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A thoughtful reflection on what it means to live out one's faith in an increasingly diverse America. Grounded in a particular Lutheran perspective, the authors and their case study collaborators both invite us to learn from real-life encounters and challenge us to consider: How can we be both host for and guest among our neighbors?

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How do we live and witness as Christians in a multi-religious world? This urgent question calls each of us to greater religious literacy, deeper listening, courageous conversations and bold actions that serve the common good. This exceptional book provides rich insights and practical examples as together we live that question.

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This book will be a powerful tool in spreading hope and constructive engagement. Please bring out this book as soon as you can, and help us to educate people of all faiths with this guide as a role model for all.

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A thoughtful, timely, and relevant resource for ELCA congregations, communities, and members. In particular, we commend it to young people who are considering how to live faith-filled Christian, Lutheran lives in an inter-religious world and the ELCA colleges who form many of them for vocations within and outside of the Church. The ELCA is a leader in inter-religious commitment, and this text demonstrates the commitment clearly.

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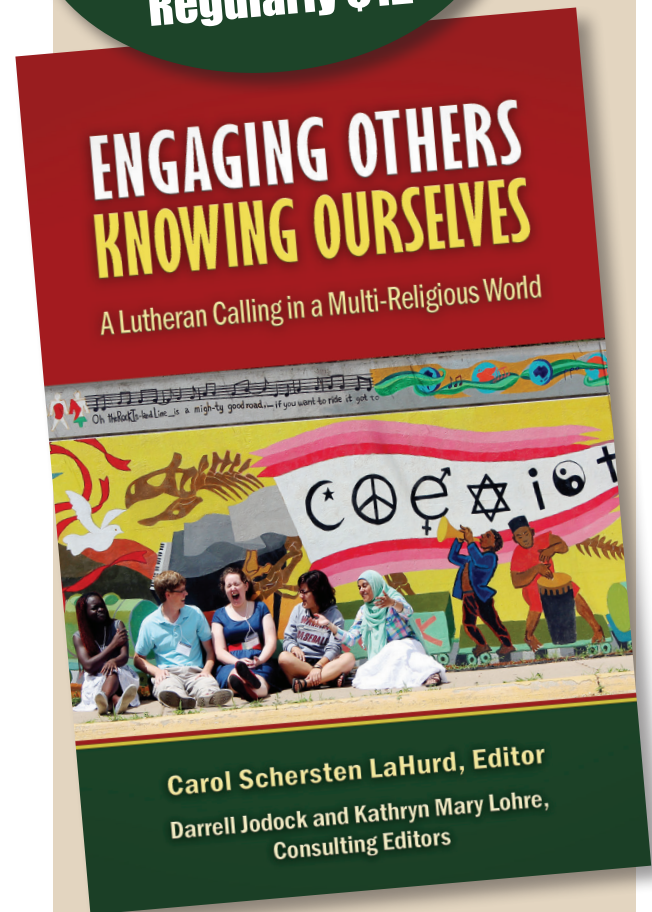
This is a book of stories and reflections from a Lutheran campfire of pastors, college students, and theological teachers, called and sent into the new land of many religions. Because of Christ Jesus, we meet our Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, and Sikh neighbors in friendship, listening, learning, and sharing, faith to faith. Welcome to the pilgrimage!

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Engaging Others, Knowing Ourselves

A Lutheran Calling in a Multi-Religious World

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Freed in Christ to engage our neighbors in a multi-religious world, Christians live and work in an increasingly multi-ethnic and multi-religious context. How does this affect their calling to serve their neighbors and their community? What resources does the Lutheran Christian tradition offer?

Woven into this book are more than fifty stories of ELCA inter-religious engagement. These examples from local ministry settings are supplemented by practical tips, theological reflection, and historical analysis. The result is a guide for study, discussion, and action as a contribution toward the 500th observance of the Reformation in 2017 and beyond.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton writes:

This book invites us all into such a conversation by challenging us to reflect on our past, learn from our present, and envision the future to which God is calling us. The heart of the book is the real-life case studies of inter-religious relations unfolding in a variety of ELCA ministry contexts. They encourage us to understand that our questions, doubts, and failures are as important as our answers, convictions, and successes. They challenge us to embrace the fact that while there are a variety of responses to religious plurality, our common response is rooted in our Lutheran vocation—our response to God's love in Jesus Christ.

Contributors are ELCA Lutheran-Jewish Panel and Lutheran-Muslim Panel members—longtime scholars, pastors, and practitioners who have been appointed to create educational resources for the inter-religious life of the ELCA and to care for its relations with its closest bi-lateral and multi-lateral partners. They include Jonathan Brockopp, Skip Cornett, Darrell Jodock, Kathryn Lohre, Peter M. Makari, Esther Menn, Peter Pettit, Paul Rajashekar, Carol Schersten LaHurd, Peg Schultz-Akerson, Mark Swanson, and Nelly Van Doorn Harder.

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