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Women and Men Ministering Together in the Church Wipf and Stock Publishers

The role of women in the Zimbabwean Christian faith communities, particularly in a Pentecostal context, has been subject to a patriarchal and masculine environment, as well as to African cultural systems. In order for women to rise to greater visibility than was the case up till now, a dynamic process of conscientisation was needed, among others through research and a deliberate input for change. This study focuses on the Apostolic Faith Mission in Zimbabwe, as an exemplar of the Pentecostal tradition in Africa. The AFM is the oldest Pentecostal church in Zimbabwe. The church celebrated hundred years of existence internationally and sixty years locally in 2008. During this time women have not risen in its structures to positions of overseers or president. The study traces the role of women in the history of Zimbabwe, that is the pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial periods. The aim is to identify how their role was seen and how it functioned in relation to the role of male persons in the Church. Women's leadership in the Church as it has evolved over time and the present challenges, will be investigated. The study examines the leadership styles and types in the AFM in Zimbabwe and ascertains where women fit in. To this end, the church's constitution will be reviewed. The prevalent theological discourse with regard to the status of women in church leadership and how this functions in the AFM in Zimbabwe, will be analysed. The study shows that the constitution of the AFM does not support the election of women into higher offices in the church structures. They are not allowed to be ordained as pastors and serve in this office but do not have the opportunity to take up a higher office because the system of the church does not allow them to do so. Therefore, some women who feel deprived of their equal right to leadership leave the church to found their own ministries where they become the president and gain the highest authority. Their husbands serve in support of them. This represents a reversal of the roles that are prevalent in the AFM.

African Initiated Churches in Zimbabwe Writersprintshop
Isichei's thorough study surveys the full breadth of Christianity in Africa, from the early story of Egyptian Christianity to the churches of the Middle Years (1500-1800) to the prolific success of missions throughout the 1900s. This important book fills a conspicuous void of scholarly works on Africa's Christian history. Includes 26 maps.

Religion and Development in Southern and Central Africa: Vol 2 Mzuni Press

Pentecostalism in Apostolic Faith Mission (A.F.M.) LAP Lambert Academic Publishing

A General Survey of Attitudes University of Bamberg Press
Tabona Shoko contends that religion and healing are intricately intertwined in African religions. This book on the religion of the Karanga people of Zimbabwe sheds light on important methodological issues relevant to research in the study of African religions. Analysing the traditional Karanga views of the causes of illness and disease, mechanisms of diagnosis at their disposal and the methods they use to restore health, Shoko discusses the views of a specific African Independent Church of the Apostolic tradition. The conclusion Shoko reaches about the central religious concerns of the Karanga people is derived from detailed field research consisting of interviews and participant observation. Tabona Shoko offers important insights into a particular society upon which theories can be reassessed, adding new dimensions to modern features of the religious scene in Africa.

Karanga Indigenous Religion in Zimbabwe Wipf and Stock Publishers

Presents a comprehensive study of every major position taken by Christian churches and theologians on world religions and religious pluralism. Original.

Christianity as a World Religion Da Capo Press

This book is a result of a joint conference, which was held from 18th-22nd July 2017 under the theme Religion, Citizenship and Development – Southern African Perspectives." The theme of the conference was adopted in order to underline the importance and significance of religion in the socio-economic development of people in the world generally and in Southern and Central Africa

in particular. The papers in the book are divided into two volumes. Volume one consists of papers which directly discuss religion and development in one form or another. The second volume contains papers that discuss religion and other pertinent issues related to development. The papers are grouped into sub-themes for ease of reference. These include Citizenship and Development, Migration and Development, Disability and Development, Pentecostal Churches and Development and Religion and Society. All in all, despite a divergence of sub-themes in volume two, all point to issues to do with the role of religion in development in Southern and Central Africa today.

Theories and Methods Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

Global Voices on Biblical Equality is a fresh look at the contextualizing of gender equality throughout the world. Biblical equality is a burgeoning, global reform movement led by scholars and leaders not only in North America but also on every continental landmass in the world. What inroads is biblical equality making around the globe? What is its appeal? What still needs reform? How is biblical equality transforming each culture? In this book, female and male writers who are ethnically part of every continent explore the contextual challenges, successes, and adaptations of engaging the biblical text on gender and ministry. The contributors write on Asia and Asian America (India, China, Korean America), Africa (Zimbabwe) and African America Indigenous America and Latin America (Native America, Hispanic America, Brazilian America), and Western Europe and Australia and North America. The editors and authors are Aida Besancon Spencer, William David Spencer, Ranked Adjunct, and Mimi Haddad. Other contributors are Ellen Alexander, Beulah Wood, Cecilia Yau, Matthew D. Kim, Constantine M. Murefu, Darin Vincent Poullard, Sandra Gatlin Whitley, Awilda Gonzalez-Tejera, John Runyon, and Eliana Marques Runyon, Elke Werner, Roland Werner, Kevin Giles, and Roberta Hestenes.

An Introduction Langaa RPCIG

The history of an 'independent' African church and its transformation into a globally connected movement.

A Model Founded in the Apostolic Vision LAP Lambert Academic Publishing

It was born a scant ninety-five years ago in a rundown warehouse

on Azusa Street in Los Angeles. For days the religious-revival service there went on and on-and within a week the Los Angeles Times was reporting on a "weird babble" coming from the building. Believers were "speaking in tongues," the way they did at the first Pentecost recorded in the Bible?and a pentecostal movement was created that would, by the start of the twenty-first century, attract over 400 million followers worldwide. Harvey Cox has traveled the globe to visit and worship with pentecostal congregations on four continents, and he has written a dynamic, provocative history of this explosion of spirituality?a movement that represents no less than a tidal change in what religion is and what it means to people.

A History of the Apostolic Faith Mission, 1931-1994 World Council of Churches

The Friday Masowe apostolics of Zimbabwe refer to themselves as "the Christians who don't read the Bible." They claim they do not need the Bible because they receive the Word of God "live and direct" from the Holy Spirit. In this insightful and sensitive historical ethnography, Matthew Engelke documents how this rejection of scripture speaks to longstanding concerns within Christianity over mediation and authority. The Bible, of course, has been a key medium through which Christians have recognized God's presence. But the apostolics perceive scripture as an unnecessary, even dangerous, mediator. For them, the materiality of the Bible marks a distance from the divine and prohibits the realization of a live and direct faith. Situating the Masowe case within a broad comparative framework, Engelke shows how their rejection of textual authority poses a problem of presence—which is to say, how the religious subject defines, and claims to construct, a relationship with the spiritual world through the semiotic potentials of language, actions, and objects. Written in a lively and accessible style, *A Problem of Presence* makes important contributions to the anthropology of Christianity, the history of religions in Africa, semiotics, and material culture studies.

Order and (Dis)order in the First Christian Century

University of Bamberg Press

Apostolic faith mission -- apostolic vision -- a model founded -- management.

Introducing Theologies of Religions University of Bamberg Press
Positing the notions of coloniality of ignorance and geopolitics of

ignorance as central to coloniality and colonisation, this book examines how colonialists socially produced ignorance among colonised indigenous peoples so as to render them docile and manageable. Dismissing colonial descriptions of indigenous people as savages, illiterate, irrational, prelogical, mystical, primitive, barbaric and backward, the book argues that imperialists/colonialists contrived geopolitics of ignorance wherein indigenous regions were forced to become ignorant, hence containable and manageable in the imperial world. Questioning the provenance of modernist epistemologies, the book asks why Eurocentric scholars only contest the provenance of indigenous knowledges, artefacts and scientific collections. Interrogating why empire sponsors the decolonisation of universities/epistemologies in indigenous territories while resisting the repatriation/restitution of indigenous artefacts, the book also wonders why Westerners who still retain indigenous artefacts, skulls and skeletons in their museums, universities and private collections do not consider such artefacts and skulls to be colonising them as well. The book is valuable to scholars and activists in the fields of anthropology, museums and heritage studies, science and technology studies, decoloniality, policymaking, education, politics, sociology and development studies.

Multiplying in the Spirit Springer

Law and order found widespread support in the world of the first Christians – and, perhaps surprisingly, also trenchant critiques.

Justice was not by any means always seen to be done.

Acceptance and dissent appear from Jesus and Paul, onwards.

The Bible and Gender Troubles in Africa African Books Collective

This book offers a fully up-to-date and comprehensive guide to religion in Britain since 1945. A team of leading scholars provide a fresh analysis and overview, with a particular focus on diversity and change. They examine: relations between religious and secular beliefs and institutions the evolving role and status of the churches the growth and 'settlement' of non-Christian religious communities the spread and diversification of alternative spiritualities religion in welfare, education, media, politics and law theoretical perspectives on religious change. The volume presents the latest research, including results from the largest-ever research initiative on religion in Britain, the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society Programme. Survey chapters are combined with detailed case studies to give both breadth and depth of coverage.

The text is accompanied by relevant photographs and a companion website.

Religion and Social Marginalization in Zimbabwe WestBow Press

In the continent where Christianity is experiencing its most rapid growth, a great deal of this expansion is taking place in churches founded by Africans for Africans. These churches are often referred to as 'independent' or 'indigenous' churches, to distinguish them from the 'historic' or 'mission-founded' churches planted during the colonial period by evangelists from Europe and North America. Diverse as they are, the attractiveness of these African Initiatives in Christianity (AICs) stems from the serious attempt they make to express and live out their faith in genuinely African cultural forms and styles. In this new book, two African theologians and church leaders -- one from an historic church, one from an AIC -- offer an insightful introduction into this phenomenon. While their main focus is on what the growth of African Initiatives in Christianity implies for the future of the ecumenical movement in Africa and around the world, they also examine some key teachings of the AICs and trace their roots in African church history since the first century.

Pentecostal Businesswomen in Harare University of Bamberg Press

Healing ministry is becoming more prominent in many different Christian traditions in Southern Africa. In the past, it was largely confined to the 'Spirit-type' African Independent Churches (AICs), where it was (and still is) a recruitment technique par excellence. For these denominations, healing is central to the mission, and the church is primarily seen as a healing institution. In the Western Initiated Churches (WICs), healing was earlier seen as peripheral, but has become more central in recent years. This book focuses on churches' healing ministries in Zimbabwe, looking at the historical setting and the background to Christianity. The book examines the traditional religion among the Shona people of Zimbabwe, as well as the healing traditions in African independent churches in general. It consists of four case studies of healing in different Christian denominations in Zimbabwe: two African independent churches and two Western-initiated churches (Roman Catholic and Anglican). The book also looks at the wider application of the case studies, and the general implications for Christianity in Africa.

The Place of Women in the Leadership of the Apostolic Faith Mission in Zimbabwe (AFMZ) Vernon Press

The book is about the origin and history of the Apostolic Faith Mission and other similar Pentecostal missions in South Africa. The book records a rare important societal history of the pentecostal movement in Southern Africa. The Assemblies of God, Full Gospel Church, African initiated churches and the Apostolic Faith Mission in Zimbabwe. Some of the influential giants of the pentecostal movement you will meet include: John Graham Lake Elias Letwaba Pieter Louis Le Roux Nicholas Bhengu Richard Ngidi Frank Chikane John Gwanzura (Chihari) Langton Kupara

Powered by Faith Univ of California Press

This work, designed for readers pursuing in-depth academic study of Pentecostal theology, traces the origins of the Apostolic Faith Mission (A.F.M.) in Zimbabwe from the Azusa Street revival in Los Angeles, and is based on a dissertation completed for the M.Th. in Systematic Theology degree at UNISA. Pentecostalism spread to South Africa with the founding of Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa, and in face of stiff resistance from government authorities and established mainline churches, it spontaneously filtered into Zimbabwe. A theological survey of the main tenets of Pentecostalism helps us to discover the Pentecostal tenets adopted in Apostolic Faith Mission, from inception through to Apostolic Faith Mission in Zimbabwe. An overview of the Pentecostal experiences in Apostolic Faith Mission reveals dynamism in Pentecostalism. Four phases of Pentecostal experiences are discerned, resulting in various congregations of

the same Church behaving and believing differently. The work also seeks to contribute towards reconciling the diverging Pentecostal views in Apostolic Faith Mission.

A History of the Apostolic Faith Mission in Zimbabwe

1908-1980 Pentecostalism in Apostolic Faith Mission (A.F.M.) Now in its second edition, Christianity as a World Religion locates Christianity within its global context. Structured by geographical region, it covers Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, and Oceania. It deals with four dimensions of Christianity in each context: Christian history, churches and society, interreligious relations, and distinctive worship and theology. Study questions and further reading suggestions are provided in each chapter. Fully updated throughout, this second edition now includes: - A new chapter covering Christianity in Oceania - Further analysis of the early growth of Christianity in Asia and Africa - Coverage of research trends in migration, theologies of prosperity, and the role of local agents in evangelization - Coverage of global interconnections and networks, new movements, global Catholicism, Christian political engagement and persecution of Christian communities - A thorough revision of the conclusion, including reflection on the discipline of world Christianity and its implications for theology - 40 images and maps - Chapter summaries - Extra resources online including a timeline and weblinks - New text design and layout, making the text more student-friendly and accessible Christianity as a World Religion is ideal for courses on World Christianity, Christianity as a Global Religion, the History of

Christianity and contemporary Christian theology.

The Cambridge History of Christianity: Volume 9, World Christianities C.1914-c.2000 Univ of California Press

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.

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