as decided at the latest general conference explore over 200 carefully curated positions on a wide range of subjects conveniently organized into seven sections the natural world the political community the nurturing community the world community the social community the economic community other resolutions with a fully indexed format finding the information you need is a breeze whether you re searching by resolution title scripture reference or topic this book has you covered available in english only

digitally mediated liturgical practices raise challenging questions are worshippers in an online chapel really a community at prayer do avatars that receive digital bread and wine receive communion worship is the first monograph dedicated to exploring online liturgical practices that have emerged since the introduction of 2 0

in lone star steeples historic places of worship in texas carl j christensen jr and pixie christensen present sixty five captivating and historically significant structures in exquisite watercolor illustrations accompanied by brief summaries and convenient handcrafted maps ranging from stately edifices of brick and stone located in urban centers to more humble wood frame chapels in rural surroundings the houses of faith shown in these pages have one important trait in common they have all served as centers of cultural identity spiritual comfort and public service to the communities in which they arose in their

introduction the christenses write the journey behind lone star steeples crisscrossed the state along back roads farm roads and state highways in these journeys and in the stories that were told certain patterns began to emerge the pride of the people in building their churches debt free the perseverance of the people who endured their beloved church being destroyed by natural disaster once twice or even three times the people's recognition of the church as their cultural foundation their moral foundation their social center as the christenses demonstrate texas is home to a remarkable diversity of people and their places of worship reflect and celebrate that diversity

the routledge companion to john wesley provides an overview of the work and ideas of one of the principal founders of methodism john wesley 1703 91 wesley remains highly influential especially within the worldwide methodist movement of some eighty million people as a preacher and religious reformer his efforts led to the rise of a global protestant movement but the wide ranging topics addressed in his writings also suggest a mind steeped in the intellectual developments of the north atlantic early modern world his numerous publications cover not only theology but ethics history aesthetics politics human rights health and wellbeing cosmology and ecology this volume places wesley within his eighteenth century context analyzes his contribution to thought across his multiple interests and assesses his continuing relevance today it contains essays by an international team of scholars drawn from within the methodist tradition and beyond this is a valuable reference particularly for scholars of methodist studies theology church history and religious history

no less than two decades were needed for the composition of the ecumenical convergence document the church towards a common vision tctcv which was published by the world council of churches in 2013 the document was intended to reflect a common vision of churches and ecumenical stakeholders on a myriad of ecclesiological themes the book investigates whether the convergence document tctcv delivers on its promises the book focuses on the formation and the reception of tctcv along with the two draft versions the nature and purpose of the church 1998 and the nature and mission of the church 2005 and uncovers whether the responses by the churches to tctcv hold an affirmation of the convergences registered in the document furthermore it seeks to establish whether the responses point towards a common vision concerning various ecclesiological themes that are still contested by the churches today the book also explores whether the responses to tctcv reveal an advancement in the conversation surrounding several debated issues and examines to what extent the churches are willing to creatively engage with the ecclesial other

explains how abortion politics influenced a fundamental shift in conservative christian politics teaching conservatives to embrace rights arguments

written by a global group of leading scholars this wide ranging research handbook provides insightful analysis useful historical perspective and a point of reference on the controversial nexus of climate change law and policy intellectual property law and policy innovation policy technology transfer and trade the contributors provide a unique review of the scientific background international treaties and political and institutional contexts of climate change and intellectual property law they further identify critical conflicts and differences of approach between developed and developing countries finally they put forward and analyse the relevant intellectual property law doctrines and policy options for funding developing disseminating and regulating the required technologies and their associated activities and business practices the book will serve as a resource and reference tool for scholars policymakers and practitioners looking to understand the issues at the interface of intellectual property and climate change

shaped by early volcanic activity the sangre de cristo and jemez mountain ranges surrounding santa fe create a uniquely spiritual landscape centuries ago the anasazi and their pueblo indian descendants believed the land was sacred and established communities in the area in the early seventeenth century

the spanish brought catholicism to santa fe and christened it the city of holy faith other european faiths arrived in the mid nineteenth century by the twentieth century religions from the east along with new thought and new age practitioners had established a foothold in the capital city sikhism the fifth largest religion in the world was introduced to the western hemisphere from santa fe the nature based udv religion of brazil founded its first center in the united states in santa fe which also includes the four major lineages of tibetan buddhism santa fe city historian ana pacheco documents the rich religious and spiritual history of this high mountain metaphysical community

this book provides a comprehensive view of rational suicide in the elderly a group that has nearly twice the rate of suicide when chronically ill than any other demographic its frame of reference does not endorse a single point of view about the legitimacy of rational suicide which is evolving across societies with little guidance for geriatric mental health professionals instead it serves as a resource for both those clinicians who agree that older people may rationally commit suicide and those who believe that this wish may require further assessment and treatment the first chapters of the book provides an overview of rational suicide in the elderly examining it through history and across cultures also addressing the special case of baby boomers this book takes an ethical and philosophical look at whether suicide can truly be rational and whether the nearness of death in late life adults means that suicide should be considered differently than in younger adults clinical criteria for rational suicide in the elderly are proposed in this book for the first time as well as a guidelines for the psychosocial profile of an older adult who wants to commit rational suicide unlike any other book this text examines the existential psychological and psychodynamic perspectives a chapter on terminal mental illness and a consideration of suicide in that context and proposed interventions even without a diagnosable mental illness also plays a vital role in this book as these are key issues in within the question of suicide among the elderly this book is the first to consider all preventative measures including the spiritual as well as the psychotherapeutic and pharmacologic a commentary on modern society aging and rational suicide that ties all of these elements together making this the ultimate guide for addressing suicide among the elderly rational suicide in the elderly is an excellent resource for all medical professionals with potentially suicidal patients including geriatricians geriatric and general psychiatrists geriatric nurses social workers and public health officials

individuals typically resist changing their minds but support for same sex marriage increased from 35 to 61 between 2006 2016 what explains this anomaly in listen we need to talk brian f harrison and melissa r michelson present new theory and experiments to show that people will often change their attitudes about lgbt rights when they find out that people with whom they share an identity are supporters of those rights

the september 2014 elections in fiji was one of the most anticipated in the history of the country coming after eight years of military rule and under a radically new constitution that introduced a system of proportional representative pr and without any reserved communal seats the election was won overwhelmingly by fijifirst a party formed by 2006 coup leader frank bainimarama he subsequently embarked on a process of shifting the political configuration of fijian politics from inter ethnic to trans ethnic mobilisation the shift has not been easy in terms of changing people s perceptions and may face some challenges in the longer term despite bainimarama s clear victory in the polls ethnic consciousness has the capacity to become re articulated in different forms and to seek new opportunities for expression this book explores these and other issues surrounding the 2014 fiji elections in a collection of articles written from varied political intellectual and ideological positions

christianity is turning brown and moving south the christianity the west has known is in recession and has all but dwindled out of recognition in the opening years of the twenty first century well over half of the world s christians now live in the global south africa asia and latin america they are according to

aberdeen missiologist andrew walls the new representative christians what they think about christianity will matter more and more and what north america thinks about christianity will matter less and less this massive shift in geography and theological point of departure will have a major impact on christian preaching now and into the future the future shape of christian proclamation seeks to begin the conversation about how preaching in the global south will inform the whole of christian preaching in the coming years

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