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Processes of Constitutional Decisionmaking St. Martin's Press

The emergence of Pentecostalism in Ghana has attracted a massive following and generated institutions that have significantly impacted Christian discourse and national life. The movement has produced prominent leaders who have developed exemplary Christian education programs and generated volumes of Christian literature unprecedented in Ghanaian Christianity. Nevertheless, public opinion often upbraids church leaders for unethical conduct. Despite the concern for high moral standards set by Pentecostal church polity and ministerial ethical codes, reports of Pentecostal ministerial misconduct appear regularly in the media. Although congregation members and perceptive public observers appreciate the constructive moral impact of Pentecostal ministers, instances of promiscuity, power abuse, financial misappropriation, and superstition reveal a gap between ethical ideals and practice. As this research reveals, factors behind unethical ministerial conduct include inadequate training, poor accountability, and

a general low level of ethical reflection. Good Pastors, Bad Pastors suggests that a multidimensional approach of responsible reportage, emphatic moral education, appropriate but sympathetic response to moral failure, and peer-review accountability could help uphold a higher standard of ministerial ethics.

## **Pentecostal Preaching and Ministry in Multicultural and Post-Christian Canada** Thomas Nelson

The explosive growth of Pentecostalism has radically transformed Latin America's religious landscape within the last half century or so. In a region where Catholicism reigned hegemonic for centuries, the expansion of Pentecostalism has now resulted in a situation of religious pluralism and competition, bearing much more resemblance to the United States than to the Iberian motherlands. Furthermore, the fierce competition from Pentecostal churches has inspired significant renewals of Latin American Catholicism, most notably the growth of a Catholic Charismatic movement. However, another and more recent source of religious pluralism and diversity in Latin America is an increasing pluralization and diversification of Pentecostalism itself and of the ways in which individual Pentecostals exercise their faith. By carefully exploring this diversification, the book at hand breaks new ground in the literature on Latin American Christianity. Particular attention is focused on new ways of being Pentecostal and on the consequences of recent transformations of Christianity for individuals, faith communities and societies. More specifically, the chapters of the book look into certain transformations of Pentecostalism such as: theological renewals and new kinds of religious competition between Pentecostal churches; a growing political and civic engagement of Pentecostals; an observed de-institutionalization of Pentecostal religious life and the negotiation individual Pentecostal identities, composed of multiple intra- and extra-ecclesial points of identification; and the emergence of new generations of Pentecostals (children of Pentecostal parents), many of whom have higher levels of education and higher incomes than the previous generations within their churches. In addition, Catholic responses to Pentecostal competition are also addressed in several chapters of the book.

## **The Histories of the Latin American Church** TEACH Services, Inc.

Transmitting the Spirit in Missions: The History and Growth of the Church of Pentecost discourses on how Pentecostalism in general has been involved in the current growth, mission, and changing face of global Christianity. It argues that African Pentecostals particularly are an integral part of the global expansion of Christianity in this century. Specifically, this book engages the history and growth of the Church of Pentecost, an African Pentecostal denomination from Ghana, to demonstrate how African Pentecostals have taken their spirituality into their own hands and planted churches in their home country, as well as other parts of the globe. The focus of this book is that African Pentecostals have achieved this feat through the experiential power and reliance of the Holy Spirit and the indigenous factor. The specific highlight is that this book is an updated analysis of the history, growth, and missions of the Church of Pentecost. Although this work is transformed from a PhD thesis, the content is presented accessibly to both the academia and general church populace, both pastors and the laity.

## Transmitting the Spirit in Missions Wipf and Stock Publishers

This edited book offers an engaging portrait into a vital, religious movement inside this southern Africa country. It tells the story of a community of faith that is often overlooked in the region. The authors include leading scholars of religion, theology, and politics from Botswana and Zimbabwe. The insights they present will help readers understand the place of Pentecostal Christianity in this land of many religions. The chapters detail a history of the movement from its inception to the present. Chapters focus on specific Pentecostal churches, general doctrine of the movement, and the movement's contribution to the country. The writing is deeply informed and features deep historical, theological, and sociological analysis throughout. Readers will also learn about the socio-political and economic relevance of the faith in Zimbabwe as well as the theoretical and methodological implications raised by the Pentecostalisation of society. The volume will serve as a resource book both for teaching and for those doing research on various aspects of the Zimbabwean society past, present, and future. It will be a good resource for those in schools and university and college departments of religious studies, theology, history, politics, sociology, social anthropology, and related studies. Over and above academic and research readers, the book will also

be very useful to government policy makers, non-governmental organizations, and civic societies who have the Church as an important stakeholder.

Aspects of Pentecostal Christianity in Zimbabwe The Legal Guide for Religious Institutions

This bibliographic and organizational guide to traditional Pentecostalism includes historical information on churches, associations, and evangelistic and missionary agencies, schools, and individual proponents and critics of the movement worldwide, and related bibliography. Churches and other agencies are classified by doctrinal tradition. More than 6,000 items are included.

A Reference Guide to Latin American History Lexington Books Called "a pioneer contribution" by Church History when it was first published in 1971, this volume has now been revised and enlarged by Vinson Synan to account for the incredible changes that have occurred in the church world in the last 25 years.

Italian American Pentecostalism and the Struggle for Religious Identity Wipf and Stock Publishers

Your Concise Guide to All Things Catholic No matter what you want to know about the Catholic Church, you'll find the answer in this one-volume guide. From the composition of the Curia to contemporary saints, from major doctrines to the Third Secret of Fatima, if it's part of the Catholic world, it's here.

The New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements Flipside Digital Content Company Inc.

The Pentecostal and Charismatic movement is one of the miracles of the 20th century. Without government support, without an advertising campaign, often without the notice of journalists and academics and sometimes in the face of persecution and ridicule, it has spread its message around the world and now attracts in the region of 500 million people. Many of its original and formative documents are unknown and out of print. This book collects together samples from the writings of key Pentecostals and charismatics going back about 100 years and, over a range of issues and practices, shows how they vary and how they have developed historically. These texts have lain in out of print magazines and archives and, so far as we know, have never been collected before in this way. This book allows you to hear the authentic voice of the Pentecostal and charismatic movements, drawing especially from sources in English.

Good Pastors, Bad Pastors Springer

In many countries, Pentecostal churches are the fastest-growing Christian group. About one quarter of Christians around the world belong to a Pentecostal or charismatic church. The denominational landscape is thereby changing, also increasingly in Europe. How can a constructive dialogue succeed, which does not ignore critical aspects? This is the guiding question of the orientation aid of the EKD chamber for worldwide ecumenism. To facilitate dialogue, it first introduces the history and typology of the

Pentecostal movement and, on the basis of case studies, draws a broad panorama of its cultural forms. A focus of the volume is on the discussion of fundamental theological questions that arise in conversation with Pentecostal churches.

From Pentecostal to Episcopalian Augsburg Fortress Publishers

Worship renewal is now on the agenda of many Reformed churches, as the need for adaptation and new approaches is acutely felt all over. How can the church faithfully worship God in the midst of rapidly changing situations? How can it constructively relate to widely differing cultural contexts? What is its place in the wider ecumenical scene? In preparing a sweeping survey of Reformed worship across time and place, this volume provides some help to those engaged with vital questions like these. Written by theologians and liturgical scholars from a wide range of churches and countries, these chapters explore the history of Reformed worship on every continent from the sixteenth century to the present. Surveying the most significant developments in the growth of Reformed worship, the book identifies the major "ingredients" that make the Reformed worship tradition distinctive and highlights those aspects of Reformed worship that are particularly relevant to present efforts at renewal. Indeed, an important component of this book is the inclusion of "A Common Reflection on Christian Worship in Reformed Churches Today," the result of a major consultation in January 2001 at the International Reformed Center John Knox. Revealing the rich variety of forms and diversity of perspectives that have made and do make up Reformed worship worldwide, this volume will be a valuable resource for church and worship leaders both in and outside the Reformed family. CONTRIBUTORS: Horace T. Allen Jr. Emily R. Brink Livingstone Buama Coenraad Burger Bruno Burki Gerson Correia de Lacerda Alan D. Falconer Kasonga wa Kasonga Baranite T. Kirata Elsie Anne McKee Seong-WonPark Ester Pudjo Widiasih Alan P. F. Sell Joseph D. Small Bryan D. Spinks Leonora Tubbs Tisdale Lukas Vischer Isaiah Wahome Muita Geraldine Wheeler Marsha M. Wilfong John D. Witvliet

Insight Guides Pocket Poland (Travel Guide eBook) Apa Publications (UK) Limited

This volume 's essays are an ecumenical ensemble of the best scholars and leading practitioners in the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements from all four corners of the world. The contributors bring together various denominational perspectives and dialogue for understanding the present momentum of these Spirit movements in the world church. Their diverse methodologies transverse the traditional and new approaches to studying these movements. Pointing the way forward, the authors highlight some of the lessons learned in their scholarly engagement with Spirit movements. These lessons offer significant insight and viewpoints for the academy in the historical analysis of these movements. They also serve as a good guide for pastoral discernment and accompaniment for God 's people in their daily

lives, as well as for social ministries in the world church. This volume addresses questions of salvation and eschatology, health and healing, prosperity and poverty, suffering and death, fear and faith, despair and hope. Other topics include the conflict between charism and institution and the tension between cultic clericalism and the affirmation and use of the gifts and talents of lay members of Christ 's faithful in the church.

The Complete Guide to Christian Denominations Wipf and Stock Publishers

In Profit and Punishment, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist exposes the tragedy of modern-day debtors prisons, and how they destroy the lives of poor Americans swept up in a system designed to penalize the most impoverished. " Intimate, raw, and utterly scathing " — Heather Ann Thompson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Blood in the Water " Crucial evidence that the justice system is broken and has to be fixed. Please read this book. " —James Patterson, #1 New York Times bestselling author As a columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Tony Messenger has spent years in county and municipal courthouses documenting how poor Americans are convicted of minor crimes and then saddled with exorbitant fines and fees. If they are unable to pay, they are often sent to prison, where they are then charged a pay-to-stay bill, in a cycle that soon creates a mountain of debt that can take years to pay off. These insidious penalties are used to raise money for broken local and state budgets, often overseen by for-profit companies, and it is one of the central issues of the criminal justice reform movement. In the tradition of Evicted and The New Jim Crow, Messenger has written a call to arms, shining a light on a two-tiered system invisible to most Americans. He introduces readers to three single mothers caught up in this system: living in poverty in Missouri, Oklahoma, and South Carolina, whose lives are upended when minor offenses become monumental financial and personal catastrophes. As these women struggle to clear their debt and move on with their lives, readers meet the dogged civil rights advocates and lawmakers fighting by their side to create a more equitable and fair court of justice. In this remarkable feat of reporting, Tony Messenger exposes injustice that is agonizing and infuriating in its mundane cruelty, as he champions the rights and dignity of some of the most vulnerable Americans.

Insight Guides Russia (Travel Guide eBook) Dog Ear Publishing  
The central document of the Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium was promulgated by Pope Paul VI on November 21,

1964. This document is "the keystone" of the Councils whole Magisterium. It focuses on the whole Church as a communion of charity. With it, according to John Paul II, the Second Vatican Council wished to shed light on the Church's reality: a wonderful but complex reality consisting of human and divine elements, visible and invisible.

The Path to the Throne of God Wipf and Stock Publishers

A guide to Latin American history includes a chronology of key events from pre-Columbian history through the present, a thematic survey following each topic (economic change, cultural development, politics and government) across time, and 300 biographies of Latin Americans throughout history.

Pentecostalism in America Routledge

Dr. R. Hollis Gause has been Professor of Theological and New Testament Studies at Lee University and the Church of God Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tennessee, for many years, and his huge contribution to Pentecostal scholarship is held in high regard internationally. His influential life and ministry, as well as his teaching and scholarship, are here celebrated in his 85th year by many of his colleagues and former students.

Catholic Almanac's Guide to the Church Springer

At a time when the Evangelical wing of the church is beginning to show some signs of soul searching over the issues of war and peace, the Pentecostals would do well to study their own heritage. Whether they accept or reject their earlier world view, they need to interpret the motivation for their original beliefs and those which they now hold. As people of the word of God, have Pentecostals altered their pacifistic views as a result of new biblical insights or cultural accommodation? -- From the Introduction

The Legal Guide for Religious Institutions Wipf and Stock Publishers

The first guide to American religious history from colonial times to the present, this anthology features twenty-two leading scholars speaking on major themes and topics in the development of the diverse religious traditions of the United States. These include the growth and spread of evangelical culture, the mutual influence of religion and politics, the rise of fundamentalism, the role of gender and popular culture, and the problems and possibilities of pluralism. Geared toward general readers, students, researchers, and scholars, The Columbia Guide to Religion in American History provides concise yet broad surveys of specific fields, with an extensive glossary and bibliographies listing relevant books, films, articles, music, and media resources for navigating different streams of religious thought and culture. The collection opens with a thematic exploration of American religious history and culture and follows with twenty topical chapters, each of which illuminates the dominant questions and lines of inquiry that have determined scholarship within that chapter's chosen theme. Contributors also outline areas in need of further, more sophisticated study and identify critical resources for additional research. The glossary, "American Religious History, A – Z," lists crucial people, movements, groups, concepts, and historical events, enhanced by extensive statistical data.

Christian Worship in Reformed Churches Past and Present  
Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Many Pentecostal groups have forgotten their legacy of war resistance and doctrinal history opposing killing. To rectify this loss, we have catalogued Holiness and Pentecostal denominational statements on war and peace. Numerous Holiness groups and virtually all early Pentecostal groups had some form of pacifist statement against war. This antiwar collection gives us an almost uniform picture of the early Pentecostal movement as largely pacifist in orientation. The commonality of these statements across both Holiness and Pentecostal movements is evidence they are a continuous group and not two separate movements. While their early doctrines opposed killing, many named in this book are now widely considered to be stalwarts of the Religious Right, or at least staunch supporters of Christian participation in war. Our hope is that this book will frame the official position of early Pentecostals on war and peace, and encourage Pentecostals today to reflect on their antiwar heritage.

Pentecostalism and Christian Unity, Volume 2 Our Sunday Visitor

This book is the follow-up volume to Pentecostalism and Christian Unity: Ecumenical Documents and Critical Assessments. The first volume documented the history and ecumenical engagement of Pentecostals during the twentieth century. This new collection traces the ecumenical developments, narratives, and conversations during the first decade of the twenty-first century. The ecumenical community and Pentecostals have consistently lamented the absence of a comprehensive gathering of resources for both groups. This particular volume provides two significant assets in this regard: (1) documentation of new and emerging conversations that have not yet produced official reports, and (2) official reports from continuing conversations. The book begins with an overview of a century of Pentecostal participation in Christian unity. Part One contains ecumenical narratives on the Joint Consultative Group of Pentecostals and the World Council of Churches, Lutherans and Pentecostals, the Global Christian Forum, and Christian Churches Together in the USA. Part Two contains the extensive reports from the official dialogue of Pentecostals with the Roman Catholic Church, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and the Oneness-Trinitarian Pentecostal dialogue. This collection presents an invaluable resource for teachers, scholars, and pastors interested in engaging the global Christian arena from the worldwide and ecumenical perspectives of Pentecostalism.

The Columbia Guide to Religion in American History Wipf and Stock Publishers

" . . . not a seminary text book . . . (but) an excellent book which is appropriate for lay preacher preparation, (church) officer training, group study and individual reading . . . a point of view which is

highly relevant in today's cafeteria worship." Rev. John B. Rogers, Jr. - Montreat, NC " . . . some really good stuff here. Written to the level of the person who sits in the pew each Sunday, this book speaks to a generation that may rightfully fear for their worship tradition." Rev. Spencer Murray - Shreveport, LA "From Pentecostal to Episcopalian" raises issues which should be of interest to all Christians regardless of worship tradition . . . a useful study guide appropriate for all lay persons." Rev. John Albright - Winnsboro, LA It is a long road which separates Pentecostals from Episcopalians. Yet both denominations - and all the churches in between - claim allegiance to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The worship styles cover the gamut from the free wheeling, spontaneous worship of the "low churches" to the set order of worship of the "high churches" dating back for centuries. All these churches, in some fashion or the other, claim kinship to American Protestantism. Why do Baptists in every worship service extend an invitation to come "and be saved"? Why do Presbyterians and Lutherans seem so staid and rigid? Why do Methodists appeal to "what's in your heart" and why do Episcopalians seem so much like the Catholics? Why do Pentecostals and non-denominational churches reject the worship traditions of the ancient church? In From Pentecostal to Episcopalian, the author traces the development of worship and attempts to provide answers as to why Christianity seems more divided than ever before. John Guice is a teacher in a long line of educators. Having taught Sunday School classes for over forty years, John is also an accomplished lay preacher having filled the pulpit of many of the Presbyterian churches in North Louisiana and South Arkansas. He is in demand as a leader of officer training events in many local churches and has served his denomination at every level of church government. His particular interests are in the fields of theology and church history. In addition, John has served on the mission field in Haiti having most recently gone to Haiti some six weeks after the earthquake. Here on the mission field, he works with Living Waters for the World to install water purification systems for people who desperately need clean water.