

Book Reviews

***Orthodox Handbook on Ecumenism. Resources for Theological Education,*
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The Church is constantly called upon to rise to the challenges of modern times. Faced with the information revolution, people's freedom of movement, and everything that comes with living in a globalised society, the Church must also bear witness to Christ in a pluralistic society, often referred to as the *global village*, and in a world where, from a demographic standpoint, Christendom's centre of gravity has shifted towards what is generally called the *global south*. It is furthermore challenged to deal with a new manifestation of the Christian life, one that is estranged from tradition, lacking in doctrinal uniformity, and illustrated, for instance, by the Charismatic and Pentecostal movements.

In this context, the World Council of Churches initiated a project entitled *Regnum Studies in Global Christianity* aimed at exploring the issues all Churches struggle with in relation to this radical change marked by the *global south*, focusing particularly on the Churches in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. As stated by the series' editors, the materials published in this collection wish to help the Churches learn not only from past and present experiences, but also from listening to the *prophetic voice* of the Christian communities in those areas.¹

This year "Regnum Books International", Volos Academy Publication (Greece), in cooperation with the World Council of Churches Publication (Geneva), and the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies published the *Orthodox Handbook on Ecumenism: Resources for Theological Education* (ISBN 978-1-908355-44-7), edited by Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Thomas FitzGerald, Cyril Hovorun, Aikaterini Pekridou, Nikolaos Asproulis, Guy Liagre, and Dietrich Werner. The creation of this handbook, the editors tell us, was prompted by

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¹ Pantelis Kalaitzidis et al. (eds.), *Orthodox Handbook on Ecumenism: Resources for Theological Education*, Regnum Books International, 2014, p. ii.