

Book Reviews

Stefan Höschele, *Interchurch and Interfaith Relations. Seventh-day Adventist Statements and Documents*, Peter Lang, Frankfurt, 2010, 185 p.

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In volume 10 of *Adventistica – Interchurch and Interfaith Relations. Seventh-day Adventist Statements and Documents* – Stefan Höschele offers a collection of over 40 texts regarding the position of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (SDA) towards different Christian Churches and world religions. The importance of this work consists in the fact that this is the first comprehensive compendium on the SDA's interchurch/interfaith relations. Stefan Höschele is lecturer in systematic theology and mission studies at Friedensau Adventist University, Germany.

Höuschele – who, in this case, is more an editor than an author, since he has merely selected and put together texts written by others and added introductions for every document – gives, however, sufficient explanation so that the reader can understand the context and purpose of each text included in the collection. The book covers a period of over 150 years and is systematically divided into three parts.

The first part, “Interchurch Relations: Resolutions, Statements, and Other Texts”, is the longest in the book and includes official statements and resolutions and texts concerning the way the SDA relates or should relate to other Christian Churches and world ecumenical bodies. In general terms, it can be said that the selection of the texts included here is very good. However, taken separately, some of the documents inserted in this section seem very irrelevant to the subject of interchurch relations (i.e. “Fundamental Beliefs”), and the reader can pertinently wonder why the author/editor of the book opted to mention them, but it transpires that only if one considers them in the company of the others, they have an important role in gaining a good general idea of the way Adventists view the subject. Three important ideas are clearly visible throughout the first part, even though the presentation of documents

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