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The Blantyre Spiritual Awakening and its Music / Brighton Kawamba
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320 gm.

In Christian history spiritual awakenings are a recurring and important phenomenon. The Blantyre Spiritual Awakening was characterized by an overt evangelistic fervour among bands of people that belonged to an ever growing Born Again Movement in the city, from 1974 into the 1980s. This history covers The Blantyre Awakening which revived Evangelical Christianity in Malawi and prepared the way for the emerging Charismatic Movement.

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God, People and Power in Malawi : Democratization in Theological Perspective /
Kenneth R. Ross

Luviri Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2018
276p. ; 229x152mm.
Includes Selected Bibliography
9789996066047
\$ 35.00 / null
480 gm.

Between 1992 and 1994 Malawi underwent a remarkable transition from dictatorship to democracy. Truly a transformation of power! Yet this period of profound change raised many issues of power and accountability. In this book some of the key questions are explained and addressed from a theological perspective. The work originated as a case study on the World Council of Churches "Theology of Life" programme. It was then presented as a Kachere Monograph in the belief that it will not only contribute to the reconstruction of politics in Malawi but also be an important resource for all those concerned with the formation of a viable theology of power for today's world. It is now presented here again as a Luviri Reprint. The contributors are all drawn from the University of Malawi Department of Theology and Religious Studies. Kenneth Ross has written on "The Transformation of Power in Malawi 1992-94: the Role of the Christian Churches" and "A Practical Theology of Power for the New Malawi"; Felix Chingota on "The Use of the Bible in Social Transformation"; Isabel Apawo Phiri on "Marching, Suspended and Stoned: Christian Women in Malawi 1995"; James Tengtenga on "Young People: Participation or Alienation? An Anglican Case"; J.C. Chankanza and Hilary Mijoga on "Muslim Perspectives on Power"; Hilary Mijoga on "Christian Experience in Malawi Prisons"; and Klaus Fiedler on "Power at the Receiving End: the Jehova's Witnesses' Experience in One-Party Malawi" and "Even in the Church the Exercise of Power is Accountable to God".

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The Religious Geography of Mzuzu City in Northern Malawi / Zeenah Sibande
Luviri Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2018

414p. ; 229x152mm.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
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\$ 40.00 / null
680 gm.

If Malawi calls itself a God-fearing nation, then Mzuzu should be a God-fearing city. This survey of religious geography describes major aspects of the religious reality in Mzuzu. Quantitative methods were used in order to create a full picture of the distribution of religious centres as in 2013.

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Gospel Ferment in Malawi : Theological Essays / Kenneth R. Ross

Luviri Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2018

156p.
9789996098260

\$ 25.00 / null

300 gm.

This book is a collection of essays written in the early 1990s. Some are an attempt to think theologically about the social and political changes and challenges that Malawi was navigating during those years. Others are critically reflecting on the nature and content of the Christian faith as it was coming to expression in an African context. The essays are a plea for relevancy and contextuality in Christian praxis and theological reflection in Malawi and, indeed, in Africa as a whole.

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A History of the Last Church of God and His Christ / Wezi Makuni Gondwe

Mzuni Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2018

222p.
9789996060182

\$ 28.00 / null

350 gm.

Some scholars classify the Last Church of God and His Christ under the ecclesiastical-cultural bloc known as African Indigenous Churches (AICs). David Barret has divided the world's Christians into seven major ecclesiastical blocs. However, there are many large churches and denominations which do not define themselves under any of these three terms, and often reject all three. As far back as 1549 (Japan) and 1741 (USA), new types of Christianity have emerged that do not fit readily into any of these preceding six major blocs. These consist of denominations, churches and movements that have been initiated, founded and spread by black, Non-White or non-European peoples without European assistance, mainly in the Global South, but also among Black and Non-White minorities in the Western World. The African Indigenous Churches fall under this category.

The aim of the book, is to examine the history of the Last Church of God and His Christ International in Malawi from its beginning (1916) through the years and to portray a picture of its current existence in its various branches: What developments and changes have taken place over the years? What has been the relationship of the church to African culture? How has the church grown or expanded? Has the church been able to maintain its unity? And what has been the relationship of the church with other churches?

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The Life of Dr Wyson Moses Kauzobafa Jele : Missionary to Zambia / Kelly Bwalya

Mzuni Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2017

60p. ; 229 x 152mm.
Includes Bibliography

9789996060489

\$ 16.00 / null

120 gm.

This book explores the life and work of Rev Dr W.M.K. Jele, and his contribution to the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Synod of Zambia (CCAP). Jele served the CCAP Synod of Zambia from 1981 to 1988. From 1984 to 1988 he served as the first General Secretary of CCAP Synod of Zambia. The CCAP, Synod of Zambia traces its origin from the Free Church of Scotland. Since the 1880s it was known as the Free Church of Scotland of the Livingstonia Mission now CCAP Synod of Livingstonia. Its growth and development before 1984 depended on the missionaries from Scotland and CCAP Synod of Livingstonia in Malawi who could send missionaries to preach and administer the sacraments to the people of Northern Rhodesia, now Zambia.

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Interdenominational Faith Missions in Africa : History and Ecclesiology / Klaus Fiedler

Mzuni Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2018

528p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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760 gm.

It was not the European and American churches which evangelised Africa, but the mission societies. The missions from the Great Awakening such as the London Missionary Society and Church Missionary Society, or the Holy Ghost Fathers and the White Fathers, which started the process of Sub-Saharan Africa becoming a Christian continent are well known and documented. Less known, and less documented are the interdenominational faith missions which began in 1873 with the aim of visiting the still unreached areas of Africa: North Africa, the Sudan Belt and the Congo Basin. Missions such as the Africa Inland Mission or Sudan Interior Mission gave birth to some of the big churches like ECWA in Nigeria and Africa Inland Church in Kenya. It is the aim of this book to describe faith missions and their theology and to present an overview of the early development of faith missions insofar as they touched Africa.

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Gracia and Gentil : Christian Hymns Stories for Our Contemporary Christian Lifestyles, Vol. III, Global Edition / Matte Daniel and Mutebi Hannington

Asante Capital Hub Publishers, Ltd., Kampala, Uganda 2017

234p. ; 210x148mm.

Includes Bibliography and References

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360 gm.

Borrowing from the Hebraic tradition of psalmody, latter Christian music composers and musicians derived their songs and hymns from their faith experiences with God and the community. Apart from their melodious distinctiveness, and the universal application of the lyrics, the respective backgrounds of these hymns make them more relevant and more applicable to our present day situations. The selection of Church hymns in this Global Edition include globally popular songs from: Seventh-Day Adventists Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists, Catholics, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and Pentecostal Churches.

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