

Book Reviews

***„Encountering the God of Life” – Report of the 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches*, Edited by Erlinda N. Senturias and Theodore A. Gill, Jr., 468 pages, ISBN: 978-2-8254-1648-8**

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“God of life, lead us to justice and peace” was the theme of the 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which brought together more than 3,500 paying participants and thousands of other visitors from 100 countries. The Assembly was held from 30th October to 8th November 2013 in Busan, South Korea.

The essential documents of the Assembly as well as its main actions are captured in the volume *„Encountering the God of Life” - Report of the 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches*, which also reflects the intellectual and spiritual stature of the event. It includes presentations and contributions by committees, conversation groups, church leaders, featured speakers, and other participants, as well as the pre-Assembly convocations. In addition, the report offers a sampling of formal greetings and messages from individuals and organizations throughout the Christian world. The report is the tenth in a series of “official reports” from WCC Assemblies; previous reports are for Assemblies held in Amsterdam (1948), Evanston (1954), New Delhi (1961), Uppsala (1968), Nairobi (1975), Vancouver (1983), Canberra (1991), Harare (1998), and Porto Alegre (2006).

Six plenary sessions offered a wide range of reflections and discussions on the Assembly theme outlined above, on Christianity in Asia, and on specific issues of unity and witness, peace and justice around the globe. The 21 “ecumenical conversations” covered the most pressing questions facing Christianity today, such as the radically altered religious landscape, economic globalization, climate change, gender violence, as well as important new ecumenical insights concerning mission, spirituality, and Christian service.

The many voices reflected in the report are remarkably diverse, displaying multiple aspects of the ecumenical reality; from the opening sermon of

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